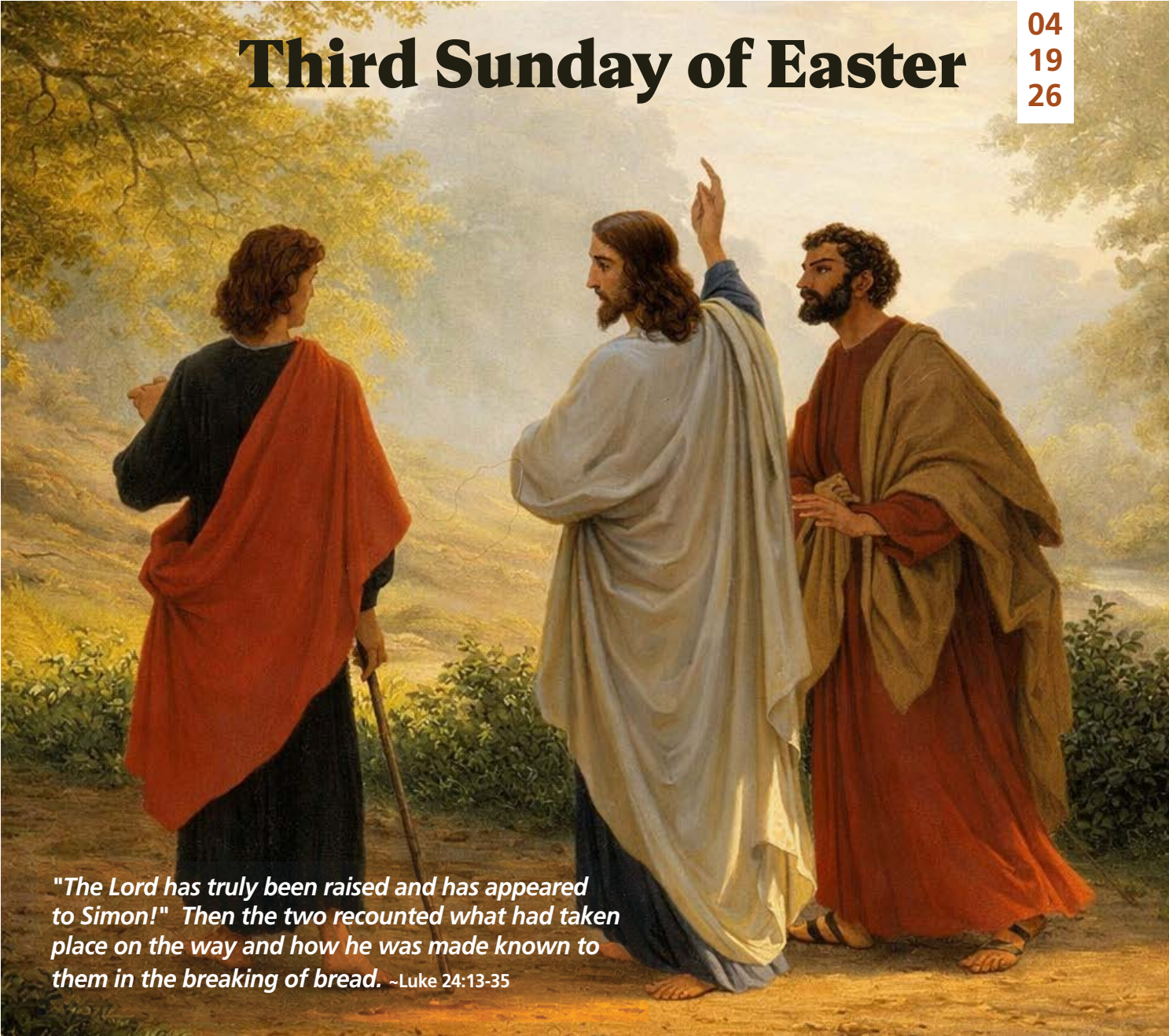


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"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. ~Luke 24:13-35

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Holy Mass*

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 PM

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WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SATURDAY Following 8 AM Mass

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**Regular Mass and Confession times may change. Find this week's calendar in the weekly bulletin or on our website.*

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From Our Pastor ON THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER,

we are reminded of the importance of encountering Christ on our earthly journey and living our lives in witness to Him. We can easily see in today's Gospel how Jesus was putting the final touches in the preparation of His Apostles to take His Gospel, His Divine teachings, out into the world. He had already spent three years with them, calling them to Him, teaching them, sending them out to preach in His name, to cure the sick, to raise the dead. He had already shown them the example of service. He had already ordained them priests and given them the ability to bring down His Body and Blood to the

altars on Holy Thursday. He had already given them the ability to forgive and retain sins on Easter Sunday evening. He had already shown them the model to follow, living for God and dying out of love for God and for others.

In today's Gospel, we see how Jesus finishes His preparations. He started by wishing them peace again, eating in front of them and showing them His wounds so that they would know that they were not hallucinating, but that Jesus really had risen. Then, St. Luke tells us that Jesus did two very important things.

First, He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, so that they would understand that "everything written about (him) in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Jesus had to do this because the Apostles had not gotten the connections Jesus had talked about before, which now, after His Resurrection, they would finally be able to understand. Now, they would understand the real meaning of the existence of Adam and Eve and the consequences of Original Sin. Now, they would get the real meaning of what happened to Abel, killed by his brother Cain. Abel was a type, a forerunner of Jesus who, though innocent, was killed by his brother. Now, they would be able to grasp the story of the sacrifice of Isaac, the only Son, who carried the wood for the sacrifice, and who the Lamb was that God would provide, Jesus, the Lamb of God. Now they would be able to understand the real exodus, the real Passover, which wasn't just from Egypt through the Red Sea to the Promised Land, but from this life, through death, into eternal life. Jesus opened their minds to understand how all Sacred Scripture had pointed to Him. Just as Jesus did with the Disciples on the road to Emmaus, to whom Jesus said, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Jesus, "beginning with Moses and all the prophets, interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures." We're told in that scene that the Disciples' hearts were burning as they felt incredible consolation that comes from contact with the Personified Truth, who is Jesus. Jesus continues to open up the Sacred Scriptures for us at every Mass, teaching us in the Gospel.

