

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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From Our Pastor ON THIS SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY,

we come to celebrate one of the great mysteries of one God, three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit – the Most Holy Trinity. As we read in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

CCC 234: *The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith".56*

The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin".57

But to celebrate fully this Solemnity and live it, we need first to come to some understanding of who God is – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Recall last Sunday's Gospel on the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven when Jesus gave His disciples the "great commission," saying:

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

When Jesus sent the disciples out to proclaim His teachings and to baptize, He didn't give them the instructions to baptize in the "names" of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — as if they were three different gods — but in the "name," for they are fundamentally a union of three persons. This is what the term "Trinity" means. It was devised by the early Church apologist Tertullian around the year 200 from the Latin words "unitas" and "trinus," literally "unity" and "three." It signifies that there is a unity of three persons in one God. I could spend much time delving into the Theology of the Holy Trinity, but I believe it is most important that each of us seek and develop a fruitful, spiritual relationship with each member of the Holy Trinity, turning in prayer to each member, and remembering the importance of each encounter.

† **Encountering God the Father: Creator of Heaven and Earth, all Things, and We His Children.** It is Jesus Who invites us to call God "Our Father," the Father "Abba," moving our relationship from Creator to each of us being a deeply loved child of God – God Who loves us without bounds. Resting in the Father's unending love for us anchors our true worth, freeing us from our perceived need to prove and position ourselves in the "way of the world" as a means of "power" and measure of "success" and welcoming us back as a result of our poor choices and sin (ref. the parable of the Prodigal Son). Recognizing God as our Father Who created us and provides for us allows us to surrender our human fears and anxieties, trusting that He orders everything for our good.

† **Encountering God the Son: the Only Son of God, Who Redeems, Saves and Shepherds Us.** Jesus took on our human nature (He is one person, two natures, one human and one divine), Christ understands firsthand the joys of our human life, along with the human challenges we face – our sufferings, physical and emotional pains, temptations, regrets, loneliness and isolation. Such empathy for us on a level that is difficult, at times, to understand! Christ, though He ascended into Heaven, is with us always – "behold, I am with you always until the end of the age" (Mt 28:12), shepherding us on the path that leads to eternal life with Him in Heaven. Jesus provides the necessary nourishment through His teachings and His sacraments, and provides us with the opportunity to conform our minds and hearts to His Mind and Most Sacred Heart.

† **Encountering God the Holy Spirit: Who Inspires and Prompts Us, Strengthens Us, Intercedes for Us.** The Holy Spirit is an intimate, 24/7 helper, counselor and guide Who is closer to us than we sometimes comprehend. Connectivity with the Spirit sharpens our spiritual intuition, helps us navigate daily decisions and inspires/prompts us to make choices that reflect, and are in faithful witness to, the Divine Wisdom and way of Christ and adhering to the will of God versus blindly following the empty way of the world. The results of a life lived in accordance with the Spirit are many, including the actualization of the seven gifts of the Spirit and supernatural graces — wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord – along with the 12 fruits/virtues of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

These brief insights become highly practical when we reflect that each of us have been made in the image and likeness of God and are called to communion with Him. To gain a deeper theological understanding of the Church's teaching on The Holy Trinity, via the explanation of what we profess in The Creed, please read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 198–1065, available at <https://www.usccb.org/catechism-of-the-catholic-church>

OUR HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV on May 25 issued his Encyclical **MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS** – "On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence." As the Holy Father writes: "Faced with this concentration of power in the digital world, the criteria for judgment and discernment in this new situation are the noble principles of Social Doctrine: the inalienable dignity of the human person, the common good, the universal destination of goods, subsidiarity, solidarity and social justice. They demand that we assess whether the power of digital infrastructures and algorithms truly fosters participation and responsibility, protects the vulnerable, ensures fair access to opportunities and remains directed toward the good of all" (MH #96). Visit <https://bit.ly/pope2026ai> to read this Encyclical in its entirety.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING FR. JACOB GORDON for his ministry with us at Saint Brendan. Fr. Gordon is a priest of the Diocese of Toledo and his Bishop requested that he return. Let us pray for Fr. Gordon as he, with his pastoral heart, returns to his home Diocese to labor in the vineyard for the salvation of souls.

Fr. Mike

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..”

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (CCC)

CCC #232 Christians are baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Before receiving the sacrament, they respond to a three-part question when asked to confess the Father, the Son and the Spirit: "I do." "The faith of all Christians rests on the Trinity."

CCC #233 Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity.

CCC #234 The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith." The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin."

CCC #235 This paragraph expounds briefly (I) how the mystery of the Blessed Trinity was revealed, (II) how the Church has articulated the doctrine of the faith regarding this mystery, and (III) how, by the divine missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit, God the Father fulfills the "plan of his loving goodness" of creation, redemption and sanctification.

CCC #236 The Fathers of the Church distinguish between theology (*theologia*) and economy (*oikonomia*). "Theology" refers to the mystery of God's inmost life within the Blessed Trinity and "economy" to all the works by which God reveals himself and communicates his life. Through the *oikonomia* the *theologia* is revealed to us; but conversely, the *theologia* illuminates the whole *oikonomia*. God's works reveal who he is in himself; the mystery of his inmost being enlightens our understanding of all his works. So it is, analogously, among human persons. A person discloses himself in his actions, and the better we know a person, the better we understand his actions.

CCC #237 The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the "mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God." To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

THE HOLY TRINITY IN THE TEACHING OF THE FAITH

The formation of the Trinitarian dogma

CCC #249 From the beginning, the revealed truth of the Holy Trinity has been at the very root of the Church's living faith, principally by means of Baptism. It finds its expression in the rule of baptismal faith, formulated in the preaching, catechesis and prayer of the Church. Such formulations are already found in the apostolic writings, such as this salutation taken up in the Eucharistic liturgy: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

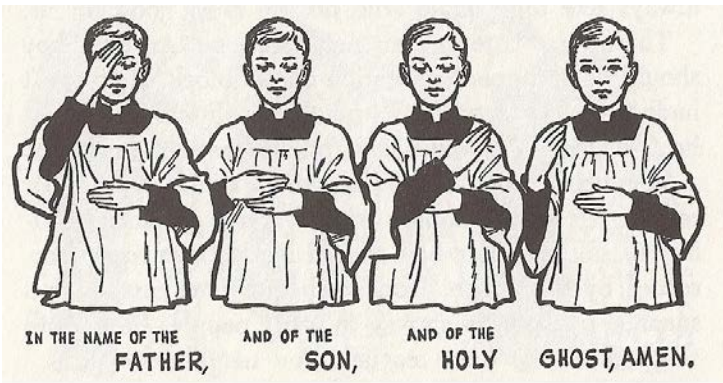
CCC #250 During the first centuries the Church sought to clarify her Trinitarian faith, both to deepen her own understanding of the faith and to defend it against the errors that were deforming it. This clarification was the work of the early councils, aided by the theological work of the Church Fathers and sustained by the Christian people's sense of the faith.

CCC #251 In order to articulate the dogma of the Trinity, the Church had to develop her own terminology with the help of certain notions of philosophical origin: "substance," "person" or "hypostasis," "relation" and so on. In doing this, she did not submit the faith to human wisdom, but gave a new and unprecedented meaning to these terms, which from then on would be used to signify an ineffable mystery, "infinitely beyond all that we can humanly understand."

CCC #252 The Church uses (I) the term "substance" (rendered also at times by "essence" or "nature") to designate the divine being in its unity, (II) the term "person" or "hypostasis" to designate the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the real distinction among them, and (III) the term "relation" to designate the fact that their distinction lies in the relationship of each to the others.

The dogma of the Holy Trinity

CCC #253 The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the "consubstantial Trinity".⁸³ The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: "The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that which the Holy Spirit is, i.e. by nature one God."⁸⁴ In the words of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), "Each of the persons is that supreme reality, viz., the divine substance, essence or nature."



IN BRIEF...

CCC #261 The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

CCC #262 The Incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father the Son is one and the same God.

CCC #263 The mission of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in the name of the Son (Jn 14:26) and by the Son "from the Father" (Jn 15:26), reveals that, with them, the Spirit is one and the same God. "With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified" (Nicene Creed).

CCC #264 "The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father as the first principle and, by the eternal gift of this to the Son, from the communion of both the Father and the Son" (St. Augustine, De Trin. 15, 26, 47: PL 42, 1095).

CCC #265 By the grace of Baptism "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," we are called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity, here on earth in the obscurity of faith, and after death in eternal light (cf. Paul VI, CPG # 9).

CCC #266 "Now this is the Catholic faith: We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance; for the person of the Father is one, the Son's is another, the Holy Spirit's another; but the Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal" (Athanasian Creed: DS 75; ND 16).

CCC #267 Inseparable in what they are, the divine persons are also inseparable in what they do. But within the single divine operation each shows forth what is proper to him in the Trinity, especially in the divine missions of the Son's Incarnation and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is available online through many Catholic web page sources including, The Holy See at www.vatican.va. Sources of quotations used above are available at the Vatican web site.

CCC #254 The divine persons are really distinct from one another. "God is one but not solitary." "Father," "Son," "Holy Spirit" are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being, for they are really distinct from one another: "He is not the Father who is the Son, nor is the Son he who is the Father, nor is the Holy Spirit he who is the Father or the Son." They are distinct from one another in their relations of origin: "It is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds." The divine Unity is Triune.

CCC #255 The divine persons are relative to one another. Because it does not divide the divine unity, the real distinction of the persons from one another resides solely in the relationships which relate them to one another:

"In the relational names of the persons the Father is related to the Son, the Son to the Father, and the Holy Spirit to both. While they are called three persons in view of their relations, we believe in one nature or substance." Indeed "everything (in them) is one where there is no opposition of relationship." "Because of that unity the Father is wholly in the Son and wholly in the Holy Spirit; the Son is wholly in the Father and wholly in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is wholly in the Father and wholly in the Son."

CCC #256 Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, also called "the Theologian," entrusts this summary of Trinitarian faith to the catechumens of Constantinople:

Above all guard for me this great deposit of faith for which I live and fight, which I want to take with me as a companion, and which makes me bear all evils and despise all pleasures: I mean the profession of faith in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. I entrust it to you today. By it I am soon going to plunge you into water and raise you up from it. I give it to you as the companion and patron of your whole life. I give you but one divinity and power, existing one in three, and containing the three in a distinct way. Divinity without disparity of substance or nature, without superior degree that raises up or inferior degree that casts down... the infinite conaturality of three infinities. Each person considered in himself is entirely God... the three considered together... I have not even begun to think of unity when the Trinity bathes me in its splendor. I have not even begun to think of the Trinity when unity grasps me...

food for thought

"To our weak minds, to our weak hands, He entrusts His truth – the mystery of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; the mystery of God who 'so loved the world that he gave his only Son' (Jn 3: 16). He made us His friends – and how do we respond?"

~ Pope Benedict XVI

21 Things we do when we make the Sign of the Cross

Article by Stephen Beale, available courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.

The Sign of the Cross is a simple gesture yet a profound expression of faith for both Catholic and Orthodox Christians. As Catholics, it's something we do when we enter a church, after we receive Communion, before meals, and every time we pray. But what exactly are we doing when we make the Sign of the Cross? **Here are 21 things:**

1. PRAY

We begin and end our prayers with the Sign of the Cross, perhaps not realizing that the sign is itself a prayer. If prayer, at its core, is "an uprising of the mind to God," as St. John Damascene put it, then the Sign of the Cross assuredly qualifies. "No empty gesture, the sign of the cross is a potent prayer that engages the Holy Spirit as the divine advocate and agent of our successful Christian living," writes Bert Ghezzi.

2. OPEN OURSELVES TO GRACE

As a sacramental, the Sign of the Cross prepares us for receiving God's blessing and disposes us to cooperate with His grace, according to Ghezzi.

3. SANCTIFY THE DAY

As an act repeated throughout the key moments of each day, the Sign of the Cross sanctifies our day. "At every forward step and movement, at every going in and out, when we put on our clothes and shoes, when we bathe, when we sit at table, when we light the lamps, on couch, on seat, in all the ordinary actions of daily life, we trace upon the forehead the sign," wrote Tertullian.

4. COMMIT THE WHOLE SELF TO CHRIST

In moving our hands from our foreheads to our hearts and then both shoulders, we are asking God's blessing for our mind, our passions and desires, our very bodies. In other words, the Sign of the Cross commits us, body and soul, mind and heart, to Christ. (I'm paraphrasing this Russian Orthodox writer.) "Let it take in your whole being – body, soul, mind, will, thoughts, feelings, you're doing and not-doing – and by signing it with the cross strengthen and consecrate the whole in the strength of Christ, in the name of the triune God," said twentieth century theologian Romano Guardini.

5. RECALL THE INCARNATION

Our movement is downward, from our foreheads to our chest "because Christ descended from the heavens to the earth," Pope Innocent III wrote in his instructions on making the Sign of the Cross. Holding two fingers together – either the thumb with the ring finger or with index finger – also represents the two natures of Christ.

6. REMEMBER THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Fundamentally, in tracing out the outlines of a cross on ourselves, we are remembering Christ's crucifixion. This remembrance is deepened if we keep our right hand open, using all five fingers to make the sign – corresponding to the Five Wounds of Christ.

7. AFFIRM THE TRINITY

In invoking the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are affirming our belief in a triune God. This is also reinforced by using three fingers to make the sign, according to Pope Innocent III.

8. FOCUS OUR PRAYER ON GOD

One of the temptations in prayer is to address it to God as we

conceive of Him – the man upstairs, our buddy, a sort of cosmic genie, etc. When this happens, our prayer becomes more about us than an encounter with the living God. The Sign of the Cross immediately focuses us on the true God, according to Ghezzi: "When we invoke the Trinity, we fix our attention on the God who made us, not on the God we have made.

We fling our images aside and address our prayers to God as he has revealed himself to be: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

9. AFFIRM THE PROCESSION OF SON AND SPIRIT

In first lifting our hand to our forehead we recall that the Father is the first person the Trinity. In lowering our hand we "express that the Son proceeds from the Father." And, in ending with the Holy Spirit, we signify that the Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, according to Francis de Sales.

10. CONFESS OUR FAITH

In affirming our belief in the Incarnation, the crucifixion, and the Trinity, we are making a sort of mini-confession of faith in words and gestures, proclaiming the core truths of the creed.

11. INVOKE THE POWER OF GOD'S NAME

In Scripture, God's name carries power. In Philippians 2:10, St. Paul tells us that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth." And, in John 14:13-14, Jesus Himself said, "And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

12. CRUCIFY OURSELVES WITH CHRIST

Whoever wishes to follow Christ "must deny himself" and "take up his cross" as Jesus told the disciples in Matthew 16:24. "I have been crucified with Christ," St. Paul writes in Galatians 2:19. "Proclaiming the sign of the cross proclaims our yes to this condition of discipleship," Ghezzi writes.

13. ASK FOR SUPPORT IN OUR SUFFERING

In crossing our shoulders we ask God "to support us – to shoulder us – in our suffering," Ghezzi writes.

14. REAFFIRM OUR BAPTISM

In using the same words with which we were baptized, the Sign of the Cross is a "summing up and re-acceptance of our baptism," according to then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

15. REVERSE THE CURSE

The Sign of the Cross recalls the forgiveness of sins and the reversal of the Fall by passing "from the left side of the curse to the right of blessing," according to de Sales. The movement from left to right also signifies our future passage from present misery to future glory just as Christ "crossed over from death to life and from Hades to Paradise," Pope Innocent II wrote.

16. REMAKE OURSELVES IN CHRIST'S IMAGE

In Colossians 3, St. Paul uses the image of clothing to describe how our sinful natures are transformed in Christ. We are to take off the old self and put on the self "which is being renewed ... in the image of its creator," Paul tells us. The Church Fathers saw a connection between this verse and the stripping of Christ on the cross, "teaching that stripping off our old nature in baptism and putting on a new one was a participation in Christ's stripping at his crucifixion," Ghezzi writes. He concludes that we can view

the Sign of the Cross as “our way of participating in Christ’s stripping at the Crucifixion and his being clothed in glory at his resurrection.” Thus, in making the Sign of the Cross, we are radically identifying ourselves with the entirety of the crucifixion event – not just those parts of it we can accept or that are palatable to our sensibilities.

17. MARK OURSELVES FOR CHRIST

In ancient Greek, the word for sign was sphragis, which was also a mark of ownership, according to Ghezzi. “For example, a shepherd marked his sheep as his property with a brand that he called a sphragis,” Ghezzi writes. In making the Sign of the Cross, we mark ourselves as belonging to Christ, our true shepherd.

18. SOLDIER ON FOR CHRIST

The sphragis was also the term for a general’s name that would be tattooed on his soldiers, according to Ghezzi. This too is an apt metaphor for the Christian life: while we can be compared to sheep in the sense of following Christ as our shepherd we are not called to be sheepish. We instead are called to be soldiers of Christ. As St. Paul wrote in Ephesians 6, “Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil... take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

19. WARD OFF THE DEVIL

The Sign of the Cross is one of the very weapons we use in that battle with the devil. As one medieval preacher named Aelfric declared, “A man may wave about wonderfully with his hands without creating any blessing unless he make the sign of the cross. But, if he do, the fiend will soon be frightened on account of the victorious token.” In another statement, attributed to St. John Chrysostom, demons are said to “fly away” at the Sign of the Cross “dreading it as a staff that they are beaten with.” (Source: Catholic Encyclopedia.)

20. SEAL OURSELVES IN THE SPIRIT

In the New Testament, the word sphragis, mentioned above, is also sometimes translated as seal, as in 2 Corinthians 1:22, where St. Paul writes that, “the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.” In making the Sign of the Cross, we are once again sealing ourselves in the Spirit, invoking His powerful intervention in our lives.

21. WITNESS TO OTHERS

As a gesture often made in public, the Sign of the Cross is a simple way to witness our faith to others. “Let us not then be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Be the Cross our seal made with boldness by our fingers on our brow, and on everything; over the bread we eat, and the cups we drink; in our comings in, and goings out; before our sleep, when we lie down and when we rise up; when we are in the way, and when we are still,” wrote St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

Me, Myself & I: the Unholy Trinity

Article by Marcellino D’Ambrosio, Ph.D., courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.

When “Self” Magazine made its debut a few decades ago, it certainly was a sign of the times. Ours is an age when it is socially acceptable to admit that life is all about me.

But selfishness is nothing new. Ever since Eve bit into the forbidden fruit, human beings have made the choice to dethrone God and put in His place the unholy trinity of me, myself, and I.

But Jesus commands us to “love thy neighbor as thyself.” Doesn’t this imply that love of self is OK, even required. Absolutely.

God placed in us a drive towards self-preservation. He made beneficial activities, like eating, pleasurable and made destructive activities painful.

But He also gave us intellect and will so that we are not driven simply by instinct, as are the animals. Thus the ancient enemy of humanity has to do his best to deceive our intellect into thinking that what is destructive is actually good for us. And he entices us to use our will to choose these destructive things contrary to God’s commandments. The end justifies the means, he argues, and so if we have to trample over others and defy God to get what we want, so be it.

This is the kind of self-love that Jesus condemns (Mt 10:37-42), as it leads to ruin, confusion, and emptiness. There is no way to tame this or to fit religion into it. The only solution is to kill it.

In Baptism, this old egocentric self is crucified and buried with Christ (Romans 6:11). There can only be one Lord – Jesus or me. Accepting Him means allowing Him to be boss, allowing Him to call the shots and direct my steps. Picking up the cross and following Him means accepting the Father’s will, even where it “crosses” my will, even when it leads to suffering. This is the meaning of Jesus’ words to Peter “as a young man you fastened your belt and went about as you pleased, but when you are older, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie you fast and carry you off against your will” (John 21:18)

When Jesus had finished saying this, He looked at Peter and said “Follow me.” Several years ago He said much the same thing to a new successor of Peter, Pope Benedict XVI. Those pundits who spoke of his maneuvering to build support for his “candidacy” before and during the conclave made me laugh. Cardinal Ratzinger, before he was elected Pope and took the name Benedict XVI, had tried to retire twice before the death of Pope John Paul II! Both times, Pope John Paul II refused to accept Cardinal Ratzinger’s resignation. When during the conclave Cardinal Ratzinger saw that momentum had begun building for his election, he cried out to God begging to be spared. The room where the newly elected Pope first dons the Papal vestments is called the “Room of tears” for a reason.

Jesus says “follow me” to each of us. It may mean making a change of career. It may mean breaking off a relationship that is leading us away from Christ. Or it may just mean doing what we are already doing but for an entirely different reason... achieving great things not to draw attention to ourselves, but to glorify Christ... seeking an intimate relationship no longer to take but to give... working not for the weekend, but for the glory of God and His kingdom.

The ironic thing is that such abandonment of our own agenda is precisely what allows God the freedom to give us the true desire of our hearts. For he knows us better than we know ourselves and he loves us more than we love ourselves. So to lose ourselves for his sake finally makes it possible for us to find ourselves.

To renounce self-love is actually enlightened self-interest.

Grow Close to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



**MONTH OF JUNE:
DEDICATED TO
THE SACRED
HEART OF
JESUS**

May is the month of Mary; July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus; October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary; November, traditionally, we pray for the dead. Finally, our focal point of this essay, is who we honor in the most special way in the month of June, and that is *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*.

We will encourage our readers to cultivate a deeper devotion to the most Sacred of Jesus by offering ten concrete suggestions. The clearest and most tangible symbol of God's love for us is the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Burning Furnace of Charity. Draw close with great confidence and allow His Sacred Heart burning with love for you to set your heart on fire with love for Him and for the salvation of the whole world!

1. BIBLE RESOURCES

First and foremost, we should be keenly aware of the many passages where we can encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Bible, the Word of God. A few passages that can encourage your meditation:

- A. Lk. Chapter 1. The most Sacred Heart of Jesus was being formed in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the course of her pregnancy, which lasted about nine months. By honoring the most pure womb of Mary, we are indirectly honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus and promoting respect for human life from conception until natural death.
- B. Mt. 11:28-30. Jesus Himself describes His own Heart with two words: meek and humble. Let us often pray this short prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: "Jesus meek and humble of Heart make my heart like unto thine."
- C. Mt. 26:26-28 – *The Last Supper*. It was at the Last Supper that Jesus instituted the most Holy Eucharist which is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Of course, the most noble organ in the human person is the heart. Therefore, when we receive Holy Communion, we also receive the most Sacred Heart of Jesus; in a real sense, we can assert that every time we receive Holy Communion we receive a kind of heart transplant!
- D. Jn. 19 – *The Piercing of the Sacred Heart*. After Jesus died, breathing forth His Spirit into the hands of the eternal Father, the soldier with the lance thrust the sword which pierced the side and the Heart of Jesus, the Savior. From this open side and open Heart came gushing forth both blood and water.

Therefore, above are four Gospel passages that point to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus for your meditation and contemplation. Dig deep into the treasures of Sacred Scripture in which we encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

2. IMAGE AND ENTHRONEMENT

A practice most pleasing to God is purchasing an attractive image of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus and enthroning this image in a prominent place in your home. By doing this you are stating publicly that the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Lord Jesus is the Heart and center of your home and family.

Invite a priest into your home with the Book of Blessings and he can formally bless your home by enthroning the image of most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The ritual consists of a Biblical passage, prayers, holy water and the formal enthronement prayer. Enormous blessings flow from honoring the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially by means of a formal enthronement.

4. THE LITANY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Get into the habit of praying the Litany of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The mystical, Biblical and poetic beauty of this Litany indeed is most inspiring and uplifting to our spiritual life.

5. VISIT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN ADORATION

When you go to visit the most Blessed Sacrament in the Church – exposed or in the Tabernacle – then you are truly visiting the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saint Pope John Paul II asserted that the Tabernacle is indeed the living Heartbeat of the Catholic Church. The more people we have visiting the Blessed Sacrament – the most Sacred Heart of Jesus – the more healthy that Parish is!

6. HOLY COMMUNION AND THE SACRED HEART

As mentioned earlier, Holy Communion is the total Christ. Therefore, we receive in Holy Communion the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Receive Jesus often, but never in a routine or mechanical fashion, but rather with burning love and devotion!

7. JUNE: MONTH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

We should honor, praise, and worship the most Sacred Heart of Jesus always. However, the month of June is the month most specifically dedicated to honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all of my trust in You.

8. SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Within the context of the month of June, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This sublime and glorious Solemnity is celebrated on the Friday after the Sunday in which Corpus Christi is celebrated. On this day, in Holy Mass, we thank God for His infinite love that He has given to us in the Person of Jesus, but most especially in His Most Sacred Heart. As we contemplate the open Sacred Heart of Jesus that was pierced with the lance on Good Friday, we come to a keen awareness of how much Jesus really loves each and every one of us, having died for us and allowing His Sacred Heart to be pierced for us.

9. IMITATE THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Knowledge generates love, and love generates imitation, and imitation eventually generates transformation. Saint Paul could assert with utmost sincerity: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." The virtues manifested in the Sacred Heart of Jesus are many: humility, compassion, patience,

courage, purity, obedience, penance, meekness, and most especially that of charity – supernatural love. By striving to imitate these virtues, you will most surely be on the highway to holiness and the highway to heaven.

10. SACRED HEART OF JESUS & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

It would be incomplete if we did not encourage all of those growing in love for the most Sacred Heart of Jesus to cultivate devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As stated at the start of this essay, the most Sacred Heart of Jesus was formed in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary for nine months.

For this reason, why not enthrone the most Sacred Heart of Jesus in union with enthronement of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; they are indeed inseparable!

In conclusion, as we struggle in our daily pilgrimage towards heaven in this valley of tears, in this spiritual war-zone, striving to carry our cross and burdens patiently, let us seek refuge frequently in the Immaculate Heart of Mary and in the Sacred Heart of Jesus– the two most safe refuges! Trustfully heed the words that issued from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest; for I am meek and humble of Heart; my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Mt 11:28-30) If we seek refuge in His Sacred Heart in life, then we will be able to rest on His Sacred Heart in heaven for all eternity!

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The Holy Trinity

Article by Fr. Richard A. Tomasek, S.J.

The heart and pulsing source of reality is God. Through the things He has made God has revealed many of His qualities like His power, wisdom, providence, beauty and goodness. It was only through Jesus, His only-begotten Son whom He sent as a man into this world, that we have come to know the depth of God's inner life, namely, that this One God is Three Persons.

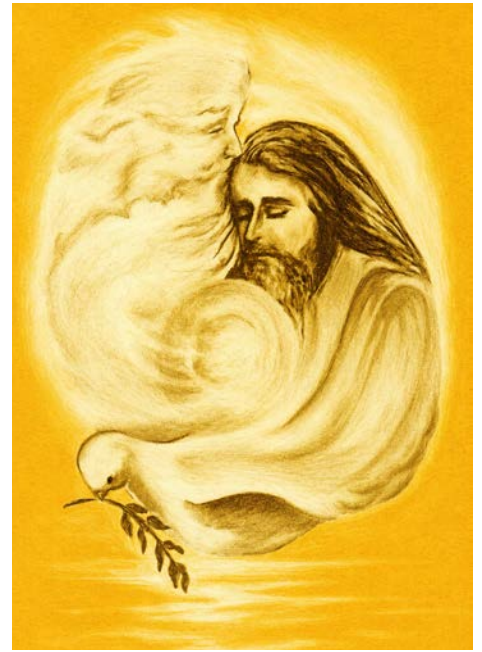
It is ironic then, that our interpersonal God is frequently viewed through the images of very impersonal images: a triangle, a three-leaved clover leaf, a strange mathematical statement of three in one and one in three. It doesn't help most of us to hear the precise philosophical language of ancient Greek philosophy which tells us that the one God has one divine "nature" but that He consists of three "persons." Here, the word person does not mean a separate personality such as we normally use the term. "Person," in Greek philosophy means "relationship." The person of the Father means that the First Person of the Trinity relates to the Second Person as father and begetter, whereas the Second Person relates to the Father as the son or the begotten one. The Third Person, the Holy Spirit, is the Love that the Father and the Son have for one another. Some people, impatient with these explanations, just throw up their hands in consternation and say: "It's all a mystery!" They give up the search.

Theological precision about the nature and persons of God was achieved through much blood, sweat and tears during the first six centuries of the Church. Different heresies denied one or other important truths about God. Some, like the Arians, said that Jesus was just a great man but not God. The Monophysites claimed that Jesus was God but not a real man. The Nestorians said that we can't call Mary the Mother of God because she was the mother only of His human being, thus separating the seamless unity of Jesus' divine and human natures. Others denied that the Holy Spirit was divine, etc.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* will give us the necessary theological parameters for thinking about the Trinity. But we must go further and reach into the Persons of the Trinity and Their relationships with each other and with us. We will find the greatest help in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. How beautiful it is to meditate on how the Father relates to Jesus: "You are my beloved Son in whom I take delight" (Mk 1:2). Listening to Jesus we are given many windows into who the Father is and how Jesus loves and entrusts Himself to Him. For instance, "At that very moment [Jesus] rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and learned you have revealed them to the childlike. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him'" (Lk 10:21-22).

The Three Divine Persons want a very personal relationship with each of us. At the Last Supper Jesus says, "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" (Jo 14:23). It is very important that each of us pray to each of the Divine persons individually – entrusting oneself to the mercy and providence of the Father, to the brotherly love of Jesus our Savior, and to the spousal love and gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is fine to pray, "Dear God, help me..." But more often, let us pray to each Divine person individually, even when we reverently make the Sign of the Cross.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY, JUNE 1

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: Catholic Mysticism Study	School Library

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

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
7:00 PM	OCIA Summer Cohort 2026	Davidson, Room B

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Adult Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible	Davidson, Room B
7:00 PM	Summer VINE Formation	Wellnitz, Rooms 1 & 2

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	Church, Hella's, Powell
8:30 AM-12:00 AM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	Men's Club Steak & Ale Night	Campus Outdoors
7:00 PM	Summer VINE	Wellnitz, Rooms 1 & 2
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. First Friday Book Club	Carter Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

DAMASCUS SUMMER YOUTH CAMP 2026, JUNE 7-12

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee and Donuts	Davidson, Rooms A & B
11:45 AM (after 10:45 AM Mass)	Corpus Christi Procession	Outdoor Campus/Church
6:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Ministry of Care: Grief Support Group	Wellnitz, Room 1

INCENSE

SCHEDULE: May 31, 5:30 PM
Sundays, unless otherwise noted.



CONTEMPORARY MUSIC SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM, All Sunday Masses
Masses with contemporary music will utilize the screens.

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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

The month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

“In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course. Since the truth can be assaulted but never defeated or falsified, with our tired mind let us turn to the words of Solomon: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own prudence. Think on him in all your ways, and he will guide your steps. In another place he says: The name of the Lord is an impregnable tower. The just man seeks refuge in it and he will be saved. Let us stand fast in what is right and prepare our souls for trial. Let us wait upon God’s strengthening aid and say to him: O Lord, you have been our refuge in all generations. Let us trust in him who has placed this burden upon us. What we ourselves cannot bear let us bear with the help of Christ. For he is all-powerful and he tells us: My yoke is easy and my burden is light. Let us continue the fight on the day of the Lord. The days of anguish and of tribulation have overtaken us; if God so wills, let us die for the holy laws of our fathers, so that we may deserve to obtain an eternal inheritance with them.” +SAINT BONIFACE

Monday, June 1 ~ Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:1-12 Jesus began to speak to the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and left on a journey. At the proper time he sent a servant to the tenants to obtain from them some of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent them another servant. And that one they beat over the head and treated shamefully. He sent yet another whom they killed. So, too, many others; some they beat, others they killed. He had one other to send, a beloved son. He sent him to them last of all, thinking, ‘They will respect my son.’ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they seized him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come, put the tenants to death, and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this Scripture passage:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?”

They were seeking to arrest him, but they feared the crowd, for they realized that he had addressed the parable to them. So they left him and went away.

Meditation: This parable speaks to each of us today as well. For it conveys important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end. Jesus foretold both his death and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and be killed, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory – the glory of resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father. How do we share in this glory? By submitting to Jesus' kingly rule in our lives. Jesus promises that we will bear much fruit (certainly the fruit of peace, righteousness, and joy, and much more besides) if we abide in him (see John 15:1-11). The Lord also entrusts his gifts to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard – the body of Christ. He promises that our labor will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end (ref. 1 Corinthians 15:58). We can expect trials and

even persecution. But in the end we will see triumph. Do you labor for the Lord with joyful hope and with confidence in his triumph?

Prayer: Graciously grant to your Church, O merciful God, that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, she may be devoted to you with all her heart and united in purity of intent. 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 does Jesus' parable about an absentee landlord and his tenants say to us? The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite normal for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent. Why did Jesus' story about wicked tenants cause offense to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (ref. Isaiah 5:7). Jesus' listeners would likely understand this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people.

Tuesday, June 2 ~ Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Optional Memorial: Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:13-17 Some Pharisees and Herodians were sent to Jesus to ensnare him in his speech. They came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you are not concerned with anyone's opinion. You do not regard a person's status but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or should we not pay?" Knowing their hypocrisy he said to them, "Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius to look at." They brought one to him and he said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They replied to him, "Caesar's." So Jesus said to them, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." They were utterly amazed at him.

Meditation: What do we owe God and what's our obligation towards others? Paul the Apostle tells us that we must give each what is their due (ref. Romans 13:6-8). The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state dispute over the issue of taxes. The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Cesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he would make a statement they could use against him. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish populace who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Cesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested. Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

Prayer: May the power of the Holy Spirit come to us, we pray, O Lord, that we may keep your will faithfully in mind and express it in a devout way of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer + Saint Marcellinus and Peter: O God, who surround us with protection through the glorious confession of the Martyrs Saints Marcellinus and Peter, grant that we may profit by imitating them and be upheld by their prayer. 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: This passage has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness (ref. Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong, not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (ref. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (ref. Romans 12:1). Do you acknowledge that your life belongs to God and not to yourself? And do you give to God what rightfully belongs to Him?

Wednesday, June 3 ~ Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Memorial: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:18-27 Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and put this question to him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, *If someone's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.*

Now there were seven brothers. The first married a woman and died, leaving no descendants. So the second brother married her and died, leaving no descendants, and the third likewise. And the seven left no descendants. Last of all the woman also died. At the resurrection when they arise whose wife will she

be? For all seven had been married to her." Jesus said to them, "Are you not misled because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven. As for the dead being raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God told him, *I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?* He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are greatly misled."

Meditation: Among the many problems of the Sadducees, they could not conceive of heaven beyond what they could see with their own eyes. Are we not often like them? We often don't recognize spiritual realities because we try to make heaven into an earthly image. The Sadducees came to Jesus with a test question to make the resurrection look ridiculous. The Sadducees, unlike the Pharisees, did not believe in immortality, nor in angels or evil spirits. Their religion was literally grounded in an earthly image of heaven. Jesus retorts by dealing with the fact of the resurrection. The scriptures give proof of it. In Exodus 3:6, God calls himself the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He defeats their arguments by showing that God is a living God of a living people. God was the friend of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when they lived. That friendship could not cease with death.

Prayer: O God, who have made the blood of Martyrs the seed of Christians, mercifully grant that the field which is your Church, watered by the blood shed by Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions, may be fertile and always yield you an abundant harvest. 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: As Psalm 73:23-24 states: "I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory." The Holy Spirit reveals to us the eternal truths of God's unending love and the life he desires to share with us for all eternity. Paul the Apostle, quoting from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 64:4; 65:17) states: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit (ref. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10). The promise of paradise – heavenly bliss and unending life with an all-loving God – is beyond human reckoning. We have only begun to taste the first-fruits! Do you believe the scriptures? If so, do you know the power of the Holy Spirit?

Thursday, June 4 ~ Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:28-34 One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying,

He is One and there is no other than he. And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Meditation: What is the purpose of God's law or commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will.

Prayer: O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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 makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for

being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. So ask yourself: Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart? Paul the Apostle says: hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (ref. Romans 5:5). Do you know the love which conquers all?

Friday, June 5 ~ Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Memorial: Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr ~ the "Apostle of Germany"

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:35-37 As Jesus was teaching in the temple area he said, "How do the scribes claim that the Christ is the son of David? David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said:

The Lord said to my lord,

'Sit at my right hand

until I place your enemies under your feet.'

David himself calls him 'lord'; so how is he his son?" The great crowd heard this with delight.

Meditation: Do you acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord over all? It is the work of the Holy Spirit to make Christ known to us. That is why Jesus stated that King David could proclaim that his future heir would be both Messiah (the Hebrew word for Christ or the Anointed One) and his Lord. Among the Jews the most common title for the Messiah was the Son of David. The Jews looked forward to the long-expected Savior who would come from the line of David. Jesus was often addressed with that title, especially by the crowds (Mark 10:47ff, Matthew 9:27; 12:23). Jesus not only asserts that the Messiah is David's son, and that he is, indeed, David's son, but, that he is not only David's son, but also his Lord. Paul the Apostle states that no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3).

Prayer: May the Martyr Saint Boniface be our advocate, O Lord, that we may firmly hold the faith he taught with his lips and sealed in his blood and confidently profess it by our deeds. 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: Have you ever given any real thought to what it means when you acknowledge that Jesus is Lord? The word *Lord* means "ruler" or "king" – the one who is owed "fealty" and "submission". The Lord or Master of our lives is the person or thing we give our lives over to or submit to in a full way. We can be ruled by many things – our unruly passions, the love of money, alcohol, drugs, etc. Only one Lord can truly set us free to love and to be loved as God intended from the beginning. When we acknowledge that Jesus is Lord we invite him to be the king of our heart and the ruler of our thoughts, relationships, and all that we do. Is the Lord Jesus the true king of your heart and mind? Do you give him free reign in every area of your life?

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The Month of June ~ Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Intercessory Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Lord Jesus Christ, to Your Most Sacred Heart I confide this intention
{**name petition**}. Only look upon me, then do what Your love inspires.

Let Your Sacred Heart decide. I count on You. I trust in You.

I throw myself on Your mercy. Lord Jesus, You will not fail me.

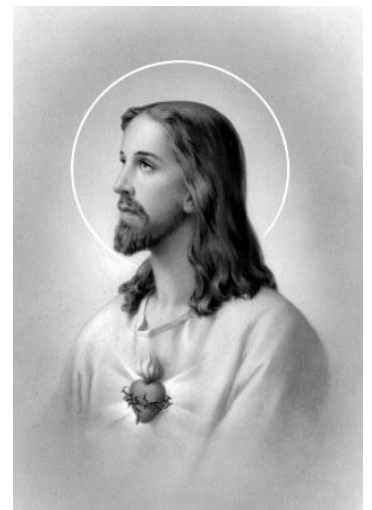
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Your love for me. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come. Sacred Heart of Jesus,

I have asked You for many favors, but I earnestly implore this one.

Take it, I pray, and place it in Your open Heart.

When the Eternal Father looks upon it, He will see it covered with Your Precious Blood. It will be no longer be my prayer, but Yours, Jesus. Sacred Heart of Jesus,

I place all my trust in You. Let me not be disappointed. Amen.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, JUNE 1

- 6:30 AM Million DeSala †
- 8:00 AM For the needs of our parishioners as they begin the week.
- 5:30 PM Jean Morris †

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

- 6:30 AM Million DeSala †
- 8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

- 6:30 AM Million DeSala †
- 8:00 AM Intention for Jon Forsthoffer
- 5:30 PM Intention for Branden Cullinan

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

- 6:30 PM Million DeSala †
- 8:00 AM Michael Dunphy †

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

- 6:30 PM Million DeSala †
- 8:00 AM Lynda Breier †

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

- 8:00 AM John & Ann Thissen †
- 5:30 PM Million DeSala †

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

- Corpus Christi Sunday**
- 7:15 AM For the people of St. Brendan Parish
 - 8:45 AM Fred Buerkle †
 - 10:45 AM Josephine L. Jones †
 - 5:30 PM For the Protection of the Unborn
- († intention is for someone deceased.)*

TO MAKE A MASS INTENTION:

Mass Intention envelopes are available in the Church Gathering Space to fill out and drop off at the Parish Office. Dates are open on our Mass Intention Calendar beginning in July, 2026.

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



Congratulations

ON THE BAPTISMS OF:
Kohn Andrew Kennedy
Clare Leanna Zins

Prayer List

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are **ill at home, hospitalized, or are active duty military**, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* via the QR code, www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List or call the Parish Office. The list is updated every 3-6 months; if someone you added was deleted but is still ill, please fill out a new prayer request. **If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614-876-1272.**



Please Pray for...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

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

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 Pffirman
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

MONDAY	6 PM–10 PM
TUE./THU./FRI.	8:30 AM–10 PM 1st Fridays: 8:30 AM–Saturday, 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

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!**

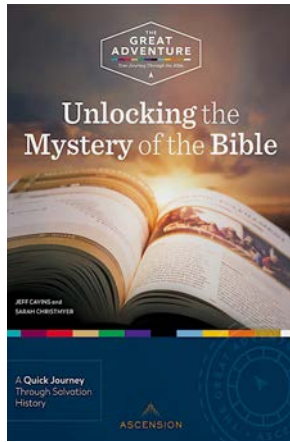
Offertory, May 24, 2026	\$44,850
<i>(Cash, checks, online giving)</i>	
Weekly Budgeted	\$39,100

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



Scripture Study Starts June 3

Join us Wednesdays for 8 weeks, June 3-July 29 (not on 6/17) at 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 with any questions. (Brian Moore will also lead a 24-week version of this study, *The Bible Timeline*, this fall.)



Volunteer for June OCIA 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. You just need a love for Christ, a willingness to share your faith, and a heart open to walking with someone on their journey!

- Serve as a sponsor/companion for a catechumen/candidate
- Provide hospitality & welcoming with snacks & beverages
- Assist as a table leader or with organization and prayer

If you feel a nudge in your heart, that might be the Holy Spirit inviting you to take a step. Email Wendy Ferkany at wferkany@stbrendans.net or fill out the OCIA form via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/OCIAhelper>



First Friday Adoration, June 5

First Friday Adoration is Friday, June 5, 9 AM through Saturday, June 6 at 1 PM. Adorers are still needed, especially during the overnight hours. Sign up now at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

Date Night for Young Couples, June 19

The last Knights of Columbus sponsored Date Nights for Young Couples and Young Parents this season is Friday, June 19, 6:30-8 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Questions? Contact Chuck at chuck436@att.net

2026 Parish Festival News

Plans for our Parish Festival on August 7-8 are well underway. Festival Raffle Tickets are on schedule for you to pick up beginning June 6-7 in our church gathering area. We are actively in search of businesses interested in sponsorships for our 2026 Parish Festival. Find more details or sign up as a sponsor by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/sponsor4stb>. Questions? Email Kevin Quinn at kquinn323@gmail.com. We are also looking for corporate services or item donations for our Festival Silent Auction (returning this year!) Questions? Email Jackie at j_bensman@hotmail.com

OPEN TO ALL MEN OF THE PARISH! (13 YRS+)
Under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

\$25 per person in advance
\$30 per person at the door

Meat, appetizers, sides & beverages are included. Enjoy cornhole, euchre & other fun social activities!
Discount advance tickets can be purchased after Masses this weekend or at: bit.ly/men2026steak

Steak and Ale

JUNE 5, 6-11 PM

Questions? Contact Dale Bruggeman dbruggem@yahoo.com

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



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

"Moms at the Metro" will Begin June 20!

All moms are invited to join the Elizabeth Ministry for a brand-new summer social series designed to bring our parish's mothers together – young moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers alike. Because it truly takes a village! Join us for a leisurely morning in nature featuring a scenic walk, playground time for the little ones, a fun arts and crafts activity, and breakfast refreshments. Come as you are, bring your kids, and bring a friend on Saturdays at Glacier Ridge Metro Park (near the playground): **June 20, July 18, August 15 & September 19** for: **9 AM – Nature Walk; 10:00 AM – Crafts & Playtime; 11:00 AM – Wrap-up**

Drop in whenever works for you. All are welcome! In a world where loneliness is all too common, this is a space for moms to breathe, connect, and support one another. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Regina at thelonggears@gmail.com or 330-754-8028. RSVP to Regina or Alyssa at 406-781-1396 so we can have plenty of refreshments!

Protecting God's Children Classes

Register for these PGC classes and fingerprinting in the Davidson Rooms:

THURSDAY, JUNE 18: Fingerprinting 5-6 PM and PGC class is 6-9 PM

MONDAY, AUGUST 3: Fingerprinting 5-6 PM and PGC class is 6-9 PM

Sign up at www.virtus.org. Questions? Email tboyne@stbrendans.net

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.)

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 12 PM – Picnic Potluck, Scioto Park (7377 Riverside Dr., Dublin). Entree provided. Names A-G bring dessert and H-Z bring a side dish. RSVP by Friday, June 5, 12 PM, to Jerry at 614-805-6792, 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 Wellnitz, Room 1.

GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH – Second Thursday, 1 PM at La Chatelaine, Dublin. For grief support inquiries, email Nell at doconnell@stbrendans.net

Weekly/Monthly Groups

Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup – This group will meet Saturdays at Glacier Ridge Metro Park from June 20-Sept. 19 (see *Moms at the Metro*.) Pod Nursery playgroups will start back up in the fall. Questions? Email 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

Church Cleaning Ministry – Meet Mondays at 9 AM in the church for light cleaning. Questions? Email Lisa at 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

Prayer Shawl Workshop – Meet 1st Saturdays and 3rd Wednesdays in the Carter Center. Questions? Email Kathy at kendriz@aol.com or Karen at 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

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

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, opendoorwomensrecoveryorg/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/>

Mental/Spiritual CareNotes – Booklets to lift your spirits (no charge) are by the Adoration Chapel or Grief support CareNotes are on the Lost and Found cabinet to help cope with a loss of a loved one.

St. Monica Prayer Boards – Watch for the St. Monica Prayers Boards to go up in the Church Gathering Space in June to write the names of loved ones who have stopped practicing their Catholic faith.

8 AM Wednesday Mass Added All Summer!

Beginning in June, we will offer 8 AM Wednesday Daily Mass throughout the summer until school starts back up.

Summer Facility Staff Hours

Our Facilities Team members' hours are 6 AM-6 PM throughout the summer. The church building will remain open until 10 PM.

Parking Lot Repairs

Due to a scheduling conflict, the large drain in the entryway to our campus off Dublin Road (by the Rectory) will not be repaired now until a later date TBD. Please use the Davidson Road entrance during the few hours it will be blocked off. Our fire lane will also get striping on Wednesday, June 3, so watch for marked off areas near the church/school sidewalk entrances.

Share Your Stories at stbstories.net

Upload photos at stbstories.net and hit "submit" so we can share the many things happening with our parish and school! We would love to hear from our ministries, teachers, athletics, scouting organizations and parishioners.



June 12 Blood Drive

The next St. Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, June 12, from 12-6 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Give the gift of life! Sign up today at 1-800-Red-Cross or www.redcrossblood.org



The Appeal

Parking Lot Stretch Goal

Diocesan-stated Parish Goal

We are currently at \$184,697

\$525,000

\$500,000

\$475,000

\$450,000

\$425,000

\$400,000

\$375,000

\$350,000

\$325,000

\$300,000

\$275,000

\$250,000

\$225,000

\$200,000

\$175,000

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

TOTAL PARISH GOAL

\$520,583

Join us in bolstering vital Catholic initiatives throughout our diocese, **and** help us stretch for much-needed parking lot expansions + lighting.



bit.ly/26appeal

The Appeal Progress Report...

The 2026 Annual Appeal, *Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission* is well 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. 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 of about 80 more parking spots) for a total goal of \$520,538. Use the Appeal envelopes available on the Welcome Desk, or make your gift online via the QR code or url above. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Parish Events – Save the Dates!

THANKSGIVING IN JUNE – St. Vincent de Paul's *Thanksgiving in June Food Drive* to support the Hilliard Food Pantry will take place June 13-28. The food pantry gets many donations during the holiday season and so, has a much greater need for donations in the summer months. Please start collecting your food donation items now and look for the collection trailer in June!

PARISH PICNIC – Our parish picnic returns again this year, June 28, 12-3 PM (after 10:45 AM Mass) in the School Gym. Food provided: brats, burgers, hotdogs and drinks. Last names beginning with A-M, bring dessert and N-Z, bring a side dish. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

HILLIARD 4TH OF JULY PARADE is right around the corner and we invite our Scouting groups, youth groups, parish ministries, our Knights and our parish families to participate. Join our parish parade float to help evangelize our community and celebrate our country's 250th anniversary! Sign up to participate at <https://tinyurl.com/stb4th> and find details at <https://tinyurl.com/events4stb> Questions? Email Keith Bray at braykeith@gmail.com

CRAFT SHOW CRAFTERS WANTED! – Our annual 80+ booth *Fall Craft Show*, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus, will take place on Saturday, November 7. Many booths are available! View vendor details at <https://tinyurl.com/events4stb> (click on "Craft Show") Questions? Email Eric Clarke at stbcraftshow@gmail.com



June Spotlight

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Catholics are encouraged to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and perform acts of reparation. The season of Easter ended last weekend with Pentecost and the Church is now in Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Key liturgical dates this month:

JUNE 7: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Celebrates the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist with Eucharistic processions.

JUNE 12: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Focuses on the love and compassion of Christ.

JUNE 14: 70th Anniversary of Saint Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church – See the bulletin for details on our celebration dinner after the 5:30 PM Mass that day and you can read about the history of our church by picking up pamphlets in the Spiritual Spotlight bookshelf this month.

JUNE 24: Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – One of the very few saints whose birthday is celebrated (rather than the day of martyrdom).

JUNE 29: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – A major feast honoring the two pillars of the early Church

Other books and resources on the Spiritual Spotlight bookshelf this month will focus on the Sacred Heart of Jesus that you can take home and share with others.

For information about the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry and Catholic resources, visit www.stbrendans.net/ich

St. Brendan Parish 70th Anniversary, June 14

COME CELEBRATE WITH US AT A DINNER RECEPTION
AFTER 5:30 PM MASS IN THE SCHOOL GYM



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Artwork by Brenda Lloyd

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 parish turning 70! (Note: Fr. Mike will be officially installed as our pastor by Bishop Fernandes at the 5:30 PM Mass!)

As we prepare to celebrate St. Brendan Parish turning 70, 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 The 1956 St. Brendan Charter Members are:

Rose & Martin Andres
Richard & Jane Berry
Agnes & Fred Brook
John & Nancy Clark
Edward & Virginia Cook
William & Alice Dalton
John & Peggy Delyi
Charles & Joanne Dorian
Joseph & Beatrice Dunn
Joseph & Patricia Fehn
Barnett & Anna Finch
George & Martha Fisher

Rita & Russell Glenn
Bill & Gabrielle Gruber
Mary & Oscar Ham
Robert & Patricia Hatem
Richard & Mary Holben
Edward & Mary Koelker
Donald & Joanne Kyser
Robert & Helen Lawsen
John & Ann Leahy
George & Virginia Leitnick
Thomas & Mary Martