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AUGUST 27 † 7 PM

# Praying Them Home

## Saint Monica Prayer Service

Join us this Tuesday at 7 PM in  
the Church. *Details are on page 2.*

INVITING  
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HOME

**THE ROOTS (FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS) KICKS OFF SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 @ 6:30 PM!**

### HOLY MASS\*

SAT VIGIL 5:30 PM

SUNDAY 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM

### DAILY MASS\*

MON & WED 6:30 AM, 5:30 PM

TUE, THUR, FRI 6:30 AM, 8 AM

SAT 8 AM

### RECONCILIATION\*

WED 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SAT 9 AM

To schedule a Confession with one of our  
priests, please call the parish office.

*\*Regular Mass or Confession times may change  
due to events, funerals, Feast/Holy Days. Find this  
week's calendar in the bulletin or on our website.*



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## MASS INTENTIONS/FEAST DAYS

### Monday, August 26

Feria II of the Twenty-first Week

6:30 AM Intention of Ximena Peinado

5:30 PM Intention of Isabella Peinado

### Tuesday, August 27

Memorial of St Monica

6:30 AM Frank Kreber †

8:00 AM Bill Sauer †

### Wednesday, August 28

Memorial of St Augustine

6:30 AM Fr Paul Laurinaitis †

5:30 PM Charles Franks †

### Thursday, August 29

Memorial of the Beheading of St John the Baptist

6:30 AM Alba Arellano †

8:00 AM Donna Driscoll †

### Friday, August 30

Feria VI of the Twenty-first Week

6:30 AM Thirupal Obulapuram †

8:00 AM Matthew Scheeler †

### Saturday, August 31

Saturday of the Twenty-first Week

8:00 AM Gabrielle Handy †

5:30 PM Joseph C. Rielly, Sr †

### Sunday, September 1

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 AM The People of St Brendan Parish

8:45 AM Edwin Sese †

10:45 AM The Protection of the Unborn

5:30 PM Mark Petty †

† indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

## INFORMATION CENTER

### Church Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-10 PM

### Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-4 PM

(closed 12-1 PM)

### New Members – All are Welcome!

Fill out a New Member Request

Form at [stbrendans.net/welcome](http://stbrendans.net/welcome)

Questions? Call 614.876.1272, or

email [parish@stbrendans.net](mailto:parish@stbrendans.net)

### Marriage

Fill out a Marriage Request Form

at [stbrendans.net/marriage](http://stbrendans.net/marriage) at

least six months prior to your

wedding. Marriage prep is required.

Questions? Contact Valerie Scheel,

[weddingplanner@stbrendans.net](mailto:weddingplanner@stbrendans.net)

### Baptisms

Celebrated at 12 PM on most

Sundays. Two baptismal prep

classes are required. Request at

[stbrendans.net/baptism](http://stbrendans.net/baptism)

### Baptism Preparation Classes

1st Sunday most months, 12 PM

(2 classes required). Questions?

Email [baptism@stbrendans.net](mailto:baptism@stbrendans.net)

### Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

### OCIA (ORDER of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Contact Fr Jacob Stinnett at

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St Brendan School 614.876.6132,

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### Marketing/Bulletin Request

Request form and details at

[stbrendans.net/marketing](http://stbrendans.net/marketing) or

email [marketing@stbrendans.net](mailto:marketing@stbrendans.net)

### Mass Intentions

Mail in or drop off requests to

the Parish Office with \$10

(due when the requests made).

### Protecting God's Children

Register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

### Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention. Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Cost is \$75, but our true cost for the flowers has risen to \$109 each. A larger donation is welcome!

### Candle Donations

Suggested donations are \$2 for larger candles and 25 cents for the smaller votives.

### Ministry of Care for Our Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jen Rice at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or

[jrice@stbrendans.net](mailto:jrice@stbrendans.net)

### POD Nursery

Open most Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

### Navigator News / ParishStaQ

To automatically begin receiving our parish e-newsletter, visit [stbrendan.ccbchurch.com](http://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com) and create your ParishStaQ account.

