FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' ~From Luke 15:1-3.11-32



Fifth Sunday Collection for St Vincent de Paul

Please give in the baskets after Masses or via the QR code to the right. Find more details on page 5.



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.

Brendan THE NAVIGATOR

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Mass Intentions/Feast Days

MONDAY, MARCH 31

5:30 PM Elizabeth Cavallaro †

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

6:30 AM Debbie Hibbard † 8:00 AM Lavada Hoffman †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Memorial of St Francis of Paola

8:45 AM Samuel Runco † 5:30 PM Nafrio & Mary Felice †

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 AM Ron Packaro, Jr † 8:00 AM Dr Myra Pepino †

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Memorial of St Isidore

6:30 AM The People of St Brendan Parish 8:00 AM Intention of Sheela Zacharia

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Memorial of St Vincent Ferrer

8:00 AM Intention of the Kuttothara Family 5:30 PM Chester Scheel †

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:15 AM Bob & Helen Crotty †

8:45 AM Jack Kopf †

10:45 AM For the Protection of the Unborn 5:30 PM The People of St Brendan Parish

† Indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

1st Friday Adoration, April 4

First Friday Adoration next month is April 4, 9 AM through April 5 at 1 PM. More adorers are needed. This is a great opportunity to spend some more time with Jesus during Lent! Please sign up at https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com



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

ADORATION

SAT 9 AM –1 PM **SUN** 6:30 PM –10 PM

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

12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes required. Visit **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

Fill out a Mass Intention Envelope (by the Adoration Chapel) with \$10 cash/check and drop it in the baskets at Mass or Parish Office.

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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Livestreamed Mass

YouTube -

SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard Facebook – facebook.com/ StBrendanHilliardyoutube.com/c/ Sunday:10:45 AM Mon & Wed: 5:30 PM Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8 AM



A Message from Maggie Cook

"Even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord your God" ~ Joel 2:12-13 (To rend – tearing violently into two or more pieces, wrenching.)

You may remember this reading from Ash Wednesday. It's a powerful reminder to us of the true focus of Lent - not to build ourselves up with external practices, but to examine the secret places of our hearts to see where we can draw nearer to God.

Something about this verse struck me anew as I was praying about what to write in this article. We're already a few weeks into Lent and certainly I can't be the only one who has fallen short in my own vision for Lent. How quickly we fail when we're relying on our own strength, and our own expectations.

But I think that may be one of the whole ideas behind Lent to begin with. Not to exceed expectations and practice it perfectly, but instead to see with such clarity that we can't do it on our own. I think perhaps Lent is supposed to be uncomfortable - a season where we're face to face with our sinfulness, weakness, and constant need for grace and mercy.

Tearing our heart open would mean exposing those weak places to God. Allowing Him to see those vulnerable, dark, and even scary places in our hearts. Surely, it would be much easier to hide ourselves like our parents in the Garden. Yet if we hide ourselves this Lent, what change will be brought to our lives? With hearts torn open, there is no obstacle preventing us from receiving His grace and love. With hearts torn open, we allow space for God to work in us. With hearts torn open, we can be transformed into the image of Christ.

I invite you this week to examine your Lenten practices and determine if they are aimed at rending your hearts or your garments. God bless you!

Financial Dashboard

Balance Sheet as of:	2/28/25	2/29/24	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Operating Cash	398,401	458,606	(60,205)
Designated Funds	3,613,886	3,312,143	301,744
Accounts Receivable	1,104,141	254,712	849,429
Total Current Assets	5,116,429	4,025,461	1,090,968
Fixed Assets	9,634,267	9,204,939	429,328
Other Assets	501,443	463,673	37,770
TOTAL ASSETS	15,252,139	13,694,073	1,558,066
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities	1,399,054	1,115,321	283,733
Equity	13,853,085	12,578,752	1,274,333
TOTAL LIAB & EQUITY	15,252,139	13,694,073	1,558,066



Living a Eucharistic Life during Lent (Part 2) by Sr. Mary Catherine Kasuboski, TOR

A HIDDEN OPPORTUNITY

This is a path to holiness that is open to every person. Traditionally, Lent calls us to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. "Sacrifices," "penances," and "death-to-self" are common words we hear. These can have a negative connotation for us and even subtly cause us to focus on our own efforts. Maybe what we really need to focus on are little gifts of self—doing positive acts that help us love God, others, and even ourselves better.

