

# Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Dec 14  
3 PM



## An Advent Family Event!

Invite your family and friends this Sunday, December 14 at 3 PM in the church for festive Christmas carols to prepare our hearts this Advent for the birth of our Savior! No RSVP required.

12  
14  
25

## Third Sunday of Advent

*"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."*

~ Matthew 11:2-11

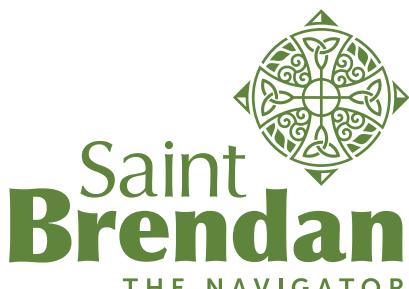


### "Mac & Cheese" Assembly, Dec 14

Our Knights of Columbus need your help once again to assemble ready-to-make mac & cheese packets this

Sunday, December 14, 12-2 PM in the Davidson Rooms to support the Hilliard Food Pantry! Food & beverages served.

Accept the "need" in ParishStaq or just show up!



### 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 15

5:30 PM Jeffrey Smith †

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 AM Lee Rhoader †

8:00 AM Monica Meyer †

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:30 PM Jeffrey Smith †

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:30 AM Donald Howe †

8:00 AM Madeline Oldani †

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 AM Rick Reiser †

8:00 AM Charles Oldani †

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM Pietro Giuliani †

5:30 PM Jack & Irma Krimm †

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:15 AM The Burke Family †

8:45 AM Marian R. Speller †

10:45 AM For the People of St Brendan Parish

5:30 PM John G. & Dolores D'Amico †

† Indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

## 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](http://stbrendans.net/welcome)

Questions? Call 614-876-1272, or

email [parish@stbrendans.net](mailto:parish@stbrendans.net)

### Marriage

Fill out a Marriage Request Form at [stbrendans.net/marriage](http://stbrendans.net/marriage) at least six months prior to your wedding.

Marriage prep is required.

Questions? Contact Valerie Scheel,

[weddingplanner@stbrendans.net](mailto:weddingplanner@stbrendans.net)

### Baptisms

12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes required.

Visit [stbrendans.net/baptism](http://stbrendans.net/baptism)

### Baptism Preparation Classes

1st Sunday most months, 12 PM (2 classes required). Questions?

Email [baptism@stbrendans.net](mailto:baptism@stbrendans.net)

### Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Please contact Wendy Ferkany

at [wferkany@stbrendans.net](mailto: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](http://stbrendans.net/marketing)

Email [marketing@stbrendans.net](mailto: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](http://www.virtus.org)

### Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention. Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Cost is \$75 (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](mailto:frseverance@stbrendans.net)

### POD Nursery

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

### Navigator News / ParishStaq

To automatically begin receiving our parish e-newsletter, visit [stbrendan.ccbchurch.com](http://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com) and create your ParishStaq account.

### Liturgical Ministry Portal

Ministry Scheduler Pro at: [www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans)

For scheduling questions, email [ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net](mailto:ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net)

### Facebook

(Parish) [@StBrendanofHilliard](https://www.facebook.com/StBrendanofHilliard)

### Instagram

(Parish) [@stbrendanhilliard](https://www.instagram.com/stbrendanhilliard)

(School) [@saintbrendanschool](https://www.instagram.com/saintbrendanschool)

(The Vine) [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine)

(The Roots) [@stb\\_theroots](https://www.instagram.com/stb_theroots)

(Young Adults) [@stbya](https://www.instagram.com/stbya)

### Livestreamed Mass

YouTube – [SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard](https://www.youtube.com/SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard)  
Facebook – [facebook.com/StBrendanHilliard](https://www.facebook.com/StBrendanHilliard)  
Sunday: 10:45 AM  
Mon & Wed: 5:30 PM  
Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8 AM

## Mass Intention Availability

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

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/>

**MON** 6 PM-10 PM

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

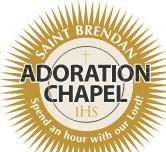
**WED** 7 AM-5 PM *Holy Hour: 6-7 PM w/Confession*

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

**FRI** 8:30 AM-10 PM *First Friday each month at 8:30 AM through Saturday at 1 PM*

**SAT** 8:30 AM-1 PM

**SUN** 6:30 PM-10 PM



## Adore During Advent!

During 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 <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/>



## Message from Fr Dooley

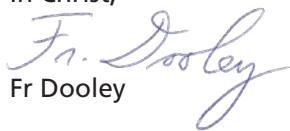
I wanted to share with you an announcement regarding our parish community in case you did not hear the announcement last weekend. Bishop Fernandes and the Priest Personnel Board have asked me to take a new assignment in the Diocese of Columbus – to be the Pastor of Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish in Chillicothe and Waverly. The assignment begins February 13, 2026.

