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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

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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NOVEMBER 11

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MASS INTENTIONS/FEAST DAYS

Monday, November 11 Memorial of St Martin of Tours 6:30 AM Amy Depp † 5:30 PM Intention of Sr Joanne Fogarty, OSF

Tuesday, November 12 Memorial of St Josaphat 6:30 AM Jerry Killian † 8:00 AM Joseph D'Amico †

Wednesday, November 13 Memorial of St Frances Xavier Cabrini 6:30 AM Frank Kreber † 5:30 PM Paul Roth †

Thursday, November 14 Feria V of the Thirty-second Week 6:30 AM Joe Codispoti † 8:00 AM Kathy Anderson †

Friday, November 15 Optional Memorial of St Albert the Great 6:30 AM Connie Feliks † 8:00 AM Rita Blateri †

Saturday, November 16Optional Memorial of St Gertrude8:00 AMFrank Cserti †5:30 PMPeople of St Brendan Parish

Sunday, November 17 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:15 AM Connie Feliks † 8:45 AM Bob Bridges † 10:45 AM Intention of Sr Joanne Fogarty, OSF 5:30 PM Harriett Starr †

+ indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED

There are many open spots on our Mass Intentions calendar in November and December. Remember a loved one or make your special prayer intention known at Mass by submitting your request to the Parish Office. Simply call to reserve a spot and then send in or drop off \$10 to confirm it.

EUCHARISTIC 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 through Sat, 1PM

SAT 9 AM – 1 PM

INFORMATION CENTER

Church Hours Weekdays, 6 AM-10 PM

Parish Office Hours Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM

New Members – All are Welcome! Fill out a New Member Request Form at stbrendans.net/welcome Questions? Call 614.876.1272, or email parish@stbrendans.net

Marriage

Fill out a Marriage Request Form at **stbrendans.net/marriage** at least six months prior to your wedding. Marriage prep is required. Questions? Contact Valerie Scheel, weddingplanner@stbrendans.net

Baptisms

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

Baptism Preparation Classes

1st Sunday most months, 12 PM (2 classes required). Questions? Email **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 frstinnett@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis – 614.876.1272

St Brendan School 614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing/Bulletin Request Fill out our marketing request form @ stbrendans.net/marketing Email marketing@stbrendans.net for questions or to send artwork.

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

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 Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jen Rice at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or jrice@stbrendans.net

POD Nursery (Currently closed) Open Sundays during 8:45 and 10:45 AM Mass for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News / ParishStaq To automatically begin receiving our parish e-newsletter, visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaq account.

Liturgical Ministry Portal Ministry Scheduler Pro at: www.rotundasoftware.com/ ministry/stbrendans For scheduling questions, email ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net

Facebook (Parish) StBrendanofHilliard

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(Parish) **@stbrendanhilliard** (School) **@saintbrendanschool** (The Vine) **@stbvine** (The Roots) **@stb_theroots** (Young Adults) **@stbya**

Livestreamed Mass YouTube – SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard Facebook – facebook.com/ StBrendanHilliardyoutube.com/c/ Sunday:10:45 AM Mon & Wed: 5:30 PM Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8 AM



A MESSAGE FROM FR STINNETT

Last week, Father Dooley wrote a very touching piece about his family's tradition of honoring his deceased family members, which is part of the month of November set aside by the Church as a special time of prayer for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. The belief in Purgatory is something that sets us apart as Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters, many of whom do not believe in the transitory state wherein the last sins and attachments that our hearts have to this world are purified, so that we are ready for the perfection of Heaven.

The Catholic Church's belief in Purgatory comes from an Old Testament book that we might not be super familiar with, the Second Book of Maccabees. I don't think I had ever read any of it until I was in seminary. The passage that is the center of the Church's belief in Purgatory is 2 Maccabees 12:38-46. As a short summary, Judas Maccabeus, the main character of the book, has been leading his small army of Jewish rebels against the Greek forces that have overtaken Judea and forced the Jewish people to assimilate into Hellenistic culture, which meant giving up the practices that God commanded His chosen people to keep, such as having only one God, keep kosher, and circumcision. Judas and his band of fighters go to collect the bodies of the dead after the battle at the city of Adullam. But, on some of the bodies of the dead, they find amulets to pagan gods. These soldiers died in a state of sin, the sin of idolatry.

