

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
*of the BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY*  
**Monday,  
December 9**

**Mass times**  
7AM, 12PM, 7PM

**12  
08  
24**

**Second  
Sunday of  
Advent**

*“Prepare the  
way of the Lord,  
make straight  
his paths.”*

~ From Lk 3:1-6

**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.*

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**Brendan**  
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**12|10 PARISH  
PENANCE  
SERVICE**

**Tuesday, 7-9 PM**



## Mass Intentions / Feast Days

### Monday, December 9

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception,  
Patroness of the United States  
7:00 AM Priests of St Brendan  
12:00 PM Irma Krimm †  
7:00 PM People of St Brendan Parish

### Tuesday, December 10

Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto  
6:30 AM Elderly of St Brendan  
8:00 AM Peter Volpe †

### Wednesday, December 11

Optional Memorial of St Damasus I  
6:30 AM For Elected Officials  
5:30 PM For Young Parents

### Thursday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
6:30 AM Protection of the Unborn  
8:00 AM All Priests and Religious

### Friday, December 13

Memorial of St Lucy  
6:30 AM Souls in Purgatory †  
8:00 AM Sick of St Brendan

### Saturday, December 14

Memorial of St John of the Cross  
8:00 AM Philip Martin †  
5:30 PM Kathie Boyuk †

### Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent "Gaudete"  
7:15 AM People of St Brendan Parish  
8:45 AM Scott Walton †  
10:45 AM Intention of David & Lucienne Jawo  
5:30 PM Rita Gossard †

† 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

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### 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\\_theeroots](https://www.instagram.com/stb_theeroots)  
(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

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

MON 6 PM – 10 PM

TUES 9 AM – 10 PM

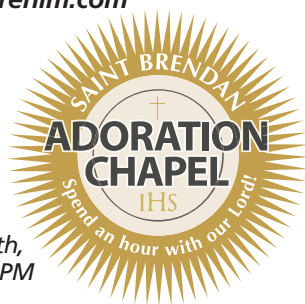
WED 7 AM – 5 PM  
Holy Hour: 6-7 PM,  
with Confessions

THU 9 AM – 10 PM

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

SAT 9 AM – 1 PM

SUN 6:30 PM – 10 PM (during Advent)



### SUNDAY ADORATION DURING ADVENT

Please join us on Sunday evenings during Advent for special Adoration hours after the 5:30 PM 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!





# A Message from Jennifer Rice

*Wait for the Lord, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the Lord.*

~Psalm 27:14

Waiting. How much time do we spend waiting in our lifetime? I have seen statistics of 37 hours spent waiting in line to waiting a total of six months per lifetime. Think about our daily waits in traffic, for appointments, food orders and more. Add to this the bigger things for which we wait: to know where you are going to college, to find our spouse, to have a child, to receive a diagnosis, to say good-bye to a loved one. The anticipatory anxiety that mounts during these periods of waiting can be overwhelming to our spirits. But there is another way.

In the Season of Advent, we are waiting on the Lord to arrive into our world again. We are encouraged to spend this time in quiet – difficult to achieve with the noise of the secular season, but also in our own heads which are prone to not doing well with waiting. Our minds fill with thoughts of to-do lists and worries, even when we are trying to be still and open. How do we wait for the Lord well?

In Psalm 27, there are clear instructions for us in waiting. *"Dwell in the house of the Lord, gaze upon the Lord's beauty, be concealed in His shelter, shout with joy and praise, sing, seek His face, ask the Lord to show us the way and lead us on a level path..."* He asks us to draw close to Him through spending time with His heart in prayer. Prayer is not just a platitude when we are struggling with waiting or quieting our minds from worry. Prayer is an action, a relationship builder, an intentional reaching for the One who has been faithful to us always and will do so again. Prayer can be in praise and thanksgiving, in admiration of His creation, in petition and intercession, in asking for guidance on the right path. When we are taking action in prayer, we are using the time of waiting well and the anxiety cannot help but diminish.