### Liturgical Ministry Portal

Ministry Scheduler Pro at:

[www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans)

For scheduling questions, email [ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net](mailto:ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net)

### Facebook

(Parish) [StBrendanofHilliard](https://www.facebook.com/StBrendanofHilliard)

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(Parish) [@stbrendanhilliard](https://www.instagram.com/stbrendanhilliard)

(School) [@saintbrendanschool](https://www.instagram.com/saintbrendanschool)

(The Vine) [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine)

(The Roots) [@stb\\_theeroots](https://www.instagram.com/stb_theeroots)

(Young Adults) [@stbya](https://www.instagram.com/stbya)

### Livestreamed Mass

YouTube –

[SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBrendantheNavigatorHilliard)

Facebook – [facebook.com/StBrendanHilliardyoutube.com/c/](https://www.facebook.com/StBrendanHilliardyoutube.com/c/)

Sunday: 10:45 AM

Mon & Wed: 5:30 PM

Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8 AM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

MON 6 PM – 10 PM

TUES 9 AM – 10 PM

WED 7 AM – 5 PM

Holy Hour: 6-7 PM,  
with Confessions

THU 9 AM – 10 PM

FRI 9 AM – 10 PM

1st Friday each month, 9 AM – Saturday, 1 PM

SAT 9 AM – 1 PM



## 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER & 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us for First Friday Evening Prayer, led by our Deacons on September 6 at 7 PM in the Adoration Chapel. First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, September 6 from 9 AM – Saturday, September 7 at 1 PM. *Adorers are still needed, so please sign up!*

# PRAYING THEM HOME

## WHAT TO DO TO BRING LOVED ONES HOME... AND WHAT NOT TO DO!

Raised Protestant, and married to a cradle Catholic, I didn't hesitate to raise our children in the Catholic faith. (After all, the church of my childhood never claimed to be the Church that Jesus had established!) I had attended Mass with my husband for 16 years before becoming Catholic through RCIA. When I was finally able to take Communion, it was a very emotional experience and I would often hold back tears of gratitude heading up to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Through my desire to share my new joy with everyone I knew (especially those who had left the Catholic faith), let's just say... I went a bit overboard! My tone/actions had created roadblocks for further discussions, which was the opposite result I was trying to achieve. Here is what Steve Ray has to say on *Catholic Answers* about what NOT to do and what TO do:

**Don't Argue** – Our first inclination when confronted by a fallen-away Catholic is to argue, often displaying our anger and pain. If it is a family member or friend, we are inclined to think it is our job to quickly retrieve them from their error. With good intentions, we press the issue by confronting them and using emotionally charged comments. The result is often the opposite of the intention. The loved one is usually pushed further away and more deeply entrenched in his resolve to resist. Bridges are burned, and discussion shuts down. After a few heated confrontations or silent treatments, the doors to conversation close. It is usually too late when we realize we've only made matters worse. But regret and remorse don't fix anything unless we act on them. Love for souls—and relationships—often requires us to confess our faults and to humbly ask for forgiveness for things said in the heat of the moment. Good intentions, yes, but not always good results!

**Love them more than ever** – Our love for them is the cause of our hurt and the desire to win them over, but we need our love directed carefully with the big picture in mind. At the point when they expect us to react negatively, respond with love. Love is the one argument no one can resist.

**Pray and make sacrifices** – We often spend our time creating imaginary arguments in our heads when we should direct our energy and time to prayer. Make a prayer list, and pray persistently.

**Study the Catholic Faith** – We are not Catholic Christians because it makes us feel good or because it was the way we were raised. We are Catholics because the Faith is true. And if it is true, we should know why it is true and be able to explain it to ourselves and to others.

**Show the Lord's joy in your life** – Joy, happiness, and love attract people. Anger, frustration, and discontent alienate them. Our joy and gladness in the Lord should be contagious; they should draw people to Jesus and His Church. We should make our acquaintances inquire, "Why is he so joyful? What does he have that I don't have?" If we grumble and gossip, it will convince the lost ones that they have indeed received the better part.

**Ask God to bring someone else to influence them** – With family or friends, we think it is our job to win back the lost. But ultimately, it is not our job; it is the job of the Holy Spirit, and He may likely choose to use someone else rather than us. He will use your prayers and maybe someone else's immediate influence. So pray that way!