Here are a few ideas that can be springboards for your own creativity:

- Give a word of encouragement and/or affirmation to someone.
- Be creative and intentional about asking a friend (or family member) how he/she is doing today, and be prepared to listen to the response.
- Take 5 minutes to look out the window, find some beauty, thank God for it, and ask for the grace to see beauty in the people you encounter today.
- Get to Mass 5 minutes earlier than you usually do and focus your mind on God.
- Fast from social media platforms for 15 minutes and use that time to pray instead.
- When people interrupt your work or conversations, receive them with openness and gratitude for the opportunity to serve them.
- When you hear gossip or are tempted to it yourself, say something positive and uplifting instead.
- Then, when you go to Mass, try to remember to offer the little things you've done, what you've failed to do, and your very self to Jesus in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and allow all these little offerings of love to bind your heart more closely to Him. Jesus delights to see us find creative ways of giving gifts of ourselves to one another, so let us ask Him to help us live a more Eucharistic life today.



Congratulations on the Baptism of

Kayden Elijah Arms

Parish Office Note

The Parish Office will be closed: Holy Thursday, April 17 at Noon Good Friday, April 18 – All Day Easter Monday, April 21 – All Day

Liturgical Ministers

Altar Servers, Welcomers, Lectors & Ushers: We still have open positions for the *Stations* of the *Cross* and the *Triduum liturgies*. If you're available, visit www.rotundasoftware. com/ministry/stbrendans to see what spots are still open or let us know your availability at ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net

St Brendan OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process where adults have the opportunity to explore faith questions and learn the basic traditions, beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. Interested? Contact Jen Rice at 614-876-1272, ext 227.

Catholic Charities

To make a donation to Catholic Charities, USA and help support families around our country as they recover from recent natural disasters, visit www.colscss.org

Incense Schedule

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

10:45AM – Sunday	3/30
10:45AM – Palm Sunday	4/13
7PM – Holy Thursday	4/17
9PM - Saturday, Easter Vigil	4/19
10:45AM – Divine Mercy Sun.	4/27

7:00 PM

Community Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 31	NO SCHOOL	144 II 15 B
9:00 AM	Catholic Way Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew	
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
TUESDAY, APRIL 1	- 11	
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	Men's Club Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2
7:00 PM	O.C.I.A. Meeting	Chas McCurdy LC
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2	NO HOLY HOUR	
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:45 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup	Childcare Center
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-9:00 PM	Lenten Parish Penance Service	Church
7:00 PM	Young Adult Community Night	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2
THURSDAY, APRIL 3	- "	
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	St B Women: Wilderness Within Lenten Study	
10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making for the Homeless	Wellnitz, Rooms 1
7:00 PM	St B Women: Wilderness Within Lenten Study	Davidson, Rms A & B
FRIDAY, APRIL 4	D 11 84	A 1 .: Cl 1
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	Church & Scramblers, Hilliard
9:00 AM-12:00 AM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Lenten Fish Fry (Shrimp Served)	School Gym
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club	The Carter Center
SATURDAY, APRIL 5	IVI.A.3.1. BOOK Club	The Carter Center
12:00 AM-1:00 PM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
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	Prayer Shawl Ministry: Monthly Meeting	The Carter Center
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
SUNDAY, APRIL 6	vigii iviass	Charch
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 and 10:45 AM Mass	•	Davidson, Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
12:00 PM	Baptismal Preparation Class	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	VINE Night	Davidson, Rms A & E
6:45 PM	ASPEN Small Group	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2
6:45 PM	Middle School Small Groups	Multiple Locations
7:00 PM	Akala Parent/Leaders Meeting	School Toachard Lounge

Akela Parent/Leaders Meeting

School Teachers Lounge



To the Family of Joe Martin

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 is 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
Tom Speroni	Ira Katz
Pamela Theado	Ora Johnson
Karen McLaughlin	Crystal Billman
Eva Campbell	Wayne Rose
Ruthann Stafford	Francis Drlik
Sasha Smajd	Marianne Kritzer
María Lorena Olguin	Sheri Thomas
Emma Van De Water	Sue Devore
Dolores Lynch	Shirley Shawcroft
James Hammer	Ron Shook
Nick Prehm	Kenneth Shook
Sheri Thomas	Beverly Moran
Greg Moore	Marsha Brawley
Fran Kienle	Mary Eskay
Sue Salvesen	Teresa Shaw
Stella Tolliver	10.000.011011

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	Addison A.
Robert Carollo	

... 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 for all those no longer practicing our faith. For details, visit www.stbrendans.net/ich

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SAINT BRENDAN 2025 LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

3/7-4/4

PARISH LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays, 5-7 PM (School Gym)

3/7-STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7 PM (Church) 4/11

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE 4/2

Wednesday, 6-9 PM

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, 9 AM through Saturday, 1 PM **DIOCESAN 40 DAYS OF ADORATION**