The reasons for this quick timeline are many, but let me mention a few. Currently, the administrator of the southern parishes is a retired priest, he's 86 years old. He stepped in to help temporarily, but the parish needs stability which comes from having a pastor. Bishop Fernandes has asked me to step in. Many of you know Chillicothe and Waverly was my first assignment as a priest from 2015-2019. In a way, it will be a homecoming for me. We, priests, go where the Bishop needs us to support the clergy and laity. I know that my brother priests would do the same for me.

Fr Michael Lumpe, whom many of you may know, will be the new pastor at St Brendan. Fr Lumpe brings plenty of leadership and expertise to our parish – Please read his bio down below.

Although my time here has been short, it has been an honor being your pastor. While it is not goodbye yet, please pray for Fr Lumpe, for me, and for the good people of Hilliard, Chillicothe and Waverly. Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish. Thank you for all that you have done since my arrival in 2024. I look forward to spending Advent and Christmas with you as your pastor.

In Christ,

  
Fr Dooley

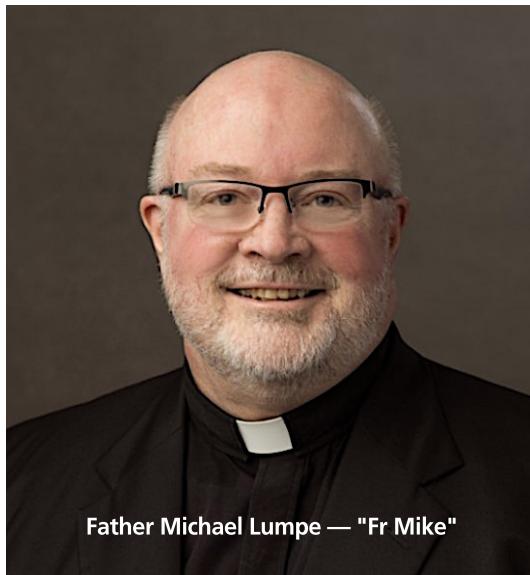


## A Note About Fr Michael Lumpe...

Fr Michael Lumpe – "Fr Mike" – was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Columbus in 2004 by Bishop James Griffin. His first assignment was associate pastor at Saint Matthew Parish in Gahanna.

Since then, Fr Mike has served as Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Pastor of St Catharine of Siena Parish, Rector of St Joseph Cathedral and Pastor of Holy Cross Church, Vice Rector - Pontifical College Josephinum, and Pastor of St Michael Parish. During these assignments, Fr Mike was a founding member of the Bishop Griffin Center, served as J.O.I.N. Chaplain, served for 10 years as the Diocesan Vicar for Priests, served on the St Charles Preparatory School Advisory Board (he is a St Charles alum, Class of 1978), and served on the Catholic Foundation Advisory Board. He presently serves as Diocesan Vicar for Hospital Ministry, working with the four major hospital systems in Franklin County to ensure proactive ministry to Catholic patients by our small army of Catholic Priest Chaplains. Fr Mike also serves as Diocesan Vicar for Senior and Infirm Priests, seeing to the health and well-being of our Priests, and ensuring the needs of our Senior and Retired Priests are met; these duties tandem well with his assignment as Chaplain of the Villas at St Therese and Mother Angeline McCrory Manor.

Fr Mike is looking forward to serving all the people who make St Brendan's their home, journeying together as we follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, as "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22).



Father Michael Lumpe — "Fr Mike"

# Community Calendar



## Congratulations

### ON THE BAPTISM OF:

Kato Francis Nuehs



## 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...

### 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 Mass)

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)  
 Wed, Dec 31: 5:30 PM Vigil Mass  
 (No 6:30 Holy Hour or Confession)  
 Thurs, Jan 1: 9 AM Mass

## Bulletin Advertising

Contact Kati at 614-777-8700 or [kati@deeprinting.com](mailto:kati@deeprinting.com) to place an ad. Thanks to our sponsors and Dee Printing, our bulletin is published at no cost to the parish. Please support our advertisers!