– Lee Salcone, *Inviting Catholics Home Ministry Member*

As a cradle Catholic and a revert, I can tell you, there wasn't much anyone could say or do to make me see what I was missing while away from our faith. Even though I grew up Catholic, was educated as a Catholic and knew what I was supposed to do, I just didn't want to do it. But why? Why do so many Catholics abandon their faith? Stubbornness, laziness, ways of the world, influences from non-Catholics or friends, incomplete catechesis – you name it – can lead Catholics astray. It seems so obvious what they need to do to get back on track, but they believe they are just fine, that you don't understand, or that there is no point to coming back.

So, what CAN you do? First, stop upsetting yourself by taking their situation on as your problem to solve. Instead, live your faith, be a good Catholic, go to Mass, pray Novenas, pray the Rosary, go to Confession, go to Adoration, enjoy what you love about being Catholic. Pray for those who are away, love them, and invite the Holy Spirit and Saints to intercede for them. Remember God is in control. God loves you and them, more than you know, and He works for good always, but in His own time. Be an example to them by how you live your life and then let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

Someone was praying for me. I don't know who or why, but when I finally realized what I was missing, I couldn't come back fast enough! My return to the faith after 30 years being away is proof that miracles still do happen. Have faith, trust in the Lord and love those who are away from the Church, as Jesus taught us to do! Matthew 11:28-30 says, "*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.*"

Learn more about the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry and find Catholic resources at [www.stbrendans.net/ich](http://www.stbrendans.net/ich)

– Janet Walsh, *Inviting Catholics Home Ministry Leader*

### ST MONICA PRAYER SERVICE – AUGUST 27

We hope that you will join the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry this Tuesday, August 27 at 7 PM in the church for the *St Monica Prayer Service: Praying Them Home*. We will pray for all Catholic families and friends no longer practicing our Faith, for those who are on the edge, and for us to be strengthened to go out on mission to bring them home. Be moved by music, Scripture, testimony and pray with a member from our prayer team. We will also be praying for the names written on our St Monica Prayer boards, so please add any names you would like to include before the event!



## CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Charlotte Renee Robeson  
Luke David Robeson



## FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

8/25: In Memory of Florence and Chester Scheel by Valerie Scheel

8/31: In Memory of Joseph C. Rielly, Sr by The Rielly Family

## CAMPUS SUMMER CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT DATE % COMPLETE

School Gym (MPR) 100%

School Restrooms 100%

Parking Lot Repairs 100%

Aug 26-Sept 30 Church Restrooms 0%

Aug 28-Sept 20 Church Lighting 0%

*(Campus construction progress to be updated in increments of 25%)*

## CHURCH LIGHTING UPGRADE 8/28-9/20

Holy Mass will take place in the School Gym (MPR) for the first three weeks in September due to our lighting project in the church. All Daily Masses (6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5:30 PM) August 28–September 20 will take place in our Adoration Chapel.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church/Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	St Monica Prayer Service	Church

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 Church CLOSED, Adoration Chapel OPEN

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Small Grp	The Carter Center

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 Church CLOSED, Adoration Chapel OPEN

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 Church CLOSED, Adoration Chapel OPEN

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 Church CLOSED, Adoration Chapel OPEN

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	School Gym

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 Church CLOSED, Adoration Chapel OPEN

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	School Gym
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	Coffee & Donuts	School Cafeteria
12:00 PM	Baptism Preparation Class	Wellnitz Meeting Rms 1 & 2



## INCENSE SCHEDULE *(No incense will be used next week)*

Incense will be utilized at Masses denoted with the thurible icon on the calendar above and also listed to the right. *(Dates are on Sundays unless noted):*

Aug 25	5:30 PM
Sept 22	10:45 AM
Sept 29	5:30 PM



## PRAYER LIST

If you would like our parish to pray for friends or family who are hospitalized, ill at home or for active duty military loved ones, please fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* available via the QR code or at [www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List](http://www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List) or call the parish office. The list is updated every 3-6 months, so if someone you added was deleted, but are still ill, fill out a new request. For all other prayer intentions, visit our Prayer Wall at [stbrendans.net/prayer-wall](http://stbrendans.net/prayer-wall)

