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# Pentecost Sunday

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." ~From John 20:19-23*

# Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

Parish office is closed.  
No school.  
No Adoration.



**HONORING THOSE WHO DIED  
IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY**

**Men's Club Steak & Ale tickets are on sale after Masses this weekend!** Details on pg 15.

## Holy Mass\*

**SATURDAY VIGIL** 5:30 PM

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**SATURDAY** 8 AM

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**SATURDAY** Following 8 AM Mass

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# From Our Pastor

**ON THIS PENTECOST SUNDAY**, we should remind ourselves of the importance of this event in our human and salvation history. Today's Solemnity represents the culmination of God's creative work in His disciples – men and women of all ages, in all times and seasons. All of today's Scripture readings refer to the Holy Spirit of God, which comes visibly down on each of the Apostles in a locked room in Jerusalem. In the Acts of the Apostles, the coming of the Spirit is like thunder and fire, and its immediate effect is to make the Apostles preaching of

God's great works intelligible in all human languages, tongues and dialects. The Gospel of John describes another way the Holy Spirit is given to the Apostles – the risen Jesus breathing on the Apostles to impart the Holy Spirit. The power of the Holy Spirit not only authorizes but empowers the Apostles to forgive and to retain sins (*in case you might wonder, this is the Scripture reference for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the ability of Catholic priests, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, to forgive sins*). Jesus formally sends out to the world His Apostles, as He had been sent to the world by God the Father. But, again, before the Apostles were sent out into the world, at Pentecost the Holy Spirit worked a miracle in each of the Apostles, and through them, in the whole Church. As the Apostles were huddled together around Mary in the Upper Room 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, suddenly from heaven there was the sound like the rush of a driving wind that filled the entire Upper Room. Tongues of fire came down and rested upon each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, the difference before and after Pentecost. They received the Holy Spirit's help boldly to proclaim Jesus. The Holy Spirit came down upon them as tongues of fire – tongues because they were to speak, fire because they were to speak with the passion of burning love. And they responded. Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He promised that the Holy Spirit He would send would teach them all things, lead them to all truth, remind them of everything He had taught them, and prove the world wrong about sin, holiness and judgment. Then, moved by the Holy Spirit, they began to fulfill this mission. The Acts of the Apostles had begun. St. Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that the different gifts of the Holy Spirit are given for a purpose – a service to be offered for the good of all. They are not ends in themselves. Christians are called to establish a unity that brings together in Jesus Christ all peoples, religions and states of life. He reminds all that this knowledge of God is a grace of enlightenment. The Psalmist (Psalm 104) reminds us that this Holy Spirit, this breath of God that we as Christians have received, is the same Spirit that sustains the constant renewal of all created things. Folks, the gift of the Holy Spirit should move and inspire each of us to want to see deeper into the reality of other people's lives, to go beyond superficial daily contact to our neighbor's real needs, and to show them the way to Christ as their truth and their life. We are enlightened by the wisdom, teachings and love of Christ. Armed with this divine wisdom, knowledge and love, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have the capacity to be heralds of the Gospel – to be "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). On this Pentecost Sunday, the Church was born. The Holy Spirit united different people into the one Body of Christ and empowered them as disciples of Christ to go forth into the world and share in Christ's saving mission. We, today's members of the Body of Christ, benefit from our God-given gifts, abilities, and talents which are as varied as the grains of sand on a beach, but are united in one Catholic faith for the shared mission in the salvation of souls – our souls, the souls of our family members and friends, fellow parishioners, neighbors, colleagues and total strangers. May we allow the Holy Spirit to flow through each of our lives so that we will all do our part to share in Christ's saving mission by being zealous witnesses and sharers of His timeless teachings, His timeless Truths, His Way, His Life, and in doing so building up the Body of Christ and His Kingdom here on earth.

**ABUNDANT BLESSINGS AND THANKS** to all who have been involved in the various ministries and faith formation here at Saint Brendan. It has been an eventful, fruitful year for our Family Faith Formation, OCIA, Youth Ministry, and in our Parish School. Highlights from a few of these are in this bulletin, along with information and summer schedules for The Vine (High Schoolers), Roots (Middle Schoolers), Totus Tuus, Esto Vir Men's Ministry, Bible Study programs, several ministries, parish groups, and more. The Holy Spirit is alive and well here at Saint Brendan!

**ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**, we remember, honor and pray for the countless service men and women who paid the ultimate price by giving their lives in service to our country. More than the beginning of summer backyard barbecues, today is a day to pause, pray for, and thank these men and women who died, and to also pray for their family members and friends who grieve the loss of their sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, friends, classmates, neighbors and colleagues. Our regular Mass schedule is in effect on Memorial Day. May 25 happens to be a "mandatory memorial" in the Church, meaning a particular Mass setting must be celebrated. The Mass on May 25 is the *Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*. Please know, though, we will still remember, honor and pray for the souls of our fallen service men and women during Monday's Masses. In this bulletin is a listing of Memorial Day Services at local Catholic cemeteries.

**WE ARE OFF TO A STRONG START IN OUR PARISH** for this year's Appeal. **ABUNDANT THANKS** to all who have contributed thus far! In addition to meeting the goal set by the Diocese, \$335,583, I have added an additional \$185,000 for the construction of 70-80 additional parking spaces on our campus – new parking that is sorely needed! Our enhanced goal (diocesan goal and parking lot improvement) is \$520,583. As of this writing, we have just over \$135,000 in pledges — this represents more than one-third of our Diocesan goal, and more than 25% of our enhanced goal. **GREAT START**, but we still have a way to go! To make your secure online contribution, as I did using my credit card, spreading my \$1,000 contribution over a 10-month period, please go to <https://bit.ly/26appeal>, or scan the QR code to the right.



**THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS!**

*Fr. Mike*  
Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

# PENTECOST SUNDAY: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Article by Fr. William Saunders, courtesy of the Catholic Education Resource Center

The revelation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is rooted in the prophecy of Isaiah about the coming Messiah: "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord" (Is 11:1-3). While the prophecy of Isaiah pertains specifically to the Messiah, the Tradition of the Church is that these gifts are extended to all of the faithful through the sacraments of Baptism and especially Confirmation (Catechism, No. 1303). St. Paul taught, "For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son ..." (Rom 8:29), indicating that through the grace of these sacraments a person takes on an identity with Christ and shares those gifts proper to His role as the Messiah (at least those which are communicable to us).

Confirming this belief, St. Ambrose in *De Mysteriis* taught, "Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with His sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed His pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts" (7, 42). The faithful are reminded of the bestowal of these gifts in the liturgy. In the Mass of Pentecost, when the faithful remember the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, the faithful pray the Sequence, saying, "On the faithful, who adore and confess you evermore in your sevenfold gift descend."

In the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishop prays, extending his hands over the Confirmandi, "All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." Then, the bishop confirms each candidate, making the sign of the cross with holy chrism on his forehead, and saying, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Given this basis, traditionally the seven gifts are listed as fear of the Lord, piety, knowledge, understanding, counsel, wisdom and fortitude. (Note: While the Hebrew text of Isaiah lists only six gifts with fear of the Lord being mentioned twice, the Greek Septuagint and Latin Vulgate translations list seven, adding "piety" and eliminating the repetition of "fear of the Lord." Moreover, in the Old Testament, seven is the number of perfection, plenitude and covenant.)

First, the term "gift" needs to be clarified. They are properly termed "gifts of the Holy Spirit" because the Holy Spirit bestows them. Therefore, they are supernatural gifts operating in a supernatural mode or manner. These are not gifts one simply invokes in times of emergency; rather, these gifts are present to the person as long as he remains in a state of sanctifying grace. As such, these gifts help a person attain sanctification and bring to perfection virtues, both the theological virtues (faith, hope and charity) and the infused virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance). The idea here is that these gifts help a person to share in the very life and nature of God, now in this life and for eternal life. In this sense, as St. Thomas Aquinas asserted, they are in the fullest sense "habits," from the Latin *habitus*, signifying their indwelling presence and operation.

The Catechism underscores this point: The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.... They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations" (No. 1830-31).

## THE GIFTS

The basic definitions which follow are quoted from Father Aumann's classic work, *Spiritual Theology*. Moreover, the order followed was composed by Pope St. Gregory the Great, who tried to capture the spiritual dynamic which the Holy Spirit imparts to the soul through these gifts: "Through the fear of the Lord, we rise to piety, from piety then to knowledge, from knowledge we derive strength, from strength counsel, with counsel we move towards understanding, and with intelligence towards wisdom and thus, by the sevenfold grace of the Spirit, there opens to us at the end of the ascent the entrance to the life of Heaven" (*Homiliae in Hiezechihelam Prophetam*, II 7,7).

## THE GIFT OF FEAR

The Gift of Fear of the Lord enables the person "to avoid sin and attachment to created things out of reverence and love of God." Primarily, this gift entails a profound respect for the majesty of God who is the Supreme Being. Here, a person realizes his "creatureliness" and dependency upon God, and never would want to be separated from this loving God. This gift of fear arouses in the soul a vibrant sense of adoration and reverence for the majesty of God and a sense of horror and sorrow for sin.

This gift is sometimes misunderstood because of the word fear. The fear referred to here is not a servile fear whereby a person serves God simply because he or she "fears" punishment, whether some sort of temporal punishment in this life or the eternal punishment of Hell. A genuine relationship with God is based on love, not fear. Therefore, this "fear of the Lord" is a filial or reverential fear which moves a person to do God's will and avoid sin because of love for God, who is all good and deserving of all of our love. In a similar way, a child should not be motivated to obey a parent's moral guidance or commands simply because of fear of punishment, but because of love and respect. One should fear hurting a loved one and violating that person's trust, more than one should fear punishment. (Nevertheless, one should have a healthy sense of fear for the punishment due to sin, even though this should not be the motivating factor for loving God.)

The Gift of Fear brings to perfection primarily the virtue of hope: a person respects God as God, trusting in His will and anchoring his life on Him. Moreover, he wants to be joined with God forever in Heaven. This gift is also the launch pad for the other gifts: As Sacred Scripture attests, "Happy the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commands" (Psalm 112:1) and "The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord" (Sirach 1:12).

Secondly, this gift also perfects the virtue of temperance, which seeks to use all things wisely, and in moderation, not to the excess, especially those sensible pleasures. With reason enlightened by faith, temperance controls the passions. Temperance is related to the Gift of Fear because one's awareness and respect for the sanctity of God motivates a person as a creature to give glory to God by being temperate in actions and desires. For example, chastity is a virtue of temperance which respects the goodness of one's own sexuality, the sanctity of marriage, and the sanctity of marital love; a person moved by the Gift of Fear strives to live a chaste life because God is the creator of those goods and such a life gives glory and praise to Him.

## THE GIFT OF PIETY

With the Gift of Fear, the person rises to the Gift of Piety: "to give filial worship to God precisely as our Father and to relate with all people as children of the same Father." Here a person shows reverence for God as a loving Father, and respects others as children of God precisely because that is what they are. As such, the Gift of Piety perfects the virtue of justice, enabling the individual to fulfill his obligations to God and neighbor; the person is not only motivated by the requirements of strict justice but also by the loving relationship he shares with his neighbor. For example, we fulfill the commandments not simply because they are commandments but because of our love for the Heavenly Father and for our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

## THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is the gift that enables a person "to judge rightly concerning the truths of faith in accordance with their proper causes and the principles of revealed truth." Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the human intellect makes correct judgments regarding earthly things and how they are related to eternal life and Christian perfection. As such, this gift is a special illumination, which enables the person to realize the emptiness of created things in themselves so that they do not become roadblocks to union with God. At the same time, it enables the person to see through created things to the God who created them. Therefore, instead of seeing created things as obstacles to union with God, the soul views them as instruments for union with God. As such, a person sees how to use created things rightly and even in a holy way. Moreover, the gift gives to the person a sense of faith, *sensus fidei*, meaning that the person has a divine instinct about whether or not something, like a devotion, is in accord with the faith even though he may never have had a formal theological education. This gift produces several effects which have great value for sanctification of the soul: introspection, enabling the person to see the state of his soul; detachment from material things; and repentance for the misuse of material things or when they have been allowed to become obstacles to God. St. Thomas taught that the Gift of Knowledge brings to perfection the virtue of faith, but is linked also to the perfection of prudence, justice and temperance.

## THE GIFT OF FORTITUDE

With the Gift of Fortitude, a person is able "to overcome difficulties or to endure pain and suffering with the strength and power infused by God." As with the other gifts, fortitude operates under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, and gives strength to the person to resist evil and persevere to everlasting life. This gift brings the virtue of fortitude to perfection, charging it with energy, perseverance and promptness. Moreover, it brings a confidence of success to the virtue. For example, St. Maximilian Kolbe not only had great fortitude to offer promptly his life in exchange for another and to endure a horrible death, but also had the confidence of success that he would overcome the powers of evil and gain everlasting life. Lastly, the Gift of Fortitude enables the individual to live the other virtues heroically, to suffer with patience and joy, to overcome all lukewarmness in the service of God.

## THE GIFT OF COUNSEL

The Gift of Counsel is "to render the individual docile and receptive to the counsel of God regarding one's actions in view of sanctification and salvation." Primarily, this gift enables a person to judge individual acts as good and ought to be done, or as evil and ought to be avoided. The counsel is made in view of one's own personal sanctification and one's ultimate supernatural end. Therefore, this gift prompts the person to ask himself, "Will this act lead to holiness? Will this act lead to Heaven?"

Clearly, this gift is linked with the virtue of prudence; however, while the virtue of prudence operates in accord with reason as

enlightened by faith, the Gift of Counsel operates under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Consequently, the counsel given may be that which reason would not be able to give an explanation. Using the example of St. Maximilian Kolbe, such an act of self-sacrifice for another is the right thing to do but does not necessarily follow the normal, reasonable course of self-preservation.

Also, counsel can deal with the immediacy of the situation. For example, through the Gift of Counsel, the Holy Spirit helps a person in a dilemma reconcile the necessity of guarding a secret with the obligation of speaking the truth. Counsel aids the virtue of prudence and brings it to perfection. This gift also has great effects: preserving a good conscience, providing solutions to difficult and unexpected situations, and helping to give counsel to others, especially in matters of personal sanctification and salvation.

## THE GIFT OF UNDERSTANDING

Understanding is a gift "to give a deeper insight and penetration of divine truths held by faith, not as a transitory enlightenment but as a permanent intuition." Illuminating the mind to truth, the Holy Spirit aids a person to grasp truths of faith easily and intimately, and to penetrate the depths of those truths. This gift not only assists in penetrating revealed truths, but also natural truths in so far as they are related to the supernatural end. The essential quality of this gift is a "penetrating intuition" – in a sense, the moving beyond the surface. This gift, penetrating the truths of faith, operates in several ways: disclosing the hidden meaning of Sacred Scripture; revealing the significance of symbols and figures (like St. Paul seeing Christ as fulfillment of the rock of the Exodus account that poured forth water to quench the thirst of the Israelites (1 Cor 10:4); showing the hand of God at work in a person's life, even in the most mysterious or troublesome events (like suffering); and revealing the spiritual realities that underlie sensible appearances (like penetrating the mystery of the Lord's sacrifice in the ritual of the Mass). This gift brings the virtue of faith to perfection. Accordingly, St. Thomas said, "In this very life, when the eye of the spirit is purified by the gift of understanding, one can in a certain way see God" (*Summa theologiae II-II, q. 69, a. 2, ad. 3*).

## THE GIFT OF WISDOM

The last of the seven gifts is that of Wisdom: "to judge and order all things in accordance with divine norms and with a connaturality that flows from loving union with God." The Holy Spirit aids the contemplation of divine things, enabling the person to grow in union with God. With this gift, even an "uneducated soul" can possess the most profound knowledge of the divine. For example, St. Therese of Lisieux had no formal education in theology, and yet was wise to the ways of the Lord; for this reason, she has been declared a Doctor of the Church.

While this gift contemplates the divine, it is also a practical wisdom. It applies God's ideas to judge both created and divine matter. Consequently, it also directs human acts according to the divine.

This gift has great effects: With this gift a person will see and evaluate all things – both joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, success or failure – from God's point of view, and accept them with equanimity. With Wisdom, all things, even the worst, are seen as having a supernatural value. For example, the Gift of Wisdom gives value to martyrdom. Here a person arises above the wisdom of this world, and lives in the love of God. For this reason, the Gift of Wisdom brings to perfection charity.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are without question great gifts essential for our sanctification and salvation. Each baptized and confirmed Christian should implore the Holy Spirit to inflame in his soul these gifts. Saint John Paul II once said, "With gifts and qualities such as these, we are equal to any task and capable of overcoming any difficulties."



# *Pentecost* SUNDAY HOLY SPIRIT PRAYERS

## ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant is listening." Amen.*

## SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.*

*Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.*

*Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
that I love but what is holy.*

*Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy.*

*Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I always may be holy.*

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"*  
~Matthew 28:19

## THE LITANY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.  
Father all powerful, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father, Redeemer of the world, *save us.*  
Spirit of the Father and the Son, boundless life of both, *sanctify us.*  
Holy Trinity, *hear us.*  
Holy Spirit, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *enter our hearts.*  
Holy Spirit, Who art equal to the Father and the Son, *enter our hearts.*  
Promise of God the Father, *have mercy on us.*  
Ray of heavenly light, *have mercy on us.*  
Author of all good, *have mercy on us.*  
Source of heavenly water, *have mercy on us.*  
Consuming fire, *have mercy on us.*  
Ardent charity, *have mercy on us.*  
Spiritual unction, *have mercy on us.*  
Spirit of love and truth, *have mercy on us.*  
Spirit of wisdom and understanding, *have mercy on us.*  
Spirit of counsel and fortitude, *have mercy on us.*  
Spirit of knowledge and piety, *have mercy on us.*  
Spirit of the fear of the Lord, *have mercy on us.*  
Spirit of grace and prayer, *have mercy on us.*  
Spirit of peace and meekness, *have mercy on us.*  
Spirit of modesty and innocence, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Spirit, the Comforter, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Spirit, Who governs the Church, *have mercy on us.*  
Gift of God, the Most High, *have mercy on us.*  
Spirit Who fills the universe, *have mercy on us.*  
Spirit of the adoption of the children of God, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Spirit, *inspire us with horror of sin.*  
Holy Spirit, *come and renew the face of the earth.*  
Holy Spirit, *shed Thy light in our souls.*  
Holy Spirit, *engrave Thy law in our hearts.*  
Holy Spirit, *inflame us with the flame of Thy love.*  
Holy Spirit, *open to us the treasures of Thy graces.*  
Holy Spirit, *teach us to pray well.*  
Holy Spirit, *enlighten us with Thy heavenly inspirations.*  
Holy Spirit, *lead us in the way of salvation.*  
Holy Spirit, *grant us the only necessary knowledge.*  
Holy Spirit, *inspire in us the practice of good.*  
Holy Spirit, *grant us the merits of all virtues.*  
Holy Spirit, *make us persevere in justice.*  
Holy Spirit, *be Thou our everlasting reward.*  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *send us Thy Holy Spirit.*  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*pour down into our souls the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*grant us the Spirit of wisdom and piety.*  
Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Thy faithful,  
*and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.*

Let us pray: Grant, O merciful Father, that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify us, that He may penetrate us with His heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, lives and reigns forever and ever. *R. Amen.*

# PENTECOST SUNDAY: Truth & the Need for the Holy Spirit

Article by by Donald Demarco, courtesy of the Catholic Education Resource Center.

On June 8, 1978, Nobel Laureate Alexander Solzhenitsyn ascended to the podium at Harvard University and delivered a commencement address that was the perfect antithesis of political correctness.

Being aware that his words might not be well received by all, he stressed that he came not as an adversary, but as a friend.

He began by pointing out that Harvard's motto is "Veritas" (Truth) and acknowledging that truth often eludes us. When it does not elude us, he went on to say, "truth is seldom pleasant; it is almost invariably bitter." Ralph Waldo Emerson had said to his fellow Americans many years earlier that "God offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose. Take which you please—you can never have both." Truth may be noble, but it often exacts a terrible price in the form of struggle, hardship and rejection. Repose may be attractive, but it does not bring out the best in human beings.

It is because of the great sacrifices that truth often demands that its pursuit requires courage. Speaking with courage, in the interest of truth, Solzhenitsyn dared to state, "A decline in courage may be the most striking thing which an outside observer notices in the West in our days." He argued that human freedom needs sturdier foundations than those provided by an "anthropocentric humanism" that refuses to defer to a "Superior Spirit" above man: "Is it true that man is above everything? Is there no Superior Spirit above him?" Solzhenitsyn underscored his faith in a civilization that is still capable of drawing intellectual and spiritual sustenance from "the moral heritage of Christian centuries, with their rich reserves of mercy and sacrifice."

Solzhenitsyn's address was the most controversial and commented upon public speech that he gave during his 20-year exile in the West. Some commentators declared that it downgraded his political status to a "nonperson." For art and politics are often at bitter odds with each other. "It is the artist," Solzhenitsyn once wrote, "who realizes that there is a supreme force above him and works gladly away as a small apprentice under God." He also said, "A great writer is, so to speak, a second government in his country. And for that reason, no regime has ever loved great writers, only minor ones."

To be able to serve "as a small apprentice under God," to reiterate Solzhenitsyn's inspirational words, is a lofty achievement for any Christian. Solzhenitsyn and Israel Zolli had witnessed the mutilation of truth under different totalitarian regimes: communism in Russia, fascism in Germany. Zolli, the former chief rabbi of Rome, took the name Eugenio when he entered the Church in honor of Pope Eugenio Pacelli and his courageous work in helping innumerable Jewish people during the Holocaust. In the preface to his book *Why I Became a Catholic*, he expressed his love for truth and how the figure of Christ on the cross is a powerful reminder of how "truth is crucified." "With a heart filled with sadness," he wrote, "I rise and follow in the footsteps of Christ." The words of the poet James Russell Lowell also come to mind: "Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne. Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown. Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own."

Pontius Pilate's deathless words, "What is truth?" represent an underlying lack of courage. Truth demands obligation. Obligations can be stressful and inconvenient. Even an obligation

in justice can be dangerous. It was so much easier for Pilate to "wash his hands" than deal with an irate crowd. Pilate was a politician. But if truth is relative or shadowy or unattainable, its uncertainty promises to make life easy. And so, by denying that truth can be known, many excuse themselves from the need to summon courage. But a life without either courage or truth is, indeed, an impoverished one, and certainly not a Christian ideal.

We need new Solzhenitsyns bold enough to address today's decline in respect for life, for marriage, for honesty and for God. Who will these spokespersons be? Their need is acute.

"I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6): Christ is the source of truth and communicates truth for the salvation of all people. He is the fountain of truth that contains no admixture of falsity. In Christ there is never any concession to political correctness. He invites us to follow him on a most reliable path, but one that is "narrow" and requires great courage.

The need for courage is answered in the form of the Holy Spirit. "I have much more to tell you," Christ told his apostles, "but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:12). "Enough for you that the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will receive strength from him" (Acts 1:8).

The descent of the Holy Spirit took place on Pentecost, 50 days after the resurrection of Christ. It was understandable that the apostles, given the enormity of their mission, were frightened. Their task seemed impossible. Yet it was impossible only in human terms. Hence the need for the Holy Spirit, whose supernatural Power is the correlative of their human weaknesses. The Power would arrive in the form of seven gifts:

- **WISDOM:** the desire for the things of God and to direct our whole life and all our actions to His honor and glory.
- **UNDERSTANDING:** enabling us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.
- **COUNSEL:** warning us of the deceits of the devil and of the dangers to salvation.
- **COURAGE:** strengthening us to do the will of God in all things.
- **KNOWLEDGE:** enabling us to discover the will of God in all things.
- **PIETY:** loving God as a Father & obeying Him because of our love for Him.
- **FEAR OF THE LORD:** having a dread of sin & fear of offending God.

The secular world does not believe in the courage to seek the truth as much as it believes in self-esteem and individual autonomy. This is the very problem that Solzhenitsyn described in his Harvard address. We overestimate man and underestimate God. We cannot lift ourselves up by our own bootstraps. The evident result of a belief in man and a loss of God is a very confused world that hungers desperately for solutions.

Perhaps the most well-known prayer to the Holy Spirit is "Come Holy Spirit." It serves as a good daily prayer to recite privately or with others:

***Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

# ★★★★★ Memorial Day is Monday, May 25 ★★★★★



## Memorial Day Services

To honor those who paid for our freedom with their lives, consider attending a Memorial Day Mass and Flag Ceremony at the following Columbus Catholic Cemeteries (locations and times are below). Memorial pins and light refreshments will be provided, and the cemetery staff will be available to help you locate graves or tidy up grave decorations.

**10:30 AM-12 PM – HOLY CROSS CEMETERY**  
11539 National Road SW, Pataskala, OH 43062  
Questions? Call 740-927-4442

**11 AM-12:30 PM – ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY**  
6440 S. High Street, Lockbourne, OH 43137  
Questions? Call 614-491-2751

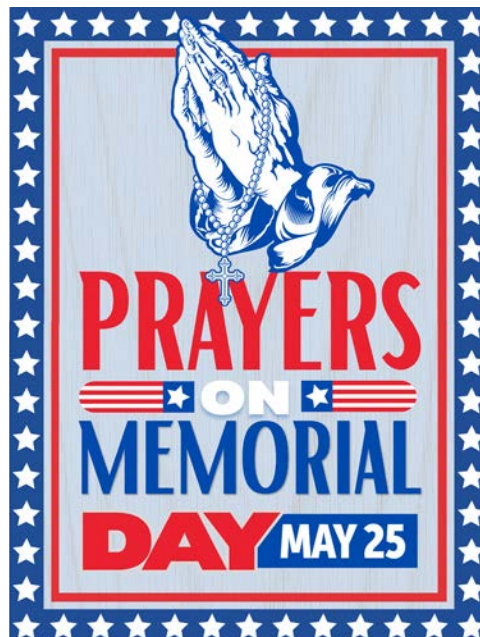
**12-2 PM – RESURRECTION CEMETERY**  
9571 N. High Street, Lewis Center, OH 43035  
Questions? Call 614-888-1805



*Remembering those who have died for their freedom is a custom that Americans recognize is worthy of continuing. Memorial Day is an education for people of all ages – especially young men and women.*

*This day is set aside to honor the memories of the armed forces members who never made it to veteran status because they were killed fighting for their country in wars, police actions, peace-keeping missions or against terrorists.*

*We remember these brave men and women for the ultimate price that they paid for freedom – their lives. We remember them, we honor them, and we pray for them. We pray also for their families, friends and loved ones.*



*God of power and mercy,  
You destroy war and  
put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst  
and wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be  
called Your sons and daughters.  
Keep in Your mercy those  
service men and women who  
died in service to our country  
and the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely into Your  
kingdom of justice and peace.  
We pray this through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

# Selecting the Right Godparents

Article by by Fr. William Saunders,  
courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.

The role of the godparent for Baptism is rooted in the role of the sponsor in the catechumenate, which originated in the early Church. Recall that until the year 313, the Church was under the persecution of the Roman Empire and had to be cautious in conducting its affairs so as to prevent pagan infiltration and persecution. Also, until the Middle Ages, the Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation — were administered at once. The role of the sponsor then was to attest to the integrity of the person, oftentimes an adult, seeking admission into the Church as well as to assist him or her during the catechumenate in preparing for these sacraments and in living a Christian life. For infants, these sponsors would also make the Profession of Faith in the child's name, and accept the responsibility of instructing the child in the faith, especially if the parents failed in this duty. About the year 800 when infant Baptism was truly the norm, such a sponsor was called "patrinus," or "godfather." Traditionally, we identify the sponsor of a child for Baptism as the godparent — godmother or godfather, but the technical term remains "sponsor."

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, "Insofar as possible, one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the Baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with Baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it" (No. 872). This statement clearly reflects the historical roots of the role of sponsor.

**To be a sponsor, a person must be chosen by the person to be baptized, or by the parents or guardians of a child, or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister of the sacrament. The sponsor must not only have the intention of being a sponsor but also meet proper qualifications. The sponsor must have completed his or her 16th year unless the Bishop has established another age for sponsorship, or the pastor or minister judges that a just cause warrants an exception to the rule. He or she must be a registered, active, practicing Catholic who has received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and "leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken." Moreover, the sponsor cannot be impeded by some canonical penalty. Ideally, this sponsor at Baptism should also be the sponsor for Confirmation. Note that the mother and father of the child cannot serve as sponsors. Also note that these are the same requirements for Confirmation sponsors. (Cf. *Code of Canon Law*, No. 874.1).**

Strictly speaking, a person only needs one godparent for Baptism — male or female, but should have two godparents, one male and one female. Here the *Code of Canon Law* wants to eliminate the practice of having numerous godparents or even sponsors, as has occurred in some cultures (No. 873). Also, in the case of an emergency, such as imminent death, no godparent or sponsor is needed.

Here we should pause to clarify who qualifies as a Catholic godparent. A Catholic who does not practice the faith by regularly attending Mass or who is in an invalid marriage disqualifies himself or herself from being a godparent. Moreover, if a person is Catholic but antagonistic to the faith, i.e., has the attitude "I am a Catholic but...", and would not be a good example and witness to the faith, this also disqualifies him or herself. If a person is not striving to fulfill his or her own obligations of Baptism and Confirmation, he or she will not fulfill the responsibilities of helping another to do so.

As a pastor, I am truly perturbed each time someone comes by the rectory office and wants me to sign a certificate and attest that he or she is a practicing Catholic when I do not recognize them, they have not registered in the parish and they do not attend Mass faithfully. In justice, I cannot meet such a request.

Parents need to find good practicing Catholics for godparents. Sadly, this task can be very difficult in today's world. The best place is to look for relatives, even grandparents, who have a blood relationship with the godchild and have kept the faith over the years. Good friends are also appropriate, but sometimes friendships wane, leaving the godchild without an active godparent. Godparents should be faithful individuals who are ready to accept the responsibility of being a part of a godchild's life for the rest of his life.

What if someone would like to have a faithful Protestant friend as a sponsor? Only Catholics in good standing can be godparents or sponsors. A Christian of another denomination, whether Orthodox or Protestant, however, may be a "Christian witness" to the Baptism along with the Catholic godparent. The reason for this distinction and restriction is that the godparent not only is taking responsibility for the religious education and spiritual formation of the baptized person, but also is representing the Church, the community of faith, into which the person is being baptized. A Christian who is not Catholic, although perhaps a very holy Christian, cannot fully attest to the beliefs of the Catholic Church. Likewise, a Catholic can only be a Christian witness for someone who is baptized into another Christian denomination (Cf. Vatican II, "Decree on Ecumenism," No. 57).

In all, godparents serve a special role in the life of the baptized person. Therefore, each parent should choose a godparent not just because of a blood relationship or friendship; rather, a godparent should be a trustworthy witness of the Catholic faith who will help the godchild attain salvation.

For more information about Baptisms at St. Brendan parish, visit <https://stbrendans.net/sacraments-prayers/baptism/> Or, for specific questions about choosing Godparents, contact our parish clergy or email [baptism@stbrendans.net](mailto:baptism@stbrendans.net)

# Community Calendar

<b>MONDAY, MAY 25</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY- SCHOOL &amp; PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
		<b>Eucharistic Adoration – CANCELLED</b>	
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 26</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 27</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
	6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
	7:00 PM	Adult Study: Biblical Walk Through the Mass	Davidson, Room A
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Small Group	Carter Center
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Women's Small Group	Off Site
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 28</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 29</b> <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 12:00 PM DISMISSAL</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	6:30 PM	Date Night for Young Couples	Davidson, Room A
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 30</b>		St. Brendan Men's Retreat	Off Site – Spiritual Center of Maria Stein
	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
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31</b> <b>SVDP 5th Sunday Collection</b>	7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church <b>10:45AM</b> 
	During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
	12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
	6:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	6:30 PM	Faith Formation Team Dinner	Davidson, Rooms A & B

## Summer Changes...

Our St. Brendan Facility Staff Members' summer hours will be 6 AM-6 PM beginning in June. The church building will remain open until 10 PM.

### SUMMER 8 AM WEDNESDAY MASS!

Beginning in June, we will offer 8 AM Daily Mass on Wednesdays throughout the summer and until school begins.


## Save the Dates

**THANKSGIVING IN JUNE** – The St. Vincent de Paul 2026 summer food drive is June 13-28.

### ST. BRENDAN PARISH 70TH ANNIVERSARY

All parishioners are invited to a special dinner reception on June 14 in the School Gym after the 5:30 PM Mass to celebrate our anniversary!

**PARISH PICNIC** – Our annual parish potluck picnic is June 28, 12-3 PM in the School Gym.

**INCENSE SCHEDULE**   
Sunday, May 24, 10:45 AM  
Sunday, May 31, 5:30 PM

**CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**  
**2nd & 4th Wednesdays**  
at 5:30 PM Mass  
**5:30 PM Sunday Masses**  
*\*Masses with contemporary music will utilize the screens.*

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“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)

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*The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**"For man cannot attain that true happiness for which he yearns with all the strength of his spirit, unless he keeps the laws which the Most High God has engraved in his very nature." +POPE SAINT PAUL VI**

**Monday, May 25 ~ Eighth Week in Ordinary Time  
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

***Memorial Day: Remembering, Honoring and Praying for the  
Service Men and Women who Gave Their Lives in Service to our Country***

**Holy Gospel: John 19:25-34** Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately Blood and water flowed out.

**Meditation:** To understand more fully the importance of this "Mandatory Memorial," especially in relation to today's Gospel, it would be good to read the original Decree establishing this Memorial. *Indeed, the Mother standing beneath the cross (cf. Jn 19:25), accepted her Son's testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal. She thus became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the cross handing on the Spirit. Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love towards his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection. As a caring guide to the emerging Church Mary had already begun her mission in the Upper Room, praying with the Apostles while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14). In this sense, in the course of the centuries, Christian piety has honored Mary with various titles, in many ways equivalent, such as Mother of Disciples, of the Faithful, of Believers, of all those who are reborn in Christ; and also as "Mother of the Church" as is used in the texts of spiritual authors as well as in the Magisterium of Popes Benedict XIV and Leo XIII. Thus the foundation is clearly established by which Blessed Paul VI, on 21 November 1964, at the conclusion of the Third Session of the Second Vatican Council, declared the Blessed Virgin Mary as "Mother of the Church, that is to say of all Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother" and established that "the Mother of God should be further honored and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderest of titles".*

**Prayer:** O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples. 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:** On this Memorial to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, there are many things to contemplate today in addition to today's Gospel. I believe it would be prudent for us to spend

some time today thinking about our level of devotion to Our Lady, asking whether or not it truly is sufficient. Chances are, if we are honest, we see room for improvement. Mary was chosen by God for a special purpose in life. Her “yes” to the Angel Gabriel, sent to Mary by God, set in motion our salvation as she gave birth to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As mother of Jesus Christ, she became Mother of our Church, and thus she should hold a high and special place in our daily devotional practices. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls Mary our model of faith and charity, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship. In addition to praying a daily rosary, I would encourage you to visit the web pages that follow to explore possible prayers and devotional practices to enrich your spiritual life:

[http://www.mycatholicsource.com/mcs/pc/the\\_Blessed\\_Virgin/popular\\_marian\\_devotions.htm](http://www.mycatholicsource.com/mcs/pc/the_Blessed_Virgin/popular_marian_devotions.htm)

<https://www.sistersofcarmel.com/devotion-to-the-blessed-virgin-mary.php>

**Memorial Day Prayer:** God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Those who are generous towards God and towards their neighbor find that they cannot out give God in his generosity towards us. God blesses us with the priceless treasures of his kingdom – freedom from fear and the griping power of sin, selfishness and pride which block his love and grace in our lives; freedom from loneliness, isolation and rejection which keep his children from living together in love, peace, and unity; and freedom from hopelessness, despair, and disillusionment which blind our vision of God's power to heal every hurt, bind every wound, and remove every blemish which mar the image of God within us. God offers us treasure which money cannot buy. He alone can truly satisfy the deepest longing and desires of our heart. Are you willing to part with all earthly things that might keep you from seeking true and complete joy with Jesus?

**Memorial Day: A Lesson in Service and Sacrifice (by Tom McGrath, Loyola Press):** What we remember—and honor—on Memorial Day is heroic sacrifice. We acknowledge those who nobly gave of themselves, even unto death, for a purpose they believed was greater than themselves. Since the days just following the end of the Civil War, Americans have gathered in late May to honor those who died in military service to their country. In the spirit of the day, we can also recall, honor, and pray for all those we know who have lived lives of service and sacrifice for the good of others.

One definition of *sacrifice* is “the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else.” Though suffering is always a part of sacrifice to some extent, seeking suffering for its own sake is *not* sacrifice. Sacrifice implies giving up one good for a higher good. For example, a child gives up a day of play to visit an ailing grandparent, or a parent sacrifices watching a favorite television program to help a child who is struggling with homework. Life in the family is full of opportunities for service and sacrifice.

What counts in this definition is the phrase “for the sake of something else.” Is that “something else” worthy of the sacrifice we make? True sacrifice is always at the service of life. We learn this from Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice and remained faithful through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Jesus’ greater purpose for this sacrifice was our well-being—that we might have life and have it abundantly.

This Memorial Day, as we remember all who have served and sacrificed on our behalf, let us not forget what Jesus was willing to give up for us—and the lessons we can learn from that perfect example of sacrifice.

## **Tuesday, May 26 ~ Eighth Week in Ordinary Time** **Memorial: Saint Philip Neri**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 10: 28-31** Peter began to say to Jesus, “We have given up everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come. But many that are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

**Meditation:** Right after a wealthy young man refused to follow Jesus, Peter, somewhat crudely wanted to know what he and the other disciples would get out of it since they had freely accepted Jesus’ offer to follow him unconditionally. Jesus spoke with utter honesty: Those who left all for him would receive a hundred times more now, even in this life, as well as unending life in the age to come. Jesus’ disciples can expect opposition and persecution from those who are opposed to Christ and his gospel. Thus this gospel presents us with a paradox: we lose what we keep, and we gain what we give away. When we lose our

lives for Jesus Christ, we gain a priceless treasure and an inheritance which last forever. Whatever we give to God comes back a hundredfold. Generosity flows from a heart full of gratitude for the abundant mercy and grace which God grants. Do you give freely and generously? And why do you give, for reward or for love?

**Prayer:** O God, who never cease to bestow the glory of holiness on the faithful servants you raise up for yourself, graciously grant that the Holy Spirit may kindle in us that fire with which he wonderfully filled the heart of Saint Philip Neri. 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:** Should we be surprised if we lose favor and experience ridicule, intimidation, and injury when we take a stand for truth and righteousness? In place of material wealth, Jesus promised his disciples the blessing and joy of rich fellowship with the community of believers. No earthly good or possession can rival the joy and bliss of knowing God and the peace and unity he grants to his disciples. The Lord wants to fill our hearts with the vision of heaven and with his joy and peace. Do you know the joy of following the Lord as his disciple? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with the joy of the gospel and the knowledge of God's personal love.

### **Wednesday, May 27 ~ Eighth Week in Ordinary Time** **Optional Memorial: Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 10:32-45** The disciples were on the way, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went ahead of them. They were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them what was going to happen to him. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise."

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the chalice that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The chalice that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Meditation:** On three different occasions the Gospels record that Jesus predicted he would endure great suffering through betrayal, rejection, and the punishment of a cruel death. The Jews resorted to stoning and the Romans to crucifixion – the most painful and humiliating death they could devise for criminals they wanted to eliminate. No wonder the apostles were greatly distressed at such a prediction! If Jesus their Master were put to death, then they would likely receive the same treatment by their enemies. Jesus called himself the "Son of Man" because this was a common Jewish title for the Messiah. Why must the Messiah be rejected and killed? Did not God promise that his Anointed One would deliver his people from their oppression and establish a kingdom of peace and justice? The prophet Isaiah had foretold that it was God's will that the "Suffering Servant" make atonement for sins through his suffering and death (Isaiah 53:5-12). Jesus paid the price for our redemption with his blood. Slavery to sin is to want the wrong things and to be in bondage to destructive desires. The ransom Jesus paid sets us free from the worst tyranny possible – the tyranny of sin and the fear of death.

**Prayer:** O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it. 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:** Notice how Jesus weds authority with selfless service and with loving sacrifice. Authority without sacrificial love is brutish and self-serving. Jesus also used stark language to explain what kind of sacrifice he had in mind. His disciples must drink his cup if they expect to reign with him in his kingdom. The cup he had in mind was a bitter one involving crucifixion. What kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for us? For some disciples such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of martyrdom. But for many, it entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices,

disappointments, set-backs, struggles, and temptations. A disciple must be ready to lay down his or her life in martyrdom and be ready to lay it down each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required. An early church father summed up Jesus' teaching with the expression: to serve is to reign with Christ. We share in God's reign by laying down our lives in humble service as Jesus did for our sake. Are you willing to lay down your life and to serve others as Jesus did?

### **Thursday, May 28 ~ Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52** As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

**Meditation:** The incident in today's Gospel reveals something important about how God interacts with us. Notice how the blind man Bartimeaus was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his talk and his audience. Jesus showed that acting was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready, not only to empathize with his suffering, but to relieve it as well. A great speaker can command attention and respect, but a man or woman with a helping hand and a big heart is loved more. Jesus commends Bartimeaus for recognizing who he is with the eyes of faith and grants him physical sight as well. Do you recognize your need for God's healing grace and do you seek Jesus out, like Bartimeaus, with persistent faith and trust in his goodness and mercy?

**Prayer:** Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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.

### **Friday, 29 ~ Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**

#### **Optional Memorial: Pope Saint Paul VI**

**Optional Gospel: Matthew: 13:16-19** When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

**Meditation:** Jesus tests his disciples with a basic, yet crucial question: "Who do men say that I am" followed by "who do you say that I am?" Jesus was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets -- John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Jesus then confers on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a church that no powers would overcome. Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. Through the succession of Saint Peter the Apostle, the First Pope, and the apostolic authority passed down in an unbroken line through these many centuries, we celebrate today the life of Pope Saint Paul VI, and remember his landmark, prophetic encyclical *Humanae Vitae*.

**Prayer:** O God, who entrusted the governance of your Church to Pope Saint Paul the Sixth, a steadfast apostle of the Gospel of your Son, grant, we pray, that enlightened by his teachings, we may work together with you to spread the culture of love throughout the world. 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.

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# Mass Intentions

## MONDAY, MAY 25

- 6:30 AM Million DeSala †  
 8:00 AM Our service men and women who died in service to our country.  
 5:30 PM Earl Fuller †

## TUESDAY, MAY 26

- 6:30 AM Million DeSala †  
 8:00 AM Jean Morris †

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- 6:30 AM Million DeSala †  
 5:30 PM Giovanna Giuliani †

## THURSDAY, MAY 28

- 6:30 PM Million DeSala †  
 8:00 AM Ann Carter †

## FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 6:30 PM Million DeSala †  
 8:00 AM Jean Morris †

## SATURDAY, MAY 30

- 8:00 AM Catherine & Robert Eckstein †  
 5:30 PM Deanna Ranich Capretta †

## SUNDAY, MAY 31

### The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

- 7:15 AM Ray Albert †  
 8:45 AM Linda Paullus †  
 10:45 AM William Lewis †  
 5:30 PM For the people of St. Brendan Parish  
 († for deceased.)

## Marriage Banns

Announcing the wedding of Paul Krempasky and Natalie McFadden on June 6, 2026. We wish Paul and Natalie God's blessing as they unite as husband and wife.



Also, announcing the wedding of Greg Eichert and Elizabeth Orosco on May 30, 2026. We wish Greg and Elizabeth God's blessing as they unite as husband and wife.

If there is any known reason why either of the above marriages should not take place, please contact Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor.



## Flowers for the Altar

In memory of our mothers:  
 Margaretta Tanner  
 Betty Schoeppner  
 ~Mike and Martha Tanner

# 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](http://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	Bailey Curtis
Doris Cobbs	Ora Johnson	Mary Murphy Smith
Richard Jones	Francis Drlik	Daffine Papaly
Donna Fox-Moore	Dolores Lynch	Sarah Ortlieb
Connie Carrino	Ryan Yoder	Alida Sfalcin
Lisa Lynch	Chris Carrino	Alyson Barnheiser
Sara Conway	Shirley Tornik	Alan LaForrest
Sean Grier	Paula Jordan	Jim Lewis
Alma Harding	Richard Walls	Teresa Wells
Karl "Sonny" Beem	Marian Woolum	Mary DeStefani
Eileen Wilson	Dochia Finsterbusch	Bryan Knapp
Dionisia Virtudazo	Dick Snyder	Gib Bickel
Ryan Diepenbrock	Alisha Lause	Kathleen McCurdy
Brenda Bezan	Robert William	Amelia Black
Ken Weitmarshen	Eliott Verrilli	Anna D'Ettorre
Shirley Buswell	Steve Strait	Suzzette Briones
Margie Hiam		

### 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	Nathanial Mattson
Ross McDonald		

...we pray for all our men and women

in service to our country, healthcare workers and first responders.

## Eucharistic Adoration [stbrendan.weadorehim.com](http://stbrendan.weadorehim.com)

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

## Financial Stewardship

St. Brendan Parish is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent, and treasure. For all that you do, **THANK YOU!**

<b>Offertory, May 17, 2026</b>	<b>\$44,427</b>
<i>(Cash, checks, online giving)</i>	
<b>Weekly Budgeted</b>	<b>\$39,100</b>

Scan the QR code to give online by signing in to your PushPay account.



# Parish News & Upcoming Events

## Scripture Study Starts June 3

Join us for 8 weeks on Wednesdays, June 3-July 29 (not on 6/17) from 7-8:30 PM for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. Watch renowned teacher, Jeff Cavins in videos and discuss in small groups to discover the big picture of Scripture. Phil Petrella leads the study in Davidson Room B. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/June2026Study> and email Phil at [papetrella@gmail.com](mailto:papetrella@gmail.com) with questions. (Brian Moore will also lead a 24-week version of this study, *The Bible Timeline*, this fall.)



## Men's Steak & Ale, June 5

Meat, appetizers, sides, and beverages are all included. Cook your meat how you like it! Enjoy cornhole, Euchre, and other fun social activities. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$30 per person at the door. Advance sale tickets can be purchased after Masses the next two weekend, May 23/24 and 30/31. Or, purchase tickets online via the QR code or at [bit.ly/men2026steak](http://bit.ly/men2026steak) and email Dale with questions at [dbruggem@yahoo.com](mailto:dbruggem@yahoo.com)



## Seniors NOW (Navigating Our Way)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 8 AM** – Those ages 65+ are invited to join us for First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Hella's (9346 Dublin Rd., Powell.)

**JUNE 8, MONDAY, 12 PM** – Picnic Potluck, Scioto Park (7377 Riverside Dr., Dublin) Entree provided. Names ending in A-G bring dessert and H-Z bring a side dish. RSVP by Friday, June 5, 12 PM, to Jerry at 614-805-6792 or [pricej62@gmail.com](mailto:pricej62@gmail.com)

## Grief Support Group Events

**GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING** – From loss of a loved one by situation or death to the stress that accompanies joyful situations such as a new job, a move, or parenthood – join us to lay down your burden and commune with those who have experienced grief at 7 PM, June 7 in the Carter Center.

**GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH** – Second Thursday, 1 PM at La Chatelaine, Dublin. For grief support inquiries, please email Nell at [doconnell@stbrendans.net](mailto:doconnell@stbrendans.net)

## In Search of St. Brendan Charter Members...

As we prepare to celebrate St. Brendan Parish turning 70 on June 14, we would like to recognize the charter members of our parish and their children. If you or your parents belonged to St. Brendan when it was established in 1956 (see names below), please reach out to the parish office and let us know they plan to attend our June 14, 70th Anniversary Dinner Reception at 6:30 PM so we can include them in a special recognition. Or, email [marketing@stbrendans.net](mailto:marketing@stbrendans.net). The 1956 St. Brendan Charter Members are:

Rose & Martin Andres	Barnett & Anna Finch	Robert & Helen Lawsen	Jim & Mary O'Neil
Richard & Jane Berry	George & Martha Fisher	John & Ann Leahy	John & Marie Peltier
Agnes & Fred Brook	Rita & Russell Glenn	George & Virginia Leitnick	Donald & Ruth Peterson
John & Nancy Clark	Bill & Gabrielle Gruber	Thomas & Mary Martin	Jean & Wayne Rife
Edward & Virginia Cook	Mary & Oscar Ham	John & Dolly McCarthy	Lilah Sarafin
William & Alice Dalton	Robert & Patricia Hatem	Richard & Lois McMichael	Barkley & Phylis Showe
John & Peggy Delyi	Richard & Mary Holben	Bob & Connie McAllister	John & Elizabeth Vice
Charles & Joanne Dorian	Edward & Mary Koelker	Harry & Lucille Miller	Donald & Mary Westhoven
Joseph & Beatrice Dunn	Donald & Joanne Kyser	Bill & Margaret Miller	Arthur & Rosaleen Wiles
Joseph & Patricia Fehn			



The 2026 Annual Appeal, *Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission* is underway. Thank you to all who have already generously responded.

This year's Appeal supports vital ministries that strengthen our Church and extend Christ's love throughout our communities. Our Diocese continues to grow and flourish with increasing vocations, vibrant parishes and strong Catholic schools. Your support helps ensure this mission continues to reach every home across our 23-county Diocese.

Our parish goal is \$335,583 (established by the Diocese), \$185,000 (funds for our Parish Parking Lot Expansion & Lighting) for a total goal of \$520,538. Use the Appeal envelopes available on the Welcome Desk, make your gift online via the QR code or, visit <https://bitly/26appeal> – come together in support of Fr. Mike and the mission of our Diocese. Thank you!



Live your life  
in expectation  
of God's  
judgment.

## SVdP 5th Sunday Collection, May 30/31

*"You must see God in the faces of the poor." ~Saint Vincent de Paul*

St. Brendan conference of St. Vincent de Paul has been helping the less fortunate in Hilliard for decades. Your contributions help us share financial and spiritual support with local families in distress. The gratitude from these families is real and heartfelt. We would appreciate your support and generous donations after Masses on May 30/31 or, you may mail your gift to the church office, attention to: St. Vincent de Paul, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard, OH 43026. To make a secure online gift, scan the QR code. Questions about SVdP? Email Heather at [heathercsvdp@gmail.com](mailto:heathercsvdp@gmail.com)



## Eucharist for the Homebound

Our ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass in person. We are honored to help keep our homebound parishioners connected to the sacramental life of the Church. If you or a loved one are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist at home, email Nell O'Connell at [doconnell@stbrendans.net](mailto:doconnell@stbrendans.net)

## Parish Festival Sponsors & Donations

We are in search of businesses interested in sponsorships for our Parish Festival this summer on August 7-8. To find details and to sign up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/sponsor4stb>. Questions? Email Kevin Quinn at [kquinn323@gmail.com](mailto:kquinn323@gmail.com). We are also looking for corporate services or item donations for our Festival Silent Auction (returning this year!) Questions? Email Jackie Bensman at [j\\_bensman@hotmail.com](mailto:j_bensman@hotmail.com)

## Share Your Stories at [stbstories.net](http://stbstories.net)

Upload your pictures at [stbstories.net](http://stbstories.net) and hit submit so we can share the many things happening with our parish and school! We'd love to hear from our ministries, teachers, athletics, scouting organizations and service groups.

## Beware of Email Scams

Please be aware of scammers attempting to impersonate Fr. Mike. Many parishioners have reported scam emails recently. St. Brendan clergy will never text or email you asking you to purchase gift cards or to handle a matter with discretion. Official email handles for our parish and diocese are: [@stbrendans.net](mailto:@stbrendans.net), [@ccbchurch.com](mailto:@ccbchurch.com), [@pushpay.com](mailto:@pushpay.com), [@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:@columbuscatholic.org)

## Summer Protecting God's Children Classes

Registration is available now for the following GPC classes at St. Brendan:

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18:** Fingerprinting offered from 5-6 PM and the PGC class is 6-9 PM in the Davidson Rooms.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3:** Fingerprinting offered from 5-6 PM and the PGC class is 6-9 PM in the Davidson Rooms.

Sign up at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Questions? Email [tboyne@stbrendans.net](mailto:tboyne@stbrendans.net)

## Weekly/Monthly Groups...

**Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup** – Meet other parish moms twice monthly on Wednesdays in the Pod Nursery from 9:45-11:15 AM, for fellowship as the kids play! Note: They do not meet during summer months (June-August). Questions? Email [thelonggears@gmail.com](mailto:thelonggears@gmail.com)

**Esto Vir Men's Ministry** – Study Scripture at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Rooms on **Saturday** or **Tuesday**. Questions? Email Grant Rice at [ricekris8813@att.net](mailto:ricekris8813@att.net)

**Church Cleaning Ministry** – Meet Mondays at 9 AM in the church for light cleaning. Questions? Email Lisa at [lisaplong@gmail.com](mailto:lisaplong@gmail.com)

**M.A.S.T. (Mature Active Singles Together)** is a social group for our parishioners who are single/widowed/divorced and ages 45 or over. To join us, please email Chris Hauck at [chrishauck0522@gmail.com](mailto:chrishauck0522@gmail.com)

**Prayer Shawl Workshop** – Meet 1st Saturdays and 3rd Wednesdays in the Carter Center. Questions? Email Kathy at [kendriz@aol.com](mailto:kendriz@aol.com) or Karen at [kkessmith@yahoo.com](mailto:kkessmith@yahoo.com)

**St. Brendan Young Adults** – Those in their 20s & 30s meet on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays monthly, 7-9 PM. Women meet off-campus. Men meet in the Carter Center. To join, email Jorden Frey at [jfreydesigns@gmail.com](mailto:jfreydesigns@gmail.com)

**SVdP, Make Sandwiches for the Homeless** Meet in Wellnitz Hall twice monthly on: 1st Thursdays, 10 AM and 3rd Thursdays, 7 PM. Questions? Email [heathercsvdp@gmail.com](mailto:heathercsvdp@gmail.com)

## Spiritual/Mental Support

**iTHIRST Spiritual Companions** – We have three iThirst Spiritual Companions at our parish to support you! For questions or more details: [info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com), [opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst](http://opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst)

**Lumin Counseling** – A private practice of therapists with Catholic and Christian backgrounds (main office in Westerville and satellite office on our campus). Find details at <https://lumin-therapy.com/>

## Parking Lot Repair Delayed

Due to a scheduling conflict, the large drain in the entryway to our campus off Dublin Rd. (by the Rectory) will not be repaired now until a later date TBD, during a weekday, 9 AM-1 PM. The entrance will only be blocked off for a few hours – please use the Davidson Rd. entrance during that time. Our fire lane will also get striping on Wednesday, June 3, so watch for marked off areas near the church/school sidewalk entrances.

*food for thought* ~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

*"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady.*

*Just say this simple prayer:*

*'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.'*

*I must admit — this prayer has never failed me."*

# 2025 Summer OCIA Wrap-up!

The OCIA 2025 Summer Cohort's journey was truly a meaningful and grace-filled experience for everyone involved. As a team, we witnessed a beautiful spirit of openness, curiosity, and genuine community take shape week after week. Our catechumens and candidates brought such depth to the process—their questions, their stories, and their desire to grow in faith enriched every conversation and reminded us why this ministry matters so much.

What stood out most was the sense of shared discovery. The team didn't just "teach"; we learned alongside them. Each session felt like a sacred space where trust grew, friendships formed, and the Holy Spirit quietly guided us all. Watching the catechumens and candidates grow in confidence, understanding, and joy was a privilege, and their commitment inspired the entire group.

By the time they were received into the Church, it was clear that this wasn't simply a program—it was a community walking together toward Christ. The experience left us grateful, humbled, and excited for the journey ahead.

## CANDIDATE TESTIMONIES:

*"I really enjoyed my time in OCIA! I felt so supported by everyone in this process and feel well-prepared to continue my learning."*

*"It was amazing to get to know all the people in the group."*

## TEAM MEMBER TESTIMONIES:

*"Most rewarding part? It was wonderful seeing my candidate and how excited he was to receive the sacraments!"*

*"I enjoyed learning in more depth about the Catholic faith. As a cradle Catholic, there are so many things that I just take for granted or 'know' because it's what I am supposed to know."*

*"How did this impact my spiritual life? It improved my spiritual life..."*

*"Most rewarding part? Growing in faith together and witnessing Confirmation."*

## OCIA Volunteers needed for June 2026 Cohort

Our OCIA 2026 Summer Cohort begins in mid-June and we are looking for parishioners who are willing to accompany those who are exploring the Catholic faith—people who can listen, pray, encourage, and simply be present. You don't need all the answers. You just need a love for Christ, a willingness to share your faith, and a heart open to walking with someone on their journey.

### THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP:

- Serve as a sponsor/companion for a catechumen/candidate
- Help provide hospitality & welcoming with snacks & beverages at the sessions
- Assist as a table leader
- Give support behind the scenes with organization or prayer

This ministry is so important because no one becomes Catholic alone. Every person who enters the Church does so surrounded by a community that reflects God's love. Your presence and witness can be the very thing that helps someone encounter Christ in a deeper way.

We promise, if you say yes, you will receive far more than you give. You'll see the faith through fresh eyes. You'll grow in your own relationship with God. And you'll experience the joy of watching someone fall in love with the Church for the first time.

If you feel a little nudge in your heart today, that might be the Holy Spirit inviting you to take a step. Email Wendy Ferkany at [wferkany@stbrendans.net](mailto:wferkany@stbrendans.net)

Fill out the OCIA sponsor form at <https://tinyurl.com/sponsor4ocia>  
Or, fill out the OCIA volunteer form for all other help via the QR code to the right or at <https://tinyurl.com/OCIAhelper>



*Rod Anderson from St. Brendan Knights of Columbus presented each of our 9 Catechumens and Candidates with a Blessed Rosary!*



*Fr. Jacob Gordon took the OCIA class on a tour of the church including the confessional, the sacristy and adoration chapel.*



*Fr. Severance and Wendy Ferkany lead an OCIA talk in the church.*

# Family Faith Formation Wrap-up!

At St. Brendan, Family Faith Formation is how we support parents to claim time for families to gather together about the most important aspect of our lives: faith. As you know, between sports, school, and extracurriculars, it is genuinely difficult to create intentional family time. But, as some of our parents shared this year:

*"It is sometimes hard to fit this into our busy schedules, but we are always glad when we sit down together... we always feel closer to each other and to God."*

*"[My daughter] has loved this! She likes finding special time to discover more about God and Jesus with her family. It is simple, yet a powerful message that allows a great conversation."*

*"This so far has been a wonderful experience for our family. It's not always easy to set aside time to do this ...which honestly shows me even more so how important it is. To spend just a bit of time talking about God to [my son] has been great."*

*"This experience has been great for our family to have a dedicated time to sit together and talk. The kids have loved it and the parents have too."*

## OUR 2025-2026 PARISH FAMILY IMPACT:

- 103 children celebrated their First Holy Communion.
- 105 children were Confirmed
- 65 Confirmation Candidates attended a weekend Confirmation retreat at Damascus
- 4 children entered the Catholic Church
- 436 individual parents and children joined us for Family Sessions and retreats this year.
- 622 at-home Family Meeting photos were uploaded
- 109 St. Brendan middle and high school youth signed up for just week 1 of Damascus Summer Camp (formerly CYSC)
- 65 youth going into grades one through six attended five days of the Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Program to learn about the Sacraments and the mysteries of the Rosary.