Wednesday, 7 AM-7 PM (@ St Brendan)

4/13 PALM SUNDAY Regular Mass Schedule

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

6-8 PM

4/17 HOLY THURSDAY

7 PM Mass, then Adoration til midnight

4/18 GOOD FRIDAY

3 PM (Liturgy only)

4/19 HOLY SATURDAY

9 AM Blessing of the Food 9 PM Easter Vigil Mass

4/20 EASTER SUNDAY MASS

7:15 AM (Church) 8:45 AM (Church & Gym)

10:45 AM* (Church & Gym) *livestreamed

It's Kairos Cookie **Baking Time!**

Kairos ministers will spend four days at the London Correctional facility on May 1-4 and will give



each resident and staff member one dozen cookies with a message of love. We also raise money to pay for all volunteer and resident meals during this weekend. Please help the ministry by donating to our cookie drive! Cookie bags will be passed out at all Masses next weekend, April 5/6 and the cookies will be collected/due back by Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27. To make a monetary donation, give online at https://tinyurl.com/kairos-donation or drop a check off to the parish office payable to "Kairos of Ohio." Questions? Contact Tim Reno at tireno04@gmail.com or 614-312-7388.

Happening This Week...

St Vincent de Paul Collection - March 29/30

St Brendan conference of St Vincent de Paul has been helping the less fortunate in Hilliard for decades. Your generous contributions help us share financial and spiritual support with local families in distress. The gratitude from these families is real and it's times like these where you really see the spirit of God at work. We would greatly appreciate your donations after Masses this weekend, March 29/30 OR scan



Fifth Sunday **Collection**



the QR code OR mail your gift to the church office, attention to: St Vincent de Paul, 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026

Parish Penance Service - April 2

Join us at our Parish Penance Service this Wednesday on April 2 from 6-9 PM in the church immediately following 5:30 PM Mass. (Note: There is no Holy Hour on April 2.)

Young Adults Lenten Event - April 2

Join young adults on April 2 in Wellnitz (Rooms 1 & 2) at 7 PM for our Lenten Evening of Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving event. We will serve soup and pray as a group! Please bring a canned good food donation for the Hilliard Food Pantry. Questions? Email kristenmanifold20@gmail.com

First Friday Adoration, April 4/5

First Friday Adoration is April 4, 9 AM through April 5, 1 PM. Sign up to take advantage of these extended Adoration times for Lenten prayer at https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com



FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 8 AM - 1ST FRIDAY MASS & BREAKFAST Mass followed by breakfast at Scramblers, Britton Pkwy, Hilliard

Friday Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' Passion and death on the cross through sacred art, prayers and reflections at 14 stations. Experience it the church at 7 PM, Fridays during Lent.

DAYS OF

ADORATION

Adoration around the Diocese

Visit www.columbuscatholic.org/40days to view the full schedule for 40 Days of Adoration around our diocese during Lent. Our parish will be hosting Adoration on Wednesday, April 9, 7 AM-7 PM. Sign up to adore at www.stbrendan.weadorehim.com

St B Women Morning of Service - April 26

On Saturday, April 26 from 9 AM-noon, join your sisters as we serve in this year of mission at the Run the Race Farm (2500 Gardner Rd, Galloway)! This beautiful 8-acre space is part of the **Brian Muha Foundation**, and Rachel Muha needs our help keeping it safe and clean for the Day School children. It is a treasured place where the children get a break from city life to play and learn outdoors and to relax and enjoy the gift of nature. We need



many helping hands for the following tasks: trimming, edging, gardening, painting, repairing, and picking up sticks! Join us for Mass at 8 AM, then carpool or meet at the farm. RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/stb-women Questions? Contact Kristie at kkontak@yahoo.com



Last Week to Request Easter Lilies for the Altar!

Easter lilies are ordered for the altar. Contributions of \$10 per lily can be made in memory of a loved one, or for a special intention. Make your request(s) and pay with debit or credit card by filling out the online form available by scanning the QR code or at https://bit.ly/lilies4altar2025 Orders received by April 7 will be published in the

Easter Sunday bulletin. If you have any difficulty filling out or paying using the online form, contact the parish office for assistance or email accounting@stbrendans.net



2025 Men's Retreat Registration is Open!

Register now for the St Brendan
Men's Retreat: "Four Last Things in a Year of Jubilee: Death, Judgment, Heaven & Hell" taking place May 16, 5:30 PM through May 18, 12 PM.
Cost is \$190 payable by check or online by May 1. Register/pay online at: https://bit.ly/2025men-retreat
OR, find the paper form/information sheet on the Welcome Desk and fill it out/mail it to: Mike Gunnarson, 6928 Ernest Way, Dublin, OH 43017 (include a check payable to "Knights of Columbus 11208"). Questions?
Email Mikegunnarson@gmail.com



