

HOLY MASS

SATURDAY 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

TUES, THURS, FRI
6:30 AM, 8 AM

SATURDAY 8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY

6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SATURDAY 9 AM

To schedule an appointment
for Confession with one of
the priests, please call the
parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9 AM-4 PM
(closed 12-1 PM)

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*And so I say to you,
you are Peter, and upon
this rock I will build
my church, and the gates
of the netherworld shall
not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys to
the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose
on earth shall be loosed
in heaven." - Mt 16:13-20*

*Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

MON	Memorial of St Augustine
TUES	Memorial of the Beheading of St John the Baptist
WED	Feria IV of the 21st Week
THUR	Feria V of the 21st Week
FRI	Feria VI of the 21st Week
SAT	First Saturday
SUN	Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

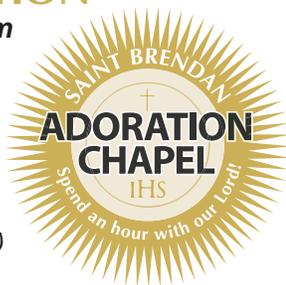
MASS INTENTIONS AUG 28–SEPT 3

MON	6:30 AM Joseph & Margaret McLaughlin
	5:30 PM Jerry Martin
TUES	6:30 AM Paul Harshbarger
	8:00 AM Sr. Virginia Coldren
WED	5:30 PM Charlie Dorian
THUR	6:30 AM Charlie Dorian
	8:00 AM Charlie Dorian
FRI	6:30 AM Intention of Michelle Matthews
	8:00 AM Intention of Alex Matthews
SAT	8:00 AM Marjorie Hennessy
	5:30 PM Intention of 30 Flanagan Grandchildren
SUN	7:15 AM For the People of St Brendan Parish
	8:45 AM Protection of the Unborn
	10:45 AM Matilde Pardo
	5:30 PM John Flanagan

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES	9 AM–10 PM
WED	7 AM–5 PM (Holy Hour 6–7 PM, Confessions available)
THUR	9 AM–10 PM
FRI	9 AM–10 PM (First Fridays of each month, 9 AM–Sat 1 PM)
SAT	9 AM–1 PM



1ST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our next Perpetual Adoration is this Friday, Sept 1 at 9 AM through Saturday, Sept 2 at 1 PM. Adorers are still needed so please sign up at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

A green banner with a white anchor icon on the left. To the right of the anchor, the text reads 'ANCHORED IN ADORATION' in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says '2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 PM'. In the top left corner, a small white circle contains the text 'Next one is Sept 13'.

SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Fall Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

New Members – All are Welcome!

Email receptionist@stbrendans.net or call 614.876.1272

Request a packet at stbrendans.net/become-a-member

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage preparation is required.

Baptisms

Celebrated at 12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at stbrendans.net/baptism

Baptism Preparation Classes

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM (2 classes required).

See website for details or email baptism@stbrendans.net

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Jacob Stinnett at frstinnett@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

614.876.1272, fax 614.876.1482

St Brendan School

614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing & Bulletin Request

Request form and details: stbrendans.net/marketing

Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, mail in or drop off request to the Parish Office with \$10 (due when the request made).

Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention (cost is \$75). Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Ministry of Care for Our Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jamie at 614.876.1272, ext 295 or jyoung@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class

Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

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

Navigator News

Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaq login to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

COME & SEE



In the first chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus extends this invitation to the curious, soon-to-be disciples who want to know where He is staying, and what He is all about. They follow Him, invite others, and set out on the path to discipleship: knowing, loving, and serving Jesus.

We are also invited on this path of discipleship daily: to know, love and serve Him through our prayer and formation and serving our community. In Adoration last week, I asked Jesus to provide some guidance on what to offer to our parish in this *Year of the Eucharist* so we may all come closer to Him. The answer? Time and space to meet Him. He reminded me that our role is merely to create opportunities for His brothers and sisters to **come and see**. He's got the rest of it!

