

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
WEDNESDAY, DEC 31**

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

No Holy Hour or Confession.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
THURSDAY, JAN 1**

9 AM Mass

No Adoration.

*Parish Office is closed
Wednesday, December 31
at 12PM through
Friday, January 2.*

10 Years of Vine Celebration

**DEC 28, 6:30-8:30 PM
IN THE SCHOOL GYM**

*All parishioners are invited!
See page 2 for details.*



*Learn about the
Emmaus Road
Scholarship Fund
on page 5 & 6 or
via the QR code.*



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28
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Feast of the Holy Family

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.*

Mass Intentions/Feast Days

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas
5:30 PM Ed Erdy †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sixth Day of the Octave of Christmas
6:30 AM Rick Reiser †
8:00 AM Walter Miranda †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:30 PM Bill Sauer †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00 AM Kevin Nichols †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

6:30 AM Intention for Christopher Cullinan
8:00 AM Members of the Byorth Family †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 AM Mary Alsharaiha †
5:30 PM Trudy Lingnau †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

The Epiphany of the Lord
7:15 AM Thomas Bensman †
8:45 AM Mitzie Toth †
10:45 AM Nicole Deford †
5:30 PM For the People of St Brendan Parish

† Indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

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 March of 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

1st Friday Adoration, Jan 2/3

Our next First Friday Adoration will take place on Friday, January 2 at 8:30 AM through Saturday, January 3 at 1 PM. Sign up to spend an hour with our Lord at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

Information Center

Parish Office Hours

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

Church Hours

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

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 ParishStaq account.

Liturgical Ministry Portal

Ministry Scheduler Pro at: www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans
For scheduling questions, email 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_theeroots](https://www.instagram.com/stb_theeroots)
(Young Adults) [@stbya](https://www.instagram.com/stbya)

Livestreamed Mass

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

A Message from Kara Shand

By the grace of God, the Vine high school youth ministry has been going for 10 years here at St Brendan's. As I have spent time reflecting on the decade that I have gotten to be a part of what God is doing here in our young people, I am filled with awe, wonder, and immense gratitude.

When I was 18 and we were starting Vine, I dreamed of a place where Catholic high schoolers could come experience that God is real, that He loves them, and He desires a real, living relationship with them. The Lord has exceeded my expectations in every way. It turns out that His dreams for the youth of our Church are even bigger than mine! I have gotten to be an eyewitness to lives transformed by the saving love of Jesus Christ and have seen God work in miraculous ways in a community of teenagers.

Often at Vine, we talk about how we are the young Saints of Columbus. This is true. The Vine has grown into a community of zealous young people who desire nothing more than to know and love Jesus and see His Church fully alive in faith. We want to be the Saints God has created us to be and live out our mission statement: to see hell emptied, heaven filled, and the high schools won for Jesus Christ.

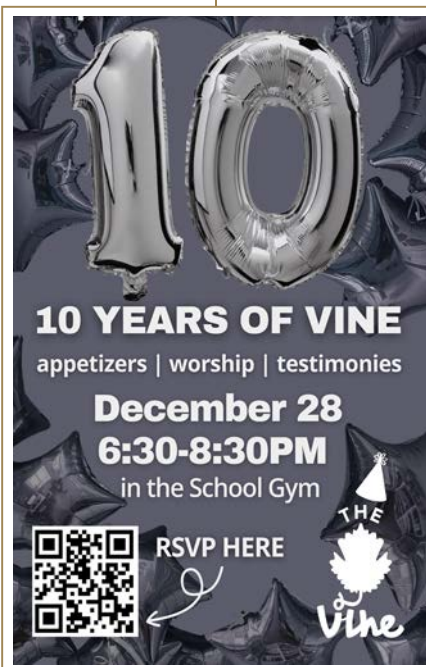
Our Vine community didn't want to let this milestone of 10 years go by without taking time to celebrate all that God has done. Here is just a glimpse of the glory that God has brought about (below), most of which can never be quantified. Nevertheless, I share these stats as a way to brag on our God for the amazing ways He has worked. These are not just empty numbers; each number is reflective of a real person whose life and family have been touched by the eternal God.

Over the past decade, I have had the privilege of serving alongside **77** young adult core team volunteers who have given generously of their time to put on over **250** Vine nights.

In this time, Vine has served **1,438** unique high schoolers from **59** different high schools, who come from **39** different parishes as well as **55** non-Catholic churches. Of the teens who have come to Vine, **75%** of them were Catholic, **16%** were Protestant Christian and **9%** were atheist or another religion. We have started a Vine OCIA program for non-Catholic teens who attend Vine and due to this have expressed desire to become Catholic. By the end of this year, **16** Vine high schoolers will have become Catholic by receiving their sacraments. Much of this outreach is due to the **279** high school leaders who have been a part of our high school missionary formation program where they have learned to share their faith with their friends and how to live it out in every aspect of their lives.

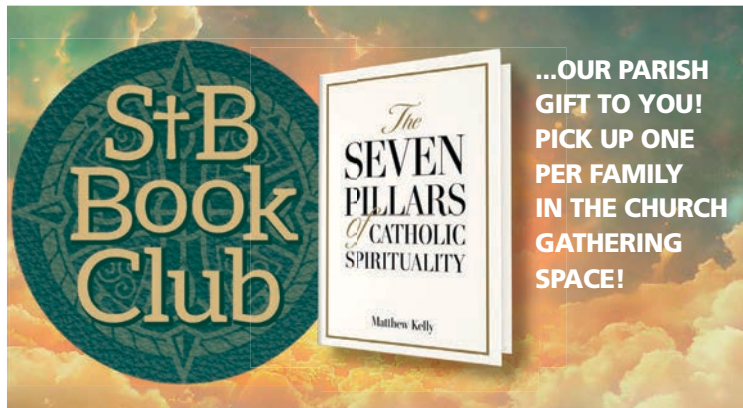
As I share these things, I am renewed in amazement of our God. I never could have imagined what God would grow the Vine into over these past ten years. So, as we look together toward the next decade of the Vine, we are going to be dreaming God-sized dreams! Anything is possible! I know better now than to limit what the King of the Universe can do.

Please pray for us and know of the Vine community's prayers for you and for everyone at St Brendan Parish as well.



I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ~John 15:5

In Christ's Mercy,
Kara Shand



StB Book Club Sessions Begin Jan 8

In *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, Matthew Kelly highlights the 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 parish gift to you) available in the gathering area, while they last! Then, join us January 8, 15, 22 and 29 for our StB Book Club on Thursdays in the Davidson Rooms – Morning sessions: 9-10:30 AM (childcare available) or evening sessions: 7-8:30 PM. Register on our Adult Faith Formation web page: www.bit.ly/stbaff



Congratulations

ON THE BAPTISM OF:

Alexandra Lily Gulling

Diocesan Disciple Maker Index Survey

Every member of each parish family is asked to participate in this survey which runs through January 4, 2026. Access the survey at www.tinyurl.com/brendandmi or via the QR code. Paper copies are also available on the Welcome Desk to fill out and return to the Parish Office.



Giving Statements

Watch for your annual Giving Statement to come by the end of January. To ensure your donations appear on this year's statement, please make sure your contributions are received in the parish office before the end of the 2025 calendar year. Questions? Please email accounting@stbrendans.net

The Parish Office Staff would like to thank you for your continued financial support. *We wish you and your families a Happy New Year!*

The Melchizedek Project, Dec 29

The Melchizedek Project sessions, for young men who are 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 **December 29**. If interested in attending, email Fr Severance at frseverance@stbrendans.net

Incense Schedule

Sunday, Dec 28 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec 31 5:30 PM



"The Appeal" is in the Home Stretch!

Fr Dooley extends his warm thanks to families who have made their pledge to *The Appeal 2025*. **We are just over \$10,000 away from our parish goal of \$330,00!** In these final days of 2025, Father asks for our help in supporting vocations, evangelization, Catholic education and social concerns in Central Ohio. Before Fr Dooley arrived in 2024, Fr Bob made a similar request to help reach our respective goal before the transition. Fr Dooley would like to extend the same courtesy to Fr Lumpe, who will become our pastor in February. This would alleviate one thing off his plate before stepping into one of the biggest assignments in the diocese and would give us one more triumph to celebrate with Fr Dooley before his departure. If you have not yet made your pledge, or would like to adjust your existing one, you can do so easily at <https://bit.ly/25appeal> or via the QR code. There are also remittance envelopes in the gathering space. Every gift, no matter the size, will bolster our Catholic faith and the ministries we hold dear. **Thank you!**



The Appeal

Together in Mission

2025



Community Calendar

MONDAY, DEC 29			No School – Christmas Break	
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel		
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church		
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel		
6:00 PM	Melchizedek Project	Carter Center		
TUESDAY, DEC 30			No School – Christmas Break	
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church		
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel		
WEDNESDAY, DEC 31			No School / Parish Office closes 12PM / No Confession or Holy Hour	
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel		
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	Church	5:30 PM	
THURSDAY, JAN 1, 2026			Solemnity of Mary / No School / Parish Office closed / No Adoration	
	Seek Conference 2026 1/1-1/5	Off Site		
9:00 AM	Daily Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	Church		
FRIDAY, JAN 2			No School – Christmas Break / Parish Office closed	
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church		
8:30 AM-12:00 AM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel		
SATURDAY, JAN 3				
12:00 AM-1:00 PM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church		
8:30 AM	Pray the Rosary	Church		
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional		
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Monthly Meeting	Carter Center		
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church		
SUNDAY, JAN 4				
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		
12:00 PM	Baptismal Preparation Class	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2		
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel		
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts Akela Parent Meeting	Teacher Lounge/School		



Prayer List

Fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* available at www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List (see QR code below) or call the parish office if you would like our parish to pray for friends or family **who are hospitalized, ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones. The list is updated every 3-6 months, so if someone you added was deleted, but is still ill, fill out a new prayer request.



If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614-876-1272.

Please Pray for...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

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	Dick Snyder
Dionisia Virtudazo	Alisha Lause
Ryan Diepenbrock	

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

Staff Directory

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Give by December 31st



TURN YOUR TAXES
INTO A SCHOLARSHIP



learn more
or get started



There is truly no better nor easier way to support your home at St Brendan than with a gift to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund. Even if you don't think of your family being in a place to be a "donor" to any initiative right now, Emmaus Road is unique. **Those who contribute will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their Ohio income tax return upon filing next year!** You can effectively turn your tax dollars into scholarships for a school family at St Brendan. Every gift, no matter the size, can make a significant impact in reducing tuition fees at no actual cost to you!

Last year, we managed to raise \$214,000 in scholarships from 198 parish and school families. Across a campus of more than 2,500 families — plus grandparents and godparents of our students — we could eclipse \$1,000,000 in scholarships with enough awareness and support. Continue reading and help us spread the word in making a Catholic education more affordable at St Brendan School.



Passed by the Ohio Legislature in late 2021, a tax credit was established for donations to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund. As the first Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) in the state, Emmaus Road awards scholarships to families seeking a Catholic education in the Diocese of Columbus. We can even earmark our contributions to be granted specifically to St Brendan students. This is a textbook example and increasingly rare instance of a 'win-win.'

Step 1: Make your contribution by visiting the QR Code on the front or go to emmausroadscholarship.org -OR- Give via check and remittance envelope available at the parish office. Be sure to designate 'St. Brendan School, Hilliard' as the grantor. You'll receive a receipt from the diocese for tax purposes.

Step 2: At tax time, claim your gift to the scholarship fund on Ohio IT 1040 Schedule of Credits. You'll receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against your state income tax liability.*

Step 3: In the spring, the Office of Catholic Schools will work with our school admins to award the tuition assistance in order of greatest need at St Brendan.

You just doubled your money for Catholic families!

*Tax credit is limited to \$750 for individuals or \$1,500 if married, filing jointly. This is not tax advice. Please speak with a tax advisor to confirm eligibility.

**GIVE \$1,500
GET \$1,500**

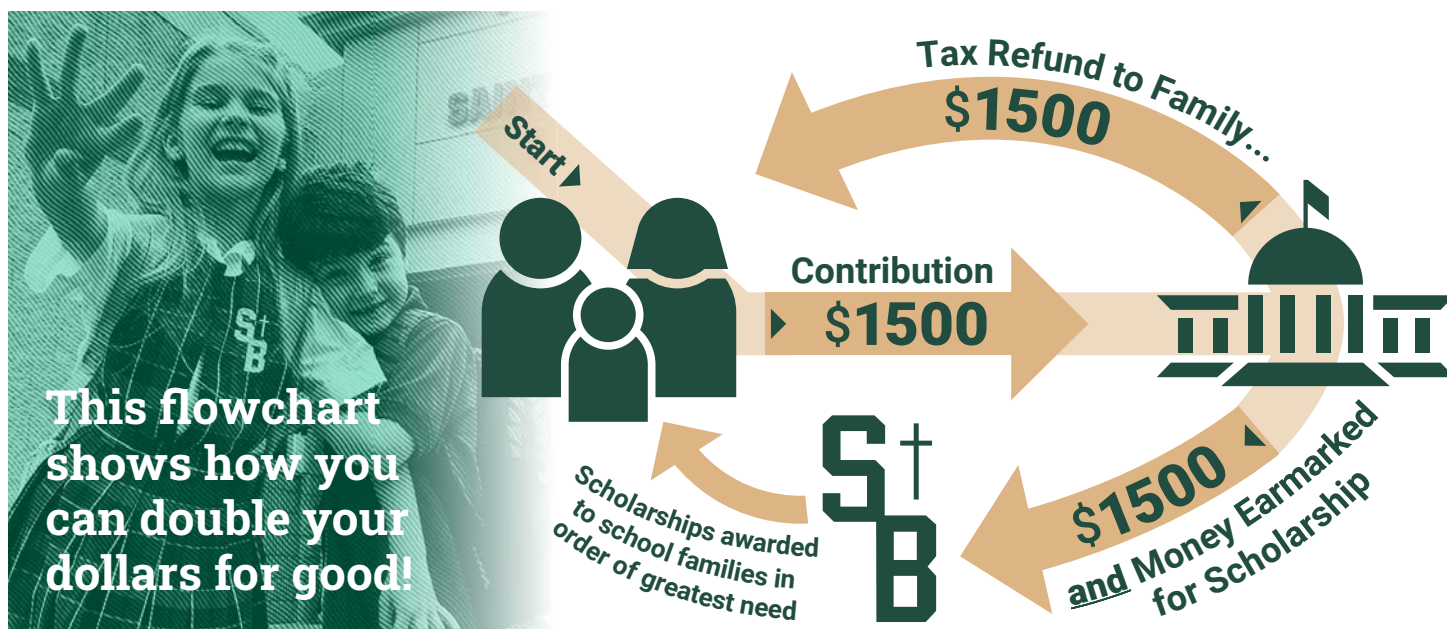
Almost anyone paying income tax in the state of Ohio will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their taxes equal to their gift! It truly couldn't be easier to support a St Brendan family.

The limit for this credit is \$750 for individuals or \$1,500 if married, filing jointly.

2024 EMMAUS ROAD LEADERBOARDS

Rank	School	2024 Total
#1	St. Brigid	\$340,234
#2	St. Matthew	\$225,982
#3	St. Paul	\$225,260
#4	St. Brendan	\$213,988
#5	St. Charles	\$207,120
#6	Bishop Watterson	\$200,117
#7	St. Andrew	\$200,022
#8	IC Columbus	\$175,981
#9	St. Catharine	\$149,936
#10	St. Francis	\$139,841
#11	DeSales	\$138,283
#12	St. Michael	\$137,104
#13	OLPH	\$131,763
#14	St. Mary Delaware	\$116,342

In 2024, St Brendan families raised the 4th most in scholarships out of 50 diocesan schools.



St Brendan Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

Family Faith Formation

SAINT BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

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

1ST HOLY COMMUNION: 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.

SEEK & ROOT: The next Seek & Root Family Session is Monday, January 12 from 6-7:30 PM.

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

CONTINUED GROWTH: The next Continued Growth Family Session is Sunday, February 8 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

POD Nursery Volunteers Needed

The POD Nursery needs volunteers during: 8:45 & 10:45 AM **Sunday Mass, Family Faith Formation, StB Book Club** (once weekly, Thursdays in January (9-10:30 AM) and **Date Nights for Young Couples** (once monthly, Fridays at 6-8:15 PM). (Volunteers ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant.) To be added to our roster, email nursery@stbrendans.net

Safe Environment Compliance

As we continue our commitment to providing a safe 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 have lived outside Ohio in past 5 years.)
- Current volunteers: **Check that your VIRTUS account is active/up to date** with background check completed within 5 year timeframe. The diocese requires all current volunteers with 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 at tboyne@stbrendans.net

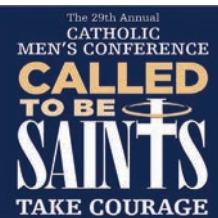
Roots for Middleschoolers

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

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



Early Bird
Discount
Expires on
January 1!



Columbus Catholic Conferences

WOMEN – St Brendan is the host parish for the **Columbus Catholic Women's Conference** on Feb 21, 2026. Sign up to volunteer at www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries and then, purchase your conference ticket via the link emailed to you after submitting the form to receive \$10 off Early Bird or \$15 off regular priced tickets. Questions? Email Kristie at kkontak@yahoo.com or Beth at bsapara18@gmail.com

MEN – The 2026 **Columbus Catholic Men's Conference** is on Saturday, February 28. For details and tickets, visit www.catholicmensministry.com

Employment Opportunity

ST BRENDAN'S PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF CARE AND CONSOLATION:

is responsible for planning, administering and directing the ministry of care and consolation to the parish and its community. This person assists the Pastor, parish staff, coordinators and volunteers to develop effective pastoral care programs/processes for those needing pastoral care and consolation in time of need.

Full-time job duties include: Coordinate pastoral care to the homebound facilities, liaison with nursing facilities, make pastoral visits as needed, staff liaison for funeral Masses/services/volunteers, offer programs related to care and consolation, provide pastoral support to parishioners in emotional/spiritual need or refer them to further services as needed, staff liaison to ministries related to care and consolation, assist in efforts of outreach to the poor and within the Hilliard community, and update content to parish website/bulletin/social media for areas of responsibility.

Skills/qualifications: Bachelors or Master's degree in social work, theology, religious studies or related field preferred with minimum 5 years experience in the development and administration of ministry to the sick and bereaved. Active/fully participating Catholic with knowledge of, and ability to convey effectively, the official teachings of the Catholic Church. Excellent written/verbal communication skills, computer competency and self-motivation. Pass BCI&I and FBI background checks and attend a PGC class.

Contact Fr Sean Dooley at frdooley@stbrendans.net if interested and view the full job description at <https://stbrendans.net/about/employment/>

"Seek" Conference, Jan 1-5

PARTICIPATE 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 speakers along with Adoration, Confession, entertainment and more. This exclusive evening pass is \$250 for ages 15 and over. Ages 14 and under are free if accompanied by registered parent. Visit SEEK.FOCUS.ORG/CBSLOCAL to register.



Planning is underway for our March 7, 2026 *Casino Royale St Brendan School Auction Fundraiser!* Corporate sponsors and personal donations for auction baskets are needed. See below for ways you can help our auction to succeed.

CORPORATE SPONSORS & DONATIONS

Table Sponsorships: Sponsor an auction table for \$250 or a gaming table for \$500, with your company logo displayed.

Event Sponsorships: Choose from Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum levels, each offering special perks and benefits.

Donations in Kind: If your business offers products or services, please consider donating them to our auctions.

All sponsors, no matter the level, will be recognized:

- Featured on the school's Instagram (1,300+ followers)
- In the St Brendan Parish bulletin
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Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Col 3:12-21 | Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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In his Angelus address on the Feast of the Holy Family in 2001, St. John Paul II shared this with those gathered: "If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen." Following in the footsteps of the Holy Family in today's Scripture, we find ourselves in quiet Bethlehem, just after the departure of the Magi. The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, this time with a warning: "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." They trust in God and their response is immediate. It is easy for us to imagine the Holy Family as different from ourselves — holier and more spiritual. Certainly, that's true. They were holy but they were also fully human, which means that what they attained is possible for each of us. Let us try to imitate them in this holiness.

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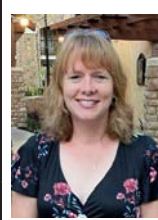
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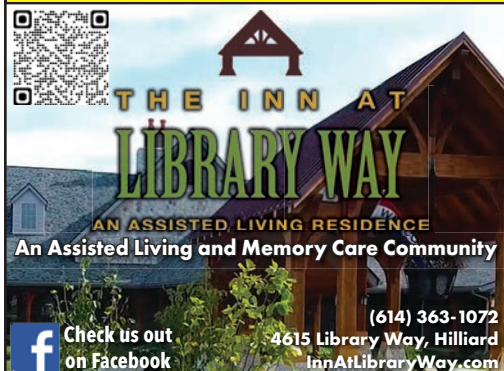
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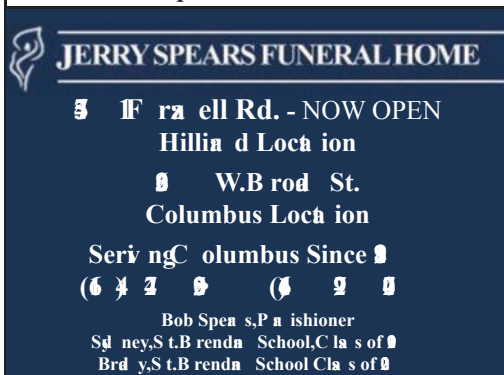


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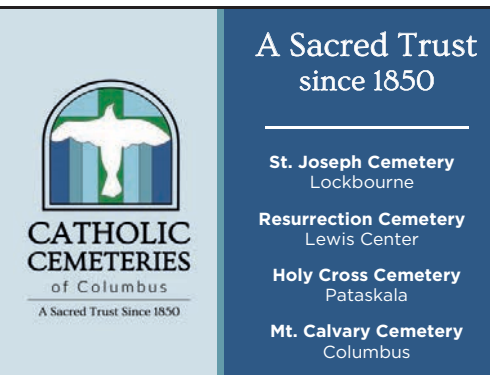
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