Begin Advent in song and praise this Sunday in the Church!

> Dec 1 <u>3 PM</u>

An Advent Family Event!

Invite your family and friends to come sing with us, December 1 from 3-4 PM in the church. Our music director, Ross Williams, will lead us through festive Christmas carols to further prepare our hearts this Advent for the birth of our Savior. No registration required.

Vine Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday There is **no Coffee and Donuts** this Sunday but join us in the Davidson Rooms after 10:45 AM Mass instead for a pancake breakfast to help raise money for the Vine High School Youth Group's Cranks Creek Winter Mission Trip (more details on pg 5.)

First Sunday of Advent

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"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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 or Holy Days. This week's calendar is in the bulletin or on our website.

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Saint Brendan

Mass Intentions / Feast Days

Monday, December 2 Feria II of the First Week of Advent 6:30 AM Mary Lou Kreber † 5:30 PM Mary Lou Dwyer †

Tuesday, December 3 Memorial of St Francis Xavier 6:30 AM John Wunderly † 8:00 AM Rex Blateri †

Wednesday, December 4 Optional Memorial of St John Damascene 6:30 AM Frank Kreber † 5:30 PM Bela & Katalin Szigethy †

Thursday, December 5 Feria V of the First Week of Advent 6:30 AM Connie Feliks † 8:00 AM Connie Feliks †

Friday, December 6 Optional Memorial of St Nicholas 6:30 AM Karen Hostutler † 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Norton Family

Saturday, December 7 Memorial of St Ambrose 8:00 AM Intention of the John & Jen Draper Family 5:30 PM Intention of Patricia Tarant

Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent 7:15 AM David Friermood † 8:45 AM Florence Scheel † 10:45 AM John Thomas † 5:30 PM The People of St Brendan Parish

+ indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

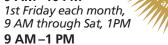
Eucharistic Adoration

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

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FRI 9 AM –10 PM 1st Friday each mon



SUN 6:30 PM – 10 PM (during Advent, starting Dec 1)

ADORATION

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SUNDAY ADORATION DURING ADVENT!

Please join us on Sunday evenings during Advent for special Adoration hours after the 5:30 Mass until 10 PM. This is a special time set aside for prayer to prepare our hearts for the Lord. Sign up for an hour that evening or another time during the week to get ready for His coming!

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

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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 Musical Message from Dr Ross Williams!

Praise be to Jesus Christ! The members of the Music Ministry at St Brendan are excited to usher you into Advent and Christmas this year! This Sunday, December 1, we invite you to a *"Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols,"* at 3 PM in the church. This event will kick off Advent in style with Biblical lessons outlining salvation history, stunning new choirs singing beautiful Renaissance polyphony, and sing-along carols for the whole family.

HYMNALS RETURN TO THE PEWS – As you arrive in the church on the first Sunday of Advent, you will be welcomed with hymnals in each pew. We are excited to partner with our interdiocesan endeavor to bring sacred music to the liturgy with the *"Source and Summit"* hymnal. This beautifully edited hymn book also contains Mass readings throughout the year, devotional prayers (like the Angelus), and music notation for our psalms, acclamations and antiphons.

A NOTE ABOUT SACRED MUSIC – In my November 6 video posted online (view it at https://youtu.be/2Inm3JGH-uo), I outlined our goal for bringing sacred music to the liturgy. What is sacred music? As the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is the source and summit of our faith, the great treasury of Catholic music accompanies the liturgy. Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "In the course of her two-thousand-year history, the Church has created and still creates music and songs which represent a rich patrimony of faith and love. This heritage must not be lost."

LATIN DURING ADVENT & LENT – Fr Dooley and I believe that one aspect of our rich treasury is singing Gregorian Chant, hymns, and the Latin parts of the Mass that accompany the Eucharistic prayers. The "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Mystery of Faith," and "Lamb of God," will be sung in Latin during Advent and Lent. As these penitential seasons are set aside for more internal participation, we hope you either sing in Latin, or find participation in the stillness as Pope Benedict reflects: "...a thousand thoughts and desires assault us, but a time of recollection, giving us an inward peace, allowing us to draw breath and rediscover the one thing necessary, which we have forgotten."

COME JOIN US! Fr Dooley and I are thrilled to see our choirs grow in numbers, and we invite you to join! Our parish choir rehearses on Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 PM, and sings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Please don't hesitate to email me at **rwilliams@stbrendans.net** with any questions or come up after Mass and say "hi"!

Dr. Ross B. Williams D.M.A. St Brendan Parish Director of Sacred Music



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EUCHARIST: BODY OF CHRIST BROKEN FOR THE WORLD, PART THREE

Continuing with the article from the last two weeks: The USCCB on the Eucharist as a social mission prompts us to look up the writings mentioned for even further study. Look for part 4 to come next week.

The Eucharist moves us and inspires us to respond. In the Eucharist, the boundlessness of the Father's love "springs up within us a lively response" that causes us to "begin to love" (Dominicae Cenae, no. 5). Contemplating Christ's sacrifice for the world in need, we are compelled to follow His example. Drawn "into the very dynamic of His self-giving," we are moved to self-giving action in solidarity with the members of our human family who face injustice (Deus Caritas Est, no. 13). St John Chrysostom's words in the fourth century become real for us as we reflect on Matthew 25:31-46: "Do you wish to honor the Body of Christ? Do not ignore Him when He is naked."

Eucharist-inspired love allows us to live out our Christian vocation.

St John Paul II writes that our ability to go and do likewise in imitation of Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet is the "criterion by which the authenticity of our Eucharistic celebrations is judged" (Mane Nobiscum Domine [Stay with us, Lord], no. 28). "Eucharistic worship," he says, is the expression of "the love that springs up within us from the Eucharist"—that love which is "the authentic and deepest characteristic of the Christian vocation" (Dominicae Cenae, no. 5). Pope Francis reminds us: "It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation"; therefore, "the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation" (Pope Francis, Laudato Si' [On Care for Our Common Home], no. 236).



Congratulations on the Baptism of

Kareena Dolly Cooke Lincoln Henry Turner



Marriage Banns We are pleased to announce the wedding of Nicholas Moner and Jessica Taylor on Dec 14,

2024 at St Brendan the Navigator. Any known reason why this marriage should not happen should be reported to Fr Sean Dooley. We wish Nicholas and Taylor God's blessing as they unite as husband and wife!

December Events

Advent begins December 1

ADVENT FAMILY RETREAT Dec 1, 1-2:30 PM (RSVP expired)

LESSONS & CAROLS Dec 1, 3-4 PM

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT Dec 6, 6:30 PM (RSVP expired)

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

Parish office closed Dec 25-27. No Adoration Dec 23-29 and Dec 31- Jan 1

Incense Schedule

Incense will be utilized at Masses denoted with the thurible icon noted on the calendar & below. (Dates are on Sundays unless noted) Dec 1 5:30 PM Dec 8 10:45 AM Dec 9 (Monday) 7:00 PM Dec 15 5:30 PM

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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, 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 Maria Karas Samuel Soporito

Marilyn Wiggins Ira Katz Anthony Griglik Chris Carrino Monica Meyer Ora Johnson Kenny Shook Beverly Moran Crystal Billman Doris Kopac Don Azelvandre Butch Giffin Chet Porembski Wayne Rose Laura Bromagen Ron Stanko

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

The St Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry continues to pray daily for all those no longer practicing our faith. To learn more about Inviting Catholics Home, visit **www.stbrendans.net/ich**

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This Week...

Pancake Breakfast, Dec 1

Join us in the Davidson Rooms from 11:45 AM-12:30 PM this Sunday, Dec 1. The pancake breakfast is free but donations are highly encouraged to help raise money for the VINE Cranks Creek Winter Mission Trip. All are invited!

Young Adults, Dec 4

On Dec 4, St Brendan Young Adults will attend Holy Hour together from 6-7 PM and then head to The Goat in Hilliard (4265 Brooklands Dr) for fellowship from 7-9 PM. Meet in the church gathering area after Holy Hour if you need a ride. Bring money for food (the event will not be catered)! Questions? Contact Kristen at kristenmanifold20@gmail.com

First Friday Prayer & Adoration

First Friday Evening Prayer, led by our Deacons in the Adoration Chapel is this Friday, December 6 at 7 PM. First Friday Adoration is December 6 at 9 AM through December 7 at 1 PM. Adorers are needed so sign up at https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com

M.A.S.T. Christmas **Open House, Dec 7**

If you are 45 years of age or older and single, you are invited to join your fellow singles at our annual Christmas Open House Dec 7, 2-4 PM. Enjoy food, games and plenty of fellowship! M.A.S.T. stands for Mature Active Singles Together which is a social/service ministry of St Brendan's. Location is at a member's clubhouse. RSVP to Chrishauck0522@gmail.com for location address and more information.

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Christmas Giving Trees

The Giving Trees are up in the Church Gathering area! Please take a tag and follow the instructions. Your donations go to a variety of causes (listed on the posters in the gathering area.) The donated items are due back under the trees by Dec 8. (We will leave at noon to deliver the items.) If you prefer online shopping, visit our

Amazon Wishlist @ https://amzn.to/3UJmYhg or scan the QR code. Online purchases will be delivered directly to our Giving Tree volunteer. Questions? Contact Rhonda at 614-313-2066



Hurricane Recovery Update - Help Needed!

There are five trailer-homes that passed code enforcement and are ready to be rebuilt. Thanks to your gracious generosity, we were able to purchase drywall and insulation for these homes! Now the challenge is in getting it installed. Mike Gunnarson has taken over coordination of the teams working in Swannanoa, North Carolina to install the drywall. The work is not difficult, but it is dirty. Understanding that people cannot be away for too long, we are working in 3 to 4-day increments. The remaining upcoming dates that volunteers are still needed are Dec 2-5, Dec 4-7, Dec 9-12 and Dec 11-14.

Learn more from Deacon Yglesias in a video at https://youtu.be/0kJG8dTHkEs or if interested in helping out, contact Mike Gunnarson at 614-403-3163 or mikegunnarson@gmail.com

Update from Our Kairos Cookie Drive...

Below are a couple letters written to the prison Chaplain from two of the inmates who received cookies from our last Kairos Cookie Drive, baked and prayed over by our parishioners. The cookies had a major impact on them!

Letter #1: "I just got back with God two days ago through my commitment to sobriety. I was on the verge of suicide crying uncontrollably alone in my cell in TPU. I asked for a Bible and ever since, I have been shown God's glory... My faith is still in the beginning stages. I prayed and read scripture last night. This afternoon I got a security review done by my case manager and Sgt. – even though I won my appeal and was found not guilty, I am still going to level 3. I felt defeated and was so close to giving up. I prayed and spoke to God and fell asleep... Then, I got woke up to Kairos cookies! Like God was telling me it was going to be okay. I didn't lose faith and want to thank you all! Keep doing God's work. It helps me more than you know. God Bless."

Letter #2: "I have practiced Islam for a while and thought that was the path I wanted to choose, but God has called me and showed me over and over and over again that I am supposed to be a Christian. Islam was different and I believe that was the only reason I chose it – to rebel against Jesus Christ. I have been so angry at Him for taking my mom, my dad, and my little brother from me. I have been so angry because everybody seems to leave me... thru death or thru life. I don't want to hurt anymore. And most importantly, I don't want to hurt anybody else ever again. I wake up and my heart hurts. I go to bed and my heart hurts. I chase drugs to ease my pain and hurt the entire world in the process, including my beautiful son. Help me find the right way before I go home at Christmas. I want to be saved! I want to know Jesus Christ!! I want to feel loved! I don't want to ever feel alone again!! (PS – I don't know if it's the Kairos cookies talking right now but they are soooo delicious!!!) ... The kindness shown to a man that they have never met before has given me hope in a dark place. Thank you guys and God Bless."



Poinsettias for the Altar

Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar contributions are \$10 per poinsettia and can be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. To make your poinsettia request, fill out

and pay through our online form by scanning the QR code or by visiting https://bit.ly/AltarPoinsettias (Note: Multiple requests can be entered on one form!) Requests/payments are due by Dec 11. The memorials will appear in our Christmas bulletin & online bulletin.



How We Manage Snow on Campus

Our snow contract stipulates that our parking lot is plowed only if we reach TWO INCHES or more of snowfall and is pretreated only if it is not raining. The parish facilities team will be responsible for keeping the walkways cleared. When weather is inclement, please be careful when walking around campus. Parish activities remain open if we are at a Level 1 Snow Emergency, but carefully consider whether you can safely reach the campus and attend events.

If a Level 2 Snow Emergency is declared, the entire campus closes, including Mass and all events. We will alert you via ParishStaq Communications and social media if this happens. School parents will be alerted by FACTS communications of any school closures or delays. The Parish office remains open during regular hours, unless we reach a Level 2 Snow Emergency, in which case, the office will close.

Invite One Back to Mass!

Do you know any family members or friends no longer practicing their Catholic faith? What would happen if each of us invited just one person back to the church? We are asking each of our parishioners to "Invite ONE back" to Mass with them. Or, try starting by asking them to come to an event at our parish this Advent season, like "Lessons and Carols" this Sunday at 3 PM. If you missed the Inviting Catholics Home workshop recently, "Praying Them Home: a Practical Guide," visit **www.stbrendans.net/ich** to watch the videos and view the handouts that were provided for



some practical advice on how to bring back those away from the Church!

2025 Columbus Catholic Conferences

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE Don't miss the Early Bird discount for the 2025 Catholic Women's Conference! Join women of faith on Feb 15, 8 AM-5 PM. Our Director of Discipleship, Jen Rice will emcee the event again in 2025. Register and find more details at **www.columbuscatholicwomen.com**

MEN'S CONFERENCE The Catholic Men's Conference returns on Feb 22, 2025. An Early Bird discount is still available so register soon or find more details at www.catholicmensministry.com/2025conference



DEC 6, 8 AM – First Friday Mass and Breakfast at First Watch (3800 Fishinger)

DEC 9, MONDAY, 1 PM

Christmas Potluck in Davidson Rooms A/B. Entrée provided. A-O bring side dish, P-Z bring dessert. RSVP Larry at 614-264-6925 or larryhanchin@yahoo.com



December "Spiritual Spotlight"

To say there is a lot going on in the world is a bit of an understatement. In Matthew Kelly's book, *Holy Moments*, he asks us to take a single moment from the world to open ourselves to God and for one moment do what we prayerfully believe God is calling us to do (see pg 23). God is never more than just one choice away (see pg 31.)

This tiny collaboration with God will breathe new life, spread joy, virtue, hope, reverence, patience, care and character to others. Through our encouragement, compassion, forgiveness, kindness, or even a smile, we will gain wisdom and meaning which not only helps others, it solves the meaninglessness and hopelessness in our own lives (see pg 113).

Small, simple changes we purposefully do, transform our lives and with that change, we can change the world. Starting on page 42, find real examples of Holy Moments. We have two moments to choose from; unholy and holy. Unholy moments are choices we make that are hard to live with and holy moments are choices we make that are easy to live with. It's up to each of us to decide. One thing to remember when making any decision, "We are made in the image of God, act accordingly" (see pgs 96 & 111).

If you want to see miracles, make yourself open to God, focus on good and change the world – one holy moment at a time. Pick up a copy of *Holy Moments* this month in the church gathering area on the Inviting Catholics Home *Spiritual Spotlight* bookshelf (while supplies last!). Read it and share it with others. Become the change that changes the world!

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, December 15, 6:45 PM.

CONTINUED GROWTH

The next Family Session is Sunday, December 8, 9:45-11:15 AM in the gym.

SEEK & ROOT The next Family Session is Monday, December 9, 6:30 PM.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

First Reconciliation is Saturday, December 7, starting at 10 AM. More details about the day will be emailed to you.

Our next Confirmation Family Session is Sunday, January 12, 6:45-8 PM.

2025 Catholic Youth Summer 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. Register soon at **bit.ly/preschoolreg2025** Questions? Contact Andrea at **aboyd@cdeducation.org**

POD Nursery Is Closed

The POD Nursery continues to be closed on Sunday mornings and during Faith Formation. Please stay tuned for information about our new POD Nursery Coordinator and updated nursery volunteer scheduling platform coming soon.

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DEC 20–22 ST BRENDANS & ST MICHAELS 2024 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS





Bishop Ready Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following parishioners who are students at Bishop Ready High School and who have attained Honor Roll status for the first quarter of the current academic year.

1st Honors	Freshmen: Isabella Buerkle,
	Natalie Mullen, Madison Powers
	Junior: Katherine Sanders

2nd Honors Sophomore: Jenna Wolf Senior: Emma Rieder

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 | 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 | Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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

Are you one of those people who flips to the end of the book to find out what happens or maybe you roam the internet for spoilers of your favorite show? We have all been tempted to know what is going to happen before whatever it is unfolds, especially in tension-filled situations. Knowing the ending changes the way we experience the angst of the present moment, especially if it's a great ending! Like today: even as we anticipate and know the comfort and joy of the Advent season, we certainly do not begin there with our Gospel reading from Luke. In it, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man: this time will include moments of dismay, tribulation, assault, fright, and death. Contemplating this time of justice can be fearsome, but it is also a source of joy, because Christ is coming! We know that through Christ we have been redeemed - and that, if we remain faithful to him, we have the hope of eternal life. As Luke tells us, we can stand with our heads held high because redemption is at hand. Our Advent does not start with comfort and joy, but it sure ends there. Knowing this ending helps us have confidence and hope in God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We are encouraged and challenged by the Word and our Advent traditions this first week to remember how it ends! In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah relays consolation to the nation in crisis when God tells them the days are coming when the Lord will "fulfill the promise." This will bring them much-hoped-for safety and security. In Luke's Gospel, Christ's coming will be with "power and great glory" and although it sounds somewhat frightening, it will usher in redemption. Those are some spoilers providing great confidence and hope. In addition to our readings, the lighting of our first candle this Advent season is a visual reminder of the culmination of our salvation story! The Light who has come into the world has and will dispel the darkness. We can stand erect and raise our heads together to glimpse this light of Advent and fill our hearts again with hope that God surely is the one who keeps his promises. That is the best spoiler of all.

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O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day When hope shall sing its triumph And sadness flee away

Around Our Diocese

MAJOR RELICS OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS

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THE FAITHFUL

> The major first-class relics of St Thomas Aquinas will be available for public veneration at St Patrick Church, 280 N Grant Ave, Columbus, on December 7-8. This is the first time that St Thomas' major relics will tour the USA! The relic tour is in commemoration of the Triple Jubilee of St Thomas Aquinas.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

Catholic Social Services invites you to their Advent Open House and Merry Market on Thursday, December 5 from 4-7 PM on the 1st and 2nd floors. Enjoy food, community, and drinks while shopping for Christmas gifts. RSVP by emailing **development@colscss.org**

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON

The Catholic Men's Luncheons are held on the first Friday of the month, Feb-June & Sept-Dec. Meatless meals are served year-round in keeping with Catholic penitential discipline. Find details at www.CatholicMensMinistry.com

BOTTOMS UP DIAPER BANK

Bottoms Up Diaper Bank distributes approximately 85,000 diapers monthly to community partners. You can make a great impact on this need by volunteering, giving monetarily, encouraging others, or sharing the need with friends and family. To help, contact Beth Snoke at **beth@bottomsup.life** or 614-554-5664. For details visit **www.bottomsup**

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Volunteer a week or more from June 8-Aug 8, 2025 at our main campus (Centerburg, OH), Great Lakes (Brighton, MI) or at both! Must be an RN or APN with current license, background check and Protecting God's Children. Assist with first aid, distribute medications and help with check-in. On-site lodging/meals provided. Visit www.damascus.net/volunteer-as-a-nurse

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Join Our Lady of Peace Parish in praying for a different priest or seminarian of our diocese each day of each month. The monthly calendars can be found by visiting https://olp-parish.org/pray-for-priests

FIND A MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT NEAR YOU!

Melchizedek Project is a spiritual discernment group that helps high school and college-age men consider a vocation to the

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