So here we go... Throughout this fall season and *Year of the Eucharist*, we will provide the space and time for you to meet Him here. You have probably already noticed the little additions this summer: **6:30 AM daily Mass** and **First Friday Perpetual Adoration**. Expect to see additional hours when the Chapel is open for Adoration – we will keep adding as the demand grows. Just this summer, 42 new adorers have been added to our roster. Our hope is to add your name and that our adorers commit to a weekly Holy Hour.

We know Adoration can be daunting if you're not familiar. (This was many of us a year ago!) We also know Mass can seem to be routine at times. Yet their center is Jesus in the Eucharist, the most vital part of our faith. Sometimes we need a reminder, a new way to engage. This year, we will be providing practical ways to enhance your worship such as **"How-to-do Adoration"** times in the Chapel and **"Why do we do this at Mass"** moments. The more you know, the deeper you can go!

Our programming this season is also a chance to **come and see**. **The Rescue Project** was a game-changer during Lent. Truly understanding who Jesus is through a lens many of us have never looked through sparked conversions, conversations, and a mission to rescue those in need of Him. We will run **The Rescue Project** again for morning and evening sessions beginning at the end of September.

Both the women's and men's ministries are embarking on **The Chosen** as the study this fall. This weekly small group setting uses the Gospels on page and on screen to experience what it means to follow Him. The series is a beautiful way to bring the Gospels to life and provides both the new and the veteran seeker of Scripture a way to go deeper in relationship with the Lord. The men's group will meet for 12 weeks on Saturday mornings at 6:30 AM and the women's group will meet for 8 weeks on Thursdays at either 9 AM or 7 PM. More information can be found on our website.

This is only the beginning! As we move through this year, more will be revealed. It is our great hope that you **come and see** with us and bring along someone else who may just be waiting for that invitation too.

The CHOSEN



SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY

ST BRENDAN WOMEN IN SCRIPTURE

Come and see with us as we meet Jesus through the written Gospels and *The Chosen* series. Learn what it means to be chosen by Him and grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus and your sisters in Christ for this beautiful 8-week program! We will read the accompanying Scripture, watch the show and discuss and pray together. Both the 9 AM and 7 PM sessions begin on September 28. This is a great study whether you are new to our Scripture studies or a veteran.

Childcare is provided for the morning session. Registration is now open on ParishStaq or on the women's group web page at www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups Questions? Contact Jen Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net

ST BRENDAN MEN'S FAITH SHARING

Join our Men's Faith Sharing ministry for *The Chosen*, a popular television show focused on the ministry of Jesus and His disciples. Starting September 16, join us for 12 Saturdays at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms as we watch and discuss *The Chosen* from a Catholic perspective. Breakfast is provided. No registration is required. Just **come and see!** Questions? Contact Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



To the families of
Ami Saether Chan and
Rosemary Finneran



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Lucy Violet Hoying
Landon Hayes Hyland
Bennett Alexander Kasper
Mya Helen Lockhart
Peyten Dale Rose
Jacob Hilary Tiefenthaler



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

In Loving Memory of
Joseph C Rielly Sr,
The Joe Rielly Sons

CANCELED UPCOMING 6:30 AM MASSES

There will be no 6:30 AM
Mass on Wed, Aug 30,
Mon, Sept 4 or Wed, Sept 6

1ST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER



Join our deacons for our
next First Friday Evening
Prayer on September 1
at 7 PM in the Adoration
Chapel. All are invited!

