





# It's SVdP 5th Sunday Collection Weekend

St Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your generous support! (See details on 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, DECEMBER 1**

5:30 PM Judith Heimerman †

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2**

6:30 AM Bela & Kathleen Szigethy †

8:00 AM Victor Dutko †

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**Memorial of St Francis Xavier** 

5:30 PM Mary Zambory †

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4**

6:30 AM Maredelle Thorton †

8:00 AM Mary Frick †

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:30 AM Michele Rubright †

8:00 AM Mitzie Toth †

#### **SATURDAY. DECEMBER 6**

#### Memorial of St Nicholas (opt)

8:00 AM Christine Wilson †

5:30 PM Douglas Romer †

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

7:15 AM The Burke Family †

8:45 AM For the People of St Brendan Parish

10:45 AM For the Protection of the Unborn

5:30 PM Florence Scheel †

† Indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

### **Mass Intentions**

Remember a loved one or make your special prayer intentions known at Mass by filling out a Mass Intention Envelope, found in the church gathering area. There are open dates on our Mass Intention calendar beginning in February, 2026.

# **Eucharistic Adoration**

www.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/Confession

**THU** 8:30 AM-10 PM

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

# **1st Friday Prayer & Adoration**

**1st Friday Adoration** is December 5, 9 AM through December 6, 1 PM. Adorers are needed, so please sign up at **www.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

### 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, please email frseverance@stbrendans.net

### **POD Nursery**

Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass. For ages 6 months-4 years. Email: nursery@stbrendans.net

### **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

### Facebook

(Parish) StBrendanofHilliard

### **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

# A Message from Fr Severance

Happy New Year, St Brendan Parish! As many of you already know, the first Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of our Church's liturgical calendar. Praise God for another year in the books and for another year ahead of us!

Speaking for myself, I love this time of year with the anticipation of Christmas and the festivities leading up to Christmas. Some of the best advice I received regarding this time of year was while in seminary from the rector at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Fr Steven Beseau. He encouraged us to celebrate the season of Advent in full rather than skip over Advent like most do in the rest of the world. Admittedly, this was hard to hear, as Christmas is my favorite. His advice, however, has been very beneficial to my spiritual life, and I will explain why.

The season of Advent is a season of waiting, in which we wait in anticipation for the coming of the Lord. The coming of the Lord is twofold. The season of Advent first invites us to ponder the coming of the Lord at the end of time. Secondly, the season of Advent invites us to anticipate the coming of the Lord at the Nativity. This twofold meaning of Advent helps us to realize that we both need a savior in Christ Jesus, and that He is coming to establish His kingdom on this earth.

The reason this is important for our spiritual lives is that it emphasizes our need for a savior. The Israelites were waiting for a savior for over 3,000 years! They knew they needed a messiah, someone who would fulfill the promises of God. However, generation after generation would pass without a savior (and we think just four weeks during Advent is a long time to wait!). In realizing this, Advent helps us to participate in what the Israelites experienced as they lived for so many years in constant waiting for their savior.

Now, here is the best part: When the Savior finally arrives, it's time to party! And this is why taking the season of Advent seriously is important for our spiritual lives – when we participate fully in the anticipation of the Lord, when we yearn for the coming of our Savior in the same way the Israelites did for so many years, the celebration of His arrival is just that much more celebratory when it does finally take place on Christmas Day.

Let us, therefore, enter more fully into this great season of Advent this year here at St Brendan. One great opportunity to celebrate Advent more fully this year will take place in our church on December 10 at 6:30 AM during a "Rorate Mass." A Rorate Mass is a special Mass, only celebrated during the season of Advent, where the church is lit only by candlelight and there is a

special focus placed on the Blessed Virgin Mary, her consent to be the Mother of God, and the anticipation of the arrival of her Son at the Nativity. This Mass is a beautiful way to celebrate the great season of Advent. Please come and join us for our Rorate Mass on December 10 at 6:30 AM. You will not regret it!

Take care and God Bless! ~Fr Sam



# **Disciple** Maker Index Survey

A DIOCESAN SURVEY IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH AND THE FAITH JOURNEY OF OUR FAMILIES.

Every member of each parish family is asked to participate in this survey which runs now through January 4, 2026.

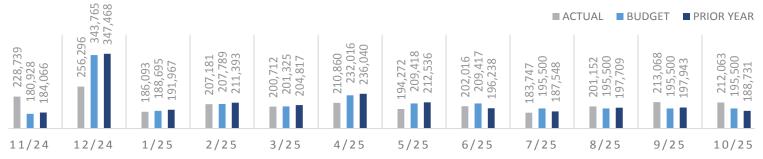
The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future!

Access the survey by scanning the QR code below or visit www.tinyurl.com/brendandmi Have your voice heard today!

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.



# Parish Financial Dashboard Monthly Offertory: NOVEMBER, 2024 THROUGH OCTOBER, 2025





# Congratulations ON THE BAPTISM OF:

Calvin Anthony Albers



# **Marriage Banns**

We are pleased to announce the wedding of **Mark Waskovich** and **Sharon Gonzalez** on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at St Brendan Church. We wish Mark and Sharon God's blessing as they unite as husband and wife! Any known reason why this marriage should not happen should be reported to Father Sean Dooley.

### **December Events...**

### **PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

December 2, 7-8 PM

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8: 7 AM, 5:30 PM Mass

(Dec 8, 5:30 PM Mass will be longer due to the OCIA catechumens and candidates entering the Church.)

### **RORATE MASS**

December 10, 6:30 AM

### 'FESTIVAL OF 9' LESSONS & CAROLS

December 14, 3-4 PM

#### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Wed, Dec 24: 4 PM, 6:30 PM, 10 PM Thurs, Dec 25: 8:45 AM & 10:45 AM (Dec 26: No 6:30 or 8 AM Mass)

# **Incense Schedule**



6:30 PM

6:45 PM

6:45 PM

# **Community Calendar**

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	MONDAY, DECEMBER 1		
	9:00 AM	Catholic Way Study: Gospel of John	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, DECEMBER 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	Advent Penance Service	Church
	7:00 PM	Men's Club Christmas Dinner/Exchange	School Cafeteria
	7:00 PM	OCIA: Immaculate Conception Cohort	Davidson, Room A
	7:00 PM	OCIA: Vigil Cohort	Davidson, Room B
	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3		
	7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	9:45 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Play Group	Childcare Center
	5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
	6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
	7:00 PM	Introduction to Real Prayer	Wellnitz, Room 1
	7:00 PM	VINE Formation	Chas McCurdy LC
	7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4		
	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich-making for Homeless	Wellnitz, Room 1
	7:00 PM	Advent Women Study	Davidson, Room A
	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5		
	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:00 AM	Seniors NOW Mass & Breakfast	Church and Creme de la Creme
	8:30 AM-12:00 AM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	6:00 PM	St B Women: Advent by Candlelight	School Gym
	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6	CANCELLED: CONFESSION	
	12:00 AM-1:00 PM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Rms A & B
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Monthly Meeting	Carter Center
	9:00 AM	First Reconciliation	Church
	11:00 AM	OCIA: Immac. Concept. Cohort Retreat	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7		
	7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church 5:30 PM
	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 & Donuts	Davidson, Rms A & B
	12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
	12:00 PM	Baptism Preparation Class	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2
	6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
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**VINE Night** 

**ASPEN Small Group** 

Middle School Small Groups

School Gym

Chas McCurdy LC

**Multiple Locations** 



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 **Doris Cobbs** Francis Drlik **Richard Jones Dolores Lynch** Donna Fox-Moore Robert Zapp Dickson Tumawu Rvan Yoder Connie Carrino Lisa Lynch Glenna Brickey Bertha Torok Cindy Tumawu Chris Carrino Sue Devore Zac B. Yvonne Schlenker Sara Conway **David Thornton** Sally Rielly **Shirley Tornik** Gilberto Valderrama Paula Jordan Sean Grier Richard Walls Alma Harding Marian Woolum

### **ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Thomas Dye Cody Longstreth Aaron Huesman Jackson Maassel Sam Imwalle Rick Shonkwiler Christopher Keck Rob Shonkwiler **Bradly Mead** Luke Stumphauzer Kate Walde-Mead Thomas Noel Robert Carollo Addison A. **Kyle Mullins** Connor Olson Joe Alverson Dan Severance Kale Grunenwald Robbie Hite Zackery Reed

...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 details at www.stbrendans.net/ich

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# Advent begins this Sunday! Mark your calendars for:



# Parish Penance Service, Dec 2

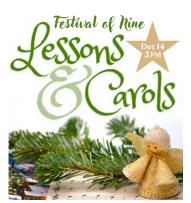
Join us in the church on Tuesday, December 2 beginning at 7 PM for our annual Advent Parish Penance Service with Confession.

# **Rorate Mass, December 10**

On Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 AM, St Brendan Church is offering a "Rorate Mass" – a beautiful Mass that is celebrated during the season of Advent where the church is lit only by candlelight. The Mass has a special focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary, her consent to be the Mother of God, and the anticipation of the arrival of her Son at the Nativity. While the rest of the world skips over the season of Advent to focus on Christmas, a Rorate Mass is a beautiful way to celebrate the great season of Advent. Please come join us on December 10 at 6:30 AM. You will not regret it!

## Lessons & Carols, December 14

Join us in the church 3-4 PM on December 14 for some traditional Christmas caroling. Sing along as our music director, Ross Williams, leads us again this year in festive carols to further prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior this Advent season. No registration needed. Invite a friend or bring your family!



# Feed the Hungry "Mac & Cheese" Dec 14

Knights of Columbus needs your help once again to assemble ready-to-make mac & cheese packets, Sunday, Dec 14, from 12-3 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Your donations during the first "Feed the Hungry" campaign allow us to help out the Hilliard Food Pantry again! Food and beverages will be served. Accept the "Need" in ParishStag to let us know you plan to attend, accessible via the QR code, or just show up!



# **CHRISTMA** A TAG & **GIVE A GIFT!**

# **2025 Christmas Giving Trees**

The Giving Trees are up in the Gathering Space. Please take a tag and follow the instructions. Your donations will go to a variety of causes including: St Francis Evangelization Center, Holy Family, St Vincent de Paul Society; Hilliard Food Pantry, J.O.I.N., Mommies Matter, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids. Please return all items to the trees by Dec 7. For online shopping, visit our Amazon wishlist via the QR code or at https://bit.ly/2025trees and have

the items delivered directly to our Giving Tree volunteer, Marge Cogan (these gifts support St Francis Evangelization Center.) Questions? Contact Rhonda: 614-313-2066

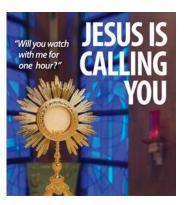




Check out www.formed.org for free Catholic content for our parishioners to help enhance your Advent season!

# **Adore During Advent!**

This Advent, commit to an hour with our Lord in Adoration in our Adoration Chapel as we quiet our hearts to prepare for His coming. Spend that time in prayer – often needed during this busy time of year! Look for new Adoration resources available on the Welcome Desk and in the Adoration Chapel. Sign up to adore at stbrendan.weadorehim.com



# Poinsettias for the Altar

Contributions for Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar are \$10 per poinsettia and can be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

To make your poinsettia request, fill out and pay online at

www.tinyurl.com/Poinsettias25 or scan the QR code. Multiple requests can be entered on one form! Make your requests and payments by December 12. The memorials will appear in  $\Gamma$ our Christmas bulletin and the online bulletin.



# M.A.S.T. Christmas Open House, Dec 6

M.A.S.T. (Mature Active Singles Together) is a parish ministry for single people over 45 years to meet, socialize, participate in service activities, and enhance our personal & spiritual lives. Join us Saturday, December 6, from 2-4 PM at our annual Christmas Party held at a M.A.S.T. member's clubhouse. RSVP to lisaworkman3@gmail.com for the event location.

### Next Blood Drive is December 12

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, Dec 12, 12-6 PM. Give the gift of life by signing up at **www.redcrossblood.org** or, call 1-800-Red-Cross.



# Our Children's Choir Returns...

Our Children's Choir, led by Mr Matthew Fox (our school music teacher) and Dr Ross Williams (our parish Director of Sacred Music) runs December 7, 2025–May, 2026. Rehearsals will be Sunday, 8 AM in the Davidson Rooms. The children will sing during 8:45 AM Mass once a month with special performances for Christmas Eve Mass (4 PM) and Easter Sunday Mass (8:45 AM). We're also looking for adult volunteers to help during practices and performances. If your child is interested, email Dr Williams at rwilliams@stbrendans.net

# **Safe Environment Compliance Update**

As we continue our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all children and vulnerable persons, the Diocese of Columbus has updated Safe Environment requirements. All volunteers are asked to be fully compliant with Protecting God's Children training and complete the required background checks by January 2, 2026. To meet diocesan policy, the following background checks are required for volunteers:

- BCI (Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation) background check is required for all volunteers.
- In addition to BCI, **FBI background check** is required for volunteers who have lived outside the state of Ohio during the past 5 years.
- If you currently volunteer, we encourage you to check that your VIRTUS account is active and up to date, and that your background check has been completed within the required 5-year timeframe.
- Reinforcement of the Two-Deep Policy, requiring that no adult is ever alone with a minor, and maintaining proper adult-to-minor supervision ratios for all activities.
- For offsite or overnight activities, when both male and female minors are present, there must be at least one male and one female volunteer to ensure appropriate comfort for all participants.

If you are unsure whether you need to have your fingerprinting updated, please contact Teresa Boyne at 614-876-1272, ext 221 or **tboyne@stbrendans.net** 

### FINGERPRINTING SESSION OFFERED DECEMBER 9, 5-7 PM

A Fingerprinting Session is scheduled for December 9, 5-7 PM in Wellnitz Hall for volunteers who need to update their fingerprinting requirement. No RSVP is needed! *Please note: The cost for fingerprinting is the responsibility of the applicant.* 

## St Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection is this Weekend

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 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 November 29/30 OR give online via the QR code. To mail a gift in, please

address it to: St Brendan Church, attn: St Vincent de Paul, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard, OH 43026. Questions? Email Heather at heathercsvdp@gmail.com



# Seniors NOW (Navigating Our Way)

**DEC 5, 8 AM** – First Friday Mass & then breakfast at Creme de la Creme (5311 Westpointe Plaza)

MONDAY, DEC 8, 12 PM – Christmas Potluck in the Davidson Rooms. Entree/drinks provided. Last names A-F bring dessert and G-Z bring a side dish. RSVP to Larry at larryhanchin@yahoo.com

### St Brendan Men's Events

**TUESDAY STUDY OR SATURDAY ESTO VIR** Held at 6:30 AM weekly in the Davidson Room.

MINI-RETREAT, JANUARY 31 – For busy guys who can't get away for an entire weekend, join us in the Davidson Rooms on January 31 from 6:30-10 AM for prayer, Mass, fellowship and formation. No cost or RSVP needed. Questions? Contact Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net

# **Ministry of Consolation**

We support and pray for you during and well after the funeral is over.

GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH – 3rd Thursdays monthly, 1 PM at La Chatelaine in Dublin.

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP – 4th Sundays monthly, 7 PM in the Carter Center. Questions?

Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

# The Melchizedek Project

The Melchizedek Project sessions for young men discerning priesthood are 6-7:30 PM in the St Brendan Carter Center on the last Monday each month (dinner provided) – the next session is **Dec 29**. If interested in attending, please email Fr Severance at **frseverance@stbrendans.net** 

St Brendan Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis



# **Sacrament Preparation**

To register for sacrament preparation (Confirmation or First Reconciliation and Holy Communion), please visit www.stbrendans.net/growing-in-faith/family-faith-formation (and use the buttons/links at the top of the web page.)

# **Family Faith Formation**

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS: The next Middle School Small Group is Sunday, December 7, 6:45-8 PM. See your email for details and small group locations.

**SEEK & ROOT:** Our next Seek & Root Family Session will be Monday, December 15 from 6-7:30 PM.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** First Reconciliation is on Saturday, December 6 at 10 AM.

**CONFIRMATION:** Our next Confirmation Family Session will be on Sunday, January 11 from 6:45-8 PM.

**CONTINUED GROWTH:** Our next Continued Growth Session will be on Sunday, December 14, 9:45-11:15 AM.

# Children's Liturgy of the Word

Help Children's Liturgy in the Chapel during 8:45/10:45 AM Sunday Mass by emailing **childrensliturgy@stbrendans.net** (Volunteers ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant.)

# **POD Nursery Volunteers**

The POD Nursery needs volunteers during: 8:45 & 10:45 AM Sunday Mass, Family Faith Formation and Date Nights for Young Couples (once monthly on Friday, 6-8:15 PM). (Volunteers ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant.) To be added to our roster, email nursery@stbrendans.net

# **Elizabeth Ministry Meets Dec 3**

The next Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup is Wednesday, Dec 3, 9:45-11:15 AM in the Pod Nursery. Catch up with old friends and meet some new! Toys and a snack provided! Questions? Contact Regina at thelonggrears@gmail.com

### The Roots for Middleschoolers

ROOTS LARGE GROUP IS 6:30-8:30 PM:
Held last Sundays monthly in the school gym.

ASPEN SMALL GROUP NIGHTS: Held weekly on Sundays, 6:45-8:30 PM in the school library.

Questions? Email Anna at amarino@stbrendans.net



# CRANKS CREEK WINTER MISSION TRIP



ALL HIGHSCHOOLERS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

SIGN UP BY DEC 7

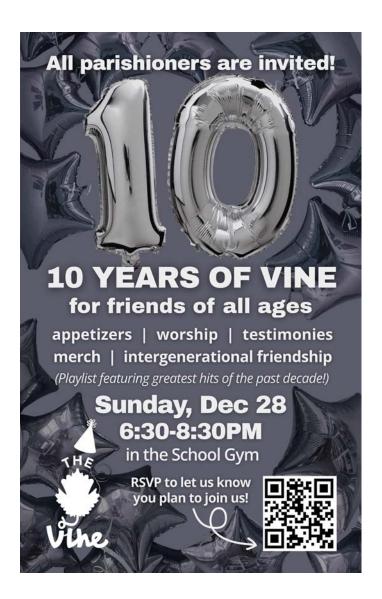
# **Upcoming Vine Winter Events**

For highschoolers – Sundays, 6:30-8:30 PM at St Brendan:

Dec 7: "How to Go to Heaven"
Dec 14: "Staying Consistent"

Dec 19-21: Cranks Creek Mission Trip (See sign up QR above.)

**DEC 28, VINE 10-YEAR CELEBRATION, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Gym. See ad below for details and the RSVP QR code.** 



# St Brendan Young Adults

Young adult (in your 20s & 30s) small groups meet on the 2nd Wednesday monthly, 7-9 PM. Women meet off-campus and men meet in the Carter Center. Haven't joined us yet? Please do! Contact Jorden Frey at freydesigns@gmail.com

### 2026 Catholic Conferences

### **ATTENTION ST BRENDAN WOMEN!**

St Brendan will be the host parish for the 2026 Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 21. Help to fill the many roles that are needed! First, sign up at www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries to let us know you can help. Then, purchase your conference ticket via the link emailed after submitting the form to receive \$10 off Early Bird or \$15 off reg. priced tickets. Questions? Email Kristie at kkontak@yahoo.com or Beth at bsapara18@gmail.com

### **FEBRUARY 28 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Men's Early Bird discount tickets are available for the 2026 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, February 28 at the Ohio Expo Center. For details and to register, visit www.catholicmensministry.com

# **St Margaret Preschool Registration**

Our collaborative preschool at St Margaret of Cortona has open enrollment for the 2026-27 school year for part or full-day classes (children ages 3-5 next fall). To register, visit www.bit.ly/preschool2026 or for questions, contact Andrea Boyd at aboyd@cdeducation.org

# **Around Our Diocese**

### ST MARGARET OF CORTONA CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Trays are available in 3 sizes. Order til December 1 and pick up cookies at St Margaret on December 13-14 after Masses. Questions? Text Emily at 330-571-4615 or Maria at 614-327-2261. Order cookies and find details by visiting https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/st-margaret-of-cortona-womens-club-christmas-cookie-sale

### **VIGIL PROJECT CONCERT, ST JOHN NEUMANN, DEC 4**

St John Neumann in Sunbury (9633 East State Route 37) is having a Vigil Project Concert on Thursday, December 4, at 7:15 PM in the church. Join us for a free, one-night Advent mission experience of Scripture, music by the Vigil Project musicians, art and Eucharist. Questions? Contact Krissy Ciacchi, Kciacchi@stjohnsunbury.org

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST MICHAEL'S, DEC 6**

St Michael's in Worthington (5750 N High St) is having a Christmas Concert on Dec 6 at 5:30 PM. Enjoy music by our children & adult choirs who will perform a reenactment of the 1976 St Michael's choir recorded album, "Rejoice" with song narration by founding pastor, Fr John Byrne. A free-will offering will support St Michael's and St Peter St Joan of Arc's SVdP. Questions? Email rlund@saintmichael-cd.org

### ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM BYZANTINE GUIDED TOUR

Take a guided tour entitled, "Spirituality of the Byzantine Advent" at St John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church (5858 Cleveland Ave in Columbus) at 11:15 AM on Dec 14 or Dec 21. We recommend you attend the 10 AM liturgy before the tours. Questions? Email stjohnbyz@hotmail.com



November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5 | Rom 13:11-14 | Mt 24:37-4

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For many in the upper latitudes of the northern hemisphere, this is the darkest time of the year, the time when the duration of daylight is at its lowest. It's providential, then, that our first reading calls us to "walk in the light of the Lord!" Paul tells us that we do this by "throw[ing] off the works of darkness" and "put[ing] on the armor of light." While we might not struggle with the vices listed in Paul's Letter to the Romans, each of us has our own struggles against sin. As we begin this Advent season, let us take time to do a thorough examination of conscience to discern areas of weakness and sin – those "works of darkness" Paul talks about – in our own lives. Then, consider taking up practices that help you to foster the opposing virtues to arm yourself against these temptations. As you grow in these virtues, you'll certainly be on your way up the mountain of the Lord and walking in his light!

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel calls us to vigilance. Jesus tells us, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." While he is speaking about our need to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes at the end of our lives, it's also an invitation for us to always be ready to share our faith with others whenever the opportunity presents itself. As Scripture says, we should "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15) We never know the moment when someone will come to us in need of prayer, a word of encouragement, or with questions related to their own spiritual hunger. We must always be ready to meet them where they are and offer a word of hope.

### **PRAY**

Take a moment to pray this week for those "divine appointments" - those individuals who might come your way - seeking encouragement or insight into the spiritual questions in their lives. Ask for the grace to be "awake" so that you're ready to meet them when they come. We can't always predict when these encounters will happen, but we can prepare ourselves to receive these persons as Christ and offer them our full attention and love.

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