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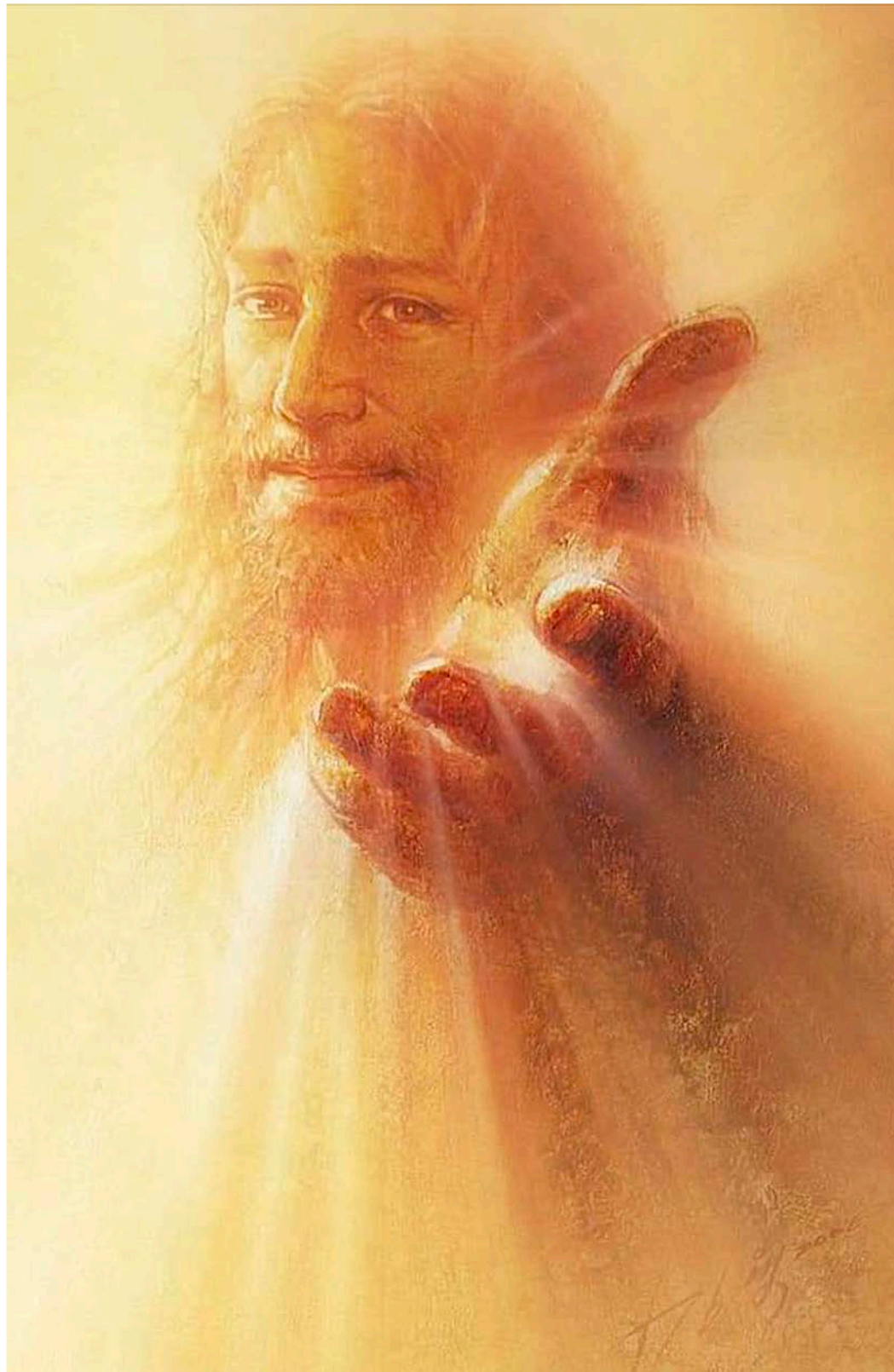
# Fifth Sunday of Easter

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~John 14:10-12

**There is no Coffee & Donuts this Sunday.**

**Congratulations to those receiving their First Holy Communion!**



## **Holy Mass\***

**SATURDAY VIGIL** 5:30 PM

**SUNDAY** 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM

## **Daily Mass\***

**MONDAY** 6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5:30 PM

**TUES./ THURS./ FRIDAY** 6:30 AM, 8 AM

**WEDNESDAY** 6:30 AM, 5:30 PM

**SATURDAY** 8 AM

## **Reconciliation\***

**WEDNESDAY** 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

**SATURDAY** Following 8 AM Mass

Or, schedule a Confession with one of our priests, by calling the parish office.

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

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## From Our Pastor ON THIS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,

we hear in the Gospel a popular Scripture reading for Funeral Masses; but this Sunday, we are presented with subsequent paragraphs of the Gospel not proclaimed at Funeral Masses, but words of Jesus that are worth pondering today (John 14:10-12) in the context of our parish Appeal goal, and in the context of the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Jesus says:

*"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"*

*The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.*

*Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."*

The works that Jesus does are innumerable and life-changing for those whom He touches directly, both in sacred Scripture and in our own day and age. Jesus reaches out to help people today through His personal encounters, but also through each and every one of us – His disciples – who hear His teachings, who are inspired by His teachings, and put Christ's teachings into practice as "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). We can categorize many of these "works" that Jesus refers to into **Corporal Works of Mercy and Spiritual Works of Mercy**, which are addressed well in two articles that I have included in this bulletin. Talk about "doers of the word" – our parish is blessed to have so many parishioners involved in the plethora of "outreach ministries" that are Corporal Works of Mercy, many of which are highlighted in this bulletin; a complete listing of outreach ministries is available on our web page at [www.stbrendans.net](http://www.stbrendans.net) and click on "Ministries" at the top of the page. There are many Spiritual Works of Mercy that are undertaken on both an individual and group basis, most notably participation in our parish prayer groups, opportunities for everyone to sign up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, our Funeral and Bereavement ministries. These "ministries" and "works" are what Jesus is referring to in today's Gospel. Obviously, there are some that only Jesus can do; but, inspired by the teachings of Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, each of us is quite capable of undertaking both Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, given our varied gifts and talents, but also realizing that our great gift of time – giving of our personal time for the benefit of others – is what so much of this comes down to. Let's make sure that we all plug in to the ministries and works here at Saint Brendan's, so that we indeed are "doers of the word, not hearers only" but also take to heart the foundation of why we do these works and ministries: "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

**Shifting gears a bit**, I am speaking at all the Masses this Sunday about **The Appeal** goal established for our parish, and my desire to increase that goal to raise funds for increased parking on our campus and to improve lighting for enhanced auto and pedestrian safety. First and foremost, The Appeal is a diocese-wide effort to support the essential ministries, formation, and outreach throughout our 23 county Diocese – the largest geographical diocese in Ohio. The Appeal is a powerful opportunity each year for all of us to unite as one Church and one Body of Christ to share in our call to be good stewards of our Church and its people. The Appeal funds the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Columbus in the areas of seminarian education and formation, outreach to the poor and marginalized, evangelization, and Catholic education. In our gathering space this weekend are several hi-top tables with detailed information on The Appeal and remittance envelopes; you can also visit <https://bit.ly/26appeal> or use the **QR code below**. I would encourage you to read this information for a better understanding of our shared mission to support the works of the Diocese through our generous donations to The Appeal. Now, the way The Appeal works is this. Once we reach The Appeal goal established by the Diocese of Columbus, every penny over this goal comes back to the parish in the form of rebates. These rebates are not subject to the 10% diocesan "tax", so we save money by funding mini capital campaigns through The Appeal. Wherever I have served as Pastor or Rector – Christ the King, Saint Catharine of Siena, Saint Joseph Cathedral, Saint Michael the Archangel – I have utilized this "enhanced Appeal goal" to fund mini capital projects for which we all benefit as parishioners. In our case this would be for the new parking area in front of the Rectory and enhanced area lighting on our campus. I noticed the parking situation here during my first two weeks as your Pastor, and I have had many people raise this issue with me – so let's all address this issue now through The Appeal. Here are the numbers:

**\$335,583 – Parish Appeal Goal established by the Diocese**

**\$185,000 – Funds for Parish Parking Lot and Lighting**

**\$520,538 – Total "Enhanced" Goal**

We will save \$18,500 by funding these parish improvements through The Appeal. I have already made my donation to The Appeal – I'm in for \$1,000. How can I afford this on my priest salary? By gifting \$100/month over a 10-month period on my credit card. Signing up for this was quick and easy, again using this secure link (<https://bitly/26appeal>) or the **QR code below**; envelopes for your checks are also available. Folks, I encourage you to give some serious thought to supporting The Appeal to support the mission of the Diocese, but also to bring some of these dollars home to Saint Brendan for the benefit of all who come to our Parish Church and Parish School, and all of the wonderful events that take place here. No gift to The Appeal is too small, so let's all contribute in support of the Diocese and of our Parish.

God bless!

*Fr. Mike*

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

To make a gift  
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# CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY: Let the Saints Be Your Guide

Article by Emily Stimpson, courtesy of the Catholic Education Resource Center.

## MERCY ISN'T JUST AN IDEA. IT'S AN ACTION. IT'S A VIRTUE.

It's something meant to be lived, every day, by all who call Jesus Christ "the Son of God." Jesus himself made that clear in Matthew 25 when he promised eternal life to those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned. "Truly, I say to you," Jesus said, "as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

And for those who don't demonstrate mercy in action? Jesus warned that he would say, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

In his papal bull *Misericordiae Vultus* ("The Face of Mercy"), Pope Francis likewise stressed the importance of using this year as an occasion for renewing our commitment to performing corporal works of mercy. "We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged," Francis wrote (No. 15).

The call is clear. But, how, in the midst of hectic lives, do we answer it?

### The saints show us the way.

Through 20 long centuries, holy men and women have demonstrated the transforming power of mercy in action. By looking at their lives, we can draw inspiration and wisdom for our own.



### Welcoming the stranger:

#### ST. BENEDICT OF NURSIA

St. Benedict, along with his sister, St. Scholastica, grew up in a home permeated by the Catholic Faith. Then, Benedict went to finish his education in Rome. There,

surrounded by students who practiced vice as assiduously as he practiced virtue, Benedict became disillusioned by both the world and his chosen field of studies: rhetoric. So, around the year 500, the young man fled the city to live a quieter life. Conversation with a holy hermit soon convinced him to take an even quieter path, and Benedict established his own hermitage about 40 miles outside of Rome.

Reputation of his holiness quickly spread, though, and within a few years, a group of monks came calling, asking Benedict to serve as their abbot. He reluctantly agreed, only to find himself, soon afterward, the victim of an attempted poisoning by the very monks who asked him to come live with them.

Once more, Benedict returned to a lonely hermit's hut. And once more, others came and found him, establishing their

own hermitages in the vicinity of his. This time, however, problems arose when a local priest became jealous of Benedict's influence. Under the guise of hospitality, the priest offered Benedict a loaf of poisoned bread. This time, Benedict was spared by a raven, who swooped down and took the bread from him.

Eventually, Benedict founded his own great monastery, where he wrote instructions on religious life, collectively known as the Rule of St. Benedict, which would shape Western monastic life for the next 1,500 years and earn Benedict the title "Father of Western monasticism."

Not coincidentally, an important part of that rule was hospitality. "Let everyone that comes be received as Christ," he instructed. In practice, that meant all guests — the poor, the sick, the traveler and the curiosity seekers — were welcomed, fed, sheltered and loved ... but never poisoned.



### Giving drink to the thirsty:

#### ST. PETER CLAVER

In 1510, King Ferdinand of Spain authorized the shipment of 250 Africans to his territories in the New World. It was the first large-scale

shipment of African slaves and marked the beginning of the Atlantic slave trade. Exactly 100 years later, St. Peter Claver arrived in the city of Cartagena (in modern day Columbia), where the slave trade flourished.

The son of a wealthy Catalonian farmer, Claver entered the Jesuits at the age of 20 in 1601. Nine years later, with six years of formation still to go, he asked to serve in the Spanish missions. His superiors consented, permitting him to complete his studies in South America. Upon his arrival, Claver witnessed the grim plight of the Africans and vowed to dedicate his ministry to their care.

Claver based his ministry primarily in Cartagena, where large ships, densely packed with slaves, arrived regularly in the harbor. The conditions of the slave ships were so horrific that an estimated one-third of the men and women aboard died in transit. Knowing this, Claver didn't wait for the slavers to unload their cargo. Instead, he boarded as soon as the ships docked, heading straight to the hold to give the Africans something to drink. After they had been moved to the slave market, he continued to move among them, distributing brandy and bread.

As he cared for the slaves' bodily needs, Claver also cared for their spiritual needs. With the help of a translator, he assured them of their dignity and told

them of a God who loved them, baptizing all who asked for it. Then, in the months when few ships arrived in the port, he traveled to the plantations, meeting with those he'd baptized, giving further instruction in the Faith and advocating for their humane treatment. When he visited those plantations, he always insisted on staying in the slave quarters.

By the time of St. Peter Claver's death in 1654, it is estimated that he baptized more than 300,000 slaves and quenched the thirst of countless more.



## Healing the sick:

### ST. MARIANNE COPE

The king of Hawaii, Kalakaua, was desperate. For years, he'd been searching for a religious congregation that would help him establish a hospital for the men and women in his kingdom suffering from leprosy. He'd written 50 different congregations, and every last one had said no.

Finally, in 1883, he wrote to Mother Marianne Cope, superior general of the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, New York. Born in Germany, Cope immigrated to the United States with her family when she was only 1. Thirteen years later, due to her father's poor health, Cope left school and took on the responsibility of supporting her family.

For 10 years, she worked in a factory until the other children grew old enough to support themselves. Then, in 1862, at age 24, she entered the Franciscans.

By the time King Kalakaua's letter arrived, Cope had served as both a teacher and principal in a school for German immigrants and opened the first two Catholic hospitals in Central New York. She knew the risks that the sisters of her congregation would face if she accepted his invitation. Yet, not only did Cope accept, she decided to go herself.

"I am hungry for the work, and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor islanders," she wrote to him. "I am not afraid of any disease, hence it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned 'lepers.'"

In the years that followed, Cope founded two hospitals for lepers — one on Oahu and one on Maui. Then, in 1888, she moved to the leper colony at Molokai. In addition to caring for the women and girls in the settlement, Cope cared for St. Damian de Veuster during his last year of life. After his death, she took charge of the male patients as well, spending six years running the settlement until a replacement for Father Damien could be found.

Cope, who never did contract leprosy, died on Molokai in 1918. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.



