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*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
- Mt 16:21-27*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- MON** Feria II of the Twenty-second Week
TUES Optional Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta
WED Feria IV of the Twenty-second Week
THUR Feria V of the Twenty-second Week
FRI Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SAT Memorial of St. Peter Claver
SUN Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

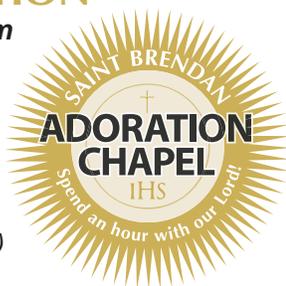
MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 4-10

- MON** 9:00 AM Mark Petty
TUES 6:30 AM Janet Winger
8:00 AM Mr & Mrs Bagnoli
on their 50th Anniversary
WED 5:30 PM Mrs Anna Bagnoli
THUR 6:30 AM Frank Magalski
8:00 AM John & Dolores D'Amico
FRI 6:30 AM Roger Winger
8:00 AM Frank Magalski
SAT 8:00 AM Melody Taylor
5:30 PM John G & Delores D'Amico
SUN 7:15 AM Bruce Selhorst
8:45 AM For the People of St Brendan Parish
10:45 AM Josephine Jones
5:30 PM Larry & Doris Kubera

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



**ANCHORED
IN
ADORATION**

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 PM

Join us this month on Wednesday, September 13 at 6 PM in the Church for Anchored in Adoration with elevating music, parishioner testimony of faith, and our prayer team ready to pray for your intentions.

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

A MESSAGE FROM JACOB DORAN



I want to share with you something that has brought me great hope this summer. Each week, there was a group of high school students who gathered to watch a walkthrough of the Mass. This was not an event organized by our parish office or the youth minister, but it was something that the youth asked for in response to finding out about the Eucharistic Revival. They wanted to learn more about our celebration of the Eucharist and how they could enter more fruitfully into the Mass each Sunday (or even more often!).

You, reading this article, and I, can hopefully respond to the Good News of the Eucharistic Revival in some similar way! There is no end to the insight and joy of the Lord that we can gain from learning more about and spending time in the presence of the Eucharist. This is "*the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.*" This is the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus who suffered, was crucified, died, was buried, resurrected, and ascended into Heaven.

What I am getting at here is the need for a response. Our high schoolers responded in their desire to know Jesus better, whom they love. God always acts first and then invites us to respond to His actions. Jesus, the second Person of the Trinity, lived, died, rose, and ascended out of love for us. And this love deserves our response.

What can our first response be? Perhaps thanksgiving. And what word means thanksgiving? ***Eucharist!***

I encourage you to make your response to God's invitation by being more intentional when celebrating and receiving the Eucharist. Use this time that the Church has set aside to learn about and love our God all the more.

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

JESUS IS CALLING US DEEPER & PROMISES TO RENEW HIS PEOPLE

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Here at St Brendan, especially during this upcoming year, we will be focusing on this initiative to be renewed and restored through the Eucharist. To learn more, visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/> or www.stbrendans.net/Eucharistic-Revival

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."—JOHN 6:51

COME & SEE – THE EUCHARIST

"At Mass on Sunday, the homily could be in a language I don't understand, the music could be a complete train wreck, there could be kids running up and down the aisles, and that's ok – because the moment when I receive the Eucharist is a pivotal moment in my week. It's a moment of transformation, a moment when I get to receive who and what I wish to become. And I could never leave that. It doesn't matter how good the music or preaching is elsewhere; I cannot leave the Eucharist. I will not leave Jesus."

– Matthew Kelly, in "*Beautiful Eucharist*"

I don't know where you are in your faith at this moment, but this is the goal. To center our faith on the Eucharist, to truly believe in the true presence Jesus in the Eucharist, as you receive Him at Mass or gaze upon Him in Adoration. It is what sets us apart from all other faith choices, separates us as a people. We receive Jesus into our bodies, and He lives there. Because of this we have the grace to live like Him and shine a light to others, bringing more souls to Him.

"The purpose of this Year of Parish Eucharistic Revival is to discern how we might heal, form, convert, unify and send our parishioners through a rekindled relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, to reach the pews and beyond." (*Eucharistic Revival Playbook*). This is primarily done through encounter. In addition to the many offerings we have and will provide here, sometimes you just need a little inspiration. Look for this column here as well as on our other platforms for stories of Eucharistic miracles, how to deepen your participation in the Mass, and personal testimonies.

THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOU!