Jesus concluded this first thing by summarizing and giving the Apostles their full mission: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." Their mission was to go and witness to Jesus, to preach about Jesus, about His suffering out of love, about His Resurrection and about the call to repentance through the forgiveness of sins. And we see how well they had listened to Jesus and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, followed His marching orders.

The question for us today and every day is simply this: ***How are each of us doing when it comes to listening to Jesus, at following Him, at embracing His way of life, at being "doers of the word, not hearers only"*** (James 1:22)? When we stray and sin, do we seek Christ's mercy and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation? All of us are called – indeed invited by Christ – when Jesus says "follow me." How good of a job are we doing at following Him? It's never too late, folks, to do a turnaround – to undergo that level of conversion of mind and heart, to turn away from the ways of the world and instead embrace the way of Christ throughout our lives. This is how we come to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him – Christ our Lord, our one and only Savior and Redeemer.

CONCERNING STOLE FEES AND STIPENDS AT SAINT BRENDAN'S – I have had a discussion or two with the Priests and Deacons who serve at Saint Brendan's concerning stipends and stole fees. Stole fees are voluntary monetary offerings given to the Parish, Priests or Deacons for performing sacraments and special liturgies (e.g. Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals). Emphasis is on the word "voluntary" versus set dollar amounts, which has been the practice here. Some of the requested stole fees and stipends have, in my opinion, been rather steep. So moving forward, if anyone is planning a Baptism, Wedding (Mass, Service, Convalidation) or Funeral (Mass, Service, Graveside Service), or other special liturgy, if you desire to provide a stole fee to the Priest or Deacon (money, gift card, etc.) as your way of saying "thank you for your ministry," please know that while this is customary and appreciated, from this point forward there are no set nor required monetary amounts. Stipends for Mass Intentions remain at \$10 per Mass, as this is set forth by the Diocese. Special liturgy stipends for organists and cantors remain in place, as this is part of their compensation. Certain fees that go toward materials for Baptism or Wedding Preparation also stay in effect, as we have no control over the pricing for those materials and/or services. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to ask me or any of the Priests or Deacons. Please know that all the Priests and Deacons here at Saint Brendan's are honored to have been called by God and ordained for our ministry. Our respective ordinations to the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate are truly a gift, and we find great joy in ministering and administering the sacraments to you and your families.

God Bless!

Fr. Mike

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

Discernment: How can I learn God's will for me?

Article by Peter Kreeft, Ph.D., courtesy of *The Integrated Catholic Life*™.

Does God have one right choice for me in each decision I make? When we pray for wisdom to discern God's will when it comes to choosing a mate, a career, a job change, a move, a home, a school, a friend, a vacation, how to spend money, or any other choice, big or little, whenever there are two or more different paths opening up before us and we have to choose, does God always will one of those paths for us? If so, how do we discern it?

Many Christians who struggle with this question today are unaware that Christians of the past can help them from their own experience. Christian wisdom embodied in the lives and teachings of the saints tells us two things that are relevant to this question.

First, they tell us that God not only knows and loves us in general but that he cares about every detail of our lives, and we are to seek to walk in his will in all things, big and little. Second, they tell us that he has given us free will and reason because he wants us to use it to make decisions. This tradition is exemplified in Saint Augustine's famous motto "Love God and [then] do what you will." In other words, if you truly love God and his will, then doing what you will, will, in fact, be doing what God wills.

Do these two pieces of advice pull us in opposite directions, or do they only seem to? Since there is obviously a great truth embodied in both of them, which do we emphasize the most to resolve our question of whether God has one right way for us?

I think the first and most obvious answer to this question is that it depends on which people are asking it. We have a tendency to emphasize one half of the truth at the expense of the other half, and we can do that in either of the two ways. Every heresy in the history of theology fits this pattern: for instance, emphasizing Christ's divinity at the expense of his humanity or his humanity at the expense of his divinity; or emphasizing divine sovereignty at the expense of free will or free will at the expense of divine sovereignty.

Five general principles of discernment of God's will that apply to all questions about it, and therefore to our question too, are the following:

- Always begin with data, with what we know for sure. Judge the unknown by the known, the uncertain by the certain. Adam and Eve neglected that principle in Eden and ignored God's clear command and warning for the devil's promised pig in a poke.
- Let your heart educate your mind. Let your love of God educate your reason in discerning his will. Jesus teaches this principle in John 7:17 to the Pharisees. (Would that certain Scripture scholars today would heed it!)

They were asking how they could interpret his words, and he gave them the first principle of hermeneutics (the science of interpretation): "If your will were to do the will of my Father, you would understand my teaching." The saints understand the Bible better than the theologians, because they understand its primary author, God, by loving him with their whole heart and their whole mind.

- Have a soft heart but a hard head. We should be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves," sharp as a fox in thought but loyal as a dog in will and deed. Soft-heartedness does not excuse soft-headedness, and hard-headedness does not excuse hard-heartedness. In our hearts we should be "bleeding-heart liberals" and in our heads "stuck-in-the-mud conservatives."
- All God's signs should line up, by a kind of trigonometry. There are at least seven such signs: (1) Scripture, (2) Church teaching, (3) human reason (which God created), (4) the appropriate situation, or circumstances (which he controls by his providence), (5) conscience, our innate sense of right and wrong, (6) our individual personal bent or desire or instincts, and (7) prayer. Test your choice by holding it up before God's face. If one of these seven voices says no, don't do it. If none say no, do it.
- Look for the fruits of the spirit, especially the first three: love, joy, and peace. If we are angry and anxious and worried, loveless and joyless and peaceless, we have no right to say we are sure of being securely in God's will. Discernment itself should not be a stiff, brittle, anxious thing, but—since it too is part of God's will for our lives—loving and joyful and peace-filled, more like a game than a war, more like writing love letters than taking final exams.

Now to our question. **Does God have just one right choice for me to make each time?** If so, I must find it. If not, I should relax more and be a little looser. Here are some clues to the answer.

