



# Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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## *The Solemnity of* **MARY** *Mother of God* *~January 1*

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE:**

*(A Holy Day of Obligation)*

**NEW YEAR'S EVE,  
TUESDAY, DEC 31  
5:30 PM Vigil Mass**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY,  
WEDNESDAY, JAN 1  
7 AM, 12 PM & 7 PM**

*Parish Office is closed Jan 1.  
NO Adoration Dec 28/29  
or Dec 31-Jan 1.*



**St Vincent de Paul  
5th Sunday Collection  
is this weekend** (Details on pg 6)

### **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.*

**Saint  
Brendan**  
THE NAVIGATOR

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## Mass Intentions / Feast Days

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sixth Day of the Octave of Christmas  
6:30 AM Intention of Maura Renouf  
5:30 PM Intention of Ben & Lori Brandel

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Seventh Day of the Octave of Christmas  
6:30 AM Intention of Maura Renouf  
8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory †  
5:30 PM Bill Sauer †

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
7:00 AM People of St. Brendan Parish  
12:00 PM For Firefighters & First Responders  
7:00 PM Mary Lou Kreber †

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Memorial of Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen  
6:30 AM Mary Lou Kreber †  
8:00 AM Intention of Tim & Stephanie Temelkoff

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus  
6:30 AM Wilson & Joyce Hopewell †  
8:00 AM Intention of Jeff, Michelle & Gabriel Phillips

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Memorial of St Elizabeth Ann Seton  
8:00 AM Molly Ann Dorgan †  
5:30 PM Frank & Aggie Taylor †

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Epiphany of the Lord  
7:15 AM People of St Brendan Parish  
8:45 AM Intention of the Eugenio Family  
10:45 AM Dick Duerr †  
5:30 PM Moiro Shiels †

† indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

## 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](http://stbrendans.net/welcome)  
Questions? Call 614.876.1272, or email [parish@stbrendans.net](mailto:parish@stbrendans.net)

### Marriage

Fill out a Marriage Request Form at [stbrendans.net/marriage](http://stbrendans.net/marriage) at least six months prior to your wedding. Marriage prep is required. Questions? Contact Valerie Scheel, [weddingplanner@stbrendans.net](mailto:weddingplanner@stbrendans.net)

### Baptisms

Celebrated at 12 PM on most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at [stbrendans.net/baptism](http://stbrendans.net/baptism)

### Baptism Preparation Classes

1st Sunday most months, 12 PM (2 classes required). Questions? Email [baptism@stbrendans.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://stbrendans.net/marketing)  
Email [marketing@stbrendans.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com) and create your ParishStaQ account.

### Liturgical Ministry Portal

Ministry Scheduler Pro at: [www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans)  
For scheduling questions, email [ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net](mailto:ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net)

### Facebook

(Parish) [StBrendanofHilliard](https://www.facebook.com/StBrendanofHilliard)

### Instagram

(Parish) [@stbrendanhilliard](https://www.instagram.com/stbrendanhilliard)  
(School) [@saintbrendanschool](https://www.instagram.com/saintbrendanschool)  
(The Vine) [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine)  
(The Roots) [@stb\\_theroots](https://www.instagram.com/stb_theroots)  
(Young Adults) [@stbya](https://www.instagram.com/stbya)

### Livestreamed Mass

YouTube – [SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard](https://www.youtube.com/SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard)  
Facebook – [facebook.com/StBrendanHilliardyoutubecom/c/](https://www.facebook.com/StBrendanHilliardyoutubecom/c/)  
Sunday: 10:45 AM  
Mon & Wed: 5:30 PM  
Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8 AM

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Regular Adoration Schedule:

**MON** 6 PM – 10 PM

**TUES** 9 AM – 10 PM

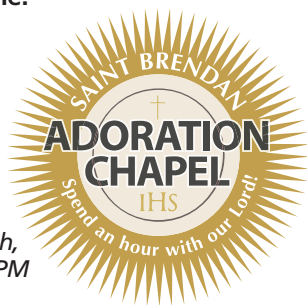
**WED** 7 AM – 5 PM  
*Holy Hour: 6-7 PM, with Confessions*

**THU** 9 AM – 10 PM

**FRI** 9 AM – 10 PM  
*1st Friday each month, 9 AM through Sat, 1 PM*

**SAT** 9 AM – 1 PM

Sign up at: <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>



## 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!



# A Message from Fr Weldit

Dear St Brendan Family,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas! I was blessed to celebrate with all of you, and in just a week, I will prepare to celebrate again with my community that follows the Eastern calendar.