Do you have a testimony about your relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist? We want to hear and share with our parish family here in this column. Send your words to us at jrice@stbrendans.net

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Courtney Saunders
and Michael Boesch



MARRIAGE BANNS

September 9, 2023

Anthony DiMuccio
and Tara Nemcik

LABOR DAY IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
The parish office will be closed and no school on Monday, Sept 4. Daily Mass will be 9 AM. (No 6:30 AM or 5:30 PM Mass)

CANCELLATIONS
Coffee and Donuts is canceled today, Sept 3, after 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses.
6:30 AM Mass Wednesday, Sept 6 is also canceled.

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AMERICAN MECHANICAL GROUP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4		
Labor Day: No School, Parish Office Closed		
9:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5		
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	Men's Club Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz, Meeting Rms 1 & 2
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6		
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:45 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup	Wellnitz, Mtng Rm 1 (w/patio)
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration, Confessions Available	Church
6:30 PM	VINE Formation	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
7:00 PM	St Brendan Young Adult Group	Wellnitz, Meeting Rms 1 & 2
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making for the Poor	Wellnitz, Mtng Rm 1 (w/patio)
6:30 PM	St Brendan Women: Jesus at the Center of Our Stories	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club	The Carter Center
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9		
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
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	The Carter Center
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Dinner Club: Potluck Kickoff	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10		
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
9:45 AM	Family Faith Formation AM Session	Multiple Locations
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	VINE: Kickoff	Campus Outdoors
6:45 PM	Family Faith Formation PM Session	Multiple Locations
6:45 PM	The Roots: Kickoff	School Gym



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

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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THURSDAY, SEPT 7

6:30-8:30 PM, *Jesus at the Center of our Stories*

THURSDAYS: SEPT 28-NOV 16

9-10:30 AM or 7-8:30 PM, *The Chosen Study*

SATURDAY, NOV 11-SUNDAY, NOV 12

Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, Women's Retreat
Run to the Father: Embracing Your Race

THURSDAY, DEC 7

6:30-8:30 PM, *Advent by Candlelight*

THURSDAYS, JAN 4-FEB 1

9-10:30 AM or 7-8:30 PM,
Dwell: A Study on the Eucharist

SATURDAY, JAN 13

9-11:30 AM, Bridgettine Chapel & Retreat House
Morning of Reflection

SATURDAY, FEB 17

8 AM- 4:30 PM, Ohio Expo Center,
Catholic Women's Conference

THURSDAYS, FEB 15-APRIL 11

9-10:30 AM or 7- 8:30 PM, *Lenten Scripture Study*

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

6:30-8:30 PM, Event TBD

THURSDAY, MAY 16

6:30-8:30 PM, *Our Mother & Brother:
Knowing Jesus Through Mary*

This schedule (postcard) is also available on the Welcome Desk in the Church gathering area or at www.stbrendans.net/womens_groups

RESCUE PROJECT RETURNS THIS FALL

"This is an AWESOME program. Even being a Catholic all my life, it met me where I was and caused me to look at my life, what I do for a living, and my relationship with others in a different, new and better, more positive way."

- Lent Rescue Project participant



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

CUB SCOUT SIGN-UP NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 8

Join St Brendan Cub Scout Pack 859 at our annual Sign-up Night, Friday, September 8, 7-8:15 PM in the school cafeteria. St Brendan Cub Scouts is open to all boys in grades K-5 (in the fall of 2023.) We make 2-3 camping trips a year, do multiple service projects for the parish, and are active all year round. Pack meetings are once a month during school and each den meets every other week. Can't make it to the Sign-up event? Contact Cubmaster, Chris Morris at Moosecm86@yahoo.com

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS

The next Protecting God's Children class at St Brendan will be Saturday, September 16 at 9 AM in Wellnitz Hall. There are still spaces available! Sign up now at <https://tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGC>

Seniors NOW 
NAVIGATING OUR WAY
Seniors 65+ are invited to join us!
(married, divorced, single, widowed)

SEPTEMBER 11, 12 PM

Luncheon, Norwich Pavilion, Hilliard (Bring lunch, drink and chair). Speaker, Fr Jacob. No RSVP is needed.