Maybe we can be sympathetic to these men. After all, they were fighting for Israel against fierce odds. They were defending their homeland, their traditions, and their God. But, there was a part of their hearts that was not attached to God all the way. The amulets, which asked the protection of the pagan idols, were a way of hedging their bets. The soldiers were asking God and any god to protect them. We do this all the time too. We love God. We desire to serve Him and indeed we do, but do we pour out our everything for God, or do we keep some of it in reserve? Are our hearts still attached to other things, other places that give us comfort and rest, other "idols" that take up room in our hearts? Judas Maccabeus and his companions sent a donation to the temple in Jerusalem for a sacrifice to be offered in the Temple for these fallen soldiers. Verses 45 and 46 read: "But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had



gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus, he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." Judas' prayers and sacrifice were efficacious even for the dead. Ours can be too.

The Catholic Church invites us in this month of November in particular to pray for, offer Masses and sacrifices for, and gain indulgences for the dead – those who are in Purgatory, those who are being purified so that there is nothing their hearts cling to except for God. Purgatory is evidence of God's infinite mercy. If God was not merciful, almost all of us would end up in Hell, because there are few of us who die having reached perfection. And yet, Jesus is clear that this is the standard for our entrance to Heaven: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt. 5:48). Purgatory is the place where we receive God's mercy to finally be purified, to be made perfect if we were not in this life. We, too, cooperate in God's mercy every time we show mercy, as Jesus says just a few verses above: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Mt 5:7). Our prayers, our sacrifices, our indulgences applied to the dead, are ways that we, as the Church on earth, are still linked with the Church in Purgatory, and when those souls in Purgatory are ready for Heaven, we then have another link to the Church in Heaven. Let us not despair in the face of death, but let us pray for everyone who has died, so when our time comes, we know others will be praying for us.

	Revenue	Total	Parish	Faith Formation	School
INCOME	Offertory and Gifts	608,185	608,185	-	-
	Tuition and Fees	785,784	-	47,100	738,684
STATEMENT	Festival	110,847	110,847	-	-
	ONE Campaign	32,822	32,822	-	-
ST BRENDAN	Total Revenue	1,537,639	751,854	47,100	738,684
	Expenses	Total	Parish	Faith Formation	School
PARISH &	Salaries and Benefits	984,451	192,465	49,646	742,340
SCHOOL	Program Costs	111,955	33,743	38,305	39,907
JULY–SEPT,	Administrative Costs	91,347	82,021	-	9,327
,	Utilites, Maint, Other	98,796	52,080	-	46,715
2024	Total Expenses	1,286,548	360,308	87,951	838,289
	Net	Total	Parish	Faith Formation	School
	Operating Cash Flow	251,090	391,546	(40,851)	(99,605)



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Beatrice Patricia Geither Samuel Porter Buzenski Margaret Marie Seedorf

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS THURSDAY, NOV 28, 9 AM

- Thursday, 6:30 AM & 8 AM Daily Masses are canceled
- Parish office is closed
- NO Adoration
- NO School

FRIDAY, NOV 29:

- No 6:30 AM Mass
 (8 AM Mass is NOT canceled)
- Parish office is closed
- NO Adoration
- NO School

DECEMBER EVENTS

ADVENT FAMILY RETREAT Dec 1, 1-2:30 PM LESSONS AND CAROLS Dec 1, 3-4 PM

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT Dec 6, 6:30 PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Dec 9, 7 AM, 12 PM, 7 PM PARISH PENANCE SERVICE Dec 10, 7-9 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec 24: 4 PM, 6:30 PM, 10 PM Dec 25: 8:45 AM & 10:45 AM (Details in upcoming bulletins)

INCENSE SCHEDULE

Incense will be utilized at Masses denoted with the thurible icon on the calendar and listed below. (Dates are on Sundays unless noted) November 10 10:45 AM November 17 5:30 PM November 24 10:45 AM