The answer depends on what kind of person you are. I assume that many readers of this page are (1) Catholic, (2) orthodox and faithful to the teachings of the Church, (3) conservative, and (4) charismatic. I have had many friends—casual, close, and very close—of this description for many years. In fact, I fit the description myself. So I speak from some experience when I say that people of this type have a strong tendency toward a certain character or personality type—which is in itself neither good nor bad—which needs to be nourished by one of these emphases more than the other. The opposite personality type would require the opposite emphasis.

My **first clue**, based on my purely personal observation of this kind of people, is that we often get bent out of human shape by our desire—in itself a very good desire—to find God’s perfect will for us. We give a terrible testimony to non-Christians; we seem unable to relax, to stop and smell God’s roses, to enjoy life as God gives it to us. We often seem fearful, fretful, terribly serious, humorless, and brittle—in short, the kind of people that don’t make a very good advertisement for our faith.

I am not suggesting that we compromise one iota of our faith to appeal to unbelievers. I am simply suggesting that we be human. Go watch a ball game. Enjoy a drink—just one—unless you’re at risk for alcoholism. Be a little silly once in a while. Tickle your kids—and your wife. Learn how to tell a good joke. Read Frank Schaeffer’s funny novel *Portofino*. Go live in Italy for a while.

Here’s a **second clue**. Most Christians, including many of the saints, don’t, in fact, have the discernment we are asking about, the knowledge of what God wills in every single choice. It’s rare. Could something as important as this be so rare? Could God have left almost all of us so clueless?

A **third clue** is Scripture. It records some examples—most of them miraculous, many of them spectacular—of God revealing his particular will. But these are reported in the same vein as miracles: as something remarkable, not as general policy. The “electronic gospel” of health and wealth, “name it and claim it,” is unscriptural, and so is the notion that we must find the one right answer to every practical problem, for the same reason: we are simply never assured such a blanket promise.

Darkness and uncertainty are as common in the lives of the saints, in Scripture as well as afterwards, as pain and poverty are. The only thing common to all humanity that the gospel guarantees to free us from is sin (and its consequences, death, guilt, and fear), not suffering and not uncertainties. If God had wanted us to know the clear, infallible way, he surely would have told us clearly and infallibly.

A **fourth clue** is something God did in fact give us: free will. Why? There are a number of good reasons—for instance, so that our love could be infinitely more valuable than instinctive, unfree animal affection. But I think I see another reason. As a teacher, I know that I sometimes should withhold answers from my students so that they find them themselves, and thus appreciate and remember them better—and also learn how to exercise their own judgment in finding answers themselves. “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” God gave us some big fish, but he also gave us the freedom to fish for a lot of little ones (and some big ones) ourselves.



Reason and free will always go together. God created both in us as part of his image. He gives supernatural revelation to both: dogmas to our reason and commandments to our will. But just as he didn’t give us all the answers, even in theology, in applying the dogmas or drawing out the consequences of them, so he didn’t give us all the answers in morality or practical guidance, in applying the commandments and drawing out their consequences. He gave us the mental and moral equipment with which to do that, and he is not pleased when we bury our talent in the ground instead of investing it so that he will see how much it has grown in us when he returns.

In education, I know there are always two extremes. You can be too modern, too experimental, too Deweyan, too structureless. But you can also be too classical, too rigid. Students need initiative and creativity and originality too. God’s law is short. He gave us ten commandments, not ten thousand. Why? Why not a more complete list of specifics? Because he wanted freedom and variety. Why do you think he created so many persons? Why not just one? Because he loves different personalities. He wants his chorus to sing in harmony, but not in unison.

I know Christians who are cultivating ingrown eyeballs trying to know themselves so well—often by questionable techniques like the enneagram, or Oriental modes of prayer—so that they can make the decision that is exactly what God wants for them every time. I think it is much healthier to think about God and your neighbor more and yourself less, to forget yourself—follow your instincts without demanding to know everything about them. As long as you love God and act within his law, I think he wants you to play around a bit.

I’m happily haunted by Chesterton’s image of the playground fence erected around the children on top of the mountain so that they could play without fear of falling off the side. That’s why God gave us his law: not to make us worried but to keep us safe so that we could play the great games of life and love and joy.

Each of us has a different set of instincts and desires. Sin infects them, of course. But sin infects our reason and our bodies too; yet we are supposed to follow our bodily instincts (for example, hunger and self-preservation) and our mind’s instincts (for example, curiosity and logic). I think he wants us to follow our hearts. Surely, if John loves Mary more than Susan, he has more reason to think God is leading him to marry Mary than Susan. Why not treat all other choices by the same principle?

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I am not suggesting, of course, that our hearts are infallible, or that following them justifies sinful behavior. Nor am I suggesting that the heart is the only thing to follow. I mentioned seven guidelines earlier. But surely it is God who designed our hearts—the spiritual heart with desire and will as much as the physical heart with aorta and valves. Our parents are sinful and fallible guides too, but God gave them to us to follow. So our hearts can be worth following too even though they are sinful and fallible. If your heart loves God, it is worth following. If it doesn't, then you're not interested in the problem of discernment of his will anyway.

Here is a **fifth clue**. When we do follow Augustine's advice to "love God and then do what you will," we usually experience great relief and peace. Peace is a mark of the Holy Spirit.

I know a few people who have abandoned Christianity altogether because they lacked that peace. They tried to be super-Christians in everything, and the pressure was just unendurable. They should have read Galatians.

Here is a **sixth clue**. If God has one right choice in everything you do, then you can't draw any line. That means that God wants you to know which room to clean first, the kitchen or the bedroom, and which dish to pick up first, the plate or the saucer. You see, if you carry out this principle's logical implications, it shows itself to be ridiculous, unlivable, and certainly not the kind of life God wants for us—the kind described in the Bible and the lives of the saints.

Clue number six is the principle that many diverse things are good; that good is plural. Even for the same person, there are often two or more choices that are both good. Good is kaleidoscopic. Many roads are right. The road to the beach is right and the road to the mountains is right, for God awaits us in both places. Goodness is multicolored. Only pure evil lacks color and variety. In hell there is no color, no individuality. Souls are melted down like lead, or chewed up together in Satan's mouth. The two most uniform places on earth are prisons and armies, not the church.