FOOD TRUCK TAILGATE, SEPT 23

Join us for the 2023 Food Truck Tailgate in the St Brendan parking lot at 6:30 PM for the OSU vs Notre Dame football game (kickoff is at 7:30 PM). There will be food trucks and beverages will be sold. This year's food trucks include: *Tortilla, Wingtime, Grandad's Pizza, Donna's Delicious Dozen, Fancy Feeding You & Kona Ice.*

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their Football Frenzy tickets for \$20 each at the event. Volunteers are needed at this year's Food Truck Tailgate. Please sign up to help out at <https://tinyurl.com/tailgate-volunteer>

LEND YOUR TIME & TALENT

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

Interested in distributing Communion at Mass? We will have a training session on Tuesday, September 12 at 7 PM in the Church. Learn the guidelines and procedures for giving the most precious gift to others at Mass. EMHC's need to be at least 16 years of age, confirmed, and a participating parishioner. You are then able to choose your preferred Mass and how often you volunteer through our ministry coordinator. For questions and to register for the training, please contact Jennifer Rice at 614.876.1272 ext 227 or jrice@stbrendans.net

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Our volunteer Church cleaners can use some more help! Cleaning occurs every Monday at 9 AM with cleaning windows, pews, altar, sweeping and general house cleaning (nothing heavy.) If you can give one hour a week or even help out once a month (a great opportunity for all ages!), please contact Julie Johnson at juljohnson57@yahoo.com or just show up and ask for Julie.

WE'RE CLEARING OUT ITEMS FROM OUR LOST & FOUND!

Items in our Lost and Found in the Church Gathering Area will be cleared out and donated next week, so please check to see if any missing items belong to you this weekend!

JOIN THE KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY!

The Kairos Prison Ministry is a wonderful opportunity to bring Christ to men who are in great need. Please consider volunteering with Kairos at either the London or Marion prisons. Volunteers are needed the weekend of October 28/29 at the Marion prison and November 4/5 at the London prison. Formation and training for this ministry begins in early September. We are all called to go and evangelize in the name of Jesus and by joining the efforts of the Kairos Prison Ministry, you will be given an opportunity to put that call to action! To join us, contact Tim Reno at tireno04@gmail.com or 614-312-7388 or Chris Warren at 614-530-8624

POD NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED

Do you love kids and have a knack for organizing schedules? We are in search of a new coordinator for our POD Nursery to keep up with scheduling volunteers who watch over and care for parishioner's children during 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses on Sunday as well as during Family Faith Formation programs. If interested, please contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, SEPT 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



WOMEN'S EVENT, SEPTEMBER 7

Join other St Brendan Women at 6:30 PM, Sept 7 for *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



MEN'S FAITH SHARING

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

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 9 AM and 7 PM sessions begin September 28. 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 MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Although registration has closed for the upcoming sessions, we are looking to fill our volunteer spots. We still need Middle school mentors who will meet with a small group of middle school students 10 times per year to play a game and walk through a discussion. Also needed are family coaches to facilitate a table of faith formation parents 8 times per year and help parents share their thoughts about faith and parenting. Consider filling these needs by scanning the QR code or by visiting our web page at: www.stbrendans.net/faith-formation-volunteers Contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net or Maggie Agra at magra@stbrendans.net with questions.



KICKOFFS ARE HAPPENING NEXT WEEK!

THE CONTINUED GROWTH, SEEK & ROOT PATHWAYS for family faith formation have their first meetings on Sept 10 at 9:45 AM or 6:45 PM and Sept 11, 6:30 PM. Info@ www.stbrendans.net/familyfaithformation

THE ROOTS for middle-schoolers kicks off this Sunday, Sept 10, 6:45-8:30 PM by the school playground and meets every 2nd Sunday of the month. Keep updated on Instagram at [@stb_theroots](https://www.instagram.com/stb_theroots), contact Avery at acolman@stbrendans.net or visit www.stbrendans.net/the-roots

THE VINE high school group also begins on Sept 10 at 6:30 PM in the lower Church parking lot. Their upcoming calendar can be found to the right. Follow their group on Instagram at [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine), contact Kara Day at kday@stbrendans.net or visit www.stbrendans.net/the-vine

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (for children ages 4-9) begins on Sunday, Sept 10 during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses in the Adoration Chapel



INTRODUCING AVERY...

My name is Avery Colman and I am the new Middle School Youth Minister. I was born and raised here in Hilliard and have received all my sacraments at St Brendan. After my experience with youth groups in middle and high school, I became very passionate about youth ministry.

I knew I wanted to get involved in a youth group in order to create a safe environment for kids to build a relationship with Jesus and with their peers. In 2021, I joined *Walking With Purpose* women's Bible study, which started a chain reaction in my life. One of the ladies in my group was involved in *The Roots* middle school youth group here at St Brendan and she recruited me to be a volunteer. I have been volunteering with them for the past year and a half and so, when the youth minister position became available, I felt a need to answer God's call. I look forward to working with and getting to know the families here at St Brendan!

