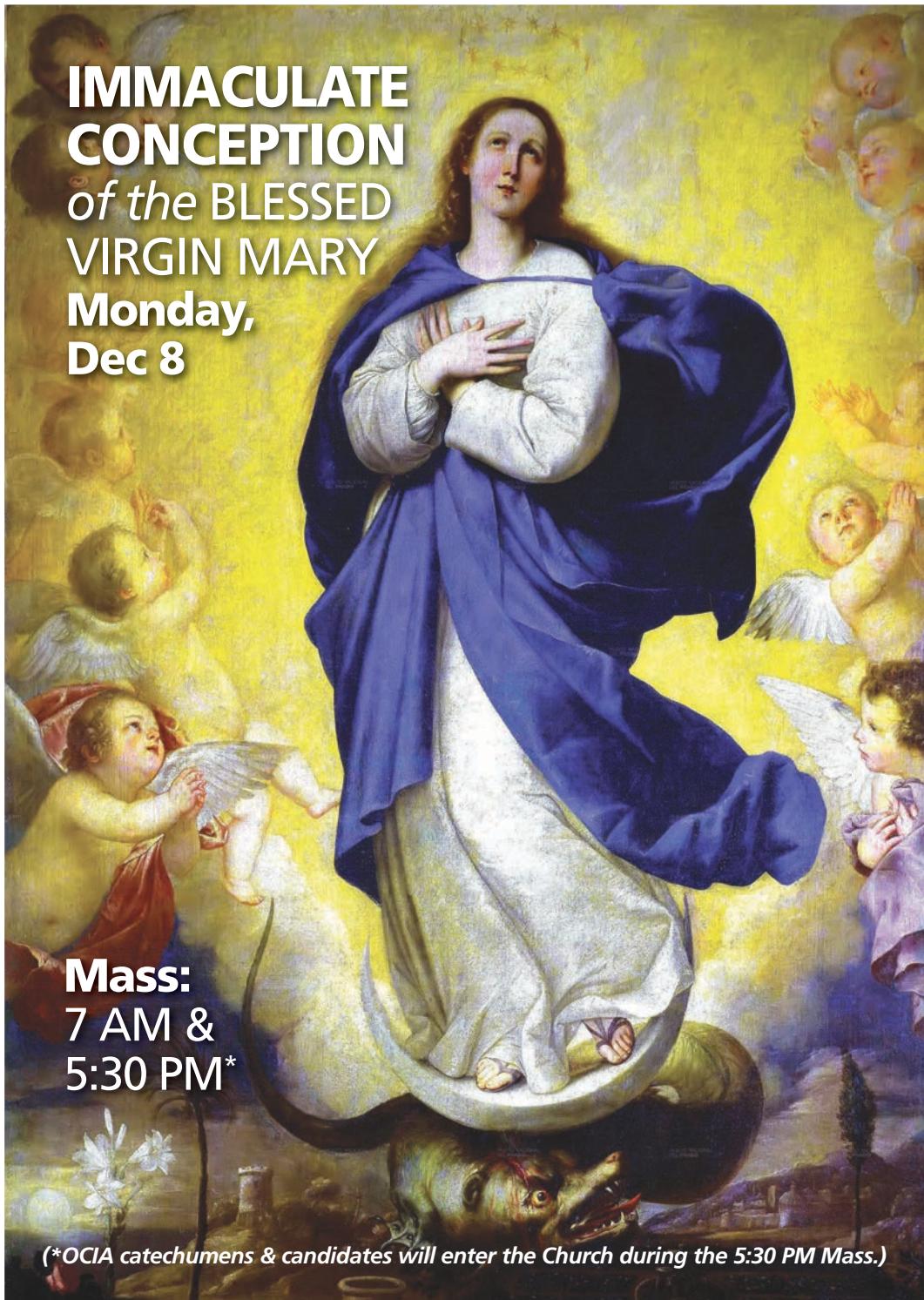


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**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
*of the BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY*  
**Monday,  
Dec 8**



**Mass:**  
7 AM &  
5:30 PM\*

(\*OCIA catechumens & candidates will enter the Church during the 5:30 PM Mass.)

