

Holy Mass*

SAT VIGIL 5:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM

Daily Mass*

MON & WED 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, 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. 614-876-1272 STBRENDANS.NET 4475 DUBLIN ROAD HILLIARD OH 43026



Mass Intentions/Feast Days

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:30 PM Roger & Mary Ann VerSteeg †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:30 AM Laura Anaya † 8:00 AM Irma Krimm †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:30 PM Dolores D'Amico †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Memorial of St Gregory of Narek

6:30 AM Laura Anaya † 8:00 AM Sandy Barrett †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30 AM Alba Arellano † 8:00 AM Haroldo Peinndo †

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 AM Mary Gunderman † 5:30 PM Richard Widdoes †

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 AM The People of St Brendan Parish 8:45 AM For the Protection of the Unborn 10:45 AM Intention of Chad & Jennifer, Max & Allison Davis

5:30 PM Richard Bond t

† Indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

Eucharistic Adoration

https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com

MON 6 PM -10 PM TUE 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 **SUN** 6:30 PM – 10 PM

First Friday Adoration, March 7

ADORATION

Please Note: First Friday Evening Prayer has been cancelled going forward due to a lack of attendance.

First Friday Adoration this month is March 7 at 9 AM through March 8 at 1 PM. More adorers are needed. Please sign up at https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com

Information Center

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM

Church Hours

M-F & Sunday, 6 AM-10 PM Saturday, 6 AM-6:40 PM

New Members All are Welcome! New Member Registration Form found 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? Please contact Jen Rice at **jrice@stbrendans.net** or call 614.876.1272, ext 227

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

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 ParishStag account.

Liturgical Ministry Portal

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

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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



The 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

LET'S WALK TOGETHER IN FAITH - AND MAYBE HAVE A FEW LAUGHS ALONG THE WAY!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through the year 2025, the Catholic Church has entered a Jubilee Year – a special time set aside for spiritual renewal, deep reflection, and a focus on God's endless mercy. Every 25 years, the Church designates a Holy Year, offering us a chance to rediscover the depth of our faith and renew our relationship with God. Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" for the 2025 Jubilee Year – perfect for a world that sometimes feels like it's in need of a bit more hope!

A Little History Lesson with a Dash of Humor

Did you know that the Jubilee tradition dates to the Old Testament? Every 50th year, the Jewish people would forgive debts, return lands, and set captives free. It was a time of renewal and liberation – kind of like a giant spiritual spring cleaning. So, if you're looking for a reason to clean out your closets and your soul, this might just be it!

This ancient concept of the Jubilee invites us to reflect on God's mercy and freedom, calling us to return to Him with open hearts. Just think – it's like a reset button for our spiritual lives (minus the "delete all" option).

Pilgrimage: Not Just for the Super Religious

One of the highlights of a Jubilee Year is the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Rome and pass through the Holy Doors. These special doors are opened only during a Jubilee Year and symbolize Christ, the ultimate door to a deeper relationship with God. If you've ever thought about a pilgrimage before, here's your sign to do so! (It's not just for professional saints or people with a lot of vacation time.)

For many, traveling to Rome can be a transformative experience, but if that's a bit far, don't worry! There are four pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Columbus for the faithful to visit: St Joseph Cathedral (Columbus), The Basilica of St Mary of the Assumption (Lancaster), Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization at Holy Name Church (Columbus) and St Joseph Catholic Church (Somerset).

We're all called to embark on our own spiritual pilgrimage in our daily lives – through prayer, reflection and acts of charity. So, whether you're walking to the church or just traveling to your local grocery store, every step can be a moment of grace. The Grace of a Plenary Indulgence: It's Like a Spiritual Coupon This year, we're also invited to receive a plenary indulgence. In plain English, that means a special grace that wipes away the temporal punishment for sins, like a get-out-of-jail-free card, but way more spiritual. To receive it, you need to attend Mass, go to Confession, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and maybe offer an extra prayer for your mom while you're at it (trust me, she'd appreciate it!) This is a beautiful opportunity to cleanse our hearts and grow closer to God. After all, who doesn't like a fresh start? It's kind of like hitting "refresh" on your browser, but for your soul!

"Pilgrims of Hope" in a World that Needs It

As we entered this sacred year, we are reminded that our hope is in Christ. He's the source of our strength, our refuge, and our salvation. Pope Francis has called us to be *Pilgrims of Hope* – witnesses of Christ's love and hope in a world that sometimes feels a little like it's lost its way.

We are called to be people of hope, charity, and service – to bring hope to those who are suffering, love to those in need, and, most importantly, we're called to live the Gospel. Whether it's helping a neighbor, giving to those in need,

or simply sharing a laugh to brighten someone's day, we should be living our faith every step of the way.

So, as we embrace the 2025 Jubilee Year, let's remember to walk together in faith and maybe even share a few laughs along the way. Hope is contagious, after all, and the best part about it, it's free for everyone!

~Fr Weldit



Pick up a Jubilee Year Prayer Card on the Welcome Desk in our gathering space, provided to us by the Diocese of Columbus. To find out more about pilgrimages, events and resources for the 2025 Jubilee Year, please visit www.usccb.org/jubilee2025



A Quick Note From Fr Dooley...

This weekend, I am away from the parish to minister at a *Rachel's Vineyard* here in Columbus. It is a ministry that provides weekend retreats for men and women who have suffered from an abortion. This is my second time serving as a chaplain for this ministry. It is a powerful and healing weekend for these participants. Please pray for me and those who will be on retreat. For more information on Rachel's Vineyard, please visit www.rachelsvineyard.org/aboutus/index.aspx

In Christ, Fr Dooley



Congratulations on the Baptism of

Julian James Tolloti



Return Last Year's Palms by March 2

We need them to make this year's ashes! Look for the boxes in the gathering space.

Schedule for Ash Wednesday, March 5

Ashes will be distributed to everyone during Masses at: 7 AM, 12 PM, 5:30 PM* (*livestreamed)

- Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence
- Adoration is 7 AM-5 PM
- No scheduled Confession

Liturgical Ministers Needed

Altar Servers, Welcomers and Ushers are needed for Ash Wednesday. Log in to sign up at www.rotundasoftware. com/ministry/stbrendans or email ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net

Incense Schedule

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

No incense Feb 23 or March 2.

March 9 5:30 PM

10:45 AM

March 30

6:45 PM

7:00 PM

Community Calendar

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24		
9:00 AM	Catholic Way Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew	Wellnitz, Room 1
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	OCIA Meeting	Chas McCurdy LC
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26		
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
1:00 PM	Seniors NOW: Winter Social	Wellnitz, Room 1
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Young Adult Ministry Men's Small Group	The Carter Center
7:00 PM	Young Adult Ministry Women's Group	Off-Site
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 6:30 AM	Doily Moss	Adaration Changl
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Young Couples Date Night	Davidson Rms A & E
SATURDAY, MARCH 1	Tourig Couples Date Night	Davidsoff Kills A & I
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry: Monthly Meeting	The Carter Center
5:00 PM	St Brendan School Dinner and Auction	School
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
SUNDAY, MARCH 2		G.1.G.1
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
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee and Donuts	Davidson Rms A & I
12:00 PM	Baptismal Preparation Class	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
5:00 PM	OCIA High School	The Carter Center
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:45 PM	ASPEN Small Group	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2

Middle School Small Groups

Scouts Akela (Parent) Leader's Meeting

Multiple Locations

The Carter Center



To the Families of Honor O'Reilly, Dick Corbett and Dick Crumley

Prayer List

Fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* available at www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List (see QR code below) or call the parish office 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. The list is updated every 3-6 months, so if someone you added was deleted, but are still ill, 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 Dan DiCesare Ira Katz Anthony Griglik Mary Eskay Joe Martin Chris Carrino Tom Speroni Ora Johnson Pamela Theado Kenny Shook **Beverly Moran** Ray Bailey Crystal Billman Karen McLaughlin Mary Morrison Wayne Rose Bertha Torok Laura Bromagen **Bob Geiger** Ron Stanko Tiffanie Geiger Christi Groetz Eberhardt Maria Karas Francis Drlik Samuel Soporito Marianne Kritzer Eva Campbell **Sheri Thomas Ruthann Stafford** Sue Devore Sasha Smajd Lela Lalli María Lorena Olquin **Shirley Shawcroft** Emma Van De Water

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 Inviting Catholics Home Ministry continues to pray daily for all those who are no longer practicing our faith. For details, visit www.stbrendans.net/ich

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SILENT AUCTION GOING LIVE FEBRUARY 24!

St Brendan school auction and dinner, *BACK TO THE 80's* is on March 1! You can still participate even if not attending the event by placing bids online for items in our Silent Auction, which goes live on Feb 24. Scan the QR code to participate and for all auction details, visit www.bit.ly/25auction

TOTALLY RAD 50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets are still available for \$20 each! Only 500 tickets will be sold for a chance to win \$5,000. Purchase tickets via the QR code. (No need to be present to win.)



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Help us to set up, tear down and at various stations at the event. Sign up at https://bit.ly/auction-volunteer



March 7, 14, 21, 28 + April 4 | 5-7 PM

Happening This Week...

Knights Family Breakfast - Feb 23

Our St Brendan Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to a free family breakfast in the school cafeteria after 7:15, 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses this Sunday, Feb 23. Enjoy scrambled eggs, bacon & more!

Grief Support Workshop - Feb 23

4th Sundays monthly, 7 PM Looking for grief support from fellow parishioners? The next Grief Support workshop is Sunday, Feb 23 in the Carter Center. Questions? Contact Dennis at **edmuch@me.com**

St Brendan Young Adults - Feb 26

Young Adult Men's & Women's Groups meet Wed, Feb 26 at 7-9 PM. Women meet at a private residence and men meet in The Carter Center. Questions? Contact Kristen at kristenmanifold20@gmail.com

Young Couples Date Night (2.0) - Feb 28

St Brendan and Knights of Columbus will again host a date night for

young couples on Friday, Feb 28, 6:30-8 PM! We'll provide dinner and take care of the kids (up to 5 years old.) No cost to you! Share stories with other Catholic couples about the joys and challenges of marriage and raising children over dinner and social time. KofC continues their five-part video series "The Mission of the Family" with small group discussion. Questions? Contact Chuck at chuck436@att.net and RSVP at www.bit.ly/StB-AdultFF





FOR SENIORS AGE 65+

WEDNESDAY, FEB 26, 1 PM – Winter Social with games and snacks in Wellnitz. RSVP Larry at 614-264-6925 or larryhanchin@yahoo.com FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 8 AM – Mass & breakfast at Olympic Diner, Hilliard FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 12 PM – Lunch at BJ's Brewhouse (5141 Tuttle Crossing, Dublin) RSVP Larry: 614-264-6925, larryhanchin@yahoo.com

Esto Vir (Be a Man) Events

TUESDAY MORNINGS – 6:30 AM in the Davidson Room. Currently journeying through St Francis de Sales' *Introduction to the Devout Life*. Join anytime.

SATURDAY MORNINGS ESTO VIR – 6:30 AM in the Davidson Rooms, join us to break bread, bolster your faith, and pray.

FAMILY POTLUCK – Bring your family and a dish to share for our potluck in the Davidson Room on Saturday, March 29, 6:30 PM!

Choose "Opt-in" for Parish Emails...

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Opt-In Confirmation Please confirm you would like to continue receiving emails from Beta Church North.

Confirm opt-in status

You should have received the above "Opt-In Confirmation" message along with the *Navigator News* that was emailed to you this past Wednesday. Please click on the "Confirm opt-in status" link to confirm that you would like to continue receiving emails from our parish. You may also specify which emails you would like to continue receiving from specific St Brendan ministries or organizations you have joined. Thank you for taking a few seconds to stay connected with us!

Women's Lenten Study Begins March 6

Have you ever wondered why Jesus went into the wilderness? In Wilderness Within, Sister Josephine Garrett reflects on the belief that Jesus went into the wilderness to rescue us! This journal guides you through the forty days with daily meditations, illustrations, prayers, thought-provoking questions and journaling for personal insights. It's about 2 pages of reading



and reflection a day – A perfect, easy to manage study! Morning (9-10:30 AM w/childcare) and evening (7-8:30 PM) sessions are offered beginning March 6 for 7 weeks (off Holy Week). Books are discounted to only \$7 each! Questions? Contact Jen Rice at **jrice@stbrendans.net**. Register and pay online for the book at **www.stbrendans.net/ministries/womens-ministries** (or, send a check or cash to the parish office, attn: *Women's Lenten Study*).

Protecting God's Children - March 12

The next PGC class at St Brendan is March 12 at 6 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Fingerprinting will begin at 5 PM. To register for the PGC class, visit www.tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGC To view our volunteer policies, visit www.stbrendans.net/policies Questions? Contact Teresa Boyne at tboyne@stbrendans.net

Red Cross Blood Drive - March 14

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored
American Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, March 14 at 12-6 PM
in the Davidson Rooms. Give the gift of life! Schedule your
appointment at 1-800-RED-CROSS or www.redcrossblood.org
Questions? Contact Jeff Lehr at Audhil1@yahoo.com



"In the Eucharist, the Lord Speaks the Language of Love" (Part One) by S. M. Marcelina Mikulska, CSFN, LPC, NCC

I am a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth. With my sisters, we are called to extend the Kingdom of God's love among ourselves and others by living in the spirit of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. I am also a mental health provider.

Born and raised in Poland, I came to this country as a young sister without any knowledge of the English language. How I missed my family, my native country, and even my scrumptious Polish food!

The Eucharist has always been the strongest way I know God's love for me. It is the way He reaches me. At Mass, Jesus, really and substantially present, establishes with me a living relationship through Holy Communion. When I receive Jesus in the Eucharist, I know I belong to Him. I know I am seen and valued by Him.

During those difficult times in my first years here in the United States, I remember some profound experiences in prayer through which I encountered the power of the Eucharist.

One day, during Mass, I asked Jesus to let me feel the touch of His presence. I needed to know I wasn't alone in my pain. After receiving Holy Communion, I closed my eyes and began to cry. Immediately, I felt a heavy and strong hand on my shoulder. I opened my eyes and looked up. To my surprise, a gentleman stood beside me, and my eyes met his gentle but permeating gaze. I didn't know who he was. He didn't say anything. He just stood next to me and looked deeply into my eyes. I felt like it was Jesus fulfilling my deepest desire at that moment. The unknown gentleman walked away without a word, and I never saw him again. In my heart, however, I knew Jesus was telling me through this experience that He sees my tears and is there to protect me and to love me unconditionally.

From this and other encounters with the power of the Eucharist, I knew even in those early years that in some way God would use me to accompany others on their way to healing and fullness of life.

Spring Sports Registration

Registration is open for: Grades 4-8 Baseball, 4-8 Softball, 2-3 Coach Pitch Baseball, 2-3 Coach Pitch Softball, Track and Field, K-3 Spring Soccer and Little Spikers Volleyball. To register, visit www.stbrendans.net/athletics

Preschool Registration

Our collaborative preschool at St Margaret of Cortona has openings for full-day and part-day preschool for children ages 3-5 this fall. Register at bit.ly/preschoolreg2025 or for questions, contact Andrea at aboyd@cdeducation.org

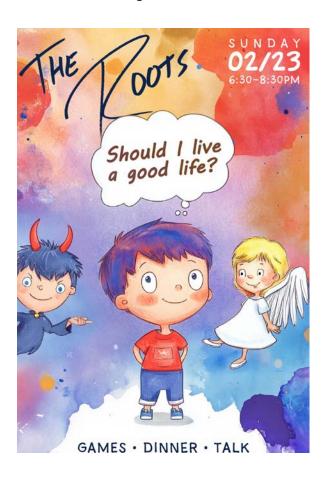
Kindergarten Registration

Register for Kindergarten for the 2025/26 St Brendan School year! Find details, schedule a tour and register via the QR code or visit www.stbrendans.net/school



Young Adults Group Fat Tuesday Party - March 4

Join St Brendan Young Adults on March 4 for a Fat Tuesday party in the Carter Center from 7-9 PM. We will provide "king cake" and fried food! Questions? Contact Kristen Manifold at kristenmanifold20@gmail.com



St Brendan Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

family faith formation

Family Faith Formation Schedule

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS – Sunday, March 2, 6:45 PM CONTINUED GROWTH – Sunday, Feb 23, 9:45-11:15 AM in the Gym SEEK & ROOT – Monday, March 10, 6:30 PM

Sacrament Preparation Schedule

FIRST EUCHARIST – Family Session: Sunday, March 9, 9:45-11:15 AM CONFIRMATION – Family Session: Sunday, March 9, 6:45-8 PM

Save the Dates for Totus Tuus!



Totus Tuus Summer VBS for those entering grades 1-6 will be on June 23-27, each day from 9 AM-2:30 PM. Look for the registration to open next month!

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Aides are needed at 8:45 or 10:45 AM Masses. (Over age 18 must be Safe Environment compliant.) To volunteer, contact Jackie at childrensliturgy@stbrendans.net, Maggie at magra@stbrendans.net or Jacob at jdoran@stbrendans.net

The POD Nursery Needs Your Help!

The POD Nursery is open during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Sunday Masses. Volunteers are scheduled through Parishstaq and preferences can be updated in "schedules" at https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com or email nursery@stbrendans.net with questions and to let us know you can help. Parents of children (6 months to 4 years) who utilize the nursery are encouraged to volunteer. Volunteers 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant. Sign up for a Protecting God's Children class at www.tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGC

VINE (for Highschoolers) Feb Events

Meet Sundays at 6:30-8:30 PM. For updates, follow @stbvine on Instagram. Questions? Email Kara at kday@stbrendans.net

FEBRUARY 23 "Mary and the Power of Prayer"
FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1 "Power & Love" Spring Retreat (sign up for the retreat via the QR code)



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | 1 Cor 15:45-49 | Lk 6:27-38

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

"Love your enemies" may be one of the most oft-quoted verses of Scripture. We tend to think of it as a moral principle to guide us in our dealings with people who rub us the wrong way. But do we ever consider what it tells us about God? After all, Jesus, who is God himself, speaks it. God tells us to love our enemies because God loves his "enemies" – that is, those who freely choose to oppose his plan of life and love. On the cross, Jesus forgave and prayed for the people who sought to kill him while they were crucifying him. But his mercy was not confined to that time and place alone; he died for each of us who, whenever we sin, refuse to love him. If we get this into our heads and our hearts – "God loves and forgives me" – we can begin to rest in his embrace like children confident in the unconditional love of their father's heart.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If, as a child, you learned a musical instrument for which regular recitals were the norm, you know how many hours of practice are required for a few short minutes of performance. You know, too, that if you are well prepared, a musical composition which appeared impossible months before comes easily and naturally on the day of the recital. For most of us, loving our enemies as Jesus commands us to do appears far beyond our reach – impossible, in fact. But this kind of heroic love is nevertheless God's call for us, and he will never deny us the grace we need to respond to his call. What's required on our part is a willingness to practice. If we practice loving in small things even when it's difficult – listening patiently to someone whose conversation bores us, for example, or taking on an extra chore without seeking recognition or thanks – we will be prepared for the day when God asks us to make an even greater act of love for his sake.

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The 2025 Converging Roads one-day health care ethics conference is April 5, 8:45 AM-7 PM at the Pontifical College Josephinum (presented by: Diocese of Columbus, St John Paul II Foundation, Catholic Medical Assocation of Central Ohio and Ohio Dominican University.) The conference offers continuing education for health care professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. Cost is \$75-\$159 based on CME/CNE inclusion, and is available at convergingroads.com/columbus or email ellen@forlifeandfamily.org

ASK A PRIEST NIGHT, FEB 28

Do you have questions you've wanted to ask a priest? The Museum of Catholic Art & History will host Ask a Priest Night on Friday, Feb 28, 6-8:30 PM, at the museum (257 E Broad St). Questions are placed in a basket for anonymity. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a wine and cheese reception. RSVP and email your questions by February 27 to info@catholicmuseum.org

Scholarship Opportunities

The Catholic Foundation *Nativity of Mary Scholarship* provides \$2,000/year (for 4 years) to a current 8th grader who will attend a Catholic High School in the 2025-26 school year. Please provide a letter of recommendation and a short essay on the applicant's devotion to our Blessed Mother. Financial need will be considered to evaluate applicants. Apply by Feb 28 by visiting www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships

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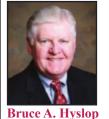
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