Last week, we had the privilege of hosting a special guest from my home country of Eritrea, Bishop Fikremariam Hagos. His visit was a great blessing to our community. I had the opportunity to spend time with him, as did Bishop Fernandes, and I was deeply moved by the humility of both. During Advent, this humility—especially as we reflect on the humility of the Son of God—became a profound lesson for me.

Throughout Bishop Fikremariam's weeklong stay at the Chancery, he was greatly impressed by the warmth and care shown by Bishop Fernandes and all the Chancery staff. At the end of his stay, as Bishop Fikremariam bid farewell to Bishop Fernandes, I witnessed something truly special. Bishop Fernandes, with deep humility, asked Bishop Fikremariam to pray for him. It was such a profound moment as he bowed down for the prayer... it seemed as though his forehead might touch the ground! This simple act left a lasting impression on me, showing the power of true humility.

In this Christmas season, we are reminded that Jesus' birth itself is a powerful lesson in humility. Born into a humble family in Nazareth, placed in a manger because there was no room at the inn, Jesus left His heavenly kingdom to live amongst sinners. Despite being the King of Kings, He chose not to rule on Earth but to serve others. He humbled Himself by becoming a servant, teaching His disciples to follow His example and avoid seeking titles or positions of power. His birth, in fact, was a rebuke to the pride of the Israelite nation, who expected the Messiah to come as a mighty king.

In this season, I have been reminded of the humility that Jesus demonstrated from His birth to His death. His life continues to be a constant example of what true humility looks like.

Today, if there is anything that this Christmas season teaches us, it is to build each other up in humility. As Jesus dwelt amongst us in His servitude, He continues to dwell in our midst as the 'Immanuel' —God with us.

***Wishing you all peace and blessings during this joyful season!***

~ Father Weldit



## **DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH PRAYER? TAKE ADVICE FROM THE SAINTS! (Part One) - Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes**

***In the New Year, the hope is also to resolve to refine our prayer habits! This series will help us with some of the common struggles we may have in prayer.***

There are many definitions of prayer, but they all point to one thing: love. Prayer is a relationship that tends towards an even closer union with the loved one. In his Catechism on Prayer, Saint John Vianney used a striking image to describe the union that prayer brings about: "Prayer is nothing else but a union with God.... In this intimate union, God and the soul are fused together like two bits of wax that no one can ever pull apart."

While there isn't a secret technique for praying better, there is a wisdom that the saints knew well: pray as you are able, trust in the unconditional love of God, and take the next best step to deepen your relationship with God.

If you're struggling with prayer right now, be gentle with yourself. Turn to the counsel of five saints to get your prayer back on track.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873–1897), the Carmelite nun known as The Little Flower and who is also a Doctor of the Church, struggled with staying awake while she prayed. For seven years she said she slept during her hours of prayer and her thanksgivings after Communion. The key to unlocking her spirituality, and the wisdom we can learn from her about praying, is this: We are little children before God who loves us immensely. Therefore, we can trust him to keep on loving us even when we struggle and fall. Thérèse wrote in her autobiography *The Story of a Soul*, "I remember that little children are as pleasing to their parents when they are asleep as well as when they are wide awake; I remember, too, that when they perform operations, doctors put their patients to sleep. Finally, I remember that: 'The Lord knows our weakness, that he is mindful that we are but dust and ashes.'"