**Second  
Sunday of  
Advent**

*"John the Baptist  
appeared, preaching  
in the desert of Judea  
and saying, "Repent,  
for the kingdom of  
heaven is at hand!"*

~ Matthew 3:1-12

**It's Coffee  
& Donuts  
Sunday!**

Join the Inviting Catholics Home ministry as they host Coffee and Donuts this Sunday after the 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses in the Davidson Rooms.



Scan this QR  
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a donation to  
Coffee & Donuts

**Don't Miss our Rorate Mass – Wednesday, Dec 10, 6:30 AM**

Details on page 5.



**Saint  
Brendan**  
THE NAVIGATOR

**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  
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## December

The first 24 days of December fall during Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple—a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold—a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. The liturgy of Advent focuses on remembering Christ's first coming at Bethlehem which then directs our mind to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

The month of December is filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. As Christians, let's make an effort to keep Advent as a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and of hope and keep our thoughts on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary. To help us in this effort, we will feature books in our Spiritual Spotlight bookshelf about Advent as well as various Catholic resources that you can take home with you and share with others.

For more Catholic resources, please visit the Inviting Catholics Home web page at [www.stbrendans.net/ich](http://www.stbrendans.net/ich)

## A Message from Jacob Doran

This past Saturday, December 6, we had over 100 children make their *First Reconciliation* at St Brendan! The grace and power of the sacrament does not require that we feel anything special coming out of the confessional, but I still ask the kids how it was. Pretty much every time, they say something along the lines of "I feel amazing!" God often gives His children the consolation of joy and peace after making their First Confession.

This week on December 8, we celebrate *the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary*. Just to make it clear – Mary was immaculately conceived, and Jesus was incarnated. This is the day we celebrate the very beginning of Mary's life in the womb of her mother, St Anne. Because of a grace given to Mary at her conception, she never experienced the effects of original sin, which made her the perfect person in which God the Son would take on human nature – a body and soul. We celebrate that exactly nine months before Christmas Day on March 25 – which we call *the Annunciation*.

Unlike us, who need to start going to Confession not long after our 7th birthdays, Mary lived her entire life without sin. Sometimes we might think of Mary, perfectly pious, sticking up her nose at the thought of sin. I usually think of it more as she saw sin as absolutely ridiculous!

Imagine how you would feel if someone told you to stub your own toe on a rock on purpose. You might even laugh at how preposterous the idea is! To see sin as absurd and to experience this transformation in our hearts and minds is something we should all aim for daily. That's just one reason why we honor Jesus' mother. She, above all the Saints in heaven, is a great role model for our lives and an intercessor for our souls!



## A Blessing for Winter Athletes this Sunday

There will be a special blessing for our St Brendan Winter Sports athletes at the 8:45 AM Mass this Sunday. Below is a special prayer for athletes that you can pray before each game this season:

*Strong and faithful God, as we come together for this contest, we ask You to bless these athletes. Keep them safe from injury and harm, instill in them respect for each other, and reward them for their perseverance. Lead us all to the rewards of Your kingdom where You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen*

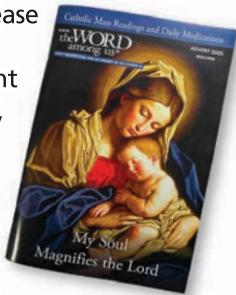
## Please Help Support Our School Families!

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.

Visit <https://emmausroadscholarship.org> and be sure to select St Brendan School as your scholarship grantor. (Consult your tax advisor for guidance.)

## Our Advent Gift to You...

As our Advent gift to you, please take one copy per family of *The Word Among Us* (Advent Edition) for daily reflections, inspiring articles and daily Mass readings. Copies are in the church gathering space while they last. Prepare your hearts for the Lord!





## Congratulations

### ON THE BAPTISMS OF:

Caleb Don Gessells  
Beau Nicholas McEnroe



## Marriage Bans

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...

