

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

~Excerpt from Luke 14:1, 7-14

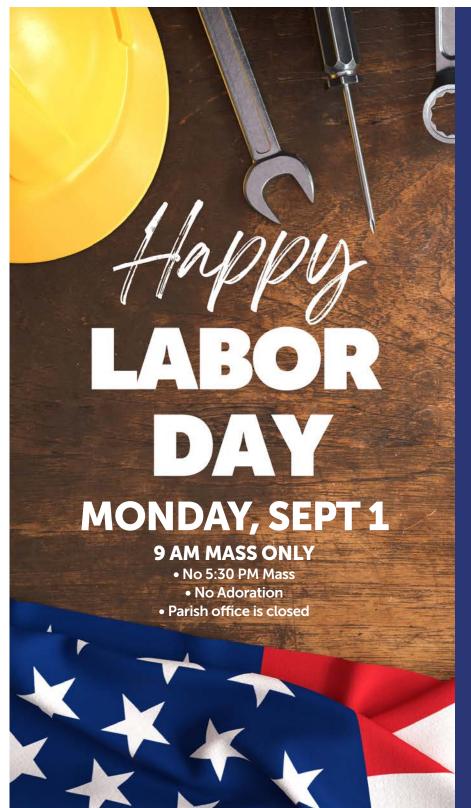


St Vincent de Paul Fifth Sunday Collection Weekend

Please be generous during our special collection at all Masses this weekend for SVdP or scan the QR to give online.

For more details, see page 6.







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.

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Mass Intentions/Feast Days

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 AM Mark Petty †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6:30 AM Josephine Benson † 8:00 AM John G. D'Amico †

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Memorial of St Gregory the Great

5:30 PM James E. Laipply †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6:30 AM Betty Strapp † 8:00 AM Linda Noonan †

FRIDAY. SEPTEMBER 5

Memorial of St Teresa of Calcutta (opt)

6:30 AM Patty Benson † 8:00 AM Jackie McFadden †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 AM Arthur & Rose Kosinski †

5:30 PM Karen Hittle †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 AM Wilfred & Veronica Homan †
8:45 AM The People of St Brendan Parish
10:45 AM For the Protection of the Unborn
5:30 PM John G. & Dolores D'Amico †

† Indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

Mass Intentions

There are some open dates available on our Mass Intention calendar in December 2025 and January 2026. To remember a loved one or make your special prayer intention known at Mass, fill out a *Mass Intention Envelope* (available in the church gathering area), include \$10 cash/check and drop it off at Mass or at the Parish Office.

1st Friday Adoration, Sept 5

First Friday Adoration is Friday, September 5, 9 AM through Saturday, September 6 at 1 PM. Adorers are still needed, especially during the overnight hours. Sign up at https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com

ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration

https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com

MON 6 PM-10 PM
TUE 8:30 AM-10 PM

WED 7 AM-5 PM Holy Hour: 6-7 PM w/ConfessionTHU 8:30 AM-10 PM Children's Holy Hour at 11 AM

FRI 8:30 AM–10 PM First Friday each month at

9 AM through Saturday at 1 PM

SAT 8:30 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

St Brendan School

614-876-6132, fax 614-529-8929

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 Wendy Ferkany at wferkany@stbrendans.net or call 614-876-1272, ext 291

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis – Contact Jacob

Doran at 614-876-1272, ext 231

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 with \$10 cash/check & drop 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 (true cost for flowers has risen to \$109 each week, so larger donations are 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



Dear St Brendan Family,

I pray this message finds you well! The 2025-26 school year is underway and we have had such a positive start! First off, thank you for sharing your children with us. They are such a blessing. I was able to remind our middle school students on the first day of school that Jesus Christ is leading our school and when we have a leader like Him, nothing can defeat us. I also challenged them to approach their day with grit, good judgement, self-control, and faithfulness. If they can exhibit these qualities that mirror our four cardinal virtues, nothing can stop them! When my feet hit the ground each morning, I am thankful for the opportunity to be a servant leader here at St Brendan and believe this school year will be the best one yet and am thankful to experience it with this faith community of believers! I'll leave you with this powerful quote from Pope Leo XIV – "Just as no one is born a champion, no one is born a saint. It is a daily training in love." We will continue to strive toward this standard every day.

Continued blessings! ~ Mike DeMassimo

Message from Kara Shand

With the start of the school year underway and the kickoff of The Vine (our high school youth ministry here at St Brendan) quickly approaching next week, September 7, 2025, I wanted to take a moment and share our theme for the year at The Vine. Each year, we have a "theme" that underlays all our talks and events and serves as a guiding post for us to stay on track with where we believe the Lord is leading our community of youth. Not to mention, the theme is what is sported on the annual T-shirt for the year!

