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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.*

*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.*

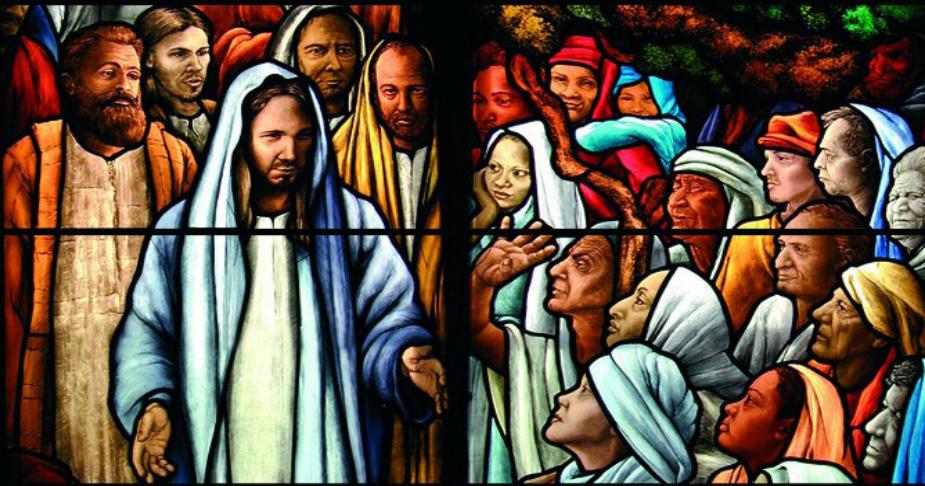
*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*  
*Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.*

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."*

~ Matthew 5:1-12a

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### Gratitude Gathering for Fr Dooley, Feb 1

After the 8:45 & 10:45 AM Sunday Masses, share your well wishes and gratitude with Fr Dooley at a special reception in the Davidson Rooms.



**Saint Brendan**  
THE NAVIGATOR



### Holy Mass\*

#### SAT VIGIL

5:30 PM

#### SUNDAY

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM  
& 5:30 PM

### Daily Mass\*

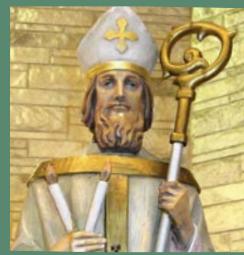
#### MON & WED

5:30 PM

#### TUE, THU, FRI

6:30 AM, 8 AM

#### SAT 8 AM



### The Blessing of the Throats, Feb 1

In celebration of the Feast Day of St Blaise, the Blessing of the Throats takes place at each Mass this weekend.

### 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, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord  
5:30 PM John Thissen †

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Memorial of St Blaise  
6:30 AM Intention for Peggy Kirk  
8:00 AM Rick Zengler †

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:30 PM Doug Romer †

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Memorial of St Agatha  
6:30 AM Doug Bowman †  
8:00 AM Constance Delores †

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions  
6:30 AM Stephen Matross †  
8:00 AM Intention for Pam Bauer

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

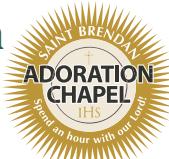
8:00 AM Frank Blateri †  
5:30 PM Kate Bambeck †

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:15 AM Branden Cullinan †  
8:45 AM John Fargo †  
10:45 AM Daniel Vaz †  
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 April.



## 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

## First Friday Adoration, Feb 6

Our next First Friday Adoration will take place on Friday, February 6 at 8:30 AM through Saturday, February 7 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](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  
\(School\) \[@saintbrendanschool  
\\(The Vine\\) \\[@stbvine  
\\\(The Roots\\\) \\\[@stb\\\\\_theroots  
\\\\(Young Adults\\\\) \\\\[@stbya\\\\]\\\\(https://www.instagram.com/stbya\\\\)\\\]\\\(https://www.instagram.com/stb\\\_theroots\\\)\\]\\(https://www.instagram.com/stbvine\\)\]\(https://www.instagram.com/saintbrendanschool\)](https://www.instagram.com/stbrendanhilliard)

### Livestreamed Mass

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

# Farewell Message from Fr Dooley

Hello friends,

It's hard to believe that I am writing my last column to you as your Pastor. While our time together was short, it was an honor and privilege to shepherd such a large and beautiful parish and school. I hope that our time together can be defined as growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ, especially in the liturgy and our many ministries.

My move is starting to become a reality as I take pictures down from the walls and make the drive to Chillicothe. I really do not like packing and moving my things! However, we diocesan priests are always reminded by the words of Luke's Gospel: *"Afterward he journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God"* (Luke 8:1). This is our life as diocesan priests. We are sent where the Holy Spirit needs us for the greater good of the Church.

I want to take this time and thank Deacon Doug Saunders, Deacon Doug Yglesias, Deacon Jim Morris, Mike DeMassimo and the entire parish and school staffs for their support, advice, and encouragement during my time here at St Brendan.

Finally, it has been a privilege to minister with my good friends, Fr Weldit and Fr Sam. We had a good community life in the rectory – sharing meals, praying together, and watching any dumb movie that Fr Sam wanted to watch. A healthy rectory life goes a long way in priestly ministry. I will certainly treasure our time together! Please keep Fr Mike, Fr Gordon and me in your prayers! This is not "goodbye," because we will always be united at the altar as we offer the Holy Eucharist.

Your Pastor,  
Fr Dooley



## Spotlight in February

The Feast of the Presentation (Feb 2) is the perfect transition from Christmas to Easter. The Christ Child is still in His Mother's arms, but already Mary is offering Him in sacrifice. This weekend, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Blaise (Feb 3) with the Blessing of the Throats at all Masses. Then, on Ash Wednesday (Feb 18), we accept the ashes that remind us of our mortality and our need for penance. On Ash Wednesday, Lent begins and the liturgical color will change from green to purple, symbolizing penance and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The month of February is also dedicated to the Holy Family. As we moved liturgically from the Christmas Story to the beginning of Christ's public life, it is the perfect time to reflect on the Holy Family and strive to emulate their example in our own homes.