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Catholic Way Study: Gospel of Matthew	Wellnitz Hall Room 1
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church/Adoration Chapel
12:00 PM	Seniors NOW: Luncheon	Der Dutchman, Plain City
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	Seek & Root Family Session	Davidson Rooms A & B
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12	-	
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	OCIA Session	Chase McCurdy Learning Cntr
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Anchored in Adoration w/Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Young Adult Women's Small Group	Off-site
7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Small Group	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1
7:15 PM	Wisdom Books with Fr Stinnett	Davidson Room A
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Women's Fall AM Scripture Study	Davidson Room A
7:00 PM	Women's Fall PM Scripture Study	Davidson Rooms A & B
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
12:00 PM	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Davidson Rooms A & B
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16	Diocesan Collection: Campaign for H	uman Development
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	SVdP Monthly Conference Meeting	Wellnitz Hall Room 1
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Installation of Fr Dooley Reception	Davidson Rooms A & B
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17	Diocesan Collection: Campaign for H	
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Holy Land Carvings Sale	Davidson Rooms A & B
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church 5:30 PM
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
5:00 PM	High School OCIA	The Carter Center
6:30 PM	The VINE	School Gym
6:45 PM	ASPEN Small Group	Wellnitz Hall Rooms 1 & 2
6:45 PM	Middle School Small Groups	Multiple Locations



To the family of Molly Ann Dorgan

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 below or at 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 is still ill, please fill out a new prayer request. 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 Dick Crumley Dan DiCesare Mary Eskay Joe Martin Tom Speroni Pamela Theado Ray Bailey Karen McLaughlin Mary Morrison John Scheel Bertha Torok Rick Bond Bob Geiger Tiffanie Geiger Marilyn Wiggins Ira Katz Anthony Griglik Chris Carrino Monica Meyer Ora Johnson Kenny Shook Beverly Moran Crystal Billman Doris Kopac Don Azelvandre Butch Giffin Glenna Brickey Chet Porembski

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye Aaron Grieshop Aaron Huesman Sam Imwalle Christopher Keck Bradly Mead Kate Walde-Mead Cody Longstreth Jackson Maassel Rick Shonkwiler Rob Shonkwiler Luke Stumphauzer Thomas Noel

... 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

Inviting Catholics Home Ministry continues to pray daily for all those no longer practicing our faith.

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK!



NOV 13 – ANCHORED IN ADORATION RETURNS!

Join us for elevating music, parishioner testimony of faith by Gerri Stanko and our prayer team ready to pray with you in the church this Wednesday, November 13 at 6 PM. Confession is available. Anchored in Adoration continues the second Wednesday of each month.

NOV 15 – AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored American Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, November 15 at 12-6 PM in Davidson Rooms A & B. Please give the gift of life by making an appointment at: 1-800-RED-CROSS, www.redcrossblood.org Questions? Contact Jeff at 614-315-7466 or Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov

NOV 16 – FATHER DOOLEY'S INSTALLATION MASS

Fr Dooley will be formally installed as Pastor to our parish and campus on Saturday, November 16 at the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes presiding.

POD NURSERY IS CLOSED

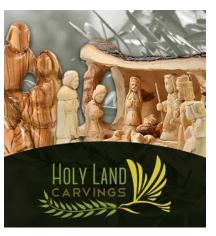
The Pod Nursery will be closed on Sunday mornings and during Faith Formation until we find a new coordinator. We are looking for someone who is organized and loves working around children. They will oversee scheduling the volunteers who watch over children during the 8:45 AM and 10:45 AM Masses and during Family Faith Formation sessions. If interested, contact Jacob Doran at **jdoran@stbrendans.net**

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT WOMEN'S EVENT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:30 PM, IN THE SCHOOL GYM

We invite all women of the parish to attend a beautiful night of prayer and reflection to fill our hearts with hope for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We welcome our pastor, Father Sean Dooley as our speaker! A catered dinner will be served. Sign up to be a table hostess to provide linens, decorations, and place settings for your table as you invite women to join you and leave a few spots open for guests. Come as a guest and be welcomed at one of



the many decorated tables. Cost is \$15 per person. Visit our women's ministry page for all of the details of the night and to register and pay. Registration must be completed and paid by November 25 (due to catering needs and the Thanksgiving holiday, there can be no late registrations). RSVP and pay at **www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries** If you are hosting a table, please have your guests register as well. Questions? Contact Jennifer at **jrice@stbrendans.net**.