### OUR SPONSOR-OF-THE-WEEK:

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## Incense Schedule

Sunday, Dec 14 10:45 AM  
 Wednesday, Dec 24 10:00 PM  
 Sunday, Dec 28 5:30 PM  
 Wednesday, Dec 31 5:30 PM

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	Seek & Root Family Session	Davidson, Rms A & B

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

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	OCIA: Immaculate Conception Cohort	Davidson, Room A
7:00 PM	OCIA: Vigil Cohort	Davidson, Room B

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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
6:00 PM	KofC Family Christmas Party	Davidson, Rms A & B
7:00 PM	VINE Formation	Chase McCurdy LC
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Advent Women's Study	Davidson, Room A
7:00 PM	SVdP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz, Room 1

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

VINE: Crank's Creek Mission 12/19-12/21

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:30 AM	Holy Hour for Moms with Littles	Childcare Center

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

VINE: Crank's Creek Mission 12/19-12/21

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM	Pray the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

VINE: Crank's Creek Mission 12/19-12/21

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 & Donuts	Davidson, Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel



## Prayer List

Fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* available at [www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List](http://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
Doris Cobbs	Ora Johnson
Richard Jones	Francis Drlik
Donna Fox-Moore	Dolores Lynch
Dickson Tumawu	Robert Zapp
Connie Carrino	Ryan Yoder
Lisa Lynch	Glenna Brickey
Bertha Torok	Cindy Tumawu
Sue Devore	Chris Carrino
Zac B.	Yvonne Schlenker
Sara Conway	David Thornton
Sally Rielly	Shirley Tornik
Gilberto Valderrama	Paula Jordan
Sean Grier	Richard Walls
Alma Harding	Marian Woolum
Karl "Sonny" Beem	Dochia Finsterbusch
Eileen Wilson	Susan Gernetzke

#### 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 continues to pray daily for all those no longer practicing our faith. For more information about Inviting Catholics Home ministry, please visit [www.stbrendans.net/ich](http://www.stbrendans.net/ich)

# Staff Directory

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Support  
School  
Families



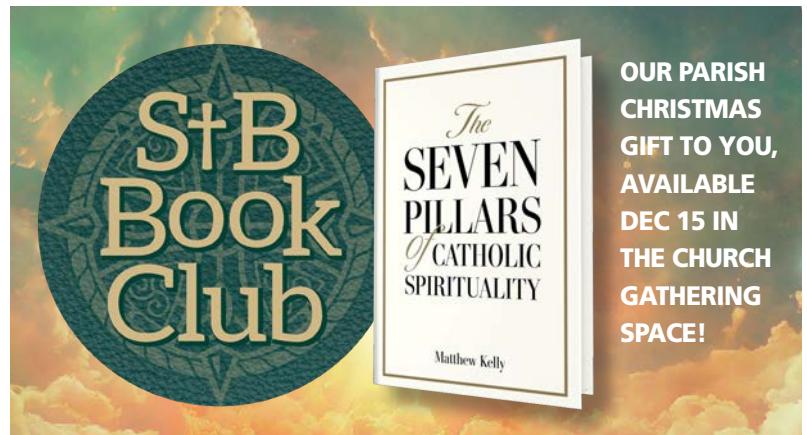
It's that time of year again – time to turn your tax dollars into a scholarship at St Brendan! Support our school families with a tax-advantaged gift to Emmaus Road. Almost anyone paying income tax in the state of Ohio will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit equal to their gift. Easily double your dollars for good! The credit limit is \$750 for individuals or \$1500 if married, filing jointly. For details, visit <https://emmausroadscholarship.org> or scan the QR code (select St Brendan School as your scholarship grantor.) \*Consult your tax advisor for guidance.

## Year-end Tax Statements

Our Parish Office needs your current mailing address to ensure you receive the year-end tax letter. Take a moment to update your address, email, and phone number in your ParishStaq account or contact Dina at [dharder@stbrendans.net](mailto:dharder@stbrendans.net) so she can update it. (If you receive offertory envelopes and your address changed, please let Dina know to inform the envelope company.) We will prepare annual Giving Statements in mid-January. To ensure your donations appear on this year's statements, we ask that you make sure your contributions are received in the parish office by or before the end of the 2025 calendar year. Questions? Email us at [accounting@stbrendans.net](mailto:accounting@stbrendans.net) The Parish Office Staff would like to thank you for your continued financial support. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!



