# Merry Christmas!

# Christmas Eve Mass

TUESDAY, DEC 24 VIGIL

4 PM – Church & Gym 6:30 PM – Church & Gym 10 PM – Church

# Christmas Day Mass

WEDNESDAY, DEC 25 8:45 AM – Church (livestreamed) 10:45 AM – Church (livestreamed)

The parish office closes at noon Dec 24 and is closed Dec 25-27. No Adoration Dec 23-29.

# Holy Mass\*

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**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, THU, FRI 6:30 AM, 8 AM SAT 8 AM

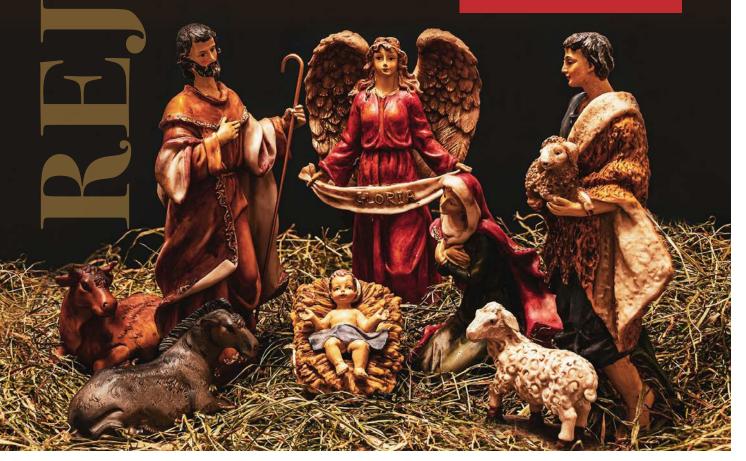
# **Reconciliation**\*

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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### Mass Intentions/Feast Days

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

Commemoration of St John Cantius 6:30 AM William Nichols † 5:30 PM Regina Tharp †

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

Christmas Eve 8:00 AM Connie Feliks † 4:00 PM CH - Matthew Lawler † 4:00 PM MPR - Intention of Tom Kollar 6:30 PM CH - Charles & Madeline Oldani † 6:30 PM MPR - Intention of Maura Renouf 10:00 PM Gary Kropp †

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day 8:45 AM People of St Brendan Parish 10:45 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Stinnett & Breda Families

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

Feast of St Stephen 8:00 AM Edwin Sese †

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Feast of St John the Evangelist 8:00 AM In Thanksgiving by Karen Smith

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents 8:00 AM Alberto Santos † 5:30 PM Dolores D'Amico †

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
7:15 AM People of St Brendan Parish
8:45 AM Sandy Barrett †
10:45 AM Protection of the Unborn
5:30 PM Alba Arellano †

+ 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
- FRI 9 AM 10 PM 1st Friday each month,
- 9 AM through Sat, 1PM SAT 9 AM – 1 PM

# **1st Friday Prayer/Adoration**

**First Friday Evening Prayer** this month is Jan 3, 7 PM and is led by our Deacons in the Adoration Chapel. **First Friday Adoration** this month is Jan 3 at 9 AM through Jan 4 at 1 PM. Adorers are still needed!

# **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

#### Instagram

(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



# **Message from Fr Dooley**

Hello friends,

Merry Christmas! I pray that this Christmas Season will be one of hope and joy for you and your families. It's easy to get lulled into mere sentimentality during the Christmas season, but today, and for the next 19 days (until The Baptism of the Lord on January 12), we celebrate the humility and love of our God, and His plan of salvation for each of us. It seems to me that, as the world gets more complicated, we seek answers, truth, security, and hope. It gives me joy and relief to see a full church for our Masses. I think it's because more and more people are seeking what we all know (at least on some level) to be true: that God is love.

Perhaps you have been away for a while from the Church. I warmly welcome you to St Brendan the Navigator Parish! Recently, I was talking to a high school friend of mine over Thanksgiving Break and he mentioned to me that he started going back to church. He said something that stuck with me: "I'm so tired of being around miserable people. It's comforting to be with people who want to be here." I hope and pray you want to be here, and that your desire for our Lord will bring you back to Mass again and again!

We all worship someone or something in this world. Who or what will it be in our lives? As St John Henry Newman said: "We can believe what we choose. We are

answerable for what we choose to believe."

Let us pray that we may enter with holy desire and simple faith as we worship the Infant Child Jesus!

Merry Christmas!



#### OUR GIFT TO YOU: "THE THREE ORDINARY VOICES OF GOD"

#### THE THREE ORDINARY VOICES OF GOD

# StB Book Club Begins Jan 16

God hasn't stopped speaking. We've stopped listening. We yearn for God's direction. We want to hear His voice and know His will. Learning to listen to the voice of God will change your life powerfully and wonderfully.

Knowing this, our gift to you this Christmas is Matthew Kelly's new book, *The Three Ordinary Voices of God*. Discover how God speaks to us through our needs, our talents and our desires.

Pick up a book for your household then plan to join us as we host our book club for both morning and evening sessions, January 16, January 23 and February 6. Morning sessions are 9-10:30 AM with childcare provided up to age 5. Evening sessions are 7-8:30 PM. Both sessions are in the Davidson Rooms. Let's listen together! For the link to register, visit **bit.ly/StB-AdultFF** 

#### HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH?

We welcome you back! You might like to check out our Inviting Catholics Home ministry, which provides a friendly atmosphere to ease back into the Church. Contact Janet Walsh at jlwalsh1@gmail.com

#### NOT CATHOLIC, BUT WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

O.C.I.A. (the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a gradual process where adults have the opportunity to explore faith questions and learn the basic traditions, beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. Contact Fr Stinnett: 614-876-1272 or **frstinnett@stbrendans.net** 

### A Giving Tree "Thank You!"

The Christmas Giving Tree Ministry is grateful for your support of our organizations this Christmas Season. It is because of your generosity we were able to provide over 1,000 gifts to our community and St Francis Evangelization Center in McArthur, Ohio. Please pray for the families who have received your gifts. May their hearts encounter Jesus this Christmas Season.



#### THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE COLLECTED:

- Over 500 gifts for St Francis Evangelization Center in McArthur through the Amazon Wishlist and tags.
- 85 pj's for moms /children through Mommies Matter
- 120 gift cards for clients through J.O.I.N.
- 120 gifts to the Hilliard Food Pantry for teens.
- Over 150 coats, hats and gloves for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen to distribute to their visitors.
- 21 families (168 tags) received gifts through SVDP





# Congratulations on the Baptisms of

Millie Alston Ellis Leo Joseph Rengers Rory David Burns Olivia Grace Luginbuhl

### **Incense Schedule**

Incense will be utilized at Masses denoted with the thurible icon on the calendar and listed below.

Sun, Dec 22 10:45 AM Tues, Dec 24 10:00 PM Sun, Dec 29 5:30 PM Tues, Dec 31 5:30 PM Sun, Jan 5 10:45 AM

# **Holiday Schedule**

Parish Office is closed at noon, Dec 24, Dec 25-27 and Jan 1. NO Adoration Dec 23-29 and Dec 31-Jan 1.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DEC 24

\*NOTE: Attending 8 AM Tuesday Daily Mass does NOT fulfill the Christmas Holy Day of Obligation

**4 PM** – Church & Gym\*\* \*\*Main school doors open at 2 PM for Masses in the gym.

6:30 PM – Church & Gym 10 PM – Church (No 6:30 AM Mass)

#### CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, DEC 25

8:45 AM – Church (livestreamed) 10:45 AM – Church (livestreamed) (No 6:30 AM or 5:30 PM Masses)

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE, TUESDAY, DEC 31

6:30 AM – Daily Mass
8 AM – Daily Mass
5:30 PM – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Vigil Mass

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY, WEDNESDAY, JAN 1

Solemnity of Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation) 7 AM, 12 PM & 7 PM Masses (No 6:30 AM or 5:30 PM Masses)

# **Community Calendar**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23	NO Eucharistic Adoration   NO SCH	OOL-Christmas Break
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church/Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24	NO Eucharistic Adoration   Parish O	ffice closes at 12:00 PM
8:00 AM*	Daily Mass (See "Holiday Schedule" note)	Church
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass – Christmas Eve	Church & School Gym
6:30 PM	Vigil Mass – Christmas Eve	Church & School Gym
10:00 PM	Vigil Mass – Christmas Eve	Church 10:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25	Diocesan Collection: Diocesan Charit	ies
8:45 AM	Mass – Christmas Day	Church
10:45 AM	Mass – Christmas Day	Church
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26	NO Eucharistic Adoration   Parish O	ffice is Closed
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27	NO Eucharistic Adoration   Parish O	ffice is Closed
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28	NO Eucharistic Adoration   St Vincen	t de Paul Special Collection
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass: Feast of the Holy Family	Church
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29	Feast of the Holy Family   St Vincen	t de Paul Special Collection
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church 5:30 PM
	NO Children's Liturgy of the Word	
	NO POD Nursery	
5:00 PM	High School OCIA	The Carter Center

# Esto Vir (Be a Man) January Events

A strong example of your faith makes a powerful statement to all those around you. Join St Brendan's vibrant Esto Vir ministry this winter & spring to sharpen your faith! Find our full winter/spring schedule at https://stbrendans.net/ministries/mens-ministries/ Questions? Contact Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net



#### **TUESDAY MORNING STUDY – BEGINNING JANUARY 7**

Journey together at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Room with St Francis de Sales through his *Introduction to the Devout Life* followed (later in the spring) by *Social Ethics: The Antidote to Ideology*.

#### **SATURDAY MORNING ESTO VIR – BEGINNING JANUARY 11**

Gather at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Room to experience *The Chosen* (season 3) and to break bread, build community, bolster your faith and to pray together.

#### PIZZA, PIES AND GUYS! - JANUARY 25

Join Esto Vir, the Knights of Columbus and the Men's Club at 6:30 PM to take in a football or basketball game on the big screens in the Davidson rooms!

# **Seniors NOW January Events**

JANUARY 3, 8 AM – Mass followed by Breakfast at the Tuttle Crossing Bob Evans.

**JANUARY 13, 12 PM** – Luncheon at Olive Garden (5450 Renner Rd). RSVP by Friday, Jan 10 at 12 PM, to Larry: Larryhanchin@yahoo.com or 614-264-5925



To the families of Rick Bond and Dr. John Stephens

# **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 Bertha Torok **Bob Geiger** Tiffanie Geiger Maria Karas Samuel Soporito Frank Perrotta

Marilyn Wiggins Ira Katz Anthony Griglik **Chris Carrino** Monica Meyer Ora Johnson Kenny Shook **Beverly Moran** Crystal Billman Chet Porembski Wayne Rose Laura Bromagen Ron Stanko Christi Groetz Eberhardt Francis Drlik Marianne Kritzer

#### **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. www.stbrendans.net/ich

# **Staff Directory**

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**Deceased Members of the Richley/Keiffer Families Mary Yurik Carmen Ramos** Ed Birko Al Bredolo Pat Peterson **Lilah Sarafin Robert Eskay** Deceased members of the Eskay Family **Deceased members of the Walsh Family** Edwin F. Sese **Remedios & Eugenio Sese Milagros & Orlando Romero** Drs. Marianito & Jovelina Montero Al & Nina Strickler **Our Dad, Jim Biggins Our Mom, June Biggins Our Pappa, Jim Biggins** 

Our Gramma, June Biggins Diosdado M. Lawig Deceased members of the Petrella Family Deceased members of the Crawford Family Aubrey Bell

Maxine Warner My grandparents-Steve & Theresa Josapak Peter Volpe Dolores & John G. D'Amico **Florence & Chester Scheel** Antonio & Irma Morlani Lillian & Jesse Trombetti Joseph D'Amico; Jean Bower **Steve Ireland Robert & Catherine Eckstein** Donald Eckstein Michael Sullivan Susan Sullivan **Ron Schnurr Connie Schnurr Eileen Starek Conrad Starek Reynaldo Guerzo Ricardo & Susana Ducay Casey Wilson** Mike & Sue Elliott **Special Intention for the Strickler Family** Special Intention for the Montero Family **Special Intention for the Romero Family** Special Intention for the Sese Family **Special Intention for the Tierney Family** Special Intention for the Wolford Family



# Support Our School Families

There is no method more effective to support Catholic families than a gift to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund. Even if you don't think of you or your family being in a place to be a "donor" to any initiative right now. Emmaus Road is unique. Those who contribute will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their Ohio income tax! You will be credited your entire gift amount at tax time and a school family will receive the gift next fall. You're doubling your money for Catholic families! The limit for the matching credit is \$750 for individuals and \$1,500 for couples filing jointly. Learn more, confirm eligibility, and make your gift at emmausroadscholarship.org or visit the Welcome Desk for a remittance envelope. Be sure to select "St. Brendan School" as the grantor of the scholarship. \*This is not tax advice. Please speak with a tax advisor to confirm eligibility.

# Blood Drive - January 10

St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, Jan 10, 12-6 PM in Davidson Room A. Please give the gift of life by scheduling an appointment by accessing the website at **www.redcrossblood.org**, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Questions? Contact Jeff Lehr at **Audhil1@yahoo.com** or call 614-315-7466

# **KofC Free Throw Contest**

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14! Join us Friday, Jan 10, 6:30 PM in the school gym (parent/guardian must sign a form at the event to participate.) Winners advance to Regionals and then to the State Competition, which is held locally. Questions? Call Martin at 614-530-1257.

### **Year-End Giving Statements**

We will prepare annual Giving Statements in mid-January. To ensure your donations appear on this year's statements, we ask that you make sure your contributions are received in the parish office by the end of the 2024 calendar year. Questions? Contact us at **accounting@stbrendans.net** The Parish Office Staff would like to thank you for your continued financial support. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

# St Brendan Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis



# **Family Faith Formation**

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

Our next middle school small group is January 5 at 6:45 PM.

#### **CONTINUED GROWTH**

The next Family Session is Sunday, February 23, 9:45-11:15 AM in the gym.

#### **SEEK & ROOT**

Our next Family Session is Monday, January 13, 6:30 PM.

#### **SACRAMENT PREPARATION**

Our next First Eucharist Family Session is on Sunday, January 12 from 9:45-11:15 AM. Our next Confirmation Family Session is Sunday, January 12 from 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). Visit **www.damascus.net/cysc-2/main-campus** to register. To receive the discount, use code **BRENHILL25** 

### **VINE December Events**

**December 22:** Winter Mission Trip (Note: No VINE on December 29.) For info, follow us on Instagram @stbvine or kday@stbrendans.net

# 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 Update**

We are happy to announce that we have a new coordinator for our POD Nursery but are not ready to reopen it on Sunday mornings or during Faith Formation just yet. Relaunch details are coming soon! If you would like to be added to our POD Nursery volunteer roster, contact Jacob Doran at **jdoran@stbrendans.net** 

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

**GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | pray, study, engage, serve Ask a child, "Where is God?" and you'll likely receive a variety of responses: "in heaven," "in church," "everywhere" and "in my heart" are all conceivable answers from a child's lips. But the one we most easily write off as silly or sentimental is one that the saints would urge us to revisit more seriously: God is indeed "in my heart" - that is, he is present in our souls! This is true not only when we receive him in Holy Communion, and not only because he is "everywhere," but because we possess sanctifying grace. Grace is divine life - God's life - and if we are "in a state of grace" (that is, we have brought any mortal sins to confession), we have this life within us! Our model for becoming aware of this wonderful gift is our Blessed Mother, whose example in today's Gospel teaches us to love, reverence, and obey God within us. Setting out "in haste" to serve her aged cousin, Mary carried God in her womb. We can imagine the love and joy with which she carried him. At every moment, God is present in us, too (not physically, but by grace) and we should strive to recognize and love him who has made our hearts his dwelling place.

#### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The events of today's Gospel suggest that Jesus' presence in Mary is not *for* Mary alone. Prompted by love, she made the arduous journey to visit Elizabeth - itself an act of charity. But Mary brought more than her services and support to Elizabeth during a potentially difficult pregnancy; she brought God himself! Mary was so conscious of God within her that even her words, flowing from a heart burning with his love, carried a special power; at Mary's greeting, Elizabeth was "filled with the Holy Spirit" and John the Baptist "leaped for joy." As we become increasingly aware of God dwelling in our souls, we, too, become "Christ-bearers" to others. By being lovingly attentive to our Divine Guest, our words and actions become means by which he can act on the hearts of those we encounter each day.

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#### **ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP, FEB 6-8**

Fr Marek Visnovsky's iconography workshop at St John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church (5858 Cleveland Ave) is Feb 6, 5-9 PM, Feb 7, 9 AM-9 PM & Feb 8, 9 AM-9 PM. We will paint the icon of the SORROWFUL MOTHER. The cost is \$400 and includes boards, paints, brushes and 24 karat gold leaf (food & accommodation not included). Beginners & advanced artists are welcome. Register by Wednesday, Jan 15. For details, email marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com

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The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club (CMLC) is accepting nominations for the Columbus Diocese 2025 Catholic Man of the Year. The winner will receive the award at Columbus St Patrick Church (280 N. Grant Ave) on March 7, during the CMLC luncheon (after 11:45 AM Mass.) Nominations will be accepted through January 15. For details, visit https://www. catholicmensministry.com/catholicmanoftheyear

#### **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

#### **ST CHARLES WRESTLING PROGRAM**

The 2025 Cardinal Novice Wrestling Club at St Charles Preparatory School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:15-7:30 PM, runs from January 7-February 27. Open to boys and girls in grades K-8. Cost is \$120 for 16 sessions. To register or for details, please contact Vince DiSabato at wrestlingcoach@scprep.org

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