HOLY LAND CARVINGS SALE, NOV 17

Holy Land Carvings represent the Christian wood carvers of Bethlehem that rely on the tourism to support their families. Due to the bad situation there and interruption of the tourist trade, families in the Holy Land are in danger of having to leave their homes in search of work. Your purchases will help to support the effort to enable Christians to

stay present in the Holy Land. Choose from beautiful carvings, such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues, and Pictures of the Last Supper, available next Sunday, November 17 in the Davidson Rooms. For information about Holy Land Carvings, visit **www.holylandcarvings.com**

MISSION OF PRAYER WORKSHOP, NOV 18

MORE on the *Mission of Prayer* on Monday, November 18, at 7 PM, in the Davidson Rooms! We continue our commitment to pray with and for others in this Year of Mission by offering a follow-up workshop for those who attended our October 2 event and anyone interested in further training in prayer. Our goal is to serve our parish through offering both in-person prayer teams and teams that intentionally pray for others or parish needs each week. Specific training for serving on either prayer team will be provided. For details or to RSVP, email Jen at jrice@stbrendans.net

Seniors Now Canchored In Faith (married, divorced, single or widowed)

NOVEMBER 11, MONDAY, 12 PM – Lunch at Der Dutchman, SR-42, Plain City. RSVP to Larry Hanchin, VP at 614-264-6925 or **larryhanchin@yahoo.com**

DECEMBER 6, 8 AM – First Friday Mass & Breakfast, First Watch (3800 Fishinger)

DECEMBER 9, MONDAY, 12 PM – Christmas Potluck in the Davidson Rooms. Entrée provided. A-O bring a side dish, P-Z bring a dessert. RSVP to Larry at 614-264-6925 or larryhanchin@yahoo.com

JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!

We are looking for both men and women, no experience necessary, and no long-term commitment! We rehearse Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 PM in the church. Questions? Contact Ross at **rwilliams@stbrendans.net**

2025 COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S -CONFERENCE



Early Bird discounted registration is now open! Join us at 8 AM-5 PM February 15, 2025 at the Ohio Expo Center. This year's speakers include Fr John Ricardo, Mary Guilfoyle, Carrie Daunt, Sarah Swafford and Sister Mercedes Torres. Our Director of Discipleship, Jen Rice will emcee the event again in 2025. Let's fill the seats, St Brendan women! Register and find more details at **www.columbuscatholicwomen.com**

2025 COLUMBUS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 28th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center on February 22, 2025. This final year of the Eucharistic Revival is the Year of Mission, and becomes a fitting theme to remind us that we are "Men on Mission."



Our Conference continues to dedicate itself to the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, and this year we acknowledge our role – our Mission – as Men Called to be Saints, carrying out our mission of faith, fellowship, evangelization, and role models. Early Bird discount is available now! Register at www.catholicmensministry.com/2025conference

COUNSELING & SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Ricky Shoop, CT, of *Lumin Therapy* (Catholic counseling group) is on-site Fridays, 12-5 PM or available off-campus other days/times. Ricky has 15 years experience in pastoral ministry with teens, adults and families working through anxiety, depression, trauma, difficulties at work, or family conflicts. For a free 30-minute consultation, contact Ricky at 614-212-4593, **ricky@lumin-therapy.com** or for information, visit **https://lumin-therapy.com**/ Also, our St Brendan **Grief Support Group** meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 PM in the Carter Center and individual sessions are also available by contacting Jen Rice in the parish office.



LOVE DOES NOT COMPARE

The more I practice my faith, the more I am tempted to believe that I am somehow spiritually ahead of others. It's logical in a way. Those who jog every day tend to be more fit than those who don't. Those who spend hours in study tend to be more learned than those who spend the same amount of time on entertainment. Yet when it comes to the spiritual life, any feelings of superiority are illogical and a great deficiency.

For me, the deficiency has taken many forms. When I was volunteering regularly at a soup line, for example, I would find myself thinking, "Hey, where's everybody else?" Or, during Holy Thursday Mass, I'd question why the entire parish didn't show up. I delved into contemplative prayer at one point and thought those who practiced it were somehow part of the "spiritual elite"—a contradiction of terms, no doubt!

Whatever I thought I had accomplished through such disciplines, it clearly was not "faith working through love," as St Paul describes it. According to St Teresa of Avila, the best way to measure our love for God is through our love of neighbor. But how can I claim to love my neighbor if I slip into silly spiritual competitions with them?

Love does not compare itself to others. Such spiritual judgments divide rather than unite. If I start thinking I'm better than others, I stop growing closer to God. Instead, I must focus my prayer on loving God and my action on serving others. Comparisons stop making sense when I love my neighbor as I love myself.

~J.D. Long-García from 10/24, "Give Us This Day"

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



To register for First Reconciliation, Communion or Confirmation, whether you are a part of family faith formation or St Brendan school, visit www.stbrendans.net/familyfaithformation

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS – The next middle school small group is Sunday, November 17, 6:45 PM.

CONTINUED GROWTH – Your family is invited to attend the Advent Family Retreat on December 1 at 1 PM!

SEEK & ROOT – The next family session is Monday, Nov 11, 6:30 PM.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION – Our next First Reconciliation Family Session is Sunday, November 10 from 9:45-11:15 AM. Our next Confirmation Family Session is Sunday, January 12 from 6:45-8 PM.

2025 CATHOLIC SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

CYSC registration is open for 5th-12th graders. St Brendan parish is providing \$100 to each of our first 100 students to register (cost per session is \$620). To register, visit https://www.damascus.net/cysc-2/main-campus and to receive the discount, use the code BRENHILL25

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

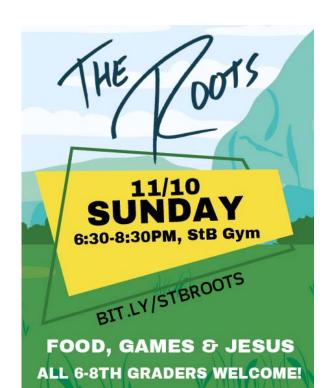
We are looking for leaders and aides, once a month at 8:45 or 10:45 AM Masses. (Over age 18 must be Safe Environment compliant.) High schoolers and mature middle schoolers are welcome as aides. To volunteer, contact Jackie at childrensliturgy@stbrendans.net, Maggie at magra@stbrendans.net or Jacob at jdoran@stbrendans.net

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Our collaborative preschool at St Margaret of Cortona has opened enrollment for next year. Full-day and part-day offerings – families with children ages 3-5 next fall are encouraged to learn more. Classes are filling up, so don't delay. Register now at **bit.ly/preschoolreg2025** Questions? Contact Andrea at **aboyd@cdeducation.org**

SAVE THE DATE! ADVENT FAMILY RETREAT

Many beautiful songs and hymns have been written to tell the Christmas story. Join us for a family event where the lyrics of these well-loved songs will come alive through crafts, games, prayer, food and fellowship. Enjoy this fun, hands-on, meaningful gathering to prepare your family for the Advent season on December 1 at 1-2:30 PM in the Davidson Rooms (followed by Lessons & Carols). RSVP by November 24 at https://bit.ly/FamilyRetreat24





LESSONS & CAROLS, DEC 1

Join us after the Advent Family Retreat in the Church on December 1 from 3-4 PM for some traditional Christmas caroling. Sing along as our music director, Ross Williams, leads us in festive carols to further prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior this Advent season. No RSVP needed. Bring the entire family!