St Brendan Home & School will host the Casino Royale Auction fundraiser on March 7, 2026 when the school will be transformed into a casino setting with classic games, music, great food, refreshments and friends. **Ways you can help our auction to succeed include:** Donate an item/service/package, become a sponsor, volunteer on a committee/at the event, participate in the live or silent auction, or help promote the event. Contact Dionne at [deebest1@gmail.com](mailto:deebest1@gmail.com) or auction team at [sbauction@cdeducation.org](mailto:sbauction@cdeducation.org) to offer support.



## StB Book Club Sessions Begin Jan 8

In *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, Matthew Kelly highlights the timeless genius of Catholicism through these ancient practices: Confession, Daily Prayer, the Mass, the Bible, the Rosary, Spiritual Reading and Fasting – all which aim to help us grow in our faith. Pick up a book (our gift to you this Christmas!) available in the gathering area on December 15. Then, join us January 8, 15, 22 & 29 as we host our StB Book Club on Thursdays in the Davidson Rooms – morning sessions are 9-10:30 AM and evening sessions are 7-8:30 PM. RSVP on our Adult Faith Formation web page at [www.bit.ly/stbaff](http://www.bit.ly/stbaff)

## Men's & Women's Catholic Conferences

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** – St Brendan is the host parish for the 2026 Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 21. Let us know your volunteer role preference by completing the form at [www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries](http://www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries) and then, purchase your conference ticket via the link emailed after submitting the form to receive \$10 off Early Bird or \$15 off regular priced tickets. Questions? Email Kristie at [kkontak@yahoo.com](mailto:kkontak@yahoo.com), Beth at [bsapara18@gmail.com](mailto:bsapara18@gmail.com)

**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](http://www.catholicmensministry.com)

## A Note from St Vincent de Paul Society

St Brendan parishioners are champions when it comes to helping our neighbors in need. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving and we thank you for sharing your abundance by supporting the Christmas Giving Tree project and by donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul here at St Brendan. If you know of a family who is struggling or could use our assistance, please call the parish office at 614-876-1272. Our updated "Assistance" and St Vincent de Paul Society brochures are now available in the church gathering area. Please consider joining and volunteering with our conference by contacting Heather Carrier at [heathercsvdp@gmail.com](mailto:heathercsvdp@gmail.com)

## Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup, Dec 17

The next playgroup is on Wednesday, December 17, 9:45-11:15 AM in the Pod Nursery. Come catch up with old friends and make some new! Toys and a snack for the kids will be provided. Questions? Contact Regina at [thelonggears@gmail.com](mailto:thelonggears@gmail.com)



## Inviting Catholics Home Ministry News

Inviting Catholics Home Ministry walks with inactive Catholics on their journey back home. We are the hand someone can hold when not sure what to do next to return to their faith – answering questions, accompanying them to Mass, providing encouragement, direction, support and information about our Catholic faith that may have been forgotten over the years while away.

Our ministry recently hosted ***Come Home for Christmas***, a four-session series leading up to Advent. Each Monday evening in November, the participants were invited to a refresher course led by Deacon Jim Morris, Janet Walsh and Mary Destefani. Fr Severance joined us at one session to deliver a wonderful talk about the healing gift God gives us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Read the November 30, 2025 ***Catholic Times*** article (on page 11) that summarized the sessions by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/ICHarticle> or, visit the Inviting Catholics Home web page to view (or share with someone) much of the information covered in the sessions at [www.stbrendans.net/ich](http://www.stbrendans.net/ich)

Do you know any family members, neighbors or friends who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith but may have been asking questions or expressed an interest in coming back? What would happen if each of us invited just one person to come to church with us? Inviting Catholics Home Ministry is asking each of you in our St Brendan faith family to ***Invite One Back*** to Mass with you this Christmas. If they aren't ready to go to Mass yet, try inviting them to an event at our parish like the ***Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*** this Sunday at 3 PM in the church. Or, invite someone to join you for the ***StB Book Club*** that begins on January 8, 2026 (see details on pg 5).