On the Spiritual Spotlight bookshelf during February, find various Catholic resources that will focus on Lent, the Stations of the Cross, Penance, and the Holy Family which you can take home, read, 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)



## SAVE THE DATE

*St. Carlo Acutis Pericardium Relic  
is coming to the Diocese of Columbus*

**FEBRUARY 13-18, 2026**

The relic will be at the following parishes:

**Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster**  
**Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe,**  
**Star of the New Evangelization, Columbus**  
**St. Brendan, Hilliard**  
**St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus**  
**St. Michael, Worthington**  
**St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville**  
**St. Thomas More Newman Center/**  
**Buckeye Catholic, The Ohio State University**

**St Brendan will host the relic Tuesday, February 17.**  
**Join us at 10:30 AM Mass (no 6:30 or 8 AM Mass)**  
**followed by public veneration.**

# Community Calendar



## Flowers for the Altar

In Memory of Lynn Esky  
by Mary Esky



## Return Last Year's Palms by Feb 15

We need them to make this year's ashes! Look for boxes in the church gathering area this Sunday.

## The Catholic Times Moves to All-Digital

For more than a decade, there has been ongoing discussion regarding the sustainability of *The Catholic Times* newspaper. The cost of producing *The Catholic Times* has risen significantly, while having a limited reach. The digital sphere has antiquated waiting for news to arrive at your doorstep, as information is available at our fingertips 24/7. The time is right to refocus diocesan monies, resources, and staff to a more dynamic, cost-effective and far-reaching platform.

In mid-February, *The Catholic Times* will be moving to a solely digital platform. We are proud of the publication, the contributors, and the hard work of our staff. Now, we can amplify the good news of the 23 counties of our diocese to an even greater degree.

Scan the QR code to read more about this exciting change.



## Incense Schedule

No incense in February.



### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 AM	Catholic Way Study: Gospel of John	Wellnitz, Room 1
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	Protecting God's Children Class	Davidson, Rms A & B

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Men's Club Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2
7:00 PM	OCIA Assumption Cohort	Davidson, Room A
7:00 PM	OCIA Vigil Cohort 2025-2026	Davidson, Room B

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:45 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup	Childcare Center
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	VINE Formation	McCurdy LC
7:15 PM	VINE Parent Session	Carter Center

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz, Room 1

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	Church, Olympic Diner
8:30 AM-12:00 AM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
12:00 PM	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Davidson, Rms A & B
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. First Friday Book Club	Carter Center

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

12:00 AM-1:00 PM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Rms A & B
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM	Pray the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Monthly Meeting	Carter Center
9:00 AM	Women's Conference Host Training	Davidson, Rms A & B
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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
9:45 AM	Continued Growth Family Session	School Gym
9:45 AM	First Eucharist Family Session	Davidson, Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
1:00 PM	KofC Free Throw Championship	School Gym
5:00 PM	Teen OCIA	Wellnitz Hall, Room
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	VINE Night: Super Bowl Party	Wellnitz, Rms 1 & 2



## 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  
Dionisia Virtudazo  
Ryan Diepenbrock  
Brenda Bezan  
Teresa Wells

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  
Dick Snyder  
Alisha Lause  
Robert William  
Mary Murphy Smith

#### ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye  
Aaron Huesman  
Sam Imwalle  
Christopher Keck  
Robert Carollo  
Kyle Mullins  
Joe Alverson  
Kale Grunenwald  
Zackery Reed  
Robbie Hite

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

...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 – [www.stbrendans.net/ich](http://www.stbrendans.net/ich)

# Staff Directory

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#### ST MARGARET OF CORTONA PRESCHOOL: 614-274-1922

##### Andrea Boyd, Director/Lead Teacher

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## KofC Free Throw Contest

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14! Join us Sunday, February 8 at 1 PM in the school gym. (Must have parent or guardian sign form at the event to participate.) Winners advance to the regional level and then to the State Competition, which is held locally. Questions? Call Fred Kierner at 614-519-0525.

## Church Cleaning

Our Cleaning Ministry could use your help on Mondays at 9 AM for general cleaning (nothing heavy) in the church and Chapel. Commit weekly or once a month. Questions? Email Lisa at [lisaplong@gmail.com](mailto:lisaplong@gmail.com)

## Melchizedek Project

The Melchizedek Project is for young men discerning priesthood. Join us 6-7:30 PM in the Carter Center on the last Monday of each month. Dinner is provided. If interested, email Fr Severance at [frseverance@stbrendans.net](mailto:frseverance@stbrendans.net)

## Elizabeth Ministry, Feb 4

The Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup meets this Wednesday, Feb 4, 9:45-11:15 AM in the Pod Nursery. Catch up with friends and meet some new! Toys and a snack are provided! Questions? Contact Regina at [thelonggears@gmail.com](mailto:thelonggears@gmail.com)

## Esto Vir Men's Ministry

**SATURDAY MORNING ESTO VIR** – Join us at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Room for *The Chosen Season 4* and *Sharing Our Story* sessions.

**TUESDAY MORNING STUDY** – Gather at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Room. Study series focus on Scripture, Early Church Fathers and the saints.

## Baby Shower Deadline Extended to Feb 2

Due to the snow emergency last weekend that closed our campus down for a few days, our Baby Shower to support WCC is extended until February 2. Please bring any final purchases to the church gathering area or make any final cash donations by the end of the day on Monday. To make an online monetary gift, scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



## Safe Environment Compliance

To provide a safe environment for children, volunteers are asked to be compliant with *Protecting God's Children* Training and the completion of required background checks. The Diocese requires all **current** volunteers to update their background check if older than 5 years. Contact Teresa at [tboyne@stbrendans.net](mailto:tboyne@stbrendans.net) if unsure if you need your fingerprinting updated. **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2** – *Protecting God's Children* class, 6-9 PM (with Fingerprinting 5-6 PM) in the Davidson Rooms. Please sign up for the class at [VIRTUS.org](http://VIRTUS.org)

## Spiritual & Mental Support Available

**iTHIRST SPIRITUAL COMPANIONS** address spiritual healing overlooked during addiction treatment. St Brendan has three spiritual companions! Visit [www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst](http://www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst), [info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com)

**LUMIN COUNSELING** – 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/>

**MENTAL HEALTH/WELL-BEING SUPPORT SHELF** – Find free CareNotes and resources to assist you spiritually and emotionally over by the Chapel.