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**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 CANDLELIGHT 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 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

## Incense Schedule

Monday, Dec 8	5:30 PM
Sunday, Dec 14	10:45 AM
Wednesday, Dec 24	10:00 PM
Sunday, Dec 28	5:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec 31	5:30 PM

# Community Calendar

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 AM	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day	
9:00 AM	Daily Mass: Immaculate Conception	Church
12:00 PM	Catholic Way Study: Gospel of John	Wellnitz, Room 1
5:30 PM	Seniors NOW: Christmas Potluck	Davidson, Rms A & B
7:00 PM-10:00 PM	Daily Mass: Immaculate Conception	Church
	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Fingerprinting Session for Volunteers	Wellnitz, Room 1
7:00 PM	OCIA: Immaculate Conception Cohort	Davidson, Room A
7:00 PM	OCIA: Vigil Cohort	Davidson, Room B

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 AM	Rorate Mass	Church
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Introduction to Real Prayer	Davidson, Room A
7:00 PM	Young Men's Group	Carter Center
7:00 PM	Young Adult Women's Small Group	Off Site
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
1:00 PM	Grief Support Lunch	La Chatelaine, Dublin
7:00 PM	Advent Women's Study	Davidson, Room A

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
12:00 PM	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Davidson, Rms A & B
6:00 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club	Carter Center

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 AM	Diocesan Collection: Retirement for Religious Fund	
8:00 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Rms A & B
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Pray the Rosary	Church
5:30 PM	Confession	Confessional
6:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Esto Vir Men: Christmas Party	Davidson, Rms A & B
7:00 PM	VINE Women's Night	Carter Center

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Diocesan Collection: Retirement for Religious Fund	
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Sunday Masses	Church <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">10:45AM</span>
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
9:45 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
12:00 PM	Continued Growth Family Sessions	School Gym
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
3:00 PM	KofC Mac & Cheese Assembly Event	Davidson, Rms A & B
5:00 PM	Festival of Nine Lesson & Carols	Church
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Teen OCIA	Wellnitz, Room 1
6:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	VINE Night	Davidson, Rms A & B
6:30 PM	The ROOTS	School Gym
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Adult Leadership Meeting	Wellnitz, Room 1
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts Akela (Parent) Meeting	Carter Center



## 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  
Doris Cobbs  
Richard Jones  
Donna Fox-Moore  
Dickson Tumawu  
Connie Carrino  
Lisa Lynch  
Bertha Torok  
Sue Devore  
Zac B.  
Sara Conway  
Sally Rielly  
Gilberto Valderrama  
Sean Grier  
Alma Harding  
Karl "Sonny" Beem  
Eileen Wilson

Ira Katz  
Ora Johnson  
Francis Drlik  
Dolores Lynch  
Robert Zapp  
Ryan Yoder  
Glenna Brickey  
Cindy Tumawu  
Chris Carrino  
Yvonne Schlenker  
David Thornton  
Shirley Tornik  
Paula Jordan  
Richard Walls  
Marian Woolum  
Dochia Finsterbusch  
Susan Gernetzke

#### ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye  
Aaron Huesman  
Sam Imwalle  
Christopher Keck  
Bradly Mead  
Kate Walde-Mead  
Robert Carollo  
Kyle Mullins  
Joe Alverson  
Kale Grunenwald  
Zackery Reed

Cody Longstreth  
Jackson Maassel  
Rick Shonkwiler  
Rob Shonkwiler  
Luke Stumphauzer  
Thomas Noel  
Addison A.  
Connor Olson  
Dan Severance  
Robbie Hite

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

## Cleaning Ministry Needs Helpers

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

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## Return Your Giving Tree Items

Thank you for taking all the tags from our 2025 Christmas Giving trees! Please return all purchased items to the trees by end of the day this Sunday, December 7. Questions? Contact Rhonda Hamrock at 614-313-2066.

## Rorate Mass, December 10

On Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 AM, St Brendan Church is offering a "Rorate Mass" which 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 fully celebrates the great season of Advent. You will not want to miss this beautiful morning Advent Mass!

## Children's Choir

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. Sunday, 8 AM rehearsals are in the Davidson Rooms. Children will sing during 8:45 AM Mass once a month, at Christmas Eve Mass (4 PM) and Easter Sunday Mass (8:45 AM). Adult volunteers to help during practices and performances are also needed. If you can help or your child would like to join, email Dr Williams at [rwilliams@stbrendans.net](mailto:rwilliams@stbrendans.net)

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

## Seniors NOW (Navigating Our Way)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 12 PM** – Join us for our Christmas Potluck in the Davidson Rooms. Entree/drinks provided. Last names A-F bring dessert & G-Z bring a side dish. RSVP Larry: [larryhanchin@yahoo.com](mailto:larryhanchin@yahoo.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](http://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 our Christmas bulletin and the online bulletin.