Take a specific instance where different choices are both equally good. Take married sex. As long as you stay within God's law—no adultery, no cruelty, no egotism, no unnatural acts, as, for example, contraception—anything goes. Use your imagination. Is there one and only one way God wants you to make love to your spouse? What a silly question! Yet making love to your spouse is a great good, and God's will. He wants you to decide to be tender or wild, moving or still, loud or quiet, so that your spouse knows it's you, not anyone else, not some book who's deciding.

Clue number seven is an example from my own present experience. I am writing a novel for the first time, and learning how to do it. First, I placed it in God's hands, told him I wanted to do it for his kingdom, and trusted him to lead me. Then, I simply followed my own interests, instincts, and unconscious. I let the story tell itself and the characters become themselves. God doesn't stop me or start me. He doesn't do my homework for me. But he's there, like a good parent.

I think living is like writing a novel. It's writing the story of your own life and even your own self (for you shape yourself by all your choices, like a statue that is its own sculptor). God is the primary author, of course, the primary sculptor. But he uses different human means to get different human results. He is the primary author of each book in the Bible too, but the personality of each human author is no less clear there than in secular literature.

God is the universal storyteller. He wants many different stories. And he wants you to thank him for the unique story that comes from your free will and your choices too. Because your free will and his eternal plan are not two competing things, but two sides of one thing. We cannot fully understand this great mystery in this life, because we see only the underside of the tapestry. But in heaven, I think, one of the things we will praise and thank God the most for is how wildly and wonderfully and dangerously he put the driving wheel of our life into our hands—like a parent teaching a young child to drive.

You see, we have to learn that, because the cars are much bigger in heaven. There, we will rule angels and kingdoms.

God, in giving us all free will, said to us: "Your will be done." Some of us turn back to him and say: "My will is that your will be done." That is obedience to the first and greatest commandment. Then, when we do that, he turns to us and says: "And now, your will be done." And then he writes the story of our lives with the pen strokes of our own free choices.

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food for thought

~Saint Alphonsus Liguori

"He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things."

Before you speak...

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H Is it Helpful?
I Is it Inspiring?
N Is it Necessary?
K Is it Kind?

Attn: St. Brendan HS Seniors

We are planning a Baccalaureate Mass for parish high school seniors including those who attend public or private high schools or are homeschooled. Please fill out the short form at <https://bit.ly/stb2026seniors> (or via the QR code) to let us know if there is an interest for a special Mass for graduating seniors, what date you prefer (May 7 or 21), and if you can help with readings or music. Questions? Email Nell at doconnell@stbrendans.net



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Parish News & Events

It's Cookie Time!

The Kairos prison ministers will spend four days at the London Correctional facility in May and will give each resident and staff member a dozen cookies with a message of love. Cookie bags are available in the church gathering area with instructions. Please drop off your cookies now through **April 29**. To make a monetary gift to help pay for meals for the residents and volunteers, give online at <https://tinyurl.com/kairos-donation> by filling out the form (or via the QR code) OR, drop a check off at the Parish Office made payable to "Kairos of Ohio." Questions? Email Tim Reno at tireno04@gmail.com



Adult Spring Scripture Studies

CATHOLIC MYSTICISM & THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE OF GRACE features renowned Bible teacher, Matthew Leonard. Adult study, led by Bryan Moore on Mondays, 7-8:30 PM, now until June 22 (no meeting on April 27 or May 25) in the School Library. No cost for materials. It's not too late to join! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mysticism2026>

CATHOLIC WAY: THE BOOK OF ESTHER – This study has been opened up to men as well as women! Learn from Esther to count the cost and step up "for such a time as this" with Patsy Bunnell facilitating the study. Lavinia Spirito, teaching leader of the Catholic Way Bible Studies, will enlighten you through video presentations on Thursdays, April 23-May 14, 9-10:30 AM in Davidson Room A. There is no cost for the materials, and childcare is available. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/esther2026>

2026 St. Brendan Men's Retreat

The Men's Retreat, "*Memento Mori, Remember Your Death*" is May 30, 5:30 PM through May 31, 12 PM. Cost is \$140. Register/pay at <https://bit.ly/2025men-retreat> OR, pay by check (made to "Knights of Columbus 11208") via the paper form and information sheet on the Welcome Desk by May 16. Fill out/mail form to: Mike Gunnarson, 6928 Ernest Way, Dublin, OH 43017. Questions? Mikegunnarson@gmail.com

Seniors NOW (NAVIGATING OUR WAY) FOR AGES 65+

APRIL 22, WEDNESDAY, 1 PM – Spring Social: Games in Wellnitz.
MAY 1, FRIDAY, 8 AM – First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Cafe Elena (2054 Crown Plaza, Columbus.)

Young Couples Date Night, May 1

The next Knights of Columbus sponsored Date Night for Young Couples is **Friday, May 1**, 6:30-8 PM in the Davidson Rooms. We will watch your kids (6 mo.–5 yrs. old) while you strengthen your relationship and enjoy dinner with other couples. Cost of \$35 includes all date nights through June, 2026 (make checks to "KofC 11208"). To join us, email Chuck at chuck436@att.net

Community Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 20

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church, Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Adult Study: <i>Catholic Mysticism</i>	School Library

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
1:00 PM	Seniors NOW: Spring Game Social	Wellnitz, Room 1
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	VINE Formation	School Library
7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Group	The Carter Center
7:00 PM	Young Adult Women's Group	Off-Site
7:15 PM	VINE Parent Session	Wellnitz, Room 1

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Catholic Way: <i>Book of Esther</i>	Davidson, Room A
7:00 PM	Women's Lenten Scripture Study	Davidson, Rooms A & B

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

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 or 4:30 PM	Jesus Day First Eucharist Retreat Day	Davidson, Rooms A & B

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry AM	Davidson, Rooms A & B
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM	Pray the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM	SVdP Monthly Conference Meeting	Wellnitz, Room 1
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	The ROOTS	Davidson, Rooms A & B
6:30 PM	VINE Night	School Gym
7:00 PM	Grief Support Gathering	The Carter Center

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" +Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

"The spiritual life is first of all a life.