## Columbus Catholic Conferences

**WOMEN** – We have reached full capacity of volunteers needed as host parish for the conference! A **training session on Saturday, February 7, 9 AM** will be held in the Davidson Rooms after 8 AM Mass for all those volunteering on the day of the conference (no training needed for the Friday volunteers.) Questions? Email Kristie at [kkontak@yahoo.com](mailto:kkontak@yahoo.com). Purchase tickets at <https://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/>

**MEN** – Columbus Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, February 28. Find details and purchase tickets at [www.catholicmensministry.com](http://www.catholicmensministry.com)

## Spring Sports Registration Is Now Open!

Sign up for St Brendan Spring Sports including K-3 Soccer and Little Spikers Volleyball. CYO administered programs that are available include: 4-8 Baseball, Softball, Track and Field, 2-3 Coach Pitch Baseball and Softball. Registration for the CYO sports closes February 20 and Little Spikers plus K-3 Soccer registration closes on March 6. For details and to register, please visit [www.stbrendans.net/athletics](http://www.stbrendans.net/athletics)



Check out [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) for Catholic content available at no cost to our St Brendan parishioners!

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# IMPACT



# REPORT

ST BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

## FROM THE PASTOR

FR. SEAN M. DOOLEY

Hello friends,

It is an honor to present my second and final Impact Report to our community. As you can see, the Holy Spirit has blessed our parish, school, facilities, and ministries this past year. While my time has been short with you, I will always remember your willingness to help, to make sacrifices, and to give of your time and treasure for the greater glory of God. I know that this same enthusiasm and love of the Lord will continue under the guidance of Fr Mike Lumpe.

One encouraging pattern in our parish this past year has been the number of inquiries looking to enter the Catholic Church. Our OCIA ministry accompanies people who have fallen away, those from other faith traditions or no faith at all. These have been rewarding moments for our parish. In addition, our middle school and high school youth ministries remind us that the Church is alive!

Finally, I want to thank the priests and deacons here at St Brendan. They have been patient co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord! You are in good hands for the next era. Thank you for your prayers and support!



What an awesome trio of spiritual shepherds! #SquadGoals



The fathers stop by the school on the first day of classes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Sean M. Dooley*



A real maverick of filmmaking, we'll certainly miss Fr. Dooley's cinematic flair.

## FROM PAROCHIAL VICAR, FR. WELDIT ABAY

Time is flying. I have now reached three years here at St Brendan Parish, and I am truly nourished by the love of the St Brendan community. I am deeply grateful for the kindness, support, and friendship I have received.

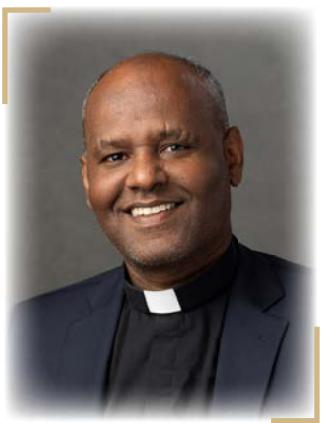
I am especially thankful for the wonderful priests God has blessed me with — Fr Dooley and Fr Sam. They are among the most amazing priests I have ever known. Praying with them, recreating with them, and sharing meals together have been a true joy and blessing in my life.

The year 2025 has been very fruitful for our Ge'ez Catholic Eritrean Community. We had the opportunity to introduce our culture and traditional food during the St Brendan Festival, and we were able to hold a successful fundraiser. I sincerely thank the entire St Brendan family for making this possible.

Some families now travel from Cincinnati and Dayton to join our community. They are very happy to sing and chant in their own language, keeping our faith and traditions alive. Our choirs have been enriched with organs for the sacred liturgy, and many young people have joined them. It is truly amazing to see more children showing interest in participating in the choir. We are also grateful that many of our children are attending Catholic schools. For this blessing, we thank Bishop Fernandes.

This year, the Catholic Foundation once again generously granted us **\$4,000** to support our children's catechesis. This assistance allows us to provide children's Bibles, liturgical books from our home country, and spiritual guidance to help strengthen their faith.

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank everyone who continues to support, encourage, and walk with our community. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and love.



Fr Weldit's favorite school subject? Phys-Ed.



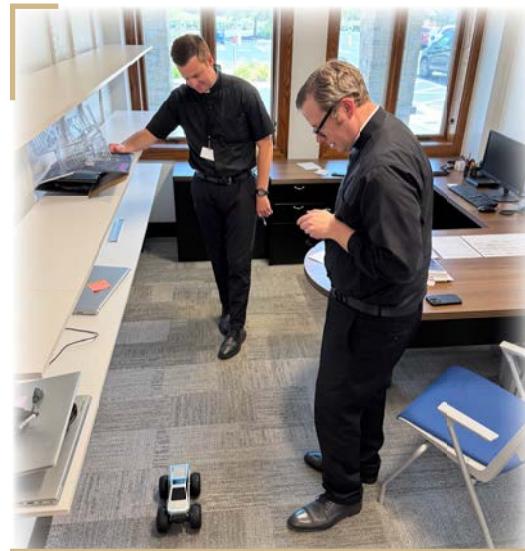
The most athletic clergy in Columbus take in some Gaga Ball.



Father met Governor Mike DeWine in December!



Fr Sam being ordained by Bishop Fernandes on 05/17 at St. Paul Church.



Test driving Fr. Sam's Ordination gift.

## FROM PAROCHIAL VICAR, FR. SAM SEVERANCE

Greetings, St Brendan! This past year was probably the craziest of my life. Ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ is no joke! However, I feel truly blessed, as the Lord has provided me with so many gifts throughout these first few months as a priest. My first assignment here at St Brendan is near the top of that list! It has been a joy to get to know all of you, and I am thankful you have allowed me to be present in your lives (and your homes) during the first year of my priesthood. It has been a true blessing! From my perspective, I feel as though you have already left a bigger impact on me than I have on you. That said, thank you for all that you have done for me, and more importantly, for what you have done for the Lord Jesus.

I look forward to the year ahead, especially to my part-time assignment as Chaplain to Bishop Watterson High School. I know there are many alum and families of St Brendan school who will get to experience me in both environments. I hope to bring some of the joy and peace that I have experienced here at St Brendan to the Bishop Watterson community! Please know of my prayers for you all as we continue to journey together through this next year. I am interested to see what the Lord Jesus Christ has in store for us in the future. May we be guided by the Holy Spirit as St Brendan was so many years ago. God Bless!



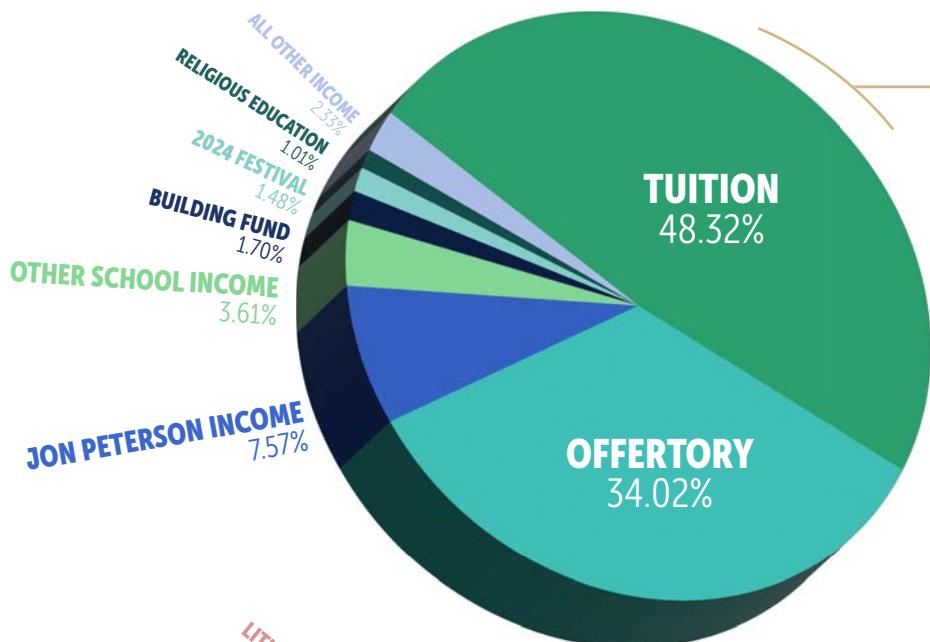
Fr Sam settling in on his first day!

## REVIEWING FATHER'S NCAA PLAYOFF PICKS (2025)

In the 08/24 bulletin, Fr Sam published his preseason picks for the NCAA playoff:

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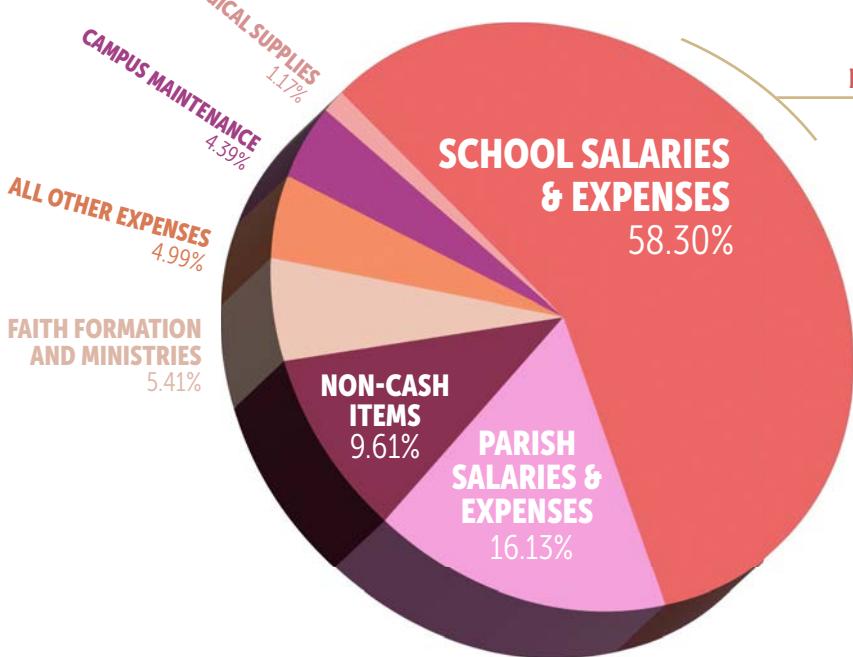
Yikes! Better luck next year, Father!



**INCOME (07.01.24 – 06.30.25)**  
\$7,225,761

### SECONDARY COLLECTIONS

Parish families stepped up to support over 20 additional outreach initiatives and secondary collections in FY 2024-25. Headlining these contributions were an incredible **\$77,670** in Hurricane Helene relief funds that included several trips to rebuild homes in North Carolina. Beyond Appeal dollars, St Brendan raised an additional **\$11,811** for our seminarians in the diocese. We're beginning to see the fruits of our support as the number of seminarians has increased from 18 to 43 in just 5 years! Praise God!

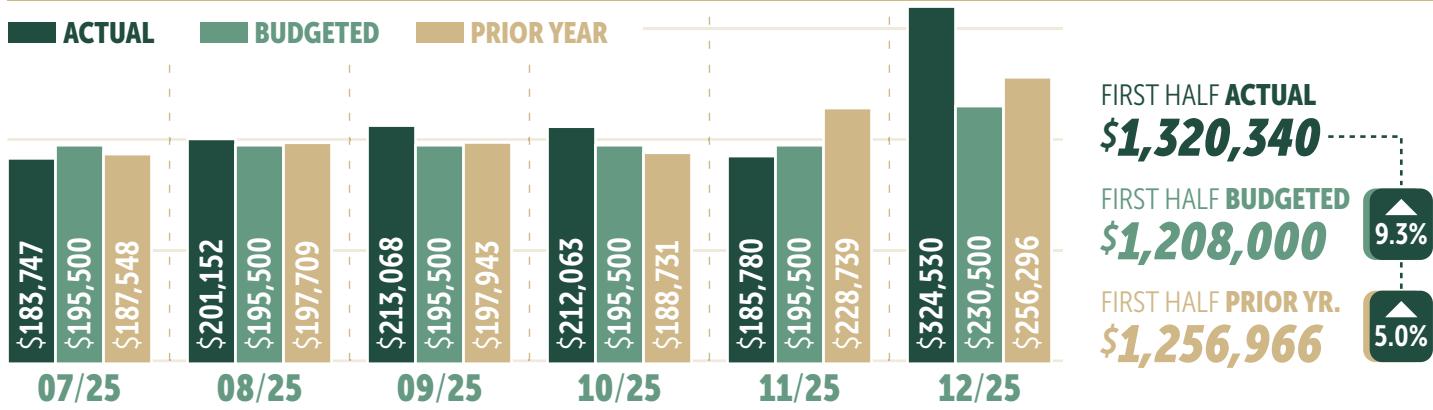


**EXPENSES (07.01.24 – 06.30.25)**  
\$6,676,363

### CAPITAL PROJECTS

Marquee projects and maintenance on the St Brendan campus included parking lot repairs and a major office renovation that unlocked a new counseling office for the school. Planned maintenance of the HVAC systems remain reliable expenses. A new but exciting undertaking was the 20' video wall in the school gymnasium. It has been used to great effect by the school, parish, Fish Fry, Festival, Auction, Vine, and more. It's already proven to be a great resource as we dive ever further into the digital era.

### FIRST HALF CHECKPOINT — CURRENT FISCAL YEAR OFFERTORY (2025-26)





## FROM DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT BEN ROMAKER

Another year is in the can (a common filmmaking phrase). While my time of making movie parodies with Fr Dooley has drawn to a close, I reliably remain energized in service to this parish. My whole being overflows with gratitude to Fr Dooley for his servant leadership, uncommon approachability, and his exemplary dedication to his vocation. As such, I'm excited for his new flock, but am also optimistic about the momentum we've achieved here at St Brendan. When the rubber meets the road, our parish and school families embody Christian charity, giving selflessly of both time and treasure.

To that point, and to address rising costs from both organic growth and inflation, our parish launched into the **Faithful Stewardship Initiative** in August. The first of its kind in several years, this effort called upon families to prayerfully review their offertory — especially pertinent in the "set it and forget it" era of digital giving. All said, I can excitedly report the very clear and inspiring success of this initiative. I also echo a huge thank you from Fr Dooley to all families that took the time to review their giving.

### FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE — BY THE NUMBERS

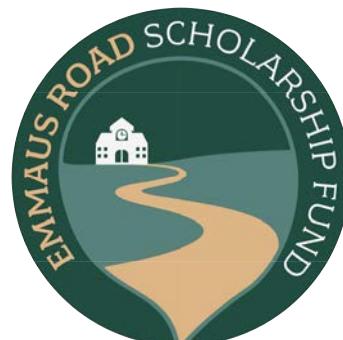


The dauntless generosity of our parish has placed us on a heartening path forward into 2026. Beyond the visible numbers and physical commitment cards, there is evidence of heightened charity from additional families that didn't fill out a card. Again, on behalf of our clergy and staff, please accept our gratitude for your thoughtful giving in support of our parish home, its ministries, and our Catholic mission of sharing the Good News.

As members of St Brendan the Navigator, we are tasked with supporting our parish, school, and diocese. To that last item, we are a house upon a foundation — and that foundation is the Diocese of Columbus. We are so close, but ultimately stuck at **99%** of our **\$330,000 parish goal** for the 2025 Appeal. If we don't reach goal after the pledges are paid out, our parish coffers will be assessed the difference. In support of our seminarians, Catholic social programs, evangelization efforts, and our parish, please make your contribution to The Appeal before March 31st.

Lastly, to end with a bang, thank you to the **232 families** that seized the initiative to convert their taxes into tuition assistance for St Brendan school families. Our school admins are thrilled to award **\$249,897** in financial aid next fall.

### SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED (BY YEAR)



## FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MIKE DEMASSIMO

St Brendan is absolutely the best! It has been a great start to the 25-26 school year and it has been a blessing working with our faculty, staff, parents, parish, and most importantly, our students! I get so much energy from them. We are lucky to have Jesus leading the way.



This year, we had our School Improvement Plan for the next 4 years approved by The Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association (OCSAA). The purpose of the OCSAA is to strengthen Catholic school identity and mission and to engage Catholic schools in the ongoing improvement of student performance. Our School Improvement Plan centers around transitioning from a 'fixed' mindset to a 'growth' strategy. We have already begun the process of teacher-led professional development on this growth strategy and will unveil some of our plans to the students next school year!

Our student enrollment continues to be fruitful sitting at approximately **547 children**. Students are challenged daily both academically and spiritually. The House program shines under the tutelage of Mrs. Marguerite Arciaga and our

House Deans. We have also started to support after school clubs again at St Brendan, wanting to provide as many opportunities as we can for our students. Leadership opportunities are robust and students are constantly being exposed to our 6 Pillars: Leadership, Service, Community, Faith, Preparation, and Spirit!

I will continue to work with and foster relations with our various stakeholders, the School Advisory Board, our Home & School Association, Finance Committee, Faith Formation, Athletics Program, and many others. The future is very bright for our entire campus and the families it serves. I thank you for your trust, patience, and prayers as we enter into 2026 with great excitement and momentum.



Taking in an OSU win at the Food Truck Tailgate!

## FROM DIR. OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS, JACOB DORAN

Our Family Faith Formation program this year serves over 200 children from over 130 families. We have families in the Seek & Root course who have children that are just starting their journey of faith formation. Other families are working to prepare their children for first Reconciliation, first Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Finally, there are also families in the Continued Growth course that are learning about the habits of discipleship and how to share their faith with others.

In the whole parish (both family faith formation and the school) we will have 105 students make their first Reconciliation and Holy Communion and another 106 celebrate their Confirmation.

Here are some kind words that I received through the 2024-2025 year:

"Just wanted to say thank you very much for a wonderful Jesus Day and First Holy Communion. We very much enjoyed the time and practice together on Jesus Day. Also, our families were very impressed with the First Communion mass, and our son was very very proud to be a part of it, at St Brendan's."

"Thank you for the opportunity to receive preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. For us, it was an excellent experience working with the boxes. Doing it at home with the parents and family was wonderful; it allowed us to share and spend more time as a family. I appreciate starting the topics based on reality and from there arriving at the message."

Thank you for your support of Family Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation at our parish!

## FROM HIGH SCHOOL MINISTER, KARA DAY

The Vine high school youth ministry program continues to thrive by the grace of God! Throughout 2025, we had **346 unique high schoolers** attend Vine. In this current school year, we have seen our highest attendance rate of new students coming to Vine with **291 brand new students** attending for the first time! We are blessed to continue our Vine OCIA program for the many non-Catholic high schoolers who come to Vine and are interested in becoming Catholic. These metrics are largely due to **49 high school missionaries** who are in our formation program learning how to share Jesus with their friends and live out their faith! We had a great Fall Retreat and our annual mission trip to Cranks Creek, KY was the largest one yet! **80 missionaries** ventured to serve roughly **500 families** thanks to the generosity of our amazing parish. 2025 was extra special as we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Vine high school youth ministry! God has been so faithful to us!



A December tradition, the Vine converged on Crank's Creek bringing meals, toys, prayers, and holiday joy to 500 families.

## FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTER, ANNA MARINO

This year, our middle school ministry, The Roots, served roughly **110 middle schoolers** through youth group nights that encourage them to build community, foster faith, and, most importantly, encounter the living love of Jesus. Our parent volunteers continue to shine as amazing parts of our ministry, providing home-cooked meals for each Roots night with love and humility. Our core team of **10 members** has continued to intercede for the kids and their intentions by name.

Our Aspen small groups have also been flourishing in God's grace! We have been walking with **19 seventh and eighth grade students**, helping them deepen their relationships with Jesus by equipping them with practical knowledge and providing continued opportunities for prayer. These nights have also included joining the high school ministry, the Vine, for worship! This opportunity to worship as a community with the high schoolers is of prime importance for a few reasons. Primarily, because our students can encounter the love of Jesus more deeply for themselves. Additionally, they are encouraged to see the witness and example of older kids seeking intimacy with Jesus and learn different forms of prayer. This joint worship helps them feel comfortable in the Vine environment, so when the time comes for them to leave middle school, they are confident entering our high school ministry. Our team is so grateful for the support of many parents and families this year, and we look forward to seeing the ways God blesses our community in the years to come!

## FROM ADULT EVANGELIZATION COORDINATOR, WENDY FERKANY

Our biggest new endeavor this year has been implementing three separate cohorts of OCIA! Baptisms and Confirmation for adults are not just at Easter anymore — they happen three times per year! The 2025 Easter Vigil had **2 adult baptisms** and **5 confirmations**. On the Feast of the Assumption in August 2025 we had **2 adult baptisms** and **4 confirmations**. On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in December 2025, we had **4 adult baptisms** and **4 confirmations**. And on we go — we have **19 people** preparing for sacraments at the 2026 Easter vigil and we'll soon begin preparation with another group to receive their sacraments in August. It also takes a whole team to work with our catechumens and candidates during their preparation; cohort leaders, table leaders, sponsors and hospitality coordinators are all involved in the process! And we all learn together as we discover the richness of our Catholic Faith!



Adult Faith Formation beyond OCIA involves over **300 parishioners** participating in Women's Bible Studies such as the Chosen, Men's Group such as Esto Vir, Scripture studies such as the Gospel of John, small groups such as our book club and special events like the Catholic faith refresher sessions in the winter. We are definitely lifelong learners here at St Brendan! As we grow in knowledge we also grow in community and faith!



Our fruitful OCIA program is a true inspiration!



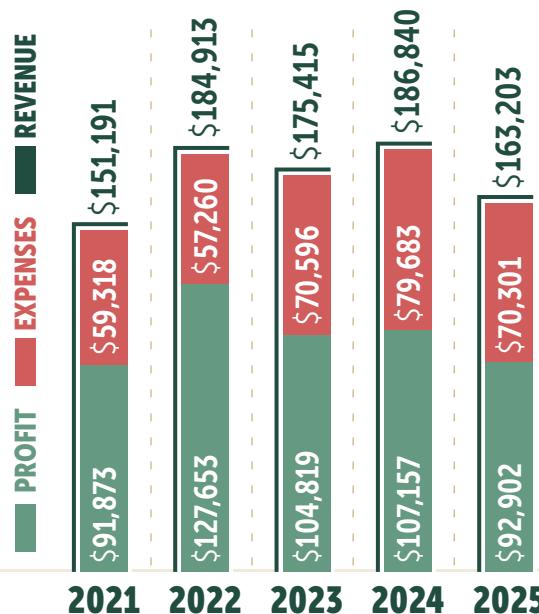
Summer Cohort field trip to the Catholic Museum.

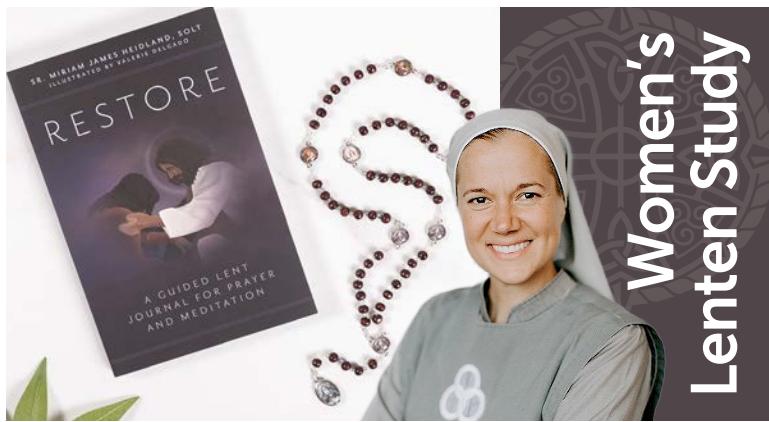
## PARISH FESTIVAL — A TIME-HONORED TRADITION

2025 saw another remarkable Parish Festival with beautiful weather, sprawling crowds, great entertainment, and delicious food and drink. While revenue took a dip due to the lack of a silent auction, profits remained strong. We're grateful to our sponsors and the hundreds of volunteers that made the event possible. We're especially thankful to Festival Chair, Mike Lynch, who is retiring after years of leadership. St Brendan is pleased to announce the auction is returning for 2026!



We can't wait to celebrate with you at Parish Festival 2026!





## Women's Lenten Study

### Women's Lenten Study Begins Feb 12

Sr Miriam James Heidland's Lenten journal, *Restore*, invites you into the tenderness of God's mercy and the restoration of His love, through guided prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Seven morning (9-10:30 AM) or evening (7-8:30 PM) sessions are on Thursdays, February 12-April 9 (no meeting Feb 19 or April 2). Childcare is available for the morning session and the book is available at a discounted cost of just \$7. Register and pay for the book online by visiting [www.stbrendans.net/ministries/womens-ministries](http://www.stbrendans.net/ministries/womens-ministries) or, send check/cash to the parish office, attn: *Women's Lenten Study*. Questions? Contact Wendy Ferkany at [wferkany@stbrendans.net](mailto:wferkany@stbrendans.net)

### Lent Begins Feb 18 - Save the Dates for:

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – February 18, a day of abstinence and fasting. Mass times are 6:30 AM, 12 PM (noon) and 5:30 PM.

**FISH FRY** – February 20, 27 and March 13, 20, 27 in the school gym.

**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE** – Tuesday, March 10 at 7 PM.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Fridays during Lent, 7 PM in the church.

### St Brendan Pastoral Associate Needed

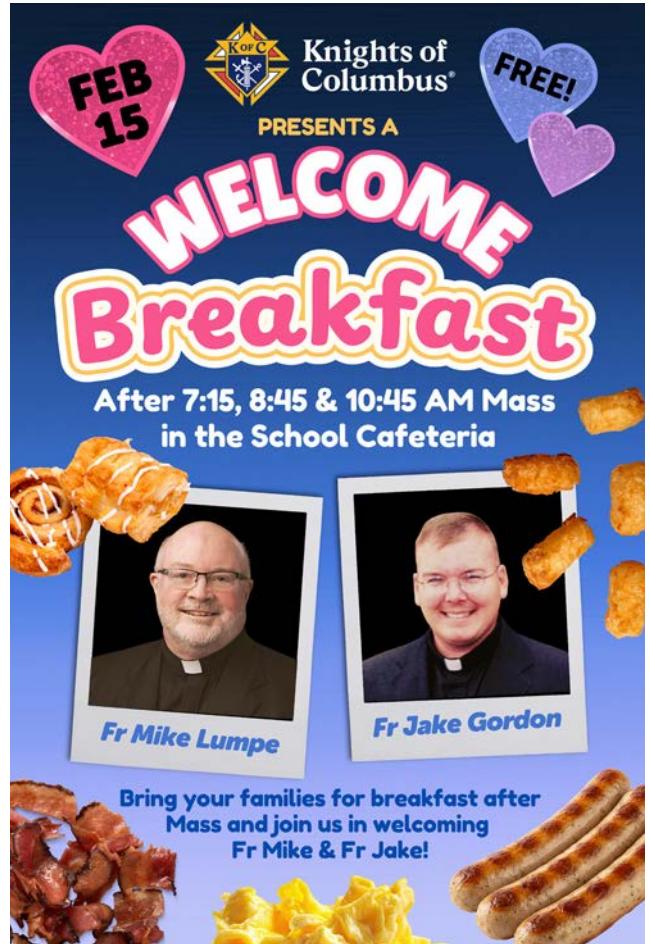
The Pastoral Associate for the Ministry of Care and Consolation is responsible for planning, administering and directing the ministry of care and consolation to the parish and its community. This full-time position assists the Pastor, parish staff, coordinators and volunteers to develop pastoral care programs and processes. Prefer Bachelors or Master's degree in social work, theology, religious studies or related field with 5+ years experience in administration of ministry to the sick and bereaved. Must be an active/fully participating Catholic with an ability to convey effectively the official teachings of the Catholic Church. Email Fr Dooley, [frdooley@stbrendans.net](mailto:frdooley@stbrendans.net) if interested. Find full job description at <https://stbrendans.net/about/employment/>

### The Appeal 2025 at 99% of Goal!

As members of St Brendan parish, we are tasked with supporting our church, school and diocese. We are so close, but are stuck at 99% of our \$330,000 parish goal for *The Appeal 2025*. If we do not meet this goal by March 31, our parish will be assessed the difference. Let's celebrate this final achievement together with Fr Dooley before he departs for Chillicothe! Make your contribution at <https://www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal> Find details about *The Appeal* in the *Impact Report* on pages 6-13.

### Blood Drive, Feb 6

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, February 6, 12-6 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Give the gift of life by signing up! Call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767) or email [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



### Grief Support Group

**GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH** – 2nd Thursdays monthly at 1 PM, held at La Chatelaine restaurant in Dublin.

**GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP** – 4th Sundays monthly at 7 PM in the Carter Center. Questions? Email Dennis at [edmuch@me.com](mailto:edmuch@me.com)

### Seniors NOW February Events

Seniors NOW is a social organization open to parish members 65+. Yearly membership is \$10. Our 2026 calendar of events is available on the Welcome Desk.

**FEBRUARY 6, 8 AM** – First Friday Mass, Breakfast at Olympic Diner, 5454 Roberts Rd, Hilliard

**FEBRUARY 9, MONDAY, 12 NOON** – Lunch at El Vaquero, 3580 W. Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus RSVP Jerry Price, [price62@gmail.com](mailto:price62@gmail.com), 614-805-6792

**FEBRUARY 18, WEDNESDAY, 1 PM** – Join us for a Winter Social with food and games in Wellnitz Hall!

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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, February 1, 6:45-8 PM. See your email for details and small group locations.

**1ST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next First Holy Communion Family Session is Sunday, February 8 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

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

**SEEK & ROOT:** The next Seek & Root Family Session is Monday, February 9 from 6-7:30 PM.

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

## School Auction Fundraiser

Casino Royale, Saturday, March 7

### SILENT AUCTION BASKETS –

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/auction2026> and click on the available buttons to sign up. Purchase items for baskets at <https://tinyurl.com/2xwyjssh> from our Amazon Wish List.



**GIVING TREES** in the Church Gathering area from February 1-15. Take a tag and purchase items to help fill our silent auction baskets.

**PURCHASE EVENT TICKETS** by February 15 via the QR code or at <https://STB2026.givesmart.com>

## Research Reviewers Needed

March 12, 12:30-3 PM, St Brendan Middle School will conduct its annual Research Fair. Students are researching their topic this winter to present on March 6. There will be approximately 12-15 students in each room assigned for the presentations as well as a panel of 3-4 judges. Topics include: 6th grade: People of the Eastern Hemisphere; 7th grade: Charitable Foundation; 8th grade: People or Event from American History. Lunch will be provided. Please arrive at school by 11:45 AM. If you are interested in being a reviewer, please contact Michele Hazzard: [mhazzard@cdeducation.org](mailto:mhazzard@cdeducation.org)

If you have a grade preference, let us know!

## POD Nursery Volunteers Needed

The POD Nursery needs volunteers during: Sunday Masses (8:45 & 10:45 AM), Family Faith Formation, and Date Night for Young Couples (Friday, once per month, 6-8:15 PM). Volunteers age 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant. To be added to our roster, email [nursery@stbrendans.net](mailto:nursery@stbrendans.net)

## Register for 2026-27 Kindergarten

Registration is now open for the 2026/27 St Brendan school year. Request information, schedule a tour or register at [www.stbrendans.net/school](http://www.stbrendans.net/school)

## Register for 2026-27 Preschool

Our collaborative preschool at St Margaret of Cortona has open enrollment for the 2026-27 school year, part or full-day, for children ages 3-5 next fall. For questions or to register: [aboyd@cdeducation.org](mailto:aboyd@cdeducation.org) or [www.bit.ly/preschool2026](http://www.bit.ly/preschool2026)

## Catholic Youth Summer Camp

Spots are still available for 2026 CYSC summer camp for students in grades 6-12. Register and find more details at <https://bit.ly/cysc2025-register> or for questions, contact Jacob Doran at [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net)

## The Vine for High Schoolers

Weekly in the school gym, Sundays, 6:30 PM

**FEB 1** How to Read the Bible

**FEB 8** Super Bowl Party

**FEB 15** Men's & Women's Night

**FEB 22** All About Dating

Follow [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine) on Instagram for details. Questions? Contact [kday@stbrendans.net](mailto:kday@stbrendans.net)

## The Roots for Middle Schoolers



**ROOTS LARGE GROUP** – Monthly, in the school gym on last Sundays, 6:30-8:30 PM.

**ASPEN SMALL GROUP NIGHTS** – Weekly, in the school library, Sundays, 6:45-8:30 PM. Questions? Email [amarino@stbrendans.net](mailto:amarino@stbrendans.net)

## St Brendan Young Adults Group

Young adult (in your 20s and 30s) small groups meet the 2nd Wednesday monthly, 7-9 PM. Women meet off-campus and men meet in the Carter Center. To join in a group, please email Jorden Frey at [freydesigns@gmail.com](mailto:freydesigns@gmail.com)



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear St Brendan Family,

I write to you today with a heart full of gratitude. First and foremost, I am thankful for our students! Each and every day, they inspire me with their hard work and continued growth—in the classrooms academically and in their spiritual journeys.

I am equally grateful for our teachers, who work diligently to instill knowledge, create expectations and lead by example through Christ-centered lives.

Additionally, our parents deserve heartfelt thanks for investing in and supporting the mission of St Brendan School. Their sacrifices, commitment, and partnership do not go unnoticed.

How could I not be filled with gratitude? Our parish priests feel this same spirit of thanksgiving. I speak with them daily, and they are also incredibly proud of our St Brendan School community.

My prayer is that we continue to place the Lord first in all that we do and carry forward a spirit of gratitude in every action. I truly believe that two of the most powerful words we can offer one another are, "Thank you." So, simply and sincerely—thank you!

PS. I encourage you to attend our St Brendan School **Casino Royale Auction Fundraiser** on Saturday evening, March 7. If you have never experienced a school auction in the past, this is the perfect opportunity to join us for a wonderful evening of community, fun, and support for our school! (See details on previous page.)



Scholarships below close on **February 27**.  
Questions? Contact Dan at 614-443-8893  
or [dkurth@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:dkurth@catholic-foundation.org)

### THE NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOLARSHIP

This four-year, \$2,000 per year scholarship is available to rising 9th grade students (current 8th grader) attending a Catholic High School next school year, was established for the propagation of the Catholic faith and devotion to Our Blessed Mother. A letter of recommendation, short essay on the applicant's devotion to our Blessed Mother, and financial need will be used to evaluate the potential applicants. Provided the student remains in good standing and continues to attend a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Columbus, the scholarship will be renewed all four years until that student graduates. To apply, visit <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-nativity-of-mary-scholarship/>

### BEN SMITH "YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE" SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship provides a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from St Brendan, St Margaret of Cortona, or senior at any Hilliard public school pursuing a degree in K-12 education (i.e. teaching). Additional consideration given to students pursuing a degree in a special education-related field that will help positively impact the lives of those with special needs. To apply, visit <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/ben-smith-you-can-make-a-difference-scholarship/> (Click "Application").

## Around Our Diocese

### VALENTINE'S GALA, FEB 14

Join Church of the Resurrection for a night of fellowship and food at a Valentine's Day dance. Cost is \$150 per couple and \$75 for singles. Attire is semi-formal. Cocktails/hors d'oeuvres served along with a 4-course meal; music and dancing featuring the G-Gap Band. Enjoy signature drinks and other adult beverages. Purchase tickets through the parish website at [www.cotrna.org](http://www.cotrna.org)

### ST MARY MAGDALENE BOOK/MEDIA SALE

Find thousands of children's, adult and young adult books, DVD movies, music CDs, vinyl records, board games, jigsaw puzzles and lots of miscellaneous merchandise for sale at low prices. The sale is Saturday, February 28, 3-7 PM (with a soup and sandwich supper offered) and Sunday, March 1, 9 AM-1 PM (Pancake & Egg breakfast by Knights of Columbus Council 13581 offered 9-11:30 AM). The sale is at St Mary Magdalene Church Hall at 473 S. Roys Ave, Columbus.

### FIRST THURSDAYS, PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Join us every first Thursday at parishes around the diocese to pray for an increase in priestly vocations. The next one is Thursday, February 5 at St Peter in Columbus, with 5:30 PM Mass, a Holy Hour and Confessions at 6 PM.

### 2026 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club (CMLC) is accepting nominations for the Columbus Diocese 2026 Catholic Man of the Year. Winner will receive the award at Columbus St Patrick Church (280 N. Grant Avenue) Friday, March 6 at CMLC's luncheon after 11:45 AM Mass. For details, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/man-of-the-year](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/man-of-the-year)

### NOVEMBER PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE/TURKEY

Join Fr Bob Penhallurick on a 12-Day Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St Paul" to Greece and Turkey, November 6-17, 2026. Cost starts at \$4,495 per person. There will be an informative meeting at St Catharine of Siena in the Parish Hall on Monday, February 16 at 6 PM. Find trip details at <https://stcharlespilgrimages.com/penhallurick> If you have any questions, contact Fr Bob at [rpenhall@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:rpenhall@columbuscatholic.org)

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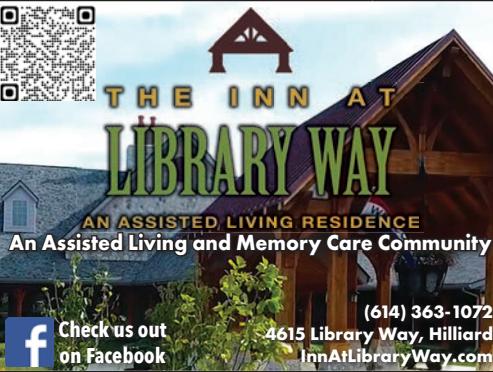
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