## "Mac & Cheese" Assembly, Dec 14

Knights of Columbus needs your help once again to assemble ready-to-make mac & cheese packets, **Sunday, Dec 14**, from 12-2 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 ParishStaq to let us know you plan to attend, accessible via the QR code, or just show up!



## 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!

## StB Book Club Sessions Begin Jan 8

### OUR GIFT TO YOU: THE SEVEN PILLARS OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

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)

**Hallow**

Catholic Prayer & Meditation App

NOW OFFERING  
3 MONTHS FOR  
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Find details about Hallow in the gathering space on what they have to offer during Advent and how you can access their content free for 3 months.

## 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or, call 1-800-Red-Cross.



## Ministry of Care and Consolation

**GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH** – 3rd Thursdays monthly, 1 PM at La Chatelaine restaurant in Dublin, for grief support from fellow parishioners.

**GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP** – 4th Sundays monthly, 7 PM in the Carter Center (no workshop Dec 28.) Questions? Contact Dennis at [edmuch@me.com](mailto:edmuch@me.com)

**MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING SUPPORT SHELF** – Find our health and well-being support shelf over by the Chapel for free *CareNotes* and resources to assist you spiritually and emotionally. Also, look for *CareNotes* that focus on grief support on top of the Lost & Found cabinet in the church gathering area.

## Spiritual & Mental Support

**iTHIRST SPIRITUAL COMPANIONS** address spiritual healing that's often overlooked during addiction treatment. We have three spiritual companions here in our parish! Questions? Email [info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com) or visit [www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst](http://www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst)

**LUMIN COUNSELING** is a private practice of therapists with Catholic/Christian backgrounds to support those in their healing journey with specialties in trauma, grief, anxiety and depression. Their office is in Westerville with a satellite office on our campus. For details, visit <https://lumin-therapy.com/>

## Disciple Maker Index Survey

### IN SUPPORT OF PARISHES

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 via the QR code below or visit [www.tinyurl.com/brendandmi](http://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.



## St Brendan Men's Events

**TUESDAY STUDY / SATURDAY ESTO VIR-** 6:30 AM weekly in the Davidson Rooms.

**MINI-RETREAT, JANUARY 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 cost or RSVP needed. Questions? Contact Grant Rice at [ricekris8813@att.net](mailto:ricekris8813@att.net)

## Ross Williams' Music Note...

**LATIN DURING ADVENT & LENT** – One aspect of our rich treasury is singing Gregorian Chant, hymns, and the Latin parts of the Mass that accompany the Eucharistic prayers. The "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Lamb of God," will be sung in Latin during Advent. As this penitential season is set aside for more internal participation, we hope you either sing in Latin or find participation in the stillness as Pope Benedict reflects: "...a thousand thoughts and desires assault us, but a time of recollection, giving us an inward peace, allowing us to draw breath and rediscover the one thing necessary, which we have forgotten."

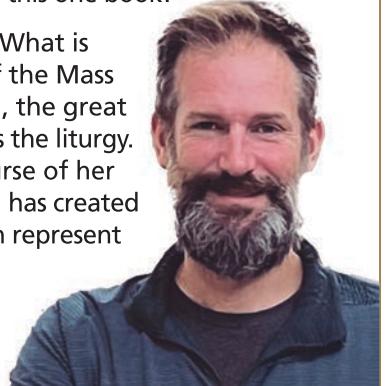
**COME JOIN US!** Fr Dooley and I are thrilled to see our choirs grow in numbers, and invite you to join! Our parish choir rehearses on Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 PM, and sings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month. Our renewed children's choir is now rehearsing on Sundays (starting December 7) at 8-8:30 AM in the Davidson Rooms, and we will sing this Christmas at the 8:45 AM Mass. Children are still welcome to join! Please feel free to email me at [rwilliams@stbrendans.net](mailto:rwilliams@stbrendans.net) with any questions.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS!** – The members of the Music Ministry at St Brendan are excited to journey along with you this Advent and Christmas! Next Sunday, December 14, we invite you to a *"Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols,"* at 3 PM in the church. This event will fill your Advent season with Biblical lessons outlining salvation history, stunning new choirs singing beautiful Renaissance polyphony and sing-along carols for the whole family.