Our theme for the year is "Simplicity." With this being the 10th year of The Vine, we believe there is an invitation from the Lord to return to the foundation, the basics of our faith. Life with Jesus does not have to be as complicated and confusing as we often make it. His love is simple. His mercy is simple. So simple, in fact, that it is sometimes hard to believe!

As we celebrate a decade of The Vine, we seek to return to the simplicity on which we were founded. That we must simply

remain in Him. As our Lord says in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

As a Vine community of young saints, we strive to live what Jesus is calling us to in the readings today– radical humility. We want to "take the lowest place" and have Jesus be exalted in our midst. We know and believe that without Him, we can do nothing.

This invitation to simplicity and to remain in Him is for all of us, not just the teens at The Vine. God is inviting you to remember the simple "why" of what this faith thing is all about—Him.

In Christ, Kara Shand









Congratulations on the Baptism of

Jack Stanley Bertke

Seniors **NOW**NAVIGATING OUR WAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 8 AM

First Friday Mass at St Brendan followed by breakfast at Panera Bread (6120 Sawmill Rd, Dublin)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 12 PM

Norwich Pavilion at Weaver Park, Hilliard. Bring your lunch, drink and a lawn chair.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Day trip to Honda Heritage Center (meet 9 AM at St Brendan) followed by lunch at Leon's Garage, Marysville

Young Adult Group

Young adult small groups meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9 PM:

- Women meet off-campus
- Men meet in the Carter Center Haven't joined us yet? New friends are always welcome! Contact Jorden Frey at freydesigns@gmail.com

The third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM, Young Catholic Professionals also holds events at various locations. Details/RSVP at www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org

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LUEBBE HEARING

Community Calendar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	LABOR DAY – SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED					
9:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church				
	NO Eucharistic Adoration or 5:30 PM Mass					
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2						
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel				
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A				
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church				
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel				
7:00 PM	Men's Club Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2				
7:00 PM	OCIA: Summer Cohort	Davidson, Room A				
7:00 PM	OCIA: Mystagogia	Davidson, Room B				
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER						
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel				
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church				
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church				
7:00 PM	VINE Formation	McCurdy LC				
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	D. 11 A4					
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel				
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church				
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration (11:00 AM Children's Holy Hour)	Adoration Chapel				
10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz, Room 1				
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5						
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel				
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church				
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	Church & Panera Bread, Sawmill Rd				
8:30 AM-12:00 AM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel				
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. First Friday Book Club	Carter Center				
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6						
12:00 AM-1:00 PM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel				
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church				
8:30 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church				
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional				
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Team Retreat	Davidson, Rms A &				
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Monthly Meeting	Carter Center				
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church				
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	6 1 14					
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church				
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center				
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 &				
12:00 PM	Baptism Preparation Class	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2				
12:00 PM	Baptisms Fusharistic Aderation	Church				
6:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel				
6:30 PM	VINE Kickoff	Wellnitz Lower Parking Lot				
6:45 PM	ASPEN Small Group	McCurdy LC				





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

Pamela Theado Ira Katz Ora Johnson Karen McLaughlin María Lorena Olquin Francis Drlik Shirley Shawcroft Emma Van De Water Greg Moore Kenneth Shook Sue Salvesen **Beverly Moran** Marsha Brawley Stella Tolliver Billy Martin Gerri Moore John "Jack"Downey Julie Johnson **Doris Cobbs** Mary Gartner Ann Chenault Eric Holden Gilberto Valderrama **Dolores Lynch** Richard Jones Robert Zapp Ryan Yoder Regina Travis Donna Fox-Moore Glenna Brickey Doug Keeney Jane Ann Tumawu Francis Tumawu Bernice Tumawu DicksonTumawu Cindy Tumawu John M. Anderson III Jaxie Clark

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 Connor Olson **Kyle Mullins** Dan Severance Joe Alverson

...we pray for all our men and women in service to our country, healthcare workers and first responders.

THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

The St Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry prays daily for all those no longer practicing our faith. Find more resources at www.stbrendans.net/ich

Staff Directory

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Faithful Stewardship Commitment Reminder

Fr Dooley has called upon each of us to prayerfully review our parish offertory contributions.

St Brendan reliably remains a home for so many to find community and grow in God's love.