*If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614-876-1272*



### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

#### THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Bill Brake	Mitzie Toth
Dick Crumley	Kathy Urbano
Dan DiCesare	Marilyn Wiggins
Mary Eskay	Ira Katz
Connie Feliks	Anthony Griglik
Mary Jo Flickinger	Chris Carrino
Allie Ganger	Kathy Endrizzi
Milena Hendrix	Monica Meyer
Joe Martin	Ora Johnson
Tom Speroni	Kenny Shook
Pamela Theado	Beverly Moran
Ray Leo	Ann Birko
Ray Bailey	Crystal Billman
Karen McLaughlin	Doris Kopac
Mary Morrison	Don Azelvandre
Bradly Mead	Kate Walde-Mead

#### ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Cody Longstreth
Aaron Grieshop	Jackson Maassel
Aaron Huesman	Rick Shonkwiler
Sam Imwalle	Rob Shonkwiler
Christopher Keck	Luke Stumphauzer

... we continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

#### THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

If you would like the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for a loved one who is no longer practicing our faith, fill out an online prayer request on our Prayer Wall and we will pray for their return. Learn more about Inviting Catholics Home Ministry & find helpful resources at [www.stbrendans.net/ich](http://www.stbrendans.net/ich)

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## ST BRENDAN WOMEN

### □ A NEW SEASON!

LIVING OUR MISSION:

LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR

In this Eucharistic Year of Mission, buoyed by the knowledge and love of Jesus, we are sent forth to walk with others as spiritual companions and serve those in need.



### PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR KICKOFF EVENT!

Thursday, September 19 at 7 PM in the Davidson Room, we welcome special guest, Rachel Muha. Rachel will share her powerful story of how living with the violent loss of her son transformed into a living love of neighbor. She is the founder and director of the *Run the Race Center* whose presence in the heart of the inner city offers a haven for children of all ages. Register to attend at [www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries](http://www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries) and invite a friend into our mission!

### WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY: THE CHOSEN SEASON 3

Eight weekly sessions begin Thursday, September 26 in the Davidson Room at 9-10:45 AM (childcare available) OR 7-8:45 PM. This season is about going out on mission while carrying our personal stories and weights with us. Registration is open until September 13 by visiting the St Brendan Women's page on our website or by completing the form directly on ParishStaq.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual overnight retreat at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein will be Saturday, November 9 – Sunday, November 10. Our theme is *The God Who Sees Us All* – focusing on how God is truly present throughout our stories and how He calls us toward Him and to serve Him. Registration information will be coming soon on the website.



**SEPTEMBER 6, FRIDAY, 8 AM** – First Friday Mass and Breakfast (Scramblers, 3939 Britton Parkway)

**SEPTEMBER 9, MONDAY, 12 PM – LUNCH**  
(Dave & Busters, 3665 Park Mill Run Drive)

### CUB SCOUT SIGN-UP NIGHT!

Join St Brendan Cub Scout Pack 859 at our annual Sign-up Night on Friday, Sept 6, 7-8:15 PM in the school cafeteria. St Brendan Cub Scouts is open to all boys in grades K-5 (fall of 2024.) Pack meetings are once a month during school and each den meets every other week. Can't make it to the sign-up event or have an older brother in grades 6-12 who is interested in Boy Scouts? Contact Chris Morris at [Moosecm86@yahoo.com](mailto:Moosecm86@yahoo.com)

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St Brendan Community,

School is officially underway! Although everyone was working out the kinks over the first three days of school this past week, it was an exciting time. Our students, teachers, and families were amazing as they all came together to kick off the 24-25 year with excitement. It was an honor to watch our older students help out the younger ones and lead the way. We will be counting on them to be servant leaders in our building the remainder of this school year!

Speaking of leadership, I wanted to highlight our House Program for those of you who are unfamiliar with it. Our House System is a trademark program at St Brendan that strives to promote leadership in a variety of ways. The primary purposes of the House System are to further the mission of the school by providing greater pastoral care to all our students, training and guiding our students in our six House pillars, and fostering a community that each student can truly call a home.