**NEW HYMNALS IN THE PEWS** – We replaced last year's *"Source and Summit"* hymnals in each pew this past week with brand new ones for the coming year. These hymnals contain Mass readings throughout the year, devotional prayers (like the Angelus), and music notation for our psalms, acclamations and antiphons. No screens are needed, everything needed is found in this one book!

**A NOTE ABOUT SACRED MUSIC** – What is sacred music? As the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is the source and summit of our faith, the great treasury of Catholic music accompanies the liturgy. Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "In the course of her two-thousand-year history, the Church has created and still creates music and songs which represent a rich patrimony of faith and love. This heritage must not be lost."

*Have a wonderful Advent!* ~ Ross



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Faith  
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## 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

**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.

**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 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.

## 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)

THE EUCHARIST & ADVENT ADORATION

DEC. 14 2025

6:30-8:30PM IN THE GYM

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The Roots Questions? Follow @stbtheroots on Instagram or email [amarino@stbrendans.net](mailto:amarino@stbrendans.net)

## 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

Dec 28: "10 Years of Vine" celebration for all! (see ad below)

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Sunday, Dec 28

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THE VINE

<https://www.qrto.com/10years>

## St Brendan Young Adults Group

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)

## Snow on Campus Reminder

Parish activities remain open if we are at a Level 1 Snow Emergency, but please consider whether you can safely reach the campus and attend events. If a Level 2 Snow Emergency is declared, the entire campus closes, including Mass and all events. If this occurs, we will alert you via social media and ParishStaq Communications (please keep your contact information up to date!). School parents will be alerted of school closures or delays by FACTS communications. The Parish Office will also close if we reach a Level 2 Snow Emergency.

## Gift Idea - Catholic Conference Tickets!

### ATTENTION ALL ST BRENDAN WOMEN!

St Brendan is honored to be the host parish for the 2026 **Columbus Catholic Women's Conference** on Saturday, February 21. First, let us know your volunteer role preference by completing the form at [www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries](http://www.stbrendans.net/womens-ministries). 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)

### FEBRUARY 28, CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men's Early Bird discount tickets are available now 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)

## 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. Requirements include:

- **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.

The diocese is asking 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)

### FINGERPRINTING SESSION, DEC 9 AT 5-7 PM

The session is held in Wellnitz Hall for volunteers in need of updating their fingerprinting requirement. No RSVP needed!  
(Note: Cost for fingerprinting is the responsibility of the applicant.)

## Year-end Tax Statements

Our Parish Office needs your current mailing address to ensure you receive the year-end tax letter. Please update your address, phone number and email in your ParishStaq account now or email Dina at [dharder@stbrendans.net](mailto:dharder@stbrendans.net) Also, if you receive offertory envelopes and your address has changed, let Dina know so she can notify the envelope company.

## Support Coffee & Donuts

We offer coffee and donuts after the 8:45 and 10:45 AM Mass every other week to help build fellowship amongst 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, by scanning the QR code or by visiting [www.tinyurl.com/StBcoffeeNdonuts](http://www.tinyurl.com/StBcoffeeNdonuts)



### COFFEE & DONUT HOSTS NEEDED!

There are only a couple people/ministries signed up to host Coffee & Donuts in 2026! If you or your ministry are interested in hosting, contact Janet Walsh at [hospitality@stbrendans.net](mailto:hospitality@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](http://SEEK.FOCUS.ORG/CBSLOCAL) to register.

### PARISH MISSION & WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

St Christopher Parish (1420 Grandview Avenue Columbus) is having a Mass and Parish Mission Conference for women over 18 on Sat, Dec 13–Tues, Dec 16. Come for one session or all! Freewill offering to support students in formation and elderly friars in the Capuchin Province will be accepted. Questions? Email Kimber at [office@saintchristophercc.com](mailto:office@saintchristophercc.com)

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