Our ministry members know first hand that people who have been away from their faith are sometimes just waiting for a "sign" to return. Your invitation to them could be that first step for them to come back. Plant a seed that may grow in time by letting your light of Christ shine through your actions, your joy and your love for others, so that those away from their faith feel comfortable and curious to find out more!

This coming week, let's ***invite One Back*** to Mass, back to the Church and back to a life filled with the joy and love of Christ!

## Disciple Maker Index Survey



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 opportunities. Share your perspective to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future! Access the survey via the QR code or at [www.tinyurl.com/brendandmi](http://www.tinyurl.com/brendandmi). Paper copies of the survey are also available on the Welcome Desk in the gathering space that you can fill out and turn in to the parish office.



## Men's Mini-Retreat, Jan 31

For busy guys who can't get away for an entire weekend, join us in the Davidson Rooms on Jan 31 from 6:30-10 AM for prayer, Mass, fellowship and formation. No RSVP needed. Questions? Contact Grant Rice at [ricekris8813@att.net](mailto:ricekris8813@att.net)

## Support for Coffee & Donuts

We offer coffee and donuts every other week at St Brendan's to help build fellowship amongst our parishioners. Quantities and expenses to provide these treats have steadily increased. Please help to defray some of the cost by making a donation at the event, via the QR code to the right, or by visiting [www.tinyurl.com/StBcoffeeNdonuts](http://www.tinyurl.com/StBcoffeeNdonuts)



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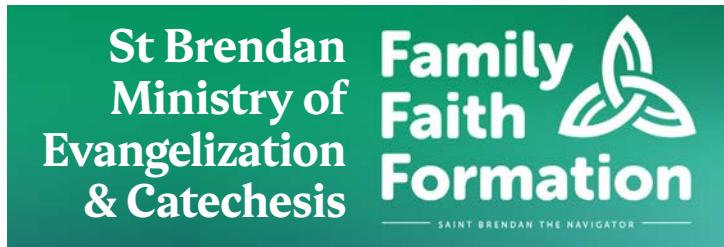
There are very few people and/or ministries signed up to host Coffee & Donuts in 2026! If you or your ministry are interested in hosting, contact Janet at [hospitality@stbrendans.net](mailto:hospitality@stbrendans.net)

## The Melchizedek Project

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

## Cleaning Ministry Volunteers

Our Cleaning Ministry could use your help on Mondays, 9 AM to clean windows, pews, the altar and for general house cleaning (nothing heavy) in the church and Chapel. Commit to an hour a week or even once a month. Cleaning supplies are available or bring your own! Questions? Email Julie Johnson at [juljohnson57@yahoo.com](mailto:juljohnson57@yahoo.com)



# 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](http://www.stbrendans.net/growing-in-faith/family-faith-formation) (and use the buttons/links at the top of the web page.)

# Family Faith Formation

**CONTINUED GROWTH:** The next Continued Growth Family Session is Sunday, December 14 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

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

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** The next First Holy Communion Family Session is Sunday, January 11 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

**CONFIRMATION:** The next Confirmation Family Session is Sunday, January 11 from 6:45-8 PM.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS:** The next Middle School Small Group is Sunday, February 1 (the January 4 date is cancelled), 6:45-8 PM. See your email for details and small group locations.

# 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](mailto: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 Fridays at 6-8:15 PM). *(Volunteers ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant.)* To be added to our roster, email [nursery@stbrendans.net](mailto:nursery@stbrendans.net)



# 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](http://www.bit.ly/preschool2026) or for questions, contact Andrea Boyd at [aboyd@cducation.org](mailto:aboyd@cducation.org)

## Upcoming Vine Winter Events

For highschoolers – Sundays, 6:30-8:30 PM at St Brendan:  
**Dec 14:** "Staying Consistent"  
**Dec 19-21:** Cranks Creek Mission Trip  
**Dec 28:** "10 Years of Vine" celebration for all! (see ad below)

## 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](mailto:freydesigns@gmail.com)

December 14, 2025

## Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 | Jas 5:7-10 | Mt 11:2-11