It is not merely something to be known and studied, it is to be lived."

+FATHER THOMAS MERTON, OCSO

Monday, April 20 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 6:22-29 After Jesus had fed the five thousand men, his disciples saw him walking on the sea.] The next day, the crowd that remained across the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not gone along with his disciples in the boat, but only his disciples had left. Other boats came from Tiberias near the place where they had eaten the bread when the Lord gave thanks. When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

Meditation: Take a few moments and ask yourself: What do you hunger most for in life? Is it health, wealth, power, titles, fame, love, truth, life? Jesus addressed this issue with those who sought him after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. Where they simply hungry for things which satisfy the body or for that which satisfies the heart and soul? Jesus echoes the question posed in the Old Testament by the prophet Isaiah: "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy" (Isaiah 55:2)? There are two kinds of hunger -- physical and spiritual. Only God can satisfy the spiritual hunger in our heart and soul -- the hunger for truth, for life, and for love. Jesus also spoke about the works of God and what we must do to be doing the works of God, namely to believe in God's Son whom he has sent into the world.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, putting off our old self with all its ways, we may live as Christ did, for through the healing paschal remedies you have conformed us to his nature. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We must understand that Jesus offers a new relationship with God which provides for a new kind of life – in fact the only *real* life. It is a life of love and service, and the forgiveness of others which corresponds to God's mercy and kindness; a life of holiness and purity which corresponds to God's holiness; and a life of submission and trust which corresponds to the wisdom of God. This is the work which Jesus directs us to and enables us to perform in the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you hunger for the bread which comes down from heaven and thirst for the words of everlasting life? Find this hunger, and fulfill it with Christ!

Tuesday, April 21 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter **Optional Memorial: Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Holy Gospel: John 6:30-35 The crowd said to Jesus: "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:

He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Meditation: Do you have a true and genuine hunger for the bread of life? A "from the depths of your heart" hunger? The Jewish people had always regarded the manna in the wilderness as the bread of God (Psalm 78:24, Exodus 16:15). There was a strong Rabbinic belief that when the Messiah came he would give manna from heaven. This was the supreme work of Moses. Now the Jewish leaders were demanding that Jesus produce manna from heaven as proof to his claim to be the Messiah. Jesus responds by telling them that it was not Moses who gave the manna, but God. And the manna given to Moses and the people was not the real bread from heaven, but only a symbol of the bread to come. Jesus then makes the claim which only God can make: I am the bread of life. The bread which Jesus offers is none else than the very life of God. This is the one true bread which can truly satisfy the hunger in our hearts. So the question becomes for each of us: Do you hunger for God and for the food which produces everlasting life?

Prayer: O God, who open wide the gates of the heavenly Kingdom to those reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, pour out on your servants an increase of the grace you have bestowed, that, having been purged of all sins, they may lack nothing that in your kindness you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Anselm: O God, who led the Bishop Saint Anselm to seek out and teach the depths of your wisdom, grant, we pray, that our faith in you may so aid our understanding, that what we believe by your command may give delight to our hearts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Have you tasted and savored the bread of life? Or are you trying to pack ten pounds into a five-pound bag – cramming other things in your life, instead of investing your time the only thing that will give your life purpose, meaning, direction – life itself?! So what do you have to do to receive this great treasure - this "pearl of great price" we hear in scripture - this living bread? You have to sell all you have; your desires to go your own way instead of God's way; your desire to have power or fame. You have to put everything else behind God and seek Him and his righteousness first and all else will be given to you. This is never easy, and it will cost you a great deal. But what you get in return will be worth the price. So, seize this opportunity. Taste the bread that Jesus offers. St. Augustine wrote a prayer to express his gratitude to God for giving us the bread of life: *You are great, Lord, and highly to be praised; great is your power and your wisdom is immeasurable. Man, a little piece of your creation, desires to praise you, a human being bearing mortality with him, carrying with him the witness of his sin and the witness that you resist the proud. Nevertheless, to praise you is the desire of man, a little piece of your creation. You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you. Amen.*

About Saint Anselm: As prior and abbot, Anselm made the Benedictine monastery of Bec the center of a true reformation in Normandy and England. From this monastery he exercised a restraining influence on popes, kings, the worldly great, and entire religious orders. Raised to the dignity of Archbishop of Canterbury and primate of England, he waged a heroic campaign in defense of the rights and liberties of the Church. As a result he was deprived of goods and position and finally banned from the country. He journeyed to Rome, and at the Council of Bari supported Pope Urban II against the errors of the Greeks. His writings bear eloquent testimony to his moral stature and learning, and have earned for him the title of "Father of Scholasticism."

Wednesday, April 22 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 6:35-40 Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen me, you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

Meditation: For us to more fully understand who Jesus is, we need to understand why he called himself the "bread of life." The Jews understood that God promised them manna from heaven to sustain them on their journey to the promised land. Bread is the very staple of life. We could not live without food for very long. Bread sustains us. But what, then, is life? Jesus clearly meant something more than mere physical existence. The life Jesus refers to is connected with God, the author of life. Real life is a relationship with the living God, a relationship of trust, love, obedience. This is what Jesus makes possible

for us -- a loving relationship with the God who created us for love with Him. Apart from Jesus no one can enter that kind of life and relationship.

Prayer: Be present to your family, O Lord, we pray, and graciously ensure those you have endowed with the grace of faith an eternal share in the Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Ask yourself: are you satisfied with mere physical existence, or do you hunger for real life? Jesus makes three claims here. First he offers himself as spiritual food which produces the very life of God within us. Second, he promises unbroken friendship and freedom from the fear of being forsaken or cut off from God. Third, he offers us the hope of sharing in his resurrection. Those who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior will be raised up to immortal life with Jesus when he comes again on the last day. Remember, our earthly journey is just that – a journey. And where our journey leads us is up to us as to whom we follow – is it Christ our shepherd and guide? Or is it someone or something else? Jesus leads us to eternal life, everything else leads to a dead end – literally! Knowing this, why would anyone choose to follow anyone or anything but Christ on our earthly journey?

Thursday, April 23 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter
Optional Memorials: Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr; Saint George, Martyr

Holy Gospel: John 6:44-51 Jesus said to the crowds: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets:

They shall all be taught by God.

Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."

Meditation: God offers us, his people, abundant life. But we can miss it. What is the bread of life which Jesus offers? It is first of all the life of God himself -- life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. The Rabbis said that the generation in the wilderness have no part in the life to come. In the Book of Numbers it is recorded that the people who refused to brave the dangers of the Promised Land were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. The Rabbis believed that the father who missed the promised land also missed the life to come. When Jesus offers us real life he brings us into a new relationship with God, a relationship of trust, love, and obedience. And he offers us real life which last forever, a life of love, fellowship, communion, and union with the One who made us in love to be with him forever. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the bread of heaven is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come. Do you truly accept Jesus as the bread of life?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, let us feel your compassion more readily during these days when, by your gift, we have known it more fully, so that those you have freed from the darkness of error may cling more firmly to the teachings of your truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Adalbert: O God, who bestowed the crown of martyrdom on the Bishop Saint Adalbert, as he burned with zeal for souls, grant, we pray, by his prayers, that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherds, nor the care of the shepherds be ever lacking to the flock. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint George: O God, who were pleased to give light to your Church by adorning blessed George with the victory of martyrdom, graciously grant that, as he imitated the Lord's Passion, so we may, by following in his footsteps, be worthy to attain eternal joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Saint Bonaventure wrote this prayer to Jesus, the bread of life, that is worth contemplating on today: "Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the bread of angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and super substantial bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delight of taste; let my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor; may it ever thirst after Thee, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of pleasure, the

richness of the house of God. May it ever compass Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, run to Thee, attain Thee, meditate upon Thee, speak of Thee, and do all things to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance unto the end."

Friday, April 24 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter
Optional Memorial: Saint Fidelis

Holy Gospel: John 6:52-59 The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." These things he said while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Meditation: Why did Jesus offer himself as "food and drink"? The Jews were scandalized and the disciples were divided when Jesus said "unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you." What a hard saying, unless you understand who Jesus is and why he calls himself the bread of life. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, when Jesus said the blessing, broke and distributed the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper. The Gospel of John has no account of the Last Supper meal (just the foot washing ceremony and Jesus' farewell discourse). Instead, John quotes extensively from Jesus' teaching on the bread of life. In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in sacrifice as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to their Creator. Melchizedek's offering of bread and wine, who was both priest and king (Genesis 14:18), prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our high priest and king. The remembrance of the manna in the wilderness recalled to Israel that it lives by the bread of the Word of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). When at the Last Supper Jesus described his blood "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28), he was explaining his coming crucifixion as a sacrifice for sins. His death on the cross fulfilled the sacrifice of the paschal lamb. That is why John the Baptist called him the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." Jesus made himself an offering and sacrifice, a gift that was truly pleasing to the Father. He "offered himself without blemish to God" (Hebrews 9:14) and "gave himself as a sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who have come to know the grace of the Lord's Resurrection, may, through the love of the Spirit, ourselves rise to newness of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Fidelis: O God, who were pleased to award the palm of martyrdom to Saint Fidelis as, burning with love for you, he propagated the faith, grant, we pray, through his intercession, that, grounded in charity, we may merit to know with him the power of the Resurrection of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Jesus chose the time of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum— giving his disciples his body and his blood. Jesus' passing over to his Father by his death and resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Last Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God's kingdom. When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very center of our being. That life which he offers is the very life of God himself. Do you hunger for the bread of life?

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Prayer List

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are **ill at home**, **hospitalized**, or are **active duty military**, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* via the QR code, www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List or call the Parish Office. The list is updated every 3-6 months; if someone you added was deleted but is still ill, please 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	Mary Murphy Smith
Doris Cobbs	Ora Johnson	Daffine Papaly
Richard Jones	Francis Drlik	Sarah Ortlieb
Donna Fox-Moore	Dolores Lynch	Alida Sfalcin
Connie Carrino	Ryan Yoder	Alyson Barnheiser
Lisa Lynch	Chris Carrino	Alan LaForrest
Sara Conway	Shirley Tornik	Jim Lewis
Sean Grier	Paula Jordan	Teresa Wells
Alma Harding	Richard Walls	Mary DeStefani
Karl "Sonny" Beem	Marian Woolum	Bryan Knapp
Eileen Wilson	Dochia Finsterbusch	Gib Bickel
Dionisia Virtudazo	Dick Snyder	Kathleen McCurdy
Ryan Diepenbrock	Alisha Lause	Amelia Black
Brenda Bezan	Robert William	Anna D'Ettorre
Ken Weitmarshen	Eliott Verrilli	Suzzette Briones
Shirley Buswell		

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Kale Grunenwald	Addison A.
Aaron Huesman	Cody Longstreth	Connor Olson
Sam Imwalle	Jackson Maassel	Dan Severance
Christopher Keck	Rick Shonkwiler	Trevor Pfirrmann
Robert Carollo	Rob Shonkwiler	Zackery Reed
Kyle Mullins	Luke Stumphauzer	Robbie Hite
Joe Alverson	Thomas Noel	Nathaniel Mattson

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

THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

The St. Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry prays daily for all those no longer practicing our faith. Find more resources at www.stbrendans.net/ich

Marriage Banns

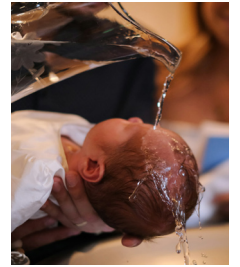
We are pleased to announce the wedding of Olivia Temelkoff, of St. Brendan the Navigator, Hilliard, and Paul Rivera, of Immaculate Conception, Columbus, who plan to be married at St. John Neumann, on May 9, 2026. We wish Olivia and Paul God's blessing as they unite as husband and wife! Any known reason why this marriage should not happen, report it to Father Michael Lumpe.



Congratulations

ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Luke Michael Goubeaux
Francis Avery Smith
Cary William Roese Okuley
Eleanor Jeanne Gannon
Lillian Nicole Gannon
Cecilia Marie Roby



Mass Intentions

(† Intention for deceased.)