By this Second Sunday of Advent, I know many of you are trying to do one or more of the daily reflection programs or books out there, not always getting to check it off, not always focused on the words you are hearing. Me, too – I just want to soak it all up. But here is a challenge for me and for you – what if, as our priority this Advent, we just prayed a little more. We set aside extra minutes to pray in the morning, noon or night. To come and sit in the quiet of the church or chapel, to gaze upon Jesus and just listen. What if we waited on Him by waiting with Him? Imagine Jesus next to you as you wait. Imagine the courage and strength that comes by simply being with Him. Breathe in the peace of this season that only comes from Jesus and let it fill you. While we wait for 16 days to pass until Christmas, we can wait with intention and peace.



## EUCHARIST: BODY OF CHRIST BROKEN FOR THE WORLD, PART FOUR

The USCCB on the Eucharist as a social mission prompts us to look up the writings mentioned for even further study. This is the final part of the article:

**The Eucharist challenges us to recognize and confront structures of sin.** The Risen Christ in the Eucharist acts as "a compelling force for inner renewal, an inspiration to change the structures of sin in which individuals, communities and at times entire peoples are entangled" (St John Paul II, *Dies Domini* [On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy], no. 73). These structures include racism, violence, injustice, poverty, exploitation, and all other systemic degradation of human life or dignity. As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, our "fraternal communion" in the Eucharist leads to "a determination to transform unjust structures and to restore respect for the dignity of all men and women, created in God's image and likeness" (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* [Sacrament of Charity], no. 89).

**The Eucharist prepares us for mission.** In the face of the sin and injustice we see present in our communities and in our world, the Eucharist "plants a seed of living hope in our daily commitment to the work before us," challenging us to live "Eucharistic" lives. It affirms our role as citizens and as men and women in various professions at different levels of society in "contributing with the light of the Gospel to the building of a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, no. 20).

**The Eucharist propels us forth to transform the world.** The Eucharist "increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today." Christ in the Eucharist calls us to build "a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, no. 20). Filled with awe for all we have received in Christ's self-gift, we respond with service and works of charity. We act to transform unjust structures, policies, and laws that degrade human life and dignity.



## 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 Jessica God's blessing as they unite as husband and wife!

## Holiday Schedule

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

### CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DEC 24

**4 PM** – Church & Gym

**6:30 PM** – Church & Gym

**10 PM** – Church

*(No 6:30 AM or 8 AM Masses)*

### 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)*

## Incense Schedule

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

**Sunday, Dec 8 10:45 AM**

**Monday, Dec 9 7:00 PM**

**Sunday, Dec 15 5:30 PM**

**Sunday, Dec 22 10:45 AM**

**Tuesday, Dec 24 10:00 PM**

**Sunday, Dec 29 5:30 PM**

**Tuesday, Dec 31 5:30 PM**

# Community Calendar

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 PM



7:00 AM	Mass: Immaculate Conception	Church
12:00 PM	Mass: Immaculate Conception	Church
1:00 PM	Seniors' NOW Christmas Potluck	Davidson Rooms A & B
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration <i>NO Seek &amp; Root Family Session</i>	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Mass: Immaculate Conception	Church

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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	Advent Parish Penance Service	Church
7:00 PM	OCIA Session	Chase McCurdy Learning Cntr

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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 Group	Off-Site
7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Small Group	Wellnitz Hall Room 1
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Confession	Confessional

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Faith Sharing	Davidson Rooms A & B
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	Davidson Room B
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:30 PM



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 <i>NO POD Nursery</i>	Adoration Chapel
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee and Donuts	Davidson Rooms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Sunday Adoration during Advent	Adoration Chapel
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

## Our Sympathy...

To the family of Frank Covucci

## 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	Doris Kopac
John Scheel	Don Azelvandre
Bertha Torok	Butch Giffin
Rick Bond	Chet Porembski
Bob Geiger	Wayne Rose
Tiffanie Geiger	Laura Bromagen
Maria Karas	Ron Stanko
Samuel Soporito	Christi Groetz Eberhardt

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

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# This Week...



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Dec 9

Monday, Dec 9 we celebrate an essential part of God's plan for the mother of His Son – that she be conceived free from Original Sin. This celebration is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be held at 7 AM, 12 PM and 7 PM.