2026-27 REGISTRATION  
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## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-8)

–Family Faith Formation is our method of PSR or CCD which supports parents as the primary teachers of their children. This includes at-home Family Meetings for learning and intentional conversation and regular at-church Family Sessions to support parents, teach our children, and build community with other families. Through Family Faith Formation, both parents and children learn about the Catholic Faith and prepare to celebrate the Sacraments. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/FFfStB> (or scan the QR code) to get started. Questions? Contact Jacob Doran, Director of Youth Evangelization

and Catechesis at [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net) or call 614-876-1272, ext. 231. Registrations are due by August 17. Any family with a child in grades 1-8 not attending a Catholic school should enroll in Family Faith Formation.



JULY 6-10, 2026

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PROGRAM

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**SUMMER TOTUS TUUS** – Again this summer, college-age missionaries and seminarians are coming to St. Brendan to lead a week of fun and learning for children entering grades 1-6. Each day includes music, skits, Mass, opportunity for Confession, fun, and learning about the Catholic faith. Totus Tuus runs July 6-10 at St. Brendan daily from 9 AM-2:30 PM. Register via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/totustuus2026>

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES

to provide sleeping quarters or dinner for our missionaries. Contact Sarah Pennington at [spennington@stbrendans.net](mailto:spennington@stbrendans.net) to help!



I will be praying for all our parish families and your intentions! God bless you and enjoy the coming summer months. ~ Jacob Doran, Director of Youth Evangelization and Catechesis

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- 6/12 **BONFIRE**  
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- 6/19 **WORSHIP NIGHT**  
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- 6/26 **POOL & VOLLEYBALL \*5-7PM**  
Hawaiian Luau @ 3002 Collier Hill Ct.
- 7/3 **SLIP N SLIDE KICKBALL**  
Fields - Shaving cream/water balloons
- 7/10 **POWERPOINT PARTY**  
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- 7/17 **WORSHIP NIGHT**  
Wellnitz
- 7/24 **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**  
Wellnitz - Scavenger hunt
- 7/31 **NATURE HIKE**  
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- 8/7 **PARISH FESTIVAL**  
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## SUMMER APOLOGETICS

YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FAITH,  
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- 6/3 **HERESIES**  
Famous lies, why they're false
- 6/17 **JUST WAR THEORY**  
Is war ever justified? \*Davidson
- 7/1 **rites of the Church**  
Journey beyond the Roman Rite to learn about the other 23 Rites in the Church
- 7/15 **ANGELS & DEMONS**  
What do we know about the spiritual realm?
- 7/22 **PURGATORY**  
What is it/how we know it exists
- 8/12 **SPIRITUALITIES**  
Different traditional schools of thought for relating to God

5/23 **LIVE VINE WORSHIP  
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## Roots for Middle Schoolers

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** Bible study for middleschoolers will be offered after 8 AM Mass (8:30-9:30 AM) on Tuesdays, **June 16-July 21** in the Carter Center. All materials needed (& Timbits!) are provided. Questions? Email Anna Marino at [amarino@stbrendans.net](mailto:amarino@stbrendans.net)

**SUMMER RETREAT IS NOW IN THE FALL!** Our Roots Summer Retreat has been moved to the fall to accommodate more schedules. Our retreat will take place in the School Gym on October 9, 6:30-8:30 PM and October 10, 8 AM until after the 5:30 PM Mass. Participants will stay at their own homes overnight. Retreat concludes with a pasta bar dinner for parents and families!

## Register for St. Brendan Middle School Golf

Registration is open for boys & girls grades 6, 7 & 8 Middle School golf. Must have golf clubs and a general awareness of how to play the game. Players are responsible for greens fees. Practice starts the last week of June and season ends mid-September. Register at [www.stbrendans.net/athletics](http://www.stbrendans.net/athletics)



## CONGRATULATIONS & PRAYERS TO Fr. Zach Goodchild

Abundant prayers and congratulations to Fr. Zach Goodchild who was ordained a priest of our Diocese on May 23 by Bishop Fernandes at Saint Joseph Cathedral. I have had the honor and privilege of knowing Fr. Zach since the day I was asked to provide him with a tour of the Josephinum seminary and answer his questions about seminary formation (back in the days when I served as Vice Rector and Director of Admissions at the Pontifical College Josephinum); Fr. Sam was in seminary with Fr. Zach and can attest to him. Fr. Zach hails from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Pickerington. As of this writing I cannot divulge his assignment — but it is a very good one with a wonderful pastor. Please keep Fr. Zach in your prayers that his ministry and labors in the vineyard bear much fruit for the salvation of souls.

~ Fr. Mike

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*To live in the midst of the world  
without wishing its pleasures;  
To be a member of each family,  
yet belonging to none;  
To share all suffering;  
to penetrate all secrets;  
To heal all wounds;  
to go from men to God and  
offer Him their prayers;  
To return from God to men  
to bring pardon and hope;  
To have a heart of fire for Charity,  
and a heart of bronze for Chastity;  
To teach and to pardon,  
console and bless always.  
My God, what a life;  
and it is yours,  
O priest of Jesus Christ.*

# Diocesan News & Events

## ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY MASS AND LUNCHEON

**JUNE 18, 2026**

**St. Brendan the Navigator**  
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below or visit:

<https://dioceseofcolumbus.org/seniorday>



The deadline for registration  
is June 8, 2026

Questions can be directed to  
**Angelita Canlas**

[acanlas@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:acanlas@columbuscatholic.org)

### **Novena to the Sacred Heart, June 3-12**

As our country commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the bishops of the United States will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Bishop Fernandes invites the faithful of the Diocese of Columbus to participate in a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which will include Masses in each region of the diocese beginning on Wednesday, June 3. Find the schedule at <https://columbuscatholic.org/event/sacred-heart-novena/>

**St. Mother Teresa Awards** for charity, compassion, and service are now accepting nominations! Acknowledge a special laywoman in our parish with your nomination. In a brief essay (200 words or fewer), describe the ways your nominee demonstrates the unique attributes reminiscent of Saint Teresa's life and ministry. Nominations/essays are due June 30, 2026. Your nominations can be submitted by emailing them to [dccw@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:dccw@columbuscatholic.org)

**Millions of Monicas, May 28** – Women from neighboring parishes are invited to join Millions of Monicas for an evening of prayer at St. Joseph Catholic Church, located at 140 West Ave. in Plain City. The first prayer hour will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Women will gather for guided prayer, including the Rosary, with the intention of praying for children in need of God's mercy and a return to the Church. To reserve your spot, contact Erin Giddens, 614-905-1422.

**Adoration at the Statehouse, June 2** – In celebration of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States and in preparation for the consecration of the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, all are warmly invited to join in prayer at the Ohio Statehouse on Tuesday, June 2, from 10 AM–2 PM. Bishop Fernandes will be joining to do Benediction at 2 PM. Participants are invited to take part in the 250 Hours of Adoration, offered for unity and healing throughout our country. Find details online at <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/adoration>

**Diocesan Mental Health Ministry** – The Vicariate of Catholic Social Doctrine is working to animate Mental Health Ministry throughout our 23-county footprint. One priority is to build a directory of local, trusted, Catholic Mental Health professionals and resources that our clergy and pastoral staff can use to make referrals to parishioners who ask for help that will be available on the Diocesan website. There is no charge for the listing. An online application is available by emailing Deacon Dave Bezusko at [columbuscatholic.org](mailto:columbuscatholic.org)

## 2026 Quo Vadis Vocation Retreat in July

Quo Vadis vocations discernment camp is led by priests & seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus and is supported by the Office of Vocations. The camp for young men entering grades 9-12 takes place on Monday, July 27 and Thursday, July 30 at the Pontifical College Josephinum (7625 N. High St., Columbus). Cost is \$50/person (scholarships available). Register by July 17 and find details by scanning the QR code to the right or at <https://www.vocationscolumbus.org/quovadis> or for question, email [columbuquovadis@gmail.com](mailto:columbuquovadis@gmail.com)



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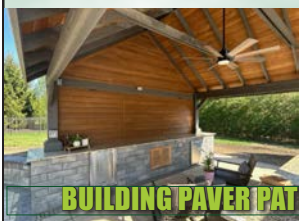
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