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

6:00 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

6:30 AM	Mass Canceled	
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration, Confessions Available	Church
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	Church/Scramblers in Hilliard
9:00 AM-Midnight	Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	First Friday Evening Prayer	Adoration Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Midnight (Sept 1)-1:00 PM	Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Confessional
11:00 AM	Altar Server Training: Jr Servers	Church
2:00 PM	Altar Server Training: Acolytes	Church
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptismal Preparation Class	Wellnitz, Meeting Rms 1 & 2
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts Akela Meeting	School Teachers' Lounge



ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

If you would like us to pray for friends and family who are hospitalized or ill at home or for active duty military loved ones, email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please call 614.876.1272

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Richard Blaha	Doris Kopac
Michael Boesch	Frank Kreber
Bill Brake	Jim Logue
Chris Carrino	Jill Markey
Eugene Chervenak	Joe Martin
Linda Clark	Becky Moyer
Patricia Crane	Lorraine Nemchik
Tom Crane	Grant Nuss
Ben Diepenbrock	Kathlyn Rosado
Connie Feliks	Tom Speroni
Mary Jo Flickinger	Pamela Theado
Mary Frick	Mitzie Toth
Lois Hanf	Marilyn Wiggins
Don Johnson	

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Jackson Maassel
Aaron Grieshop	Alec Moyer
Sam Imwalle	Rick Shonkwiler
Christopher Keck	Rob Shonkwiler
Cody Longstreth	

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

NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

If you would like the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for a loved one who is no longer practicing the faith, please visit the www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and locate the Prayer Wall to make your request. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk.

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ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

We are working to improve our altar server program with new ranks of servers as a way to grow our program and create mentorship bonds between older and younger servers. We are especially looking for students going into 3rd or 4th grade (this year) to take the class to become Junior Altar Servers. Junior Servers will shadow and learn from the older, more experienced servers. After they learn the responsibilities necessary by participating at regularly scheduled Masses, they will transition over to Acolytes when they graduate 4th grade.

It has been several years since we have done a formal re-training of all altar servers. In order to kick off this new program, all altar servers are encouraged to attend one of the following training sessions taking place in the Church:

JUNIOR SERVERS (grades 3 and 4)

Sunday, August 27, 1 PM

Saturday, September 2, 11 AM

ACOLYTES (grades 5 through 12)

Sunday, August 27, 4 PM

Saturday, September 2, 2 PM

We also ask that all altar servers complete a new registration form that can be found at: www.stbrendans.net/liturgy-and-worship (web) <https://tinyurl.com/altar-server-class> (ParishStaq) Questions? Please contact the church office.



aspects in my life and work life, I am no longer afraid because of what Jesus has done for me – in a word everything!" – Lent Rescue Project participant

Know the story of Jesus through a completely different lens. Join us for The Rescue Project beginning Tuesday, September 26. Morning sessions are 9-10:30 AM and evening sessions are 7-8:30 PM. Watch a game-changing talk by Father John Riccardo, then reflect and discuss in small groups. There is no cost to participate. Questions? Contact Jen Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net. Registration is now open on ParishStaq or at www.stbrendans.net/the-rescue-project



**American
Red Cross**
BLOOD DRIVE

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE
SEPTEMBER 15**

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, September 15, 1-7 PM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms A & B. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Questions? Email Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov

MISSIONARY CO-OP APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, an international religious congregation founded in India, foster a special devotion to the Immaculate Heart through: education, healthcare, nursing homes, home for the elderly, social service centers, etc. This year, their focus involves the **Bishop David Hospital in Santhaval, Tamil Nadu, India.**

The Sisters are asking for our financial assistance to help pregnant mothers in this area who currently need to travel 2 hours (22 miles) to reach a better hospital for a Caesarean section in cases of emergency, so there exists an immediate need to better equip their local hospital. The equipment cost is \$18,395 which will help improve the health and well-being of women and children in 15 villages under the Santhaval Mission. The Sisters would like to thank you for your contribution to their cause. Please give generously in the baskets this weekend, make a gift to the "Missionary Co-op" in Pushpay (or scan the QR code.)



Seniors NOW 
NAVIGATING OUR WAY

Join us! Seniors 65+ (married, divorced, single or widowed)

SEPTEMBER 1, 8 AM – 1st Friday Mass followed by Breakfast at Scramblers, 3939 Britton Pkwy. No RSVP required.

SEPTEMBER 11, 12 PM – Luncheon, Norwich Pavilion, Hilliard (Bring lunch, drink and chair). Speaker, Fr Jacob. No RSVP required.