## Feeding the hungry:

### ST. FRANCES OF ROME

St. Frances of Rome could have lived an easy life, full of food, parties and pleasure. But she didn't want an easy life. She wanted to serve Christ by serving the poor. Born in 1384 to a wealthy Roman family, Frances married at age 12 into an equally wealthy Roman family: the Ponzianis. Her husband, Lorenzo, was a good man — generous, kind and enamored by his bride. Frances, however, was initially disappointed with him, as she would have been with any match. She wanted to become a religious and found the social obligations of marriage almost unbearable.

Help soon came, though, through her sister-in-law, Vannoza, who also longed to live a life of service and prayer, and together the two devised a plan that allowed them to pursue spiritual disciplines while still carrying out family obligations.

Not long afterward, in the early 15th century, famine struck Rome. With the help of her sister-in-law and the support of her husband, Frances ordered that no one who came to the Ponziani palace begging for food was to be turned away.

Corn and wine were distributed liberally until her father-in-law learned of her generosity. He ordered Frances to stop. She refused. So, he sold off the family's extra corn and wine, keeping only what the family needed. Frances continued feeding the poor just the same, emptying their corn loft rather than allow others to go hungry.

The loft never completely went empty, though, for on the very day Frances gave away the last kernels, the entire supply was miraculously replenished. The same happened with the wine. When the family cask ran dry, new wine mysteriously appeared in it, finer than the previous wine.

Frances would go on to form a small community of like-minded lay women committed to caring for the poor: the Oblates of Mary. After her husband's death in 1436, Frances lived with the Oblates for four years, serving as their superior, until her own death in 1440. She was canonized in 1608.



## Burying the dead:

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

St. Catherine of Siena did what no other woman of her generation — or most any generation — could do. She negotiated peace between warring nation states, counseled Holy Fathers on matters great and small, and brought the more than 70-year residence of the popes in Avignon, France, to an end.

Born in 1347, the Dominican tertiary received mystical visions and countless human visitors. The former helped her understand the depths of God's love and the misery of the damned.

The latter helped her practice patience, as she offered advice, prayers and spiritual counsel to an endless stream of visitors. From her home in Siena, Italy, she spoke with so many troubled people that the Dominicans eventually designated three priests to do nothing but hear the confessions of the people who came to see Catherine.

Catherine's influence in 14th-century Italy was almost unparalleled. And yet, for all her great and important work, she never shrunk from the most menial of tasks: caring for the sick, feeding the elderly and burying the dead.

The last task, she did when no one else would. Following a terrible outbreak of the plague in Siena, Catherine moved among the sick unafraid. Those she couldn't heal, she prepared for death and buried with her own hands, honoring their humanity to the very end. It was her kindness to the dead and dying that finally stilled doubts about her sanctity and way of life. Touched by her sacrificial kindness, even more visitors came calling at Catherine's door.

She died not many years later, at age 33, in 1380. Eighty-one years later she was canonized. Just over 600 years later, in 1970, Pope Paul VI declared St. Catherine of Siena a Doctor of the Church.



### Visiting the imprisoned:

#### ST. PETER NOLASCO

Very little is known about St. Peter Nolasco's early life. Much, however, is known about the time and place in which he lived.

Most likely born in Languedoc, France, near the end of the 12th century, Nolasco grew up in a world besieged by border skirmishes between Christians and Muslims. Kidnapping raids were regular occurrences in the coastal and border towns of France, Spain and Italy, with thousands of Christians each year captured and sold into slavery or held in captivity by their Muslim neighbors to the south.

As a boy, Nolasco would have been surrounded by people who experienced these raids. And as a man, serving as tutor to James I of Arragon, he encountered numerous former (and present) captives.

In 1218, those encounters led Nolasco and St. Raymond of Penafort to found the Royal and Military Order of Our Lady of Mercy of the Redemption of the Captives (today's Mercedarians). The order was committed to praying for Christian captives and ransoming them from their Muslim captors. Its members — both priests and laymen — made four vows: poverty, chastity, obedience and to sacrifice their life in order to save another person from losing their faith.

The order grew quickly, attracting numerous young noblemen who, like Nolasco, wanted to use their fortune to rescue the captives. When their fortune wouldn't suffice, the men offered themselves in exchange for prisoners.

Although Nolasco remained a lay member of the order, he nevertheless served as its first superior general. In that capacity, he traveled numerous times to Africa to negotiate for the release of captives. Twice he offered himself in exchange for others, and once he was imprisoned. He made good use of his time in jail, however, eventually converting hundreds of Muslims to Christianity and securing the release of hundreds of other Christian prisoners.

Before Nolasco's retirement in 1249 (and death seven years later), it's believed that he personally secured the release of nearly 3,000 captured Christians. The order he founded rescued another 70,000. Nolasco was canonized in 1628.



### Clothing the naked:

#### ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Christianity had just emerged from the catacombs when St. Martin of Tours was born in 316 in (or near) modern day Hungary. Although many Roman citizens were converting to the Christian faith, that number did not include St. Martin's parents, who both held to the old pagan practices. Yet, somehow, Martin came to believe, and at the age of 10, went knocking on the door of the local priest, asking to become a Christian.

The sacraments weren't quickly dispensed in the early days of the Church, so five years later, when Martin was conscripted into the army, he was still only a catechumen. Martin didn't want to fight; he wanted to become a monk, but that didn't matter to the authorities.

They assigned him to a cavalry unit that protected the emperor, and he quickly rose through the ranks, becoming an officer stationed in Gaul (modern day France).

One winter's day, while on duty in Amiens, Martin noticed a beggar, standing near the city gates. Visibly hungry and exhausted, the beggar's clothes were so threadbare that he was practically naked. At that moment, Martin didn't hesitate. He took off his warm cloak and, with his sword, cut it in two. He then threw the better half around the beggar's shoulders, wrapping himself in what remained.

Later that night, Jesus, wearing the cloak Martin gave to the beggar, appeared to him in a dream. "See!" Jesus said to the saints surrounding him. "This is the mantle that Martin, yet a catechumen, gave me."

In the years that followed, Martin became a monk, then a bishop. He combated Arians, healed the sick and even, it's said, raised the dead. But history remembers him, first and foremost, for clothing Christ in the form of the naked beggar.

# SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY: Let the Saints Be Your Guide

Article by Emily Stimpson, courtesy of the Catholic Education Resource Center.

## THERE IS NOTHING EASIER FOR A CATHOLIC THAN PERFORMING THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY. THERE IS ALSO NOTHING HARDER.

On the one hand, you don't need money to counsel the doubtful or comfort the afflicted. It doesn't take cash to pray for the living and the dead. Nor does it take time to bear wrongs patiently and forgive offenses. And, for those of us who love giving advice, instructing the ignorant and admonishing sinners seems easy enough.

On the other hand, counseling the doubtful demands we first wrestle with our own doubts. Comforting the afflicted and praying for others requires that we look away from ourselves and to the needs of others. And if we want to bear wrongs patiently or forgive offenses, we need humility, and few virtues come less naturally than that one.

As for instructing the ignorant and admonishing sinners? Well, that comes with the risk of saying something unpopular, which raises the specter of lost friends and accusations of intolerance.

The simplicity of performing the Spiritual Works of Mercy is, in fact, deceptive. What sounds easy in theory proves far harder in practice. Few will malign us if we serve a meal to the poor. But tell your sister that living with her boyfriend is a grave sin, and you're liable to find yourself persona non grata right quick.

Nevertheless, love for Christ demands we perform Spiritual Works of Mercy with the same diligence that we perform Corporal Works of Mercy. That's what Jesus did during his time on earth — forgiving sinners, enduring persecution, addressing sin forthrightly — and if we want to imitate him, we must do the same.

Fortunately, we have not only Jesus' example but also the example of the saints to show us the way.



### Counseling the doubtful:

#### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Born in 1567 in France to a wealthy noble family, St. Francis de Sales knew as a child that he wanted to serve God as a priest. His plan, however, was thrown into question

when he heard a theological discussion about predestination.

The Calvinist position — that some people were predestined for hell and others for heaven — convinced the 17-year-old de Sales that the doors of heaven were barred against him. In 1587, however, while praying before a statue of Our Lady of Deliverance, de Sales' doubts subsided, and he became firmly convinced of God's love. On that day, de Sales resolved to dedicate his life to helping others overcome their own spiritual doubts.

Despite his father's protests, de Sales was ordained to the priesthood in 1593. Soon afterward, he began working to win Calvinists back to the Catholic Faith, traveling throughout

nearby Switzerland. By the time de Sales returned to France, more than 40,000 people had returned to the Church.

Installed as bishop of Geneva in 1602, de Sales next devoted himself to the formation of both his priests and their congregations, believing (contrary to popular opinion at the time) that holiness was as much for the laity as for the ordained. He also offered spiritual direction to whomever asked for it, counseling some in person and many more in writing.

"I have more than 50 letters to answer," he once wrote to a friend. "If I tried to hurry over it all, I would be lost. So I intend neither to hurry or to worry. This evening, I shall answer as many as I can. Tomorrow I shall do the same, and so I shall go on until I have finished."

In 1665, 43 years after his death, the Church declared Francis de Sales a saint. Two centuries later, in 1877, it declared him a Doctor of the Church.



### Instructing the ignorant:

#### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Although his roommate at the university, the future St. Ignatius of Loyola, pleaded with Xavier to consider the priesthood, Francisco ignored him.

He had his eye on worldly advancement and wasn't interested in serving the Church. Eventually, though, Ignatius wore his roommate down, and in 1534, Xavier joined Ignatius and five other students in making secret vows of poverty, chastity and obedience to the pope. Three years later, he was ordained, and in 1540, after the pope approved Ignatius' plan for a new religious order, Xavier became the first missionary priest of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). His first journey was to India, where the king of Portugal needed someone to re-evangelize the Portuguese who had settled in the Near East.

Not long after Xavier arrived in Goa, however, he began reaching out to the native people with as much zeal as he reached out to the debauched Portuguese merchants and sailors. Traveling up and down the Pearl Fishery Coast, Xavier instructed the people of southern India and Ceylon in the Christian faith, baptizing thousands and building more than 40 churches.

Eventually, Xavier expanded his mission beyond India, traveling throughout Malaysia and Japan before eventually reaching Shangchuan, an island just off the coast of China. Almost everywhere he traveled, Xavier was the first Christian missionary the people had met. Although he struggled with languages, he worked with native interpreters and used both art and culture to introduce thousands to the Gospel.

By the time Francis Xavier died — at age 46, in 1552, on Shangchuan — he had baptized at least 30,000 people.

It's said he was responsible for more conversions to Christianity than any one single person since St. Paul the Apostle.



## Admonishing sinners:

### ST. JOSEPH MUKASA BALIKUDDEMBE

In 1879, a group of Catholic missionary priests arrived in Kampala, the capital of Buganda (modern-day Uganda). One of the first converts they made was Balikuddembe, a tall, athletic and intelligent 19-year-old serving as a page in the royal court.

Balikuddembe became a catechumen less than a year after the missionaries' arrival. Two years later, in 1882, he was baptized, taking the name Joseph. Balikuddembe's time with the missionaries, however, was short-lived. That fall, it became unsafe for them to remain in Kampala, and they temporarily resettled their mission on the opposite side of Lake Victoria, leaving Balikuddembe in charge of the Christian community in the capital.

For two years, all was well. Then, King Mutesa I died, and the kingdom passed to his son Mutesa II, who continued to employ Balikuddembe at court. Mutesa II even elevated him to majordomo, putting the young Catholic in charge of both the royal household and his fellow pages. The new king also gave Balikuddembe permission to correct him if he fell into error.

Balikuddembe did just that a few months later, opposing Mutesa when he wanted to kill an Anglican convert. The king listened to him and stopped the execution. Soon, however, Balikuddembe began speaking up more frequently. The king was abusing his position, attempting to force young male pages to grant him sexual favors. Balikuddembe protected the pages and admonished the king. Then, in 1885, shortly after the Catholic missionaries returned to court, Balikuddembe learned the king was plotting to kill another Anglican. Again, he spoke up. This time, the king didn't listen.

Not long afterward, the king summoned Balikuddembe and gave him a choice: keep his faith to himself or die. He chose death. He was beheaded, then burned on a pyre.

His successor at court, Charles Lwanga, continued what Balikuddembe began and met a similar fate. Along with 20 other Ugandan martyrs, both were canonized in 1964.



## Forgiving offenses:

### ST. MARIA GORETTI

Maria Goretti was different from other children. Her neighbors in Le Ferriere recognized that soon after her family arrived in the small Italian village in 1896.

That year, Maria's father, Luigi, lost the family farm and moved his young family, including 6-year-old Maria, to Le Ferriere to find work. Luigi passed away three years later, leaving behind his wife, Assunta, and six children.

Because Maria was the eldest girl, she stayed at home to care for the baby, while her mother and brothers worked in the fields. To save money, they shared lodgings with another man, Giovanni Serenelli, and his 20-year-old son, Alessandro.

Throughout her family's trials, Maria's neighbors noticed how she worked gladly, without complaining. They also took note of her natural sweetness and piety. Unfortunately, Alessandro took note of her other attractions and began harassing her. She refused his advances, so the harassment continued.

Finally, on July 5, 1902, Alessandro attempted to rape the 11-year-old Maria at knifepoint. She fought him off, begging him not to commit such a terrible sin. Angered by her resistance, Alessandro stabbed her 14 times.

Almost immediately, her mother and Alessandro's father found Maria, alive but barely. She was rushed to the hospital at the same moment Alessandro was arrested. There, the doctors could do nothing for her other than witness her dying words: "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him to be with me in heaven forever."

Alessandro went to prison for 30 years. Three years into his sentence, he repented of his crime. After his release, he went to Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness. Unwilling to do less for him than her daughter, Assunta not only forgave Alessandro, but went to Mass with him and received Holy Communion by his side.

Alessandro later became a lay brother with the Capuchin friars. He attended Maria Goretti's canonization in 1950 and died in his monastery at age 87 in 1970.



## Comforting the afflicted:

### ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE

St. André Bessette (baptized Alfred) understood affliction from the inside. Born in Quebec in 1845, the eighth of 12 children, Bessette grew up in poverty. He lost his father when he was 9, his mother when he was 12, and four of his siblings during his childhood. Many were amazed Bessette didn't join them. After his parents' death, his chronic ill health made earning a living almost impossible. Bessette tried his hand at farming, shoemaking, blacksmithing, baking and working in a factory, but failed every time.

Finally, at age 25, Bessette's pastor recommended that the pious young man try religious life. He sought admission to the Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal and was accepted as a novice. A year later, however, the congregation asked him to leave, citing his chronic ill health. This time, however, the bishop of Montreal intervened and urged the congregation to find Bessette a place. So, they appointed him doorkeeper at the College of Notre Dame in Montreal.

As doorkeeper for a busy college, Bessette crossed paths with hundreds of people each week. Inevitably, they would tell him their troubles, and he would respond by telling them to turn to St. Joseph. In his free time, Bessette visited

the sick, anointing them with oil from the chapel and asking St. Joseph to intercede for them.

Soon, accounts of miraculous healings surfaced. As news of the holy doorkeeper spread, Bessette gave up his work at the college and did nothing but meet with the sick and afflicted. Eventually, he needed four secretaries to help him deal with the 80,000 letters that arrived annually.

In 1904, Bessette began raising money to build a chapel to honor St. Joseph. Although he never lived to see it completed, the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal is now Canada's largest church. Brother André Bessette became St. André in 2010.



### **Bearing wrongs patiently: ST. JEANNE JUGAN**

Born in France in 1792, Jeanne Jugan grew up poor, helping pay her family's bills by working as a kitchen maid, nurse and servant. Although she received two marriage proposals, she refused both. God was saving her for another work, she explained to her family; she needed to wait.

In 1839, at age 47, the waiting ended. That winter, while living in a small apartment with two other women, Jugan met Anne Chauvin, an elderly woman living on the streets. Jugan took the woman into her apartment, giving Chauvin her bed.

Soon, Jugan convinced her roommates to take in more women. Within two years, they acquired a convent that could house 40. They also acquired more helpers, and received permission to found a new religious order, the Little Sisters of the Poor. Jugan wrote their first rule and was elected as their first Mother Superior.

Two years later, the sisters re-elected Jugan. But a priest who was assisting the women, Father Augustin le Pailleur, had other plans. He forced Jugan to step down, named another sister as her successor and declared himself Father Superior. He then sent Jugan out to beg for the order.

She did that gladly. But as her work continued to gain attention, Father le Pailleur grew even more envious. He began presenting himself as the order's founder and forbade the first sisters from acknowledging Jugan as their founder. Then, in 1852, he sent Jugan to the Little Sisters' motherhouse and ordered her to end all contact with friends and benefactors.

Again, she obeyed, reportedly saying, "You have stolen my work from me, but I willingly give it to you." Jugan remained confined there for 27 years, until her death in 1879. Those who knew her said she never complained and never protested. Nor did she try to vindicate herself. By the time of her death, the order had grown to include more than 2,500 sisters, but only a handful knew Jugan was the real founder.

In 1890, the Vatican began an investigation of Father le Pailleur, eventually forcing him into retirement. Jugan was canonized 119 years later, in 2009, and the Little Sisters of the Poor credit her patient suffering, in part, with their success.



### **Praying for the living and the dead:**

#### **ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE**

As a young girl, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne dreamed of traveling to America and evangelizing Native

Americans. God, however, had different plans for her.

Born in 1769 to a wealthy French family, Duchesne defied her family's expectations for a socially advantageous marriage and became a Visitandine nun instead.

When the French Revolution came and forced the sisters out of their convent, she returned to her family's home. There, she quietly lived her order's rule of prayer and penance until the anti-religious fervor subsided. Once it did, she rented her former convent with her own money and attempted to convince other former Visitandines to rejoin her. Most refused.

After three years of failure, Duchesne met with Mother Sophie Barat, founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Barat convinced the Visitandine to join her, and named Duchesne the new novice mistress for her order in 1804.

For 13 years, Duchesne labored alongside Barat, but she never forgot her childhood dream of evangelizing the American Indians. She finally saw the chance to pursue that dream in 1817, when the bishop of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory, William DuBourg, came to her convent, looking for help.

The following year, the 49-year-old sister left for America. Upon her arrival, though, she discovered that the Native Americans had already moved west and the bishop instead wanted her to found a school for American and French girls in St. Charles, Missouri. She obeyed, and eventually founded a half-dozen more.

Finally, in 1841, Duchesne received permission to found a new mission for the Potawatomi Indians in Kansas. Unfortunately, by then, she was too old to learn the language. So, rather than teach, she prayed. Moved by the long hours the sister spent in the chapel, the children nicknamed her Quahkahkanumad, meaning "Woman who prays always."

After only a year, Duchesne returned to her order's motherhouse in St. Charles. There, she spent the last decade of her life in a small room near the chapel, offering up her prayers for the work of her order. Pope St. John Paul II canonized her in 1988.

# Community Calendar

## MONDAY, MAY 4

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church, Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Mission & Prayer Mysticism Study	School Library

## TUESDAY, MAY 5

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 7

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Catholic Way Bible Study: <i>Book of Esther</i>	Davidson, Room A
10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making for the Homeless	Wellnitz, Room 1

## FRIDAY, MAY 8

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club	Carter Center

## SATURDAY, MAY 9

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 10

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
2:00 PM	1st Eucharist Mass	Church
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

## Incense Schedule



Sunday, May 17, 8:45 AM  
 Sunday, May 24, 10:45 AM  
 Sunday, May 31, 5:30 PM

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# 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*

***"This woman of faith, Mary of Nazareth, the Mother of God, has been given to us as a model in our pilgrimage of faith. From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary, we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God. For Mary is not only the Mother of God, she is Mother of the Church as well. In every stage of the march through history, the Church has benefited from the prayer and protection of the Virgin Mary. Holy Scripture and the experience of the faithful see the Mother of God as the one who in a very special way is united with the Church at the most difficult moments in her history, when attacks on the Church become most threatening. Precisely in periods when Christ, and therefore His Church, provokes premeditated contradiction, Mary appears particularly close to the Church, because for her the Church is always her beloved Christ. I therefore exhort you in Christ Jesus, to continue to look to Mary as the model of the Church, as the best example of the discipleship of Christ. Learn from her to be always faithful, to trust that God's word to you will be fulfilled, and that nothing is impossible with God. Turn to Mary frequently in your prayer 'for never was it known that anyone who fled to her protection, implored her help or sought her intercession was left unaided.'"***

**+POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II; HOMILY EXCERPT, WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 6, 1979**

### **Monday, May 4 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 14:21-26** Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, "Master, then what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

**Meditation:** God's love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us for love – to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us. How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us (see Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and believe it? Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

**Prayer:** May your right hand, O Lord, we pray, encompass your family with perpetual help, so that, defended from all wickedness by the Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, we may make our way by means of your heavenly gifts. 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:** Do you know the love that surpasses all, that is stronger than death itself (Song of Songs 8:6)? In Jesus' last supper discourse he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father's love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Saint Augustine says "the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love."

## Tuesday, May 5 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

**Holy Gospel: John 14:27-31a** Jesus said to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me, but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me."

**Meditation:** Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less. Jesus also speaks of his destination and ultimate triumph over the powers of evil in the world. In the eyes of the world the cross stood for shame, humiliation, and defeat. Jesus went to the cross knowing that it would lead to victory over the powers of sin and of Satan. Jesus also knew that he would return to his Father in glory. The cross brought glory to Jesus and to the Father and it is our way to glory as well. In the Cross of Christ we find true peace and reconciliation with God. Do you live in the peace of Jesus Christ?

**Prayer:** O God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, grant your people constancy in faith and hope, that we may never doubt the promises of which we have learned from you. 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:** Do you know the peace which passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7)? In his farewell discourse Jesus grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the one true peace which conquers all of our fears and anxieties. Do you seek his peace before other sources of peace which are fleeting at best?

## Wednesday, May 6 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

**Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8** Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Meditation:** People often wonder why Jesus speaks of himself as the "true vine?" The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "as his choice vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "yielded wild grapes" (see Isaiah 5:1-7). Jeremiah said that Israel had become a "degenerate and wild vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). When Jesus calls himself the true vine he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

**Prayer:** O God, restorer and lover of innocence, direct the hearts of your servants towards yourself, that those you have set free from the darkness of unbelief may never stray from the light of your truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Contemplation:** Jesus offers true life – the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vinedresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches – those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him – the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit

of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23). There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do you trust in the Lord's abiding presence with you?

### **Thursday, May 7 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:9-11** Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."

**Meditation:** Do you know the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never outgive God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us.

**Prayer:** O God, by whose grace, though sinners, we are made just and, though pitiable, made blessed, stand, we pray, by your works, stand by your gifts, that those justified by faith may not lack the courage of perseverance. 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:** What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

### **Friday, May 8 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:12-17** Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

**Meditation:** Jesus defines friendship, the mutual bond of trust and affection between two or more people, as the willingness to give totally of oneself even to the point of dying for one's friends. How is such love possible or even desirable? God made us in love for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying. God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. He loved us so much, some might even mistakenly say too much, by giving us the best of all gifts, the offering of his beloved Son who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God gave up his Son so that we might become his sons and daughters, his adopted children (Romans 8:14-17).

**Prayer:** Grant us, Lord, we pray, that, being rightly conformed to the paschal mysteries, what we celebrate in joy may protect and save us with perpetual power. 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:** Jesus called his disciples his "friends." Jesus not only showed his disciples that he cared for them. He enjoyed their company. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them – even his most intimate thoughts. And he spent himself doing good for them. To know Jesus is to know God and to understand the love and friendship God offers each one of us. One of the special marks of favor shown in the scriptures is to be called the friend of God. Abraham is called the "friend of God" (Isaiah 41:8). God speaks with Moses "as a man speaks with his friend" (Exodus 33:11). Jesus, the Lord and Master, in turn, calls the disciples his "friends" rather than his servants. Friendship with God certainly entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience. Friendship is based on love, and love must be reciprocal. Do you love Christ as much as he loves you? If not, why not?

## Saturday, May 9 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

**Holy Gospel: John 15:18-21** Jesus said to his disciples: "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you. Remember the word I spoke to you, 'No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. And they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me."

**Meditation:** What does Jesus mean when he says "you are not of this world"? The "world" in scripture refers to that society of people who are hostile towards God and opposed to his will. The world rejected Jesus, and his disciples can expect the same treatment. Jesus leaves no middle ground for his followers. We are either for him or against him, for his kingdom of light or for the kingdom of darkness. The prophet Isaiah warned that people who separate themselves from God because of their rebellion and spiritual blindness would end up calling evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20).

**Prayer:** Almighty and eternal God, who through the regenerating power of Baptism have been pleased to confer on us heavenly life, grant, we pray, that those you render capable of immortality by justifying them may by your guidance attain the fullness of glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** If we want to live in the light of God's truth, how can we rightly distinguish good from evil? True love of God and his ways draw us to all that is lovely, truthful and good. If we truly love God then we will submit to his truth and will for our lives. A friend of God cannot expect to be a friend of the world because the world opposes God. Jesus' demand is unequivocal and without compromise. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15). We must make a choice either for or against God. Do you seek to please God in all your thoughts, actions, and relationships? Let the Holy Spirit fill your heart with the love of God (Romans 5:5).

### Marian Prayer + The Angelus

*The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:  
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.  
Hail Mary...*

*And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary...*

*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.*

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# Prayer List

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are **ill at home**, **hospitalized**, or are **active duty military**, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* via the QR code, [www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List](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.
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Sam Imwalle	Jackson Maassel	Dan Severance
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Robert Carollo	Rob Shonkwiler	Zackery Reed
Kyle Mullins	Luke Stumphauzer	Robbie Hite
Joe Alverson	Thomas Noel	Nathaniel Mattson
Ross McDonald		

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

# Mass Intentions

## MONDAY, MAY 4

- 6:30 AM Intention for Amanda Mowery
- 8:00 AM For the needs of parishioners as we begin the week.
- 5:30 PM John Thissen †

## TUESDAY, MAY 5

- 6:30 AM Intention for Rich Chilton
- 8:00 AM Frank & Mary Kreber †

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- 6:30 AM Intention for Mill Run Staff & Residents
- 5:30 PM Ed Moleski †

## THURSDAY, MAY 7

- 6:30 PM Million DeSala †
- 8:00 AM Alida Sfalcin †

## FRIDAY, MAY 8

- 6:30 PM Million DeSala †
- 8:00 AM Vito Checchio †

## SATURDAY, MAY 9

- 8:00 AM Ed & Harriett Lynch †
- 5:30 PM Intention for Valerie Scheel

## SUNDAY, MAY 10

- Sixth Sunday of Easter**
- 7:15 AM Mary Grace Boyd †
  - 8:45 AM Stanley Flak †
  - 10:45 AM Richard Bond †
  - 5:30 PM For the People of St. Brendan Parish  
(† Intention for deceased.)

### MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY:

We currently have dates on our Mass Intentions Calendar open beginning in June.

# Eucharistic Adoration



Sign up to adore at [stbrendan.weadorehim.com](http://stbrendan.weadorehim.com) and then sign in at the kiosk when you arrive so we know someone is there.

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



## Marriage Banns

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



## Flowers for the Altar

In memory of my Mother, Dolores D'Amico and in celebration of our Granddaughter, Mia Aviana Kessler, on her First Holy Communion Day.  
~Valerie & John Scheel



## Congratulations

**ON THE BAPTISMS OF:**  
Benjamin Thomas Basko  
Cameron Tomas Rosenfeld  
Alexander Robert Coffman  
Jacqueline Miranda Rosenfeld



## Our Sympathy

**TO THE FAMILY OF:**  
Robert Ulliman

# Parish Ministries Performing **CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**



## Feeding the Hungry

**FOOD DONATIONS:** The weekly contributions to the **Hilliard Food Pantry** via our "Green Bin" located in the Church Gathering Area and **Special Collections** make a tangible difference. Last year, St. Brendan Parish donated **5,800 pounds** of food items to the Hilliard Food Pantry!



**MATERIAL NEEDS:** The left side of the "Green Bin" is for donations to J.O.I.N. (**Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs**) to provide material needs for low-income families (men, women and children) in Franklin County and functions under Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Columbus. Items most needed are **Toiletries, Diapers & Baby Wipes**. Our St. Vincent de Paul members deliver the Green Bin items to J.O.I.N. weekly. Questions about SVdP? Heather Carrier: [heathercsvdp@gmail.com](mailto:heathercsvdp@gmail.com)



**Eight times a year**, SVdP and our St. Brendan Knights of Columbus teams serve the needy at the Hilliard Food Pantry. Several parishioners also volunteer their time at the Hilliard Food Pantry weekly and many also make significant financial contributions to the Hilliard Food Pantry every year.



**Food Donation Drive during the Relics of St. Carlo Acutis Tour:** Our St. Vincent de Paul Council held a food donation drive when the Carlo Acutis Relic tour stopped at our parish earlier this year. The food items were then delivered by SVdP members to the Hilliard Food Pantry.



St. Brendan Knights of Columbus **Feed the Hungry "Mac & Cheese"** program is held quarterly and provides **2,400 meal packets** that are provided to the Hilliard Food Pantry and the VA Food Pantry in Chillicothe. The funds were also generously donated by our parishioners to purchase the supplies.



**SVdP Sandwich-making for the homeless:** Meet in Wellnitz Hall on the first Thursday at 10 AM and the third Thursday at 7 PM to make sandwiches for the homeless. Food and supplies are provided.



In June, our St. Vincent de Paul's **Thanksgiving in June Food Drive** to further help families in need, adds about **3,500 pounds of food** to our parish's annual contribution to the Hilliard Food Pantry. Please save nonperishable food items to help support this year's Food Drive on June 13-28!

### **MORE ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE OPPORTUNITIES...**

**"Food for the 4th" Food Donation Collection at the Hilliard Parade:** On Saturday, July 4, 2026, food items will be collected along the Hilliard parade route by parishioners for the Hilliard Food Pantry.

**St. Brendan School House Cereal Drive** also supports the Hilliard Food Pantry. This year, students donated **1,500 boxes of cereal** to help feed the hungry!

## Clothing the Naked

**CLOTHING DRIVES:** On April 18 and 19, parishioners donated gently used clothes and household items to our **SVdP Thrift Store Donation Drive**, which was a huge success – the largest one yet, **filling 4 trailers and 2 box trucks!**



## Welcoming the Stranger

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES:** Our St. Brendan **Welcome Ministry** members offer a greeting and a smile to all those who attend Mass each weekend and wish them a good day as they leave. Our **Coffee & Donuts Ministry** is always looking for ministries or families to host after the 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses on the first and third Sundays. To join either ministry, email [hospitality@stbrendans.net](mailto:hospitality@stbrendans.net)



The KofC **"Coats for Kids"** Drive in November provided **432 coats** to 5 different agencies for youth throughout our area. To inquire about St. Brendan Knights of Columbus: Fred Kierner, [KOFC11208@gmail.com](mailto:KOFC11208@gmail.com)



## Visiting the Imprisoned

**KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY:** For 28 years, Kairos Prison Ministry volunteers have reached out to inmates at the Marion and London Correctional Institutions, offering them messages of forgiveness and redemption. The St. Brendan cookies, prayers, and donations provide unwavering support to this powerful ministry. From April 30 to May 3, 2026, **eight St. Brendan men** are part of a 40-men interdenominational team that's changing the hearts of **36 inmates** in London Correctional Institution by showing them the love of Christ. After inmates experience Christ's forgiveness, they grow their faith through supporting each other in Prayer, Study and Christian Action. Our parishioners provided **508 dozen cookies** and many prayers, demonstrated by hundreds of prayer strips, as well as financial donations that cover a fourth of the cost of the weekend. Questions about Kairos? Email Tim Reno, [tireno04@gmail.com](mailto:tireno04@gmail.com)



## HILLIARD ADOPT-A-HOUSE

Habitat for Humanity will begin working on their next new house for our Hilliard Adopt-A-House team. There are three St. Brendan Parish volunteers involved but more are needed! Anyone 18 years of age or older can participate. Teens ages 16-18 are able to participate with parental consent and adult supervision. No experience necessary and tools and safety equipment are provided. To be added to The St. Brendan Habitat for Humanity email list for notifications of upcoming work days, please email Bonnie Roberts at [StBrendanHabitat@gmail.com](mailto:StBrendanHabitat@gmail.com)



**"MEASURE UP":** The Knights of Columbus "Measure Up" Drive is an annual street collection to benefit those with developmental disabilities. **Over \$370,000 is raised** for statewide and local agencies that sponsor training and support programs for the developmentally disabled. St. Brendan KofC funds go to support **Special Olympics Ohio and Hilliard Special Olympics.**



## WOMEN'S CARE CENTER OF COLUMBUS:

St. Brendan parishioners **donated \$4,079** in monetary donations and **\$12,056** in items collected for mothers and babies through the Knights of Columbus Baby Shower.

## SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE COLLECTION:

St. Brendan parishioners donated enough funds and bed linens for KofC to provide **500 beds** for kids who did not have a bed.

# Parish Ministries Performing SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY



## Praying for the Living & the Dead

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** For over 60 hours a week, the St. Brendan Adoration Chapel hosts the True Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. From His place on the altar, He is ready to receive each one of the adorers who spend just a few minutes to an hour or more at a time. In this spiritual devotion, adorers come to pray for themselves or others in need, to give thanks, to learn through spiritual or scriptural reading, or simply to sit in silence to receive the consolation that comes from His gaze. Ultimately, Jesus is present there to fortify us in our spiritual and earthly missions, to help us to remember that He is the One who has the power to hear us and to heal us and those for whom we pray.



**Adorers, team members and captains** devote themselves to this spiritual work every week. A **book of prayer intentions** sits under the check-in kiosk outside the chapel to write an intention or to offer someone else's need when you go inside. Spending an hour in prayer for someone's intention is both a sacrifice and a gift. Taking the time for oneself to seek refuge or support before leaving the church to live in our world becomes a necessity – many of our adorers sign up for a weekly hour, recognizing the need to be in prayer in His presence. The fruits of praying this way are many, but most say the greatest benefit is growing in relationship with Jesus as He strengthens and restores them with His peace. Sign up at [stbrendan.weadorehim.com](http://stbrendan.weadorehim.com) to adore. Questions? Email Jan Sampson at [jansampson@me.com](mailto:jansampson@me.com)

**PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US:** Our St. Brendan Knights of Columbus lead us in praying the Rosary after Saturday 8 AM Mass weekly. (*Guides can be found in the Church Gathering Space.*)

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** Join parishioners who knit and crochet prayer shawls for the homebound, grieving, and ill. Meets on first Saturdays and third Wednesdays monthly in the Carter Center. Members can teach you how to crochet or knit! Finished shawls can be found to take in the Adoration Chapel (find the lower drawer on the left side marked "Prayer Shawls"). Questions? Email Kathy, [kendriz@aol.com](mailto:kendriz@aol.com) or Karen, [kkessmith@yahoo.com](mailto:kkessmith@yahoo.com)



## Counseling the Doubtful

**THE INVITING CATHOLICS HOME MINISTRY** prays daily for those away from their faith. The St. Monica Prayer Boards will go up in the Church Gathering Space in June to write the first name of loved ones for whom you would like us to pray during the St. Monica Mass and Reception on August 27 (on St. Monica's Feast Day). Questions? Email Janet Walsh at [jlwalsh1@gmail.com](mailto:jlwalsh1@gmail.com)

## Healing the Sick

**MINISTRY OF CARE TO THE HOMEBOUND & NURSING FACILITIES:**



In our **Ministry of Care and Consolation**, both the spiritual and corporal works of mercy are lived out by many volunteers who have decided to simply be present to those in need of comfort. Our **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** travel to 14 facilities and several homes in our area to bring Jesus Himself in the Eucharist, pray with those who cannot attend Mass, and serve as the connection with our parish family.



**Our funeral team** support families of those who have died by assisting them with planning the funeral, being present to greet and guide that day, and follow up after the funeral for support. Our **Celebration of Life Luncheon** team lifts a burden of "one more thing" by planning and serving a meal so those who mourn can gather in community to remember their loved ones. These ministries provide a way to bring the love and consolation of Christ. **Funeral Hospitality:** Email Nell, [doconnell@stbrendans.net](mailto:doconnell@stbrendans.net)  
**Celebration of Life Lunch:** Email [Barb1997Scott@gmail.com](mailto:Barb1997Scott@gmail.com)



## Comforting the Afflicted

Fr. Jacob Stinnett and Fr. Mike have been blessed to have four seminarians learning how to do hospital ministry at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and the James Cancer Hospital. They are learning to provide pastoral care, the Sacraments, and to interact with patients, family members, medical and pastoral care staffs. Spring Semester will be ending soon for them at The Pontifical College Josephinum!



## May Spotlight

### Mary, Fatima, Saint Brendan & Parish Ministries

During the month of May, the focus is on Mary during "the month of Our Lady." All of nature rejoices with the Queen of heaven at the Resurrection of the Son Whom she was worthy to bear. The Easter season, represented by the color white, ends on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Ordinary Time begins that Monday and is represented by the liturgical color green.

Other liturgical highlights in May are:

May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

May 16: Solemnity of St. Brendan

May 17: Ascension Sunday

May 31: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

On our bookmark cards in May, we are sharing facts about St. Brendan, our parish Patron Saint, in celebration of his Feast Day on May 16. May 24 is Pentecost, the birth of the Church, born with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. Also, find information about some of our ministries that focus on Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, as well as books about Mary and Fatima that you can take home and share with others.

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

## St. Brendan Day at OSU, May 9

The men of Esto Vir are sponsoring a St. Brendan's Day at Ohio State on Saturday, May 9, 3 PM at the Bill Davis Stadium, OSU campus. Join us for a day of faith, fellowship and take in some Ohio State Baseball with fellow parishioners, family, and friends. Build community in a family-friendly atmosphere. Purchase your discounted tickets via the QR code or at <https://bit.ly/stbOSUtix>



## 2026 Parish Festival Sponsors & Donors

Planning for our 2026 Parish Summer Festival is underway. We are currently searching for businesses who may be interested in sponsorships for our Parish Festival this summer taking place August 7 and 8. Find details or fill out the sponsor form at <https://tinyurl.com/sponsor4stb> and email Kevin Quinn with any questions at [kquinn323@gmail.com](mailto:kquinn323@gmail.com). We are also looking for your corporate services or item donations for our Festival Silent Auction (returning this year!) Details and ways to donate are coming soon! Questions about the Silent Auction? Email Jackie Bensman at [j\\_bensman@hotmail.com](mailto:j_bensman@hotmail.com)

## Weekly/Monthly Parish Ministries & 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! Questions? Email [thelonggears@gmail.com](mailto:thelonggears@gmail.com)

**St. Brendan Young Adults** – Those in their 20s & 30s meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month, 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)

**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 single/widowed/divorced persons, ages 45+. To join, email Chris at [chrishauk0522@gmail.com](mailto:chrishauk0522@gmail.com)

## Seniors NOW (Navigating Our Way) For those age 65+

**MAY 11, MONDAY, 12 PM** – Lunch at El Vaquero, (3580 W. Dublin Granville Rd.)

**JUNE 5, 8 AM** – 1st Friday Mass & breakfast at Hella's (9346 Dublin Rd., Powell)

## 2026 Men's Retreat - Register by May 16!

Men of our parish, do you feel life is leaving you searching for any passion? Are you stuck with that one vice you can't root out of your heart? Come to learn the ancient Christian practice of "Momento Mori" and recapture a new zest for life at the 2026 Men's Retreat, May 30-31. Cost is \$140. Register/pay online at [www.tinyurl.com/men2026retreat](http://www.tinyurl.com/men2026retreat) by May 16 OR, pay by check (made to "Knights of Columbus 11208") via the paper form/info sheet on the Welcome Desk. Fill out/mail form to: Mike Gunnarson, 6928 Ernest Way, Dublin, OH 43017. Questions? Email Mike at [Mikegunnarson@gmail.com](mailto:Mikegunnarson@gmail.com)

*food for thought* ~St. Teresa of Calcutta

*"Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness."*

## 2026-27 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



Learn more about our programs and register via the QR code or at [tinyurl.com/FFFstB](https://tinyurl.com/FFFstB)  
Volunteers are also needed!

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Jacob Doran at 614-876-1272 ext. 231 or [jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net)



# Family Faith Formation

## WHO IS FAMILY FAITH FORMATION FOR?

Family Faith Formation is for all families of our parish! Those with children in grades 1-8 who do not attend a Catholic school should be enrolled in Family Faith Formation, which serves as our PSR and Sacrament Preparation program for children, but also includes content and community for parents as well.

## THREE STEPS TO REGISTER:

1. Book a meeting with Jacob Doran (in person, by phone, or online)
2. Complete a child registration (one per child)
3. Complete parent registration and payment.



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## First Holy Communion

Our First Holy Communion Masses are on May 3 and 10. Please join us in praying for all those who will be partaking in their First Holy Communion this weekend and next. Watch for celebratory messages, photos and names in the next couple bulletins.

# MAY VINE SCHEDULE



FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ARE WELCOME TO START ATTENDING!



**MAY 3** TRUE FREEDOM AND GREAT HOPE  
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**MAY 10** NO VINE - MOTHER'S DAY

**MAY 17** LAST VINE - WEAR ALL BLACK / BRING A TOWEL!  
6:30-8:30 PM - ST.B / SCHOOL GYM

FOLLOW @STBVINE ON INSTAGRAM OR EMAIL [KSHAND@STBRENDANS.NET](mailto:KSHAND@STBRENDANS.NET) FOR DETAILS AND UPDATES

## St. Brendan Athletic Scholarships

St. Brendan Athletics Association established two \$1,000 scholarships for one male and one female student to aid in tuition at a Catholic high school. Fill out the form/apply by May 8 at [www.stbrendans.net/athletics](http://www.stbrendans.net/athletics)

## 2026/27 Kindergarten Registration

Registration is now open for the 2026/2027 St. Brendan school year. Request information, schedule a tour, or register now at [www.stbrendans.net/school](http://www.stbrendans.net/school)

## POD Nursery Volunteers

Help is needed watching parishioner's children on Sundays during the 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses in our nursery. (Ages 18+ must be *Safe Environment compliant*.) Sign up by emailing [nursery@stbrendans.net](mailto:nursery@stbrendans.net)

## Roots for Middle Schoolers

The last Roots Night will be May 17 (outside.)

**2026 ROOTS RETREAT** – After the busy school year, the Roots Retreat is an AMAZING way for children to start summer off on the right foot - surrendering the past year to God, filling them with hope for what is to come - and most importantly, growing their relationship with Jesus. Our Roots Retreat this year is in the School Gym on May 29, 6:30-8:30 PM and May 30, 8 AM until after the 5:30 Mass. (Note: Children will be staying at their own homes overnight.) The retreat concludes with a pasta bar dinner for parents and families! Register by May 12 at <https://tinyurl.com/roots26retreat>  
Questions? Email Anna at [amarino@stbrendans.net](mailto:amarino@stbrendans.net)



## The Appeal —2026—

The Appeal is a diocese-wide effort to support the essential ministries, formation, and outreach throughout our 23 counties. It is a powerful opportunity to unite as one Church and one Body of Christ to share in our call to be good stewards of our Church and its people. Watch for details in next week's bulletin and letters coming in the mail!

### Graduating Seniors' Mass

Due to a low level of interest from graduating seniors, our parish will not be holding a Baccalaureate Mass this year. We remain committed to celebrating this important milestone and will revisit the opportunity to offer a Baccalaureate Mass next year. Thank you for your understanding.

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**July 6-10**

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 Includes Daily Mass! ●

We need your assistance in hosting the missionaries with meals and/or a place to sleep. If you can help, email Sarah at [spennington@stbrendans.net](mailto:spennington@stbrendans.net)

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## Ice Cream Party!

**WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!**



The first grade at St. Brendan School held a VIP Ice Cream Party as part of the school auction. Allison and Marco hosted the party for first graders, administrators and priests. Kroger gave a generous donation to support the party with ice cream, paper products and toppings. Everyone enjoyed the sunny afternoon with a sweet treat.

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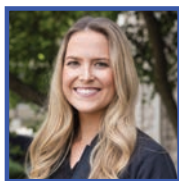
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