NOVENA TO BEGIN ON SEPT 15

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of preborn babies up to 9 month. Join Catholics across Ohio in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena beginning Friday, September 15, for the defeat of this dangerous amendment.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here → [or at pray54ohio.org](http://pray54ohio.org)



SEPTEMBER @ THE VINE

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

- SUN 10 KICK-OFF!** LOWER PARKING LOT
- SUN 17 WHAT IS WORSHIP?** SCHOOL GYM
- SUN 24 TRUSTING GOD** SCHOOL GYM

THE VINE

FOOD SPONSORS NEEDED: EMAIL [KDAY@STBRENDANS.NET](mailto:kday@stbrendans.net)

FOLLOW @STBVINE ON INSTAGRAM FOR DETAILS AND UPDATES

The Roots Youth Nights

2nd Sundays 6:30-8:30 PM in the Gym

Get The World Ablaze

- Sept 10 Kickoff**
- Oct 8 The Heart of God**
- Nov 12 How Can I Know Right from Wrong?**
- Dec 10 How Do I Pray for Others?**
- Jan 14 Where Is Jesus Now?**
- March 10 Made in His Image**
- April 14 Anxiety, Stress and Peace**
- May 19 End of the Year Party**

HAPPENING AROUND OUR DIOCESE...

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th (and every year thereafter) anniversaries in 2023 are invited to the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries in honor of their marriages. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate Mass at 2:30 PM on Sunday, Sept 10, at St John Neumann Church in Sunbury. Registration is open at <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee>

ODU ANNUAL FALL LECTURE SERIES

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies will presents four lectures this fall on the theme "Truths We Have Learned" which are free and open to the public, 3:30 PM in Sansbury Hall in the Colonial Room at 1216 Sunbury Rd, Columbus, 43219. The first lecture will take place on Thursday, September 14. For details, visit ohiodominican.edu

2023 PDHC GALA DINNER, SEPT 21

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September 3, 2023

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9 | Rom 12:1-2 | Mt 16:21-27

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I am glad I was duped. Yep, the illusionist in the show we attended had me fooled into seeing something one way and it turns out it was completely false. The show was entertaining, and worth the time and expense we invested to enjoy it. And ... it may be the only circumstance where the word "duped" can be used in the same sentence as "glad." That certainly wasn't Jeremiah's experience! His prayer reflects frustration and hurt, and even a little bit of disgust at how he has been treated because of the Lord: "I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more." But then, even in his discontent and disillusion, he holds on to the truth. For right after this rebellious admission, he confesses that the need to prophesy "becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it." He knows he was never really duped - there was no lie from the Lord. And the fact is, he believes and trusts in the Lord enough to pray to him in the first place; even in his prayer of lament he is praising the Lord as God and redeemer. Jeremiah's example is a good one for us: Never lose sight of the Lord as our God. Pray to him; give over our frustrations to him; and allow him to be the fire burning in our heart that we cannot quench.

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Reading today's Gospel leaves me feeling awkward and even embarrassed for St. Peter. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, calling the first pope Satan and telling Peter to get behind him - *super* embarrassing, especially when Peter had good intentions in trying to protect Jesus. What's the old saying, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions"? There's another axiom, a little less dire but just as pointed: "People judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg." Intentions matter - but how we enact and employ those intentions are important, too. Christ tells us in today's Gospel, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Faith in God, believing in his promises, and wanting to obey his commandments are wonderful and essential - and they are the foundation of a life lived for Christ. But they are not the entirety of it, and while denying ourselves and taking up our cross is never easy, it is necessary. "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" Christ asks. Let's pray for the grace of pure intentions and the strength to live them in service to the Lord.

PRAY *Heavenly Father, uncover my eyes and reveal any obstacles keeping me from thinking as you do. Give me the courage to overcome these obstacles, and grant me the strength to take up my cross and follow you, even in the face of difficulty. I ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.*

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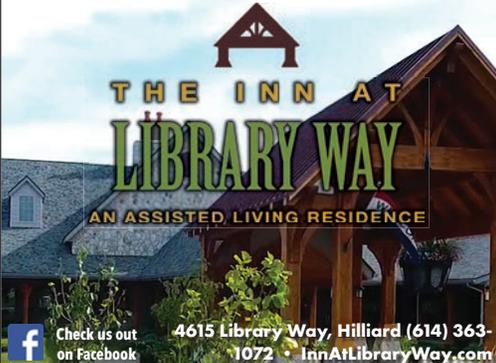
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