MONDAY, APRIL 20

6:30 AM Robert Boyd, Jr. †
8:00 AM For the needs of parishioners as we begin the week.
5:30 PM Richard Boyd †

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

6:30 AM Intention for Mary Mowery
8:00 AM Ed Cavanaugh †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 AM Intention for Grace Kelley
5:30 PM Patrick Day †

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

6:30 PM Intention for Conor Kelley
8:00 AM Ed Cavanaugh †

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 PM Intention for Mariann Chilton
8:00 AM Madeline Oldani †

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM Margaret Brenner †
5:30 PM Intention for Nadine Byrne

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:15 AM For the People of St. Brendan Parish
8:45 AM Patricia Pierce †
10:45 AM Kenneth Drake †
5:30 PM Intention for Shel Senek

Financial Stewardship

**APRIL 12, 2026
OFFERTORY**

Weekly Offertory
(Cash, checks, online giving)
\$47,759

Weekly Budgeted
\$53,625

Eucharistic Adoration

Sign up at www.stbrendan.weadorehim.com

MONDAY	6 PM–10 PM
TUE./THU./FRI.	8:30 AM–10 PM <i>First Fridays,</i> <i>8:30 AM–Saturday, 1 PM</i>
WEDNESDAY	7 AM–5 PM <i>Holy Hour, 6-7 PM</i> <i>with Confession</i>
SATURDAY	8:30 AM–1 PM
SUNDAY	6:30 PM–10 PM



Helping Our Children Find Holiness

Article by Fr. Ed Broom, OMV, courtesy of The Catholic Exchange.

The primary obligation of parents towards their children is to pave the way for the salvation of their immortal

souls. Jesus pointed this out very clearly: “What would it profit a man if he were to gain the whole world and lose his soul in the process. What can a man exchange for his very soul?” This Biblical passage was instrumental in the conversion of the great missionary, Saint Francis Xavier.

In this short essay, we would like to pinpoint five concrete decisions and practices that parents can undertake so as to pave the way to heaven for their children. Never forget, parents, that your primary obligation is to bring every family member to heaven, to be with God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the angels and saints for all eternity!

1. BAPTISM

Provide for the Baptism of your child as soon as possible. During the course of the pregnancy, good parents can do all the prior preparations so as to have the child baptized rapidly. Baptismal talks, papers, godparents, etc. can be prepared and ready even before the child is born. Remember the words of Jesus, referring to the small child; “Let the little children come to me because as such is the kingdom of heaven.”

2. PRAY IMMEDIATELY

A child can be compared to a sponge: the nature of a sponge is to absorb, especially liquids and usually water. However, if one puts dirty water into the sponge, then dirty water will be wrung out; clean, then clean water will be wrung out. A three-year-old child can watch TV and repeat dumb, offensive and vulgar words or songs. If this is the case, why should parents not fill the mind, heart and lips of the child with prayers to the Guardian Angel, to Mary, to the Trinity, to the Heavenly Father. Don't allow your child to be filled with junk, but, instead, fill him/her with beautiful prayers!

3. OFFER IT UP

Parents, we invite you to teach your children the short but all-important phrase: “Offer it up!” What this really means is to take advantage of daily sufferings and crosses that God sends to all of us. Through this process of offering our sufferings, we can help our friends through our prayers and pains. Much suffering is wasted because it is not offered up to God. Why not teach children, even when they are small, to offer up the headache, toothache, hot or cold weather, the fall and bruise and the cut, so that these sufferings will have infinite value! Mom and Dad, you are the first teachers, especially in the area of faith.

4. LOVE ONE ANOTHER

The Last and greatest commandment of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was that of love—to love all as he loved us. Parents who are blessed by God to have more than one child should make a concerted effort on their part to love their children and their immortal souls. However, the devil always seeks to sow the seed of discord, confusion, jealousy, rivalry, comparisons, and suspicions. Parents must strive with all of the energy of their wills to foster mutual respect, humility, love and harmony among their siblings.

At all costs parents must avoid the “Cain-complex.” What is the “Cain-complex”? The Cain-complex consists in pitting one sibling against the other. It results in the ugly fruits of comparisons, rivalries, jealousy often leading to envy and fights and hatred and killing — if not physically, then at least in the heart.

How can the “Cain-complex” be avoided? A simple remedy! It is all related to union with God in prayer, the three dimensions of family prayer. Parents should pray for their children; parents should teach their children to pray; finally, parents should pray with their children. If done, this will prove to be one of the most efficacious remedies to avoid the ugly, but all too prevalent “Cain-complex.”

5. THE REAL PRESENCE

Good Catholic parents, we warmly exhort you to teach your children, as soon as possible, the meaning of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Mass, Consecration, Holy Communion. Furthermore, parents should teach their children, even the little ones, where Jesus is truly present in the Church. How is this to be done successfully by parents?

Here are some various suggestions:

- † **Personal devotion.** Parents work on growing in your own faith in Jesus present in the Eucharist — Nobody can give what he does not possess personally.
- † **Holy Mass.** Explain to your children that the most important event every week is attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday, but also participating fully, consciously and actively.
- † **Reverence.** The modern world has lost the sense of the sacred in the churches today. Parents must teach their children that the church is the House of God and a sacred and holy environment. Therefore, in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, there should be cultivated silence, that fosters both prayer and reverence.
- † **Genuflection.** Parents should execute the genuflection properly, right knee to the ground with hands folded over heart, and explain why this is done. It is done to adore the Lord of Lord and King of Kings who is residing in His little Palace or Castle in the Blessed Sacrament.

Article by Fr. Ed Broom continues...

The Kings prostrated themselves before the Child Jesus in Bethlehem; we prostrate ourselves by a reverential genuflection. Remember that Jesus, now present in the Blessed Sacrament, is still Lord of Lords and King of Kings and still worthy of worship and praise. This is done by the genuflection.

† **Visit the Blessed Sacrament.**

One of the first little poems I remembered learning as a child was the following related to Eucharistic visits: "Whenever I see a church, I stop to make a visit, so that when I die the Lord will not say, who is it? Parents should form the habit of now and then stopping to visit Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Even though the visit might last five minutes, this is very pleasing to Jesus whose Sacred Heart rejoices every time we visit Him and remember Him!