Every student (K-8) is assigned to one of the four Houses (which are representative of four North American saints). Our House System assures that students are embraced in the St Brendan family while recognizing them for their individual gifts and talents. Throughout the year, students get the opportunity to lead in various ways through service, community involvement, faith formation, preparation, and spirit. We are all committed to furthering the mission of Christ both in our community and in our world as servant leaders. Our House Program also provides leadership opportunities for our 7th and 8th grade students. These students get the chance to work on leadership skills and help guide the younger students.

Over the years, our House Program has exposed our students to the following: Leadership Training, Sainly Influence, Partnerships, Prison Ministry, Giving (Time & Talent), Fellowship, Rosary Knowledge, Donating, Planning, Competition, School Spirit, Growth in Faith, Understanding deeper aspects of our Catholic Faith, Support for our Veterans, Exposure to applying for a position, Interacting with adults/professionals, and a lot more!

We look to build on this already impressive program at St Brendan. Our expectation is to hold our students to high standards while creating an environment that promotes taking chances, outreach, and leadership. We are blessed to have a program that supports this expectation.

*We have a lot to be proud of here at St Brendan, and we have a lot to be thankful for. Have a great week!*

In Christ,  
Mike DeMassimo



## COFFEE & DONUTS IN SEPTEMBER

will be held in the School Cafeteria while Mass is in the Gym. Please consider making a donation to Coffee & Donuts via the QR code to the right or at <https://bit.ly/Donate2CoffeeDonuts>



GOING FORTH  
INTO THE YEAR  
OF MISSION



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Congress**

### CARDINAL LUIS TAGLE'S CLOSING HOMILY OF THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS (PART 3 – "YOU CAN BE HAPPY")

After the departure of some disciples, Jesus asked the twelve apostles, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Jesus is asking each one of us, "Do you also want to leave me like the others?" I hope we can answer like Peter, "We will stay with you, Lord. We refuse to live far from your presence." But let these not be empty words. Like Peter, we should believe with conviction.

Jesus does not impose Himself on anyone. He appeals to our interior freedom. Faith and conviction are our gifts to Jesus, who gives Himself to us. So I ask you, dear brothers and sisters, will you stay with Jesus? Those who choose to stay with Jesus will be sent by Jesus. The gift of His presence and love for us will be our gift to people. We should not keep Jesus to ourselves. That is not discipleship. That is selfishness. The gift we have received, we should give as a gift.

Have you experienced the tenderness of Jesus toward His tired disciples, offering them time to rest and to eat, as recounted in the Gospel today? Go and share Jesus' tender love to the weary, the hungry, and the suffering. Have you experienced Jesus' compassion and guidance when you were like sheep without a shepherd? Go and share Jesus' shepherd's caress to the lost, confused and weak. Have you experienced Jesus' wounded heart uniting those who are separated from each other, as St Paul states in his letter to the Ephesians? Go and share Jesus' gift of reconciliation and peace to those who are divided.

In his letter to me, Pope Francis expressed the hope, and I quote, "that the participants of the Congress, fully aware of the universal gifts they receive from heavenly food, may impart them to others." Fully aware of the gifts they have received from the heavenly food, may they impart them to others. So a Eucharistic people is a missionary and evangelizing people.

Let me close by sharing an experience. When I was a parish priest, I noticed a woman who was extraordinarily devoted to the church. On Sundays, she arrived early in the morning, to help in all the Masses and other activities, and went home only when the church had been cleaned up and the doors closed. One day, I thanked her for her dedication, and I also thanked her family for allowing her to serve. Her answer surprised me. She said, "Father, do not worry about my family. I stay here in church and attend all Masses because I do not want to see my husband and children. I wish every day were a Sunday so I could avoid my family."

Dear friends, when the priest or deacon says, "The Mass is ended, go in the peace of Christ," please go! Go! Go! Do not spend the whole day drinking coffee with Monsignor, or with Father. **Go! Go! Go!** And what you have heard – touched, and tasted – you must share with others. We have received the gift of Jesus. Let us go to proclaim Jesus zealously and joyfully for the life of the world.

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**TUESDAY MORNING STUDY** Kicking off August 27 at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Room, journey with St Francis de Sales, the patron saint of the Diocese of Columbus, through studying his "*Introduction to the Devout Life*."