THE VINE
KICKOFF

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS WELCOME!

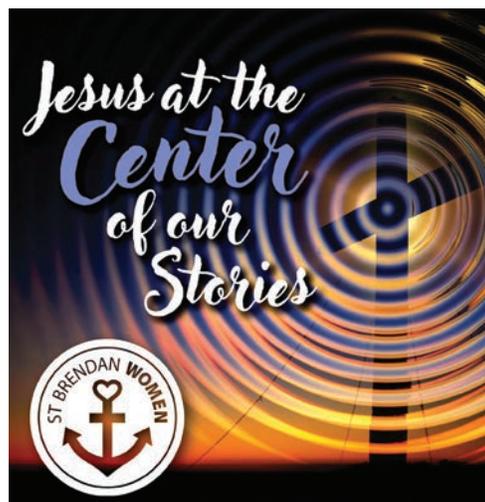
9.10.23 LOWER PARKING LOT

2023-24
FOOD SPONSORS
ARE NEEDED!



THIS SUNDAY, 3 PM

Join the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry and Deacon Jim at the **St Monica Prayer Service** in the Church at 3 PM, August 27 to pray for all those no longer practicing our Faith. We will start off by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and will learn how persisting in prayer can bring loved ones back through St Monica's example. If you had written any names on the St Monica prayer boards, we will be praying for them at the service as well as for all those who are away from the Church. Our prayer team will also be available to pray one-on-one with you!



WOMEN'S EVENT

SEPTEMBER 7, 6:30-8:30 PM

The St Brendan Women's season kickoff begins with, *Jesus at the Center of Our Stories* in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms A & B. Hear a witness talk by Angel Fox, whose story of healing with Jesus at the center is sure to inspire you! Refreshments, reflection, and our prayer teams will be available. RSVP at www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups

RCIA CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK!

Interested in becoming Catholic or finishing your Sacraments of Initiation into the Church (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, allows adults (14+) to learn what it means to be Catholic and how the graces of the sacraments and the community of the faithful give us direction to put our faith into action. St Brendan's RCIA group will meet weekly on Tuesdays, August 29, 2023 through April 16, 2024, 7-8:30 PM in the McCurdy Learning Center. Questions? Contact the parish office or complete the RCIA Inquiry form at www.stbrendans.net/rcia



HAWAII WILDFIRE RELIEF EFFORT

The Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, requests our prayers for all those affected by the wildfires that have ravaged Maui. Please consider giving to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) to rebuild lives and restore hope by aiding the relief efforts for parish and school communities at <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>

AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS—THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

“SO, I “BARGAINED” WITH GOD ... I grew up a practicing Catholic, went off to college and in my early adulthood years, just drifted away. I still identified as Catholic, but wasn't attending Mass or even knew what our faith was really about.

As life has its way, a tragedy occurred within my family. I, of course, turned to God and said, “God, if you save my brother and spare him the potential terrible outcomes of this horrific event, I will go back to Mass.” (Meaning, I would do my Sunday obligation and that would be enough repayment... Right?)

Well, God accepted my “bargain” and it turned out to be an absolute blessing! My life has changed permanently. God continues to show me His unconditional love by opening doors. That bargain had allowed me to grow to understand my Faith more completely and to appreciate His unconditional love. He began to show me the Way and still guides me to this day. God has brought so much fullness to my life; initially through the example which my parents set for me, and now through my desire to serve Him.

I have been involved in many ministries since God opened my eyes to our glorious Faith. I found my passion has been to help people to better understand their Catholic Faith. In realizing that God can work through me to bring people back Home, I strive to share our Faith and inspire people to be more than just a Sunday Catholic.