CONCLUSION

If parents can take seriously their obligation to be a Saint John the Baptist and point the way to Jesus and the Highway to heaven, then the parents will strive to implement these five practical points of advice:

1. The graces of early Baptism;
2. Prayer, which is the key to heaven;
3. The value of offering up and suffering for a purpose;
4. Love, living out love in family;
5. The Eucharistic Lord, growing in faith, knowledge and love for Jesus the Bread of Life, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
6. May Mary, the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church and our Heavenly Mother attain for us extraordinary graces through her all-powerful prayers!



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our First Holy Communion retreat, *Jesus Day*, is Friday, April 24. Choose either the 10 AM or 4:30 PM session. Look for the RSVP that was sent out by email. First Holy Communion Masses are May 3 & 10.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

For questions about registering for our 2026-27 sacrament preparation programs (Confirmation, First Reconciliation or Holy Communion), please contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

Save the Dates for Totus Tuus!

Totus Tuus is for those entering grades 1-6 and will take place on our campus Monday-Friday, July 6-10 from 9 AM-2:30 PM. Cost is \$50 per child. Register now at <https://tinyurl.com/totustuus2026> Host families are also needed from July 5-10 to host missionaries with breakfast, dinner, and a place to sleep. To host a missionary, email Sarah Pennington at spennington@stbrendans.net

St. Brendan Athletic Scholarship

The St. Brendan Athletic Association established two scholarships of \$1,000 each for one male and one female student to aid in tuition at a Catholic high school. Find the form and apply by May 8 at www.stbrendans.net/athletics

POD Nursery Volunteers

Needed **Sundays** during **8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses, Fridays, 6:30-8 PM** (once monthly) for **Date Night for Young Couples**, for **Family Faith Formation** and during some adult events. (Volunteers age 18+ must be *Safe Environment compliant*.) Sign up to volunteer by emailing nursery@stbrendans.net

Vine - for High Schoolers

Sundays, 6:30 PM in the school gym. (@stbvine on Instagram)

APRIL 19 "Knowing God's Plan for You"

APRIL 26 "Senior Take-over Night"

Questions? Contact Kara Shand at kshand@stbrendans.net

Roots - for Middle Schoolers

ROOTS LARGE GROUP - Last Sundays monthly, 6:30-8:30 PM.

ASPEN SMALL GROUP NIGHTS - Sunday, once monthly, 6:45-8:30 PM. Questions? Email Anna at amarino@stbrendans.net

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News Around Our Diocese

Bishop Ready High School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following St. Brendan parishioners who are students at Bishop Ready High School and who have attained Honor Roll status for the third quarter of the current academic year.

Earning 1st Honors: Sophomores Madison Powers and Anna Turner; and junior Jenna Wolf.

Earning 2nd Honors: Sophomore Isabella Buerkle.

Named to the Distinction List: Senior Katherine Sanders.

St. Charles High School Honor Roll

St. Charles Preparatory School announced its Third Quarter Honor and Merit Rolls for the 2025-26 school year. Students on the Honor Roll achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Students on the Merit Roll achieved a grade point average of 3.0–3.49.

(Those with a GPA of 4.0 and higher are noted.)

Student's Name	Grade		
Nathaniel DeLuca	12	Honor	4.0+
Eli Ducay	9	Honor	4.0+
Bradley King	12	Honor	4.0+
Alessandro Lombardi	10	Honor	4.0+
Maximiliano Paxton	12	Honor	4.0+
Nolan Beyer	9	Honor	
Dylan Haonga	10	Honor	
Evan Korosec	10	Honor	
Charles Owsley	9	Honor	
Caiden Root	10	Honor	
Carmello Clay	9	Merit	
William Howard	11	Merit	
Max Spires	12	Merit	

Catholic Times Digital News

The *Catholic Times* newspaper recently moved to a solely digital platform. Now, the good news of the 23 counties of our diocese is being amplified to an even greater degree! Sign up to get this diocesan free news emailed directly to you at <https://catholictimescolumbus.org/about/>

J.O.I.N. is Joining CSS

Catholic Social Services (CSS) of the Diocese of Columbus announced recently that the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (JOIN), located in Columbus, and St. Francis Evangelization Center (St. Francis), located in McArthur, are joining the ministry of Catholic Social Services. This change further strengthens the commitment that the Diocese of Columbus has to social outreach to individuals and families experiencing poverty and hardships across the 23 counties in the diocese, especially central and southeastern Ohio.

JOIN serves individuals/families in Franklin County by providing emergency financial assistance for those facing economic hardship. Catholic Social Services, which has served for 80 years to care for seniors, families, and persons living with disabilities will now serve over 17,000 individuals across central and southeastern Ohio.

Bishop Earl K. Fernandes recently emphasized the importance of partnership. "The work of JOIN and the St. Francis Evangelization Center reflect the Gospel in action. I am grateful that Catholic Social Services will sustain and grow this mission so that the people of those regions continue to encounter both compassionate service and the love of Christ."

Our J.O.I.N. and Food Pantry Collection Green Bin, located in the Church Gathering Space, still gladly accepts your donation items to help these important social outreaches.



Weekly & Monthly Ministries & Groups

Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup

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St. Brendan Young Adults

For those in their 20s & 30s – meet on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays monthly, 7-9 PM. Women meet off-campus. Men meet in the Carter Center. To join us, email Jordan Frey at jfreydesigns@gmail.com

Esto Vir Men's Ministry

Saturdays, 6:30 AM, Esto Vir – Men meet in the Davidson Room for *The Chosen Season 4* and *Sharing Our Story* sessions.

Tuesdays, 6:30 AM Men's Studies – Meet in the Davidson Room for Series on Scripture, Early Church Fathers and the Saints. Questions? Email Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net

Church Cleaning Ministry

Meet on Mondays at 9 AM in the church for light cleaning. Supplies are provided. Questions? Email Lisa Long at lisaploug@gmail.com

M.A.S.T. (Mature Active Singles Together)

M.A.S.T is a social group for single/widowed/divorced persons, ages 45 and over. To join, email Chris Hauck at chrishauck0522@gmail.com

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