BISHOP WATTERSON HS HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following Bishop Watterson High School students (who are St Brendan parishioners) for attaining Honor Roll status with a 3.7 or higher grade point average for the first quarter:

Laura Adams	11	Katelyn Hite	11
Clare Baker	9	Oliver Holowicki	10
Lauren Bechtel	9	Ella Jacobsen	12
Taylor Bechtel	12	Sydney Kauffman	9
lsaac Bergman	10	Jacqueline Kirk	9
Nyankiir Biar	10	Benjamin Lamielle	10
Mia Billing	9	Carson Mausar	9
Maeve Boyle	9	Grace Mayhan	11
Michael Boyle	10	Lillian McCarthy	9
Reese Boyle	12	Claire Miller	10
Sofia Bunfill	9	Evan O'Leary	10
Maya Buzenski	9	Yadira Orocio-Natividad	10
Althea Callipare	10	Ethan Andrew Pineda	9
Aiden Cassidy	9	Addison Reeves	9
Isabella Colburn	9	Ellie Rowlands	12
Audrey Conner	10	Micayla Serna	10
Andrew DeMassimo	10	John Streb	10
Michael DiPalma	10	Catherine Thomas	9
Cohen Distel	10	Josephine Timko	9
Gwendolyn Dixon	12	Danica Timm	9
Avery Doepker	9	Chloe Voelkel	12
Luke Fivecoat	11	Jackson Ward	10
Andrew Fultz	9	Lotis Dylan Wert	11
Riley Goad	11	Julia Ybarra	11
Annabeth Golden	9	Julia Yoder	10
Sophie Hamrock	12	Christopher Youell	12
Paige Hanley	12	Brooke Young	11
Elizabeth Hansen	10	Kenzie McKerns	11
Caden Harey	11	Layla Hoying	11
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BISHOP WATTERSON OPEN HOUSE- NOV 24

Bishop Watterson High School (99 E Cooke Rd, Columbus) is hosting an Open House Nov 24 from 1-3 PM. Meet faculty, staff, coaches, and take a tour of the facilities with a student. Sign up soon at **bishopwatterson.com**

ST CHARLES PREP SCHOOL DRAMA DEPT

Our fall production of *The Complete Works* of *William Shakespeare* by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield is Nov 14, 15 and 16 at 8 PM, and Sunday, Nov 17 at 3 PM in the St Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad St. Adult tickets are \$15 each, and student tickets are \$10 each. Register at www.scprep.org (tickets not sold at the door)

S.P.I.C.E. MASS OF INCLUSION

Everyone is invited to the annual S.P.I.C.E. (Special People In Catholic Education) Mass of Inclusion at St Catharine Church on Nov 17, at 11 AM in honor of all people with special needs with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes. A light reception will immediately follow the Mass.

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"Give it your all! Leave it all on the field! Trust in your training/ preparation/coaches." We've all heard a version of this type of exhortation. It requires a great amount of confidence and trust faith, if you will - to let go of our doubt and fears. The two widows of today's readings had such confidence, as they offer us heroic examples of faith. The widow of Zarephath uses her only remaining food to cook for Elijah. She did this after receiving God's promise that, "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." The widow had the assurance that God would sustain her, and she lived by it - trusting she could give her all, because with God's help there would be more. Likewise, the widow in the Gospel could make an offering to the temple treasury because of her limitless confidence in God: she gave "her whole livelihood." From that moment, she would have nothing to sustain her but God's providential care. By their unreserved acts of generosity, both women consented to rely on God in the most absolute sense. And in so doing, they silently proclaimed their faith in the personal and unconditional love that God had for each of them.

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So deeply did these two women believe in God's goodness that they were able to act without fear. Confident in his love, they could give to the point of having nothing left. They, literally, "gave it all that they had." Rather than being burdensome, however, their surrender was the basis of their relationship with God and therefore, it was a much greater treasure than material goods. This message is clearly at odds with the notion that possessions and wealth are the basis of happiness. By rejecting this idea, giving generously of ourselves and trusting God to sustain us, we gain more than we could ever give up. Like the widow whose jar never runs dry, when we fill our lives with what God offers and not what the world offers, we live with abundance.







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