In light of so many triumphs in parish life and evangelization, Father is asking for our help in combating rising operation costs and inflation. If your household is already tithing faithfully: thank you! If you have the ability to do even a little more, please answer this call to action with a generous heart. Whether you are able to increase your offertory or not, we are asking all parish families to respond to that effect. Return a commitment card to the parish office or fill one out online in under a minute at bit.ly/stbcommit

As Father mentioned in his letter to families, may we meet this moment together and receive our Master's joy. Thank you!

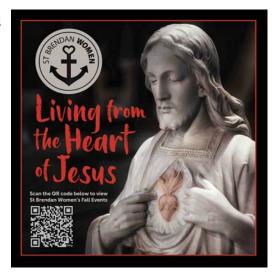
ANNUAL GROSS INCOME	MONTHLY GROSS INCOME	WEEKLY GIFT OF FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP						
		15%	12%	10%	8%	5%	3%	
\$20,000	\$1,667	\$58	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$19	\$12	
\$35,000	\$2,917	\$101	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$34	\$20	
\$50,000	\$4,167	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$48	\$29	
\$65,000	\$5,417	\$188	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$63	\$38	
\$80,000	\$6,667	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$123	\$77	\$46	
\$100,000	\$8,333	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$154	\$96	\$58	
\$125,000	\$10,417	\$361	\$288	\$240	\$192	\$120	\$72	
\$150,000	\$12,500	\$433	\$346	\$288	\$231	\$144	\$87	
\$175,000	\$14,583	\$505	\$404	\$337	\$269	\$168	\$101	
\$200,000	\$16,667	\$577	\$462	\$385	\$308	\$192	\$115	

This chart shows giving suggestions for you to consider.



St Brendan Women's Events in September

Journey with the women of the parish this season as we discover what it means to truly live with the Lord within us, loving and serving from His Most Sacred Heart.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 6:30 PM, in the Davidson Rooms: *Living from the Heart of Jesus* – Have you wondered how to

Living from the Heart of Jesus – Have you wondered how to surrender the things that keep you from living from the heart of Jesus? How do we embody His love and align ourselves with His will as we juggle all of our responsibilities, habits and hurts? Join us for our season kickoff with well-known speaker and author, Emily Jaminet, who will present her personal testimony on how the Sacred Heart of Jesus has provided healing and grace and how we, as women, can learn to surrender those obstacles that keep the door locked to our heart. Register for this beautiful event of food, fellowship and prayer via the QR code above or at www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20,

The Chosen (season 4) in the Davidson Rooms: AM (9-10:45) or PM (7-8:45 PM) sessions offered – We resume our walk with Jesus, studying Scripture and deepening our relationship with Him through Season 4 of The Chosen, whose theme is discipleship. Watch the episodes together and gather in small groups to reflect on this part of the story. AM childcare will be offered. (Note: We added 15 minutes to the duration of this event to accommodate the length of this season's videos.) RSVP via the QR code above or at www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries

Cub Scout First Fall Pack Meeting

St Brendan Cub Scout Pack 859 has their first fall pack meeting on Friday, September 5 at 7-8 PM in the School Cafeteria. St Brendan Cub Scouts is open to all boys in grades K-5 (as of fall, 2025). Pack meetings are once a month during school and the den meets every other week. If you missed our sign-up event held last week or if you have questions, please contact Caleb Longgrear at StBrendansCubScouts@gmail.com

Livestream Ministry Volunteers

The St Brendan Livestream Ministry operates the web cameras for the 10:45 AM Mass each Sunday and select special liturgies. We are still in need of a couple additional volunteers to assist in this ministry. Training is provided. If interested, please contact Pat Hamrock at 614-961-2117 or pat.hamrock@att.net

SVdP 5th Sunday Collection, Aug 30/31

The St Brendan conference of St Vincent de Paul has been helping the less fortunate in our area for decades. Because of you, our neighbors have avoided homelessness, restored electricity to their homes, and fed their children. The gratitude from these families is real and it's times like these where 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 on August 30/31 OR scan the QR code to give online. To mail your gift in, please address it to: St Brendan Church, attn. St Vincent de Paul, 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026 Questions about SVdP? Contact Heather at heathercsvdp@gmail.com



Men's Ministry "Esto Vir" Fall Events

Join St Brendan's Esto Vir ministry to become the man God calls you to be! Attend one of the men's events below or for questions, contact Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net

TUESDAY MORNING STUDY - BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

Join us Tuesdays at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Rooms for a study series on Scripture, early Church Fathers, the lives of the saints and for fellowship.