**THE CHOSEN SEASON 3 AND THAT MAN IS YOU!** Starting on September 7, we will gather at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Room A to break bread, build community, bolster our knowledge of faith, and pray. Men will experience content from *The Chosen Season 3* and *That Man Is You! - Becoming a Man after God's Own Heart*.

**HANGIN' OUT!** Kick back with the guys as we cook out and share a meal in Wellnitz on Friday, Sept 27 at 6 PM!

**MEN'S MINI RETREAT** For busy guys who can't get away for a weekend, join us at St Brendan's October 19 from 6:30-10 AM for prayer, Mass and formation.

**PIZZA, PIES AND GUYS** Join Esto Vir, the Knights of Columbus, and the Men's Club as we tailgate on Nov 2 at 6:30 PM and take in the Ohio State game on the big screens in the Davidson Room! (Kickoff time TBD)

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** Experience quiet time with our Lord in Adoration the first Friday of each month – a great opportunity to share this experience with your family!

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

PGC classes at St Brendan in Davidson Rooms A & B are:  
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If you are unable to attend this meeting and you have a child who will be preparing for a sacrament, please contact Jacob Doran at [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net) or 614-876-1272.

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

If you have not yet registered for Family Faith Formation, please contact Maggie Agra at [magra@stbrendans.net](mailto:magra@stbrendans.net) or 614-876-1272.

### AT-CHURCH FAMILY SESSIONS FOR SEEK & ROOT

Sessions begin on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 PM

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

Begin on Sunday, September 15 at 6:45 PM

### AT-CHURCH FAMILY SESSIONS FOR CONTINUED GROWTH

Sessions begin on Sunday, September 22 at 9:45 AM

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is in need of leaders and aides for the 2024/25 school year, once a month, at 8:45 or 10:45 AM Mass. Leaders/aides over the age of 18 must be Safe Environment certified. High schoolers or mature middle schoolers are welcome as aides. If interested, contact Jackie Bensman at [childrenslit@stbrendans.net](mailto:childrenslit@stbrendans.net), Jacob Doran at [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net), or Maggie Agra at [magra@stbrendans.net](mailto:magra@stbrendans.net)

## POD NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

The POD is open during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass and for Faith Formation (when it begins in September.) Sign up by emailing [nursery@stbrendans.net](mailto:nursery@stbrendans.net) or via the QR code. (Adults must be Protecting God's Children compliant.)



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### JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES

The Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, September 7 with Vigil Mass at 5 PM. Bishop Fernandes will be the main celebrant for the Mass for married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and every year after 60 years of marriage. All registered couples (attending or not) will receive a personalized certificate. Mass will also be live-streamed to view/attend virtually. Register at <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee>

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### PRESERVING CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOLY LAND THROUGH EDUCATION

Join us for the Franciscan Foundation's benefit dinner for the Holy Land which includes Mass, a reception and dinner on Thursday, September 12 at our Lady of Victory Parish Hall (1559 Roxbury Rd, Columbus.) The celebrant and keynote speaker is His Eminence, Christophe Cardinal Pierre. Questions? Email [CradlingChristianity@gmail.com](mailto:CradlingChristianity@gmail.com)



## The Role of the Church in American Political Life

Our national tradition of religious freedom encourages all people of faith to express their religious convictions in the public square. During his visit to the U.S., Pope Francis affirmed that religious liberty transcends places of worship, individuals, and families and is integral to the culture of every nation.



In his most recent encyclical, Pope Francis wrote, "If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth" (Fratelli Tutti, no. 207). The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, and the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family are not exclusively "religious" truths but truths that can be known by natural reason. As Catholics, we must illuminate these truths to our nation through our unique roles in the Church's mission:

- **Bishops/Clergy:** govern the Church, uphold doctrine, and administer sacraments.  
In political life: clergy help form the laity with basic principles, but do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates.
- **Lay Faithful:** bring the gospel to the world, advocate for justice, and serve in public office.  
In political life: the laity are called to form their consciences and make informed decisions to fulfill their duty to vote and participate in public life.

It is our responsibility to study Catholic teaching and tradition, participate in the Church's life, learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and public policy. By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

Learn more about *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* at: [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org)



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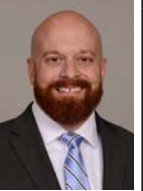
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