## Giving Tree Items Are Due

Please return all your purchased items to the trees by this Sunday, Dec 8 (we will be delivering them at noon). Thank you! Questions? Contact Rhonda at 614-313-2066



Seniors **NOW**   
NAVIGATING OUR WAY

## Christmas Potluck, Dec 9

The Seniors NOW Christmas Potluck is this Monday, Dec 9, 1 PM in Davidson Rooms A & B. Entrée is provided. A-O, bring side dish and P-Z, bring dessert. RSVP Larry at 614-264-6925 or [larryhanchin@yahoo.com](mailto:larryhanchin@yahoo.com)



## Penance Service, Dec 10

Tuesday, December 10 at 7-9 PM, please join us in the church for our Advent Parish Penance Service. Confession is available.



## Request Poinsettias for the Altar by Dec 11

Poinsettias for the Altar are \$10 each and can be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. To make a request, fill out and pay through our online form at <https://bit.ly/AltarPoinsettias> or via the QR code. Requests and payments are due by Dec 11. For help, contact the parish office.



## Anchored in Adoration, Wednesday, Dec 11

Join us for elevating music, parishioner testimony of faith and our prayer team ready to pray with you in the church this coming Wednesday, Dec 11 at 6 PM. Confession is available.

## Grief Support at St Brendan

Our Ministry of Consolation continues to support and pray for you during and well after the funeral is over.

**GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH** 3rd Thursdays monthly, 1 PM Luncheon at La Chatelaine in Dublin (65 W Bridge St)

**GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP** 4th Sundays monthly, 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall. (No meeting in December)

Questions? Contact Dennis at [edmuch@me.com](mailto:edmuch@me.com) or call 614-946-8099. Referrals for individual support are also available. Contact Jennifer Rice at [jrice@stbrendans.net](mailto:jrice@stbrendans.net)

## Adoration Chapel Reminders

Sign up and check in! Our team or parish staff need to run in to cover an hour if the schedule shows no one has signed up ahead or checked in. But, when we arrive, there are usually several people in the chapel who did not check in. We know so many are visiting Him, and we would like to add more hours, so please help us...

1. **Schedule for an hour.** Even if you know at 11 AM you are going to drop by at noon, please schedule it!
2. **Not scheduled or staying less than an hour? Still check in!** It takes less than 10 seconds to click on "guest" and saves us many more by letting us know someone is there.

Not yet signed up as an adorer? Create your account at [stbrendan.weadorehim.com](http://stbrendan.weadorehim.com) and list your preferences to manage communication preferences and when you can adore.

## Friday Confession During Advent

It is the perfect time during the Advent Season to reconcile our relationship with God through the grace offered to us through Confession. To help make this Sacrament more accessible to all, we've added scheduled Confession time with a priest every Friday during Advent from 7-8 PM.

## Kroger Community Rewards

Did you know you can fundraise for our parish and school by simply shopping as you normally would at Kroger? It's easy! Link your Kroger Loyalty Card to St Brendan at [www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards](http://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards) and search for "St Brendan Church." Click on "save" to connect your card. Then, swipe your card at checkout and our parish is rewarded and your own Kroger rewards points still accumulate as usual!

## St Brendan Men's Club

The St Brendan Men's Club provides fellowship through monthly meetings, spiritual and social events and fundraising activities. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. If interested in joining the Men's Club, find the group in ParishStaq at <https://tinyurl.com/mens-club> and click the "join" button or contact Dale Bruggeman at [dgbrugge@gmail.com](mailto:dgbrugge@gmail.com)

## 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.

## 2025 Columbus Catholic Conferences

**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. Register and find details at [www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://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](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/2025conference)

## Hurricane Recovery - Help Needed!

There are five trailer-homes ready to be rebuilt. Thanks to your gracious generosity, we purchased drywall and insulation for these homes and are in the process of getting it installed. Mike Gunnarson is coordinating teams to work in Swannanoa, North Carolina to install the drywall. The work is not difficult, but it is dirty. We are working in 3 to 4-day increments and the remaining dates volunteers are needed are **December 9-12 & December 11-14**. Watch Deacon Yglesias explain more at <https://youtu.be/0kJG8dTHkEs> or if interested, contact Mike at 614-403-3163 or [mikegunnarson@gmail.com](mailto:mikegunnarson@gmail.com)



## Hallow is Now Offering Music & 3 Months Free

During Advent, Hallow is offering free Advent/Christmas Music Playlists for you to enjoy including Songs from *Keys of Peace*, *The Vigil Project*, *The Porter's Gate*, *Sixtin Cantors* and more available at <https://hallow.com/> (Click on the "Try Hallow for Free" button on the top of the home page to register.) Join the *Advent Pray25: For God So Loved the World*, prayer challenge now in progress at <https://hallow.com/collections/1937/> or scan the QR code to download their app.



## KofC Free Throw Championship Contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Contest is back! Open to all boys and girls age 9-14! Join us Friday, January 10 at 6:30 PM in the school gym. (Must have parent or guardian sign form at the event to participate.) Winners will then advance to the regional level and then to the State Competition, which is held locally. Questions? Call Martin Mitchell at 614-530-1257.

## 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)

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family faith formation 

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](http://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 December 9 Family Session is canceled. Please attend one of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Masses that day: 7 AM, 12 PM or 7 PM.

### SACRAMENT PREPARATION

First Reconciliation is Saturday, December 7, starting at 10 AM. 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/cy-sc-2/main-campus> and to receive the discount, use the code **BREHILL25**

## 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)

## Nursery is Closed: Volunteers are Needed

The POD Nursery remains closed on Sunday mornings and during Faith Formation due to a lack of volunteers. Of the 6-12 volunteers needed weekly, only one person has signed up each week during December. Did you know POD volunteers may receive Communion during Sunday Mass and it counts as their Sunday obligation? Please contact Jacob Doran at [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net) if you can help out!



Middle School Youth Group

# The Roots

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Sunday 8 December

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## December Calendar

SUNDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM | ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS WELCOME!

**Dec 8**  
"Inner Healing"

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"My Truth or Your Truth?"

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**Dec 29**  
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## St Brendan Young Adults

**Dec 11, Men's & Women's Groups, 7-9 PM.** Men meet in Wellnitz Hall and women meet at a private residence. Questions? Contact Kristen at [kristenmanifold20@gmail.com](mailto:kristenmanifold20@gmail.com)

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# Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 | Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 | Lk 3:1-6

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

On this second Sunday of Advent, when the hustle and bustle of the season is already upon us, I find Paul's words in his Letter to the Philippians very comforting. He says he is confident "that the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Jesus will continue to be our Advocate and our Rock until the day he comes again. Yes, these are comforting words, indeed. But we know that being a disciple of Christ requires our cooperation and our daily assent to doing God's will. How do we know God's will for us? In his letter, Paul goes on to pray that our love may continue to increase in knowledge and perception "to discern what is of value." In other words, if we are going to be able to choose what is good, we must be able to recognize it and then focus on it.

## **GO EVANGELIZE**

### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

This is where "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness" speaks to us during this season in which we prepare for Christ's coming. It is a season of hope and anticipation, but it also must be a season of preparation. In today's Gospel, the proclamation of John the Baptist takes center stage; he proclaims a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" and says to "prepare the way of the Lord." These words do not suggest passivity - waiting patiently for the Lord to come. They suggest action: Repent. Prepare. Make straight his paths. Today let us consider how we can prepare for the Lord's coming in our own lives. God has made us *good*, and he wants to bring that goodness to completion. As we continue in this Advent season, let us stay focused on recognizing and choosing "what is of value" in our lives so that we are able to truly rejoice that the Lord draws near.

## Around Our Diocese

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Fr Marek Visnovsky is offering an iconography workshop at St John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church (5858 Cleveland Ave, Columbus) on Feb 6 at 5-9 PM, Feb 7 at 9 AM-9 PM and Feb 8 at 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 and advanced artists are welcome. Register by Wednesday on Jan 15. For details, email Fr Marek at [marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com](mailto:marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com)

### **FIND A MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT NEAR YOU!**

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