## Congratulations on the Baptisms of

Snow Guinevere Brandt  
 Hollis Marie Trout  
 Frederick James Trout  
 Freida Louis D'Andrea  
 Gloria Ruth D'Andrea  
 Liza Grace D'Andrea

## New Year's Eve/Day Schedule

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 NO Adoration Dec 28/29  
 or Dec 31-Jan 1.*

### 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)*

## Any Changes in Your Life?

Have you moved, switched your landline to a cell phone as your primary phone, baptized your baby somewhere other than St Brendan or were married? Please take a moment to update your personal information in ParishStaq or email Dina Harder at [dharter@stbrendans.net](mailto:dharter@stbrendans.net)



## Incense Schedule

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

**Sun, Dec 29 5:30 PM**  
**Tues, Dec 31 5:30 PM**  
**Sun, Jan 5 10:45 AM**  
**Sun, Jan 12 5:30 PM**  
**Sun, Jan 19 10:45 AM**  
**Sun, Jan 26 5:30 PM**



# Community Calendar

<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 30</b>	<b>No School – Christmas/New Years Break (12/30–1/3)</b>	
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>New Year's Eve – No Adoration</b>	
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Church 
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1</b>	<b>New Year's Day – Parish Office is Closed / No Adoration</b>	
7:00 AM	Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Church
12:00 PM	Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Church
7:00 PM	Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Church
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 2</b>		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making for the Homeless	Wellnitz, Rm 1
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 3</b>		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	Bob Evans (@Tuttle)
9:00 AM-12:00 AM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	1st Friday Prayer	Adoration Chapel
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club	Carter Center
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 4</b>		
12:00 Midnight (1/4)-1:00 PM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Monthly Meeting	Carter Center
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 5</b>	<b>No POD Nursery</b> 	
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee and Donuts	Davidson, Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
12:00 PM	Baptism Preparation Class	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2
6:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	VINE	School Gym
6:45 PM	ASPEN Small Group	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2
6:45 PM	Middle School Small Groups	Multiple Locations
7:00 PM	Scouts Akela Parent/Leaders Meeting	Carter Center



## 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](http://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	Marilyn Wiggins
Dick Crumley	Ira Katz
Dan DiCesare	Anthony Griglik
Mary Eskay	Chris Carrino
Joe Martin	Monica Meyer
Tom Speroni	Ora Johnson
Pamela Theado	Kenny Shook
Ray Bailey	Beverly Moran
Karen McLaughlin	Crystal Billman
Mary Morrison	Chet Porembski
Bertha Torok	Wayne Rose
Bob Geiger	Laura Bromagen
Tiffanie Geiger	Ron Stanko
Maria Karas	Christi Groetz Eberhardt
Samuel Soporito	Francis Drlik
Frank Perrotta	Marianne Kritzer

### ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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

... 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 Catholic Home, visit [www.stbrendans.net/ich](http://www.stbrendans.net/ich)

## Staff Directory

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**American  
Red Cross**  
BLOOD DRIVE

## Blood Drive - Jan 10

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, Jan 10, 12-6 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Please give the gift of life by scheduling an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Questions? Contact Jeff Lehr at [Audhil1@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



## NEW! In-Person Prayer Teams at St Brendan



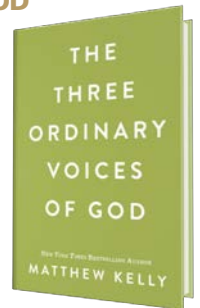
*John 15:5 "I am the Vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."*

St Brendan Prayer Teams look forward to praying in person with you and lifting your intentions up to Jesus with faith, hope and love. A team of two trained prayer team members is available to pray with you, privately and confidentially, in the gathering area on Sunday, January 12, immediately following the 8:45 AM Mass. Please join us to intercede for you and ask Jesus to answer our prayers.

## StB Book Club Begins Jan 16

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

Our gift to you this Christmas Season 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 held in the Davidson Rooms. Find the link to register at [bit.ly/StB-AdultFF](https://bit.ly/StB-AdultFF)



## Esto Vir (Be a Man) January Events

Join St Brendan's vibrant Esto Vir ministry this winter and spring to sharpen your faith! Find our full schedule by picking up a postcard in the church gathering area or at <https://stbrendans.net/ministries/mens-ministries/> Questions? Contact Grant Rice at [ricekris8813@att.net](mailto:ricekris8813@att.net)



### TUESDAY MORNING STUDY - BEGINS JAN 7, 6:30 AM

Journey together in the Davidson Room with other men as we unpack St Francis de Sales *Introduction to the Devout Life*.

### SATURDAY MORNING ESTO VIR - BEGINS JAN 11, 6:30 AM

Gather 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! - JAN 25, 6:30 PM

Join Esto Vir, the Knights of Columbus and the Men's Club to take in a football or basketball game on the big screens in the Davidson Rooms!

## Catholic Conferences Discount Ends Dec 31

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** - Join other women of faith on Feb 15 from 8 AM-5 PM. Our Director of Discipleship, Jen Rice will emcee the event again in 2025. Let's pack the venue and prepare for some incredible speakers like Father John Riccardo! Save \$5 if you register by Dec 31. Register and find more information at [www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com)

**MEN'S CONFERENCE** - The Catholic Men's Conference returns on Feb 22, 2025. The Early Bird discount is available until Dec 31, so register soon or find more details at [www.catholicmensministry.com/2025conference](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/2025conference)



## Subs, Sweets & Sisters - Jan 17

Join other Sisters in Christ in the Davidson Rooms on Jan 17 at 6:30 PM to get inspired with a faith-filled message as we watch the movie, *Overcomer*. Enjoy sweet snacks, sandwiches and beverages together and invite a friend! RSVP via the QR code above or at <https://stbrendans.net/ministries/womens-ministries/> Questions? Contact Anna at [achalbisen@yahoo.com](mailto:achalbisen@yahoo.com)



## Support Our School Families

There is no method more effective to support Catholic families than a gift to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund. **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](http://emmausroadscholarship.org) or visit the Welcome Desk for a remittance envelope. (Select "St. Brendan School" as the grantor). To better understand how the fund works, watch a quick 3-minute video by visiting [www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlaMXhIQ2R8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlaMXhIQ2R8)

*\*Speak with a tax advisor to confirm eligibility.*

## Counseling is Available

Ricky Shoop, CT, of **Lumin Therapy** is on-site on Fridays, 12-5 PM or is 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 initial consultation, contact Ricky at 614-212-4593 or email [ricky@lumin-therapy.com](mailto:ricky@lumin-therapy.com). Referrals for individual support is also available. Contact Jen Rice at [jrice@stbrendans.net](mailto:jrice@stbrendans.net)

## Monthly Grief Support at St Brendan

Our Ministry of Consolation continues to support and pray for you during and after the funeral is over. Join our Grief Support Group at:

**GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH** 3rd Thursdays monthly, 1 PM

Next one is January 16 at La Chatelaine in Dublin (65 W. Bridge St.)

**GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP** 4th Sundays monthly, 7 PM

held in the Carter Center. The next workshop is on January 26.

Questions? Contact Dennis at [edmuch@me.com](mailto:edmuch@me.com) or 614-946-8099.

## Seniors **NOW** NAVIGATING OUR WAY January Events

**JAN 3, 8 AM** – Mass & then breakfast at Bob Evans (Tuttle Crossing).

**JAN 13, 12 PM** – Luncheon at Olive Garden (5450 Renner Road).

RSVP by Friday, Jan 10, 12 PM to Larry at [Larryhanchin@yahoo.com](mailto:Larryhanchin@yahoo.com)



## View our 2024 Parish Impact Report Online

If you missed our 2024 Spiritual & Financial Impact Report in the 12/15 bulletin, you can view it on our parish website Giving page at <https://stbrendans.net/giving/stewardship/>

## St Vincent de Paul Special Collection is this Weekend

The St Brendan conference of St Vincent de Paul has been helping the less fortunate in Hilliard for decades. Your generosity helps us share financial and spiritual support with local families in distress. The gratitude from these families is real. Through giving actions like these, you really see the Spirit of God at work in their lives and in the lives of the volunteers. We would greatly appreciate your donations after Masses this weekend OR scan the QR code. Gifts may be mailed to the parish office, attn: St Vincent de Paul 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026



## A Note of Gratitude

From Fr Dooley, Fr Weldit and Fr Stinnett – We would like to thank all of you for your many cards, gifts and well-wishes for Christmas. This is a wonderful outpouring of love that we do not take for granted. Please know that it is a joy for us to be your priests at St Brendan and to lead you to Jesus Christ!

You and your families remain in our prayers as we continue to celebrate the Christmas season. May the light of our Newborn King shine on you and through you as we begin the new year!



## From Our Principal's Desk

Dear St Brendan Community,

This Christmas season has been one of the most special I could remember in recent years! Leading up to our Christmas Break here at St. Brendan, I was blessed to spend time with our 540 students, our dedicated faculty and staff, and many of the parents who support our mission. The spirit of Christmas shone through everyone. From the volunteers who helped at the Secret Santa Shop, to the House service projects –most notably our House Penny Wars– to the random acts of kindness I saw every day, I was proud and continue to be proud of what we do and what we represent. The generosity here at St. Brendan is off the charts and never ceases to amaze me. Our students also had the opportunity to take part in Advent Penance. Having this experience is just another example of how we make sure Jesus Christ is always at the forefront of what we do.

I pray everyone had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to ringing in the New Year. The New Year, to me, always represents a fresh start and a new beginning...kind of like the birth of our Lord! My prayer for our school and parish is that blessings are provided for this fresh start and new beginning. I pray for protection over our children and the body armor of God to envelop our community. My expectation is that the second half of our school year will be equally as good as the first half--if not better...all under the care of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year!

Mike DeMassimo  
St Brendan School Principal



## 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/cy-sc-2/main-campus](http://www.damascus.net/cy-sc-2/main-campus) to register. To receive the discount, use code **BREHILL25**

### VINE December Events

No VINE on December 29. For updates, follow us on Instagram @stbvine or email Kara Day at [kday@stbrendans.net](mailto: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](mailto:childrensliturgy@stbrendans.net), Maggie at [magra@stbrendans.net](mailto:magra@stbrendans.net) or Jacob at [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/preschoolreg2025) Questions? Contact Andrea at [aboyd@cdeducation.org](mailto: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](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net)

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# Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Col 3:12-21 | Lk 2:41-52

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

Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

These are the attributes Paul instructs the Colossians in today's reading to "put on" or to "clothe" themselves with.

It's quite a list, isn't it? Paul goes on to talk about the virtues of the Christian family, which is fitting for today's Feast of the Holy Family. It is reasonable to expect, then, that the Gospel passage would follow through by expounding on the virtues of *the perfect family*: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Instead, in Luke's Gospel, we have the only story in all of Scripture of Jesus' childhood. The only one that shows the specific interactions of them as a family – it tells the story of Jesus at age 12 who stays in Jerusalem without Mary and Joseph knowing and who are unable to find him for days. Prayerfully reflecting on this unique glimpse of the Holy Family working through misunderstandings, fear, and hurt helps us relate even more to the true humanness of Jesus and the Holy Family.

## **GO** EVANGELIZE

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

In the Holy Family, we see a model of relationship in human form. We are part of a holy family as well: we are children of God. And like Mary and Joseph, our family is enriched and strengthened when we are attentive to the presence of Jesus in our lives. Luke writes: "[Mary] kept all these things in her heart." Like Mary, let us strive to hold Jesus' words and commandments in our hearts so we can focus on God's divine plan for our lives. In the next line of Paul's letter offering us the "tools" for loving relationships (compassion ... patience) he adds, "bearing with one another and forgiving one another." In other words: love. We must put Jesus, who is love, at the center of our relationships and do everything in his name. Then our family, and our lives, will be holy indeed.

## Year-End Giving Statements

We will prepare annual Giving Statements in mid-January. To ensure your donations appear on this year's statement, 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](mailto:accounting@stbrendans.net) The Parish Office Staff would like to thank you for your continued financial support!

## Around Our Diocese

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you and your spouse all the tools for a better, stronger, more loving marriage. Join us Feb 7-9 to get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones to focus only on each other! Location is at the Procter Camp and Conference Center in London, Ohio. Other weekend dates are available on our website. RSVP at [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org) or call Don or Kim Downs at 614-893-1935. Early registration is recommended.

### 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](mailto:marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com)

### CMLC 2025 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR

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>

### RACHEL MUHA, ON EWTN TV

You don't want to miss this! Rachel Muha, a local Catholic leader who helps children in need through the *Run the Race Club* in Columbus, will share her story of forgiveness and charity on EWTN TV's Living Right with Dr Ray on Tuesday, Jan 28, 9:30 AM, Thursday, Jan 30, at 5 AM, and on Saturday, Feb 1 at 10 PM. If you don't have EWTN TV through your cable provider, you can stream it on your computer and most Smart TVs.

### MILLIONS OF MONICAS

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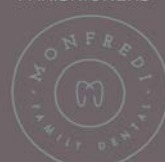


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