SATURDAY MORNING ESTO VIR (BE A MAN) - BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13

Gather at 6:30 AM on Saturdays in the Davidson Rooms to break bread, build community, bolster your faith, and to pray. Experience: The Chosen, (season 4), Sharing Our Story sessions, Fr Kapaun's Virtue series, a mini-retreat and a pilgrimage!

Catholic Way Bible Study Begins Sept 8

John's Gospel offers an "eagle's eye" view of Jesus' life. Not only is He clearly Priest, Prophet and King, He is the Eternal Word, the Son of God. Come ENCOUNTER Jesus with us through the Gospel of John in this 22-week study. We will meet Mondays, 9-11 AM starting September 8, in Wellnitz Hall, breaking for Thanksgiving & Christmas and ending on March 23. Materials are provided. Register on our adult faith formation web page by visiting https://stbrendans.net/growing-in-faith/adult-faith-formation/ Questions? Contact Patsy Bunnell at dpbunnell@yahoo.com

Help KofC Feed the Hungry "Mac & Cheese"



Our Knights of Columbus, in partnership with YOU and the Hilliard Food Pantry, are answering Jesus' call to feed the hungry. With a goal of assembling 1,000 ready-to-make mac & cheese packets, we need your help to purchase supplies (cost is \$1/serving). To give online, visit https://bit.ly/give-mac-cheese or

scan the QR code (until September 6). Or, checks can be made out and mailed 🌉 to St Brendan Church with "mac and cheese" written in the memo line.



Then, join us **Sunday, September 14, 12-3 PM** in the Davidson Rooms to help assemble the packets. Pizza and beverages will be served! Please let us know you can help out by accepting the "Need" in ParishStaq, accessable via the QR code to the right, or just show up!



Fall Craft Show Vendor Spots Still Available

KofC's 80+ booth St Brendan Fall Craft Show is on Saturday, November 1. Visit https://stbrendans.net/about/parish-events/ or vendors can register/pay online at https://bit.ly/stb-craftshow Questions? Email Fred at sbcraftshow@gmail.com

Altar Server Classes

Students going into 3rd or 4th grade (this year) may take the training class to become a Junior Altar Server, but first must register at https://tinyurl.com/altar-server-class Junior Servers will shadow and learn from the older, more experienced servers and then transition over to Acolytes when they graduate the 4th grade. All new Junior Altar Servers and all new/rising Acolytes need to attend (in the church) one of the upcoming training classes below:

OPTION 1: SATURDAY, SEPT 13

- Junior Server Training @ 11AM
- Acolyte Training @ 12 PM

OPTION 2: SUNDAY, SEPT 21

- Junior Server Training @ 1 PM
- Acolyte Training @ 2 PM

Questions? Contact Fr Severance at frseverance@stbrendans.net

OCIA# September 9 Cohort

If you or someone you know is discerning becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments, we welcome you! Our next OCIA cohort begins on September 9. Classes are Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Fill out an inquiry form to start the process, which is available at https://stbrendans.net/ sacraments-prayers/order-ofchristian-initiation-for-adults/

Ministering to our candidates and catechumens blesses both them and those who volunteer. Please see below for ways you can help out and scan the QR code to sign up!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- OCIA Leadership Team
- Hospitality (Snacks & Setup)
- Social Committee
- Card Committee
- Sponsor
- Prayer Team
- Childcare
- Tech Support



St Brendan Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis



2025-26 Family Faith Formation



REGISTER
A CHILD



PARENTS PAY HERE



SIGN UP

Note: A late fee of \$25 now applies to Family Faith Formation registrations. Sign up via the QR codes above or the URLs below:

CHILD REGISTRATION:

https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/236/responses/new

PARENT REGISTRATION & PAYMENT:

https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/237/responses/new

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Our at-church family sessions and middle school small groups run for about an hour and a half on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, or Monday evenings. There are many different commitment levels and opportunities available. To join the team, fill out the volunteer form by visiting https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/249/responses/new or for questions, contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PARENT MEETING is on Sunday, Sept 14, 6:30 PM in the Davidson Rooms for parents with children preparing for Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation.



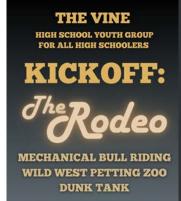
CYSC - Reserved Spots for 2026

St Brendan has reserved (until October 31) 160 camper spots for 2026 Catholic Youth Summer Camp – Week 1, June 7-12. (Note: This early access for pre-order groups is different from the general registration dates shown online.) In addition, St Brendan is offering a "campership" of \$100 to the first 90 campers from our parish who apply our group sponsorship code BRENHILL26. To register with our group, use these links: High School (incoming grades 9-12): https://bit.ly/hs-cysc2025 Middle School (incoming grades 6-8): https://bit.ly/ms-cysc2025

Steps to pre-order/register for CYSC with our St Brendan group:

- 1. Log in or create an account at https://bit.ly/cysc2025-register
- 2. Go to "My Reservations" and select "New Reservation."
- 3. Click "Add Person," fill in your child's info, and add them.
- 4. Either: Click "I belong to a group that has reserved spaces," and enter the code above OR use the registration URLs above.
- 5. Select the camp session (High School or Middle School.)
- 6. Add another camper if needed, or proceed to payment.
- 7. Enter sponsorship code BREN100HILL26 for a \$100 discount.

Questions? Contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net



Kickoff - Sept 7

All highschoolers are invited to join The Vine in the lower parking lot next **Sunday, 6:30-8:30 PM** for: "bull" riding, petting zoo, dunk tank, free Canes chicken, pizza, sno-cones, free T-shirts and more! Questions? Contact Kara at **kday@stbrendans.net**



The Roots for Middle Schoolers



@STBTHEROOTS

The Roots Large Group Nights Monthly: Sundays, 6:30-8:30 PM in the school gym (unless noted) Aspen Small Group Nights Weekly: Sundays, 7-8:30 PM in the school library (unless noted)

POD Nursery Needs Your Help

The POD Nursery (for children 6 months–4 years), is in need of volunteers during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Sunday Masses. Parents of children who utilize the nursery, seniors and "mature" children are encouraged to help! If interested, email nursery@stbrendans.net (Volunteers ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant. See PGC Class info below.)

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. See PGC Class info below.) To help, contact Jacob at jdoran@stbrendans.net or Jackie at childrensliturgy@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class

Become Safe Environment compliant to volunteer around children at St Brendan by taking a PGC class. The next class is **Saturday, September 13, 9 AM** in Davidson Room A. (No fingerprinting offered.) Find details/register at **www.tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGC**

August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a | Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

There's a well-known story about an actor who was asked by an elderly priest to recite Psalm 23. The actor agreed only if the priest also recited the psalm. While the actor's delivery was met with esteem and applause, the priest's was met with raw emotion, stunned silence, and tears. The actor, smiling, said, "I may know the psalm, but the priest, he knows the Shepherd." I can't help but be reminded of this story when reading today's Gospel. Like the Pharisees, the actor represents the one who was the "center of attention" who was humbled whereas the priest. in his humble service to God, found himself exalted. That is where true humility lies, when our actions and our everyday lives are rooted in God first and not ourselves.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As Jesus reminds us today, "Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Beyond telling us this truth, Jesus lived it. Scripture tells us that Jesus - the second Person of the Holy Trinity - "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave..." (Phil 2:7), and that he came not "to be served but to serve" (Mk 10:45). Each of us is invited to consider the ways we can imitate the same humble servantleadership which Jesus showed throughout his life. What does servant leadership look like, practically speaking? Some simple examples: At work, it might look like signing up to do those less desirable tasks that others would prefer to avoid. In our homes, it could look mean letting your children or spouse choose what's for dinner rather than asserting your own preferences over meal planning. In our relationships, it might mean allowing a friend to talk through their struggles without offering advice or sharing how you might have handled things differently. With the eyes of faith, each of us can see countless opportunities to practice the virtue of humility in daily life.

WITNESS

Like the priest in the story above who revealed God to the crowd in his recitation of Psalm 23, you have the opportunity to let God shine through in your life to others. Be a servant leader, seeking to glorify God rather than yourself. When you are humble you "will be exalted" and "repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



St Margaret of Cortona Preschool

St Margaret of Cortona Preschool still has a few openings for full or part-day preschool for children ages 3-5 this fall. Register at bit.ly/preschoolreg2025 or email Andrea at aboyd@cdeducation.org

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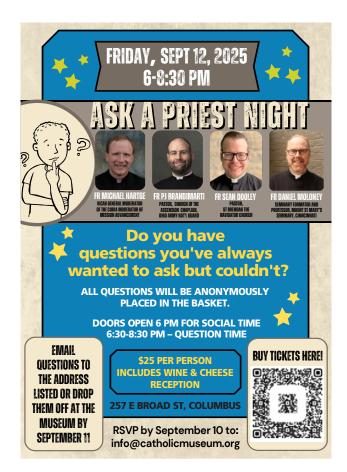
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