God's Hand is always reaching out. All we must do is reach out to Him... 'He (Jesus) said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord save me!” IMMEDIATELY Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.' – MT 14, 29-31

So, no matter how long you've been away, just reach your hand out... He's there waiting. THE BEST BARGAIN EVER!”
– Sheri R



ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Although registration has closed for the upcoming sessions, we are now looking to fill our volunteer spots! We currently need 1 middle school mentor and 30 parent mentors to lead small groups for family faith formation. If you have a heart for young people or desire to see parents succeed in their vocation, this is the place for you! Middle school mentors will meet with a small group of middle school students ten times this year. These groups play a game and then walk through a discussion of video content or the Bible. Parent mentors (called family coaches) facilitate a table of faith formation parents eight times throughout the year. They help the parents to share their own thoughts about faith and parenting. Please pray and consider filling these needs for our parish families!

To volunteer, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.stbrendans.net/faith-formation-volunteers



MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS

(100% discount) Accompany 6th-8th graders using discussion-based small groups. Lead 12 small groups, twice per month.

PARENT MENTORS/FAMILY COACHES (50% discount)

Lead and provide feedback to 6-8 families in a small group and answer questions about faith at home for 8 sessions, once per month.

POD NURSERY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Our POD Nursery needs ADULTS who are fun, child-loving and patient. Teens looking for service hours are also welcome! Shifts are 8:30-10 AM and 10:30 AM-12 PM every Sunday. For questions or to sign up, please email nursery@stbrendans.net

DAVIDSON ROAD CONSTRUCTION

AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 1

Davidson Road (from Vicksburg Lane to Dublin Road) will be milled, overlaid, concrete curbs and gutters repaired followed by new pavement markings. Possible delays may occur in this area during the repairs.

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August 27, 2023

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

God is not looking for perfection when it comes to his leaders, he is looking for true and loving hearts. In the first reading, God is not impressed with the master of the palace as a father for the people of Jerusalem. Eliakim the servant has the heart God desires. God will give Eliakim whatever he needs to guide his people - the right clothes, authority, and a place of honor. And we learn in the Gospel that Peter has the heart of love Jesus knows is necessary to guide his followers after he is gone. There are more learned and powerful men, but they lack Peter's faith. Jesus knows Peter is not perfect and he has much to learn, but Peter has the right foundation for the Church. We don't need to be the smartest people or have money and influence to be God's leaders. We need hearts of love and faith, and God will give us the tools we need to do the work.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is much to be done in our parishes and God needs our hearts and faith to get to work. How can we use our gifts and talents to help make the parish a welcoming place? For some it might be liturgical ministry, but every church needs people to work behind the scenes. Dusting and cleaning the church is not a glamorous job, but caring for the house of God is a blessing in itself. Helping the parish office with special mailings or weekly tasks is welcome to the staff who have so many responsibilities. Why not use the eyes of the Father to look in our hearts and see how we can make our parish a foundation of faith for all our family? We can also use God's sight to look for people at Mass who need an invitation to be more active in the parish, sharing the reminder none of us have to be perfect people to participate. We just need hearts of love.

ACT Look over the bulletin this week and reflect on where your talents could make a difference in your parish. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the wisdom and guidance you need to find where God wants you to be and what he wants you to do. Extend an invitation to one person to join you in participating in a church ministry.

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WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a "burden" and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** "health" includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman's age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to "miscarriage care" promotes a myth that a "right to abortion" is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

*The Right to Reproductive Freedom
with Protections for Health and Safety*

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
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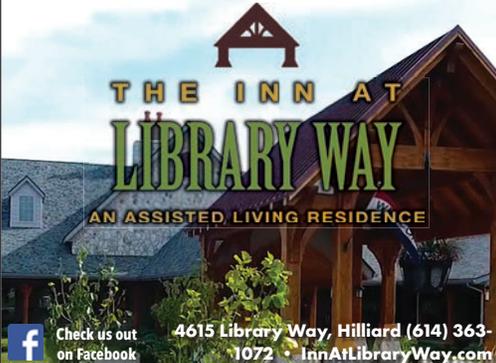
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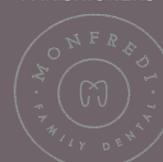


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