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

One morning, I woke up feeling exhausted after a fitful night of sleep. I was achy and generally under the weather. Despite this, I made a to-do list because the day's work still needed to be accomplished. I was determined to not let this sickness interrupt my productivity, even though I knew I needed to rest. It occurred to me, then, that rest — and dependence on others and God — is sacred also. In today's psalm, we hear of the many ways the Lord provides: *The Lord gives, the Lord raises, the Lord loves, the Lord protects, the Lord saves.* We cannot accomplish our own salvation, but we can rest in the promise the Lord provides, and we can hope in the salvation offered in Christ. As we wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, let us find time to rest in his Word and his presence, trusting that our salvation does not depend on us and has already come to fruition in Christ.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we saw in our psalm, God is the one who takes initiative, who provides for our salvation. In our work to share the faith with others, sometimes our task is simply to help others become aware of the ways God is providing for them by pointing out the signs of his action in their lives. When the disciples of John came to Jesus asking if he was "the one who is to come" or whether they should "look for another," Jesus reminds them of the evidence all around them: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. As we help others to see God's work in their lives, we are also leading them to greater faith and trust in him.

## Safe Environment Compliance Update

As we continue our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all children and vulnerable persons, all volunteers are asked to be fully compliant with Protecting God's Children training and complete the required background checks. Requirements include:

- BCI (Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation) background check (FBI background check for those who lived outside Ohio in past 5 years.)
- Current volunteers: check that your VIRTUS account is active/up to date and background check was completed within 5 year timeframe.

The diocese is requiring all current volunteers who have background checks older than 5 years to be updated by January 2, 2026. If you are unsure whether you need to have your fingerprinting updated, contact Teresa Boyne: 614-876-1272, ext 221, [tboyne@stbrendans.net](mailto:tboyne@stbrendans.net)

## Around Our Diocese

### ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM BYZANTINE 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 attending the 10 AM liturgy before the tour. Questions? Email [stjohnbyz@hotmail.com](mailto:stjohnbyz@hotmail.com)

### BEST OF SEEK WITH COLUMBUS LOCAL PASS

Local Catholic community in Columbus are invited to experience the best of SEEK—on your schedule! Join us with the Columbus Local Pass for evening sessions after 5 PM on Days 1-4 and full-day access Day 5. Enjoy keynote talks from Fr Mike Schmitz, Sr Mary Grace, SV, Dr Edward Sri and Curtis Martin, along with Adoration, Confession, entertainment, and vibrant community. This exclusive evening pass is \$250 for ages 15 and over. Ages 14 and under are free if accompanied by a registered parent. Visit [SEEK.FOCUS.ORG/CBSLOCAL](https://seek.focus.org/cbslocal) to register.

### THE MUSEUM OF CATHOLIC ART & HISTORY

Come celebrate the Season of Advent with a tour of various Nativity displays at the Museum of Catholic Art and History. The museum is open every week Tuesday-Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM (last tour each day is 2:30 PM). Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (ages 4-18) & seniors (65+), and \$30 for a family of four or more. The museum is located on the 1st floor of The Catholic Foundation, located at 257 E Broad St in Columbus, OH. For questions, call 614-618-4030, or, check out their website at <https://columbuscatholic.org/ministry-office/museum-of-catholic-art-history/>

### A UNIQUE PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY

For the first time in 800 years, the relics of Saint Francis of Assisi will be on display at the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi. Deacon John Amedeo and Fr Thomas Buffer of St Cecilia Church in Columbus are planning a pilgrimage from Sunday, March 8, 2026 - Tuesday, March 17, 2026 to visit Rome and Assisi. Your trip is all inclusive, excluding airfare. The cost is \$2,950.00. Your hotel, meals, tickets, ground transportation and gratuities are included. This pilgrimage is limited to 14 people. For pictures of previous pilgrimages, visit [www.tivoltours.us](http://www.tivoltours.us) Questions? Call Deacon Amedeo at 330-310-1628.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER, FEB 6

Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage. Attend on February 6-8, 2026. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Location: Procter Camp and Conference Center – London, OH. Other weekend dates are available on our website. Register at [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org)

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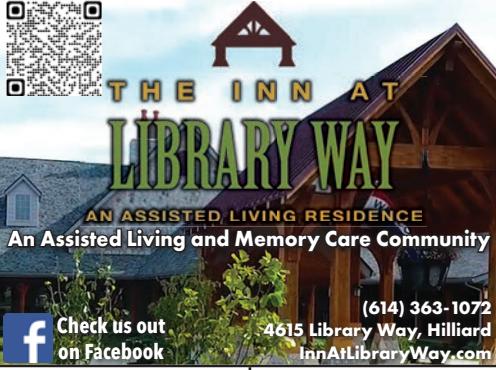
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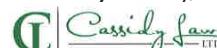


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