On-site Counseling

Ricky Shoop, of *Lumin Therapy* is available on-site on Fridays, 12-5 PM or off-campus other days/times. For a free, 30-minute consultation, contact Ricky at ricky@lumin-therapy.com



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

This Friday, April 4, breaded shrimp will be offered. For menu, pricing and details, visit www.stbrendans.net/about/parish-events Volunteer at https://bit.ly/fish-fry-helpers Questions? Contact the school at 614-876-6132.

Doing Spring Cleaning?



SATURDAY, APRIL 26 9 AM-4 PM SUNDAY, APRIL 27 12-4 PM

On April 26/27, St Brendan's St Vincent de Paul Conference and Knights of Columbus invite you to look for the St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store trailer in our parking lot. Your donations of gently used clothing, household items, toys, books, bikes, sporting goods, etc, are needed to restock our Thrift Store! Questions? Contact Chris Warren at cwarren1@sbcglobal.net



Totus Tuus Summer Program

Totus Tuus is a weeklong summer Catholic youth program for children entering grades 1-6, held on our St Brendan campus. Register your children at www.bit.ly/2025totus-tuus-child If interested in hosting missionaries for dinner or in giving some of them a place to sleep, please contact Maggie Cook at mcook@stbrendans.net



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Family Faith Formation Schedule

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS – Sunday, April 6, 6:45 PM. The final small group will be on Sunday, May 4.

CONTINUED GROWTH – Sunday, April 27, 9:45-11:15 AM in the Gym **SEEK & ROOT** – Monday, April 28, 6:30 PM.

Sacrament Preparation Schedule

The Jesus Day First Communion Retreat is on Friday, April 25 at 10 AM or 4:30 PM. (We will send an RSVP to your email.)

Confirmation Practice is on Sunday, April 27 at noon in the church. Sponsors are not required to be present for our practice.

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

POD Nursery Volunteers Needed

The POD Nursery is open during 8:45 and 10:45 AM Sunday Masses. To volunteer, email nursery@stbrendans.net to be added to our roster. Volunteers 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant. Sign up for a Protecting God's Children class at www.tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGC

Kindergarten Registration

For information about 2025-2026 St Brendan Kindergarten, to schedule a tour or to register a child, visit www.stbrendans.net/school

Preschool Registration

St Margaret of Cortona has openings for full-day/part-day preschool for children ages 3-5 this fall. Register at bit.ly/preschoolreg2025 Questions? Contact Andrea at aboyd@cdeducation.org

The Vine March Event

High-schoolers, join us this Sunday, March 30 in the School Gym for a talk on "How to Live Like a Saint." For details, follow @stbvine on Instagram or email Kara at kday@stbrendans.net

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 | 2 Cor 5:17-21 | Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

We await with anticipation holidays and holiday parties - but do we look forward to the day after? To the cleanup, the back-tothe-grind, the business-as-usual? Jesus' parable in today's Gospel recounts the lavish celebration of the father who rejoices at the homecoming of his wayward son. We rightly recognize in the father's mercy the abundant forgiveness of our heavenly Father. But have we ever considered what happened the next day? The son, accustomed to his independence and dissolute life, is once again in his father's house. He must live according to his father's rules and demonstrate the sincerity of his repentance by faithfully carrying out his duties. There is work to be done - crops to be harvested, perhaps. As the weeks and months pass without another fatted calf for feasting, the son might ask if his father's love has waned. And although we may sympathize with his unease, the certainty of his father's goodness must be, for the prodigal son and for us, the guarantee of his steadfast love.

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In our relationship with God, we will likely experience moments when our Father's love is keenly felt. Perhaps we will be overwhelmed with peace when we return to him in the sacrament of confession. Perhaps we will be struck by a verse of Scripture during a moment of prayer. But most of our days will look more like the prodigal son's "day after" than the festivities which marked his return. We know, however, that if the weeks that followed were comparatively boring, his father's love had lost none of its warmth or vitality. Similarly, in the days when God seems quiet, when our prayers seem to drift into space or our hearts are distracted with the concerns of everyday life, we must not despair of the Father's love. Nor can we suppose that our happiness can be found outside of his fold. We abide under the care of our Father who lovingly calls us to himself with every circumstance he places before us. To believe this, even when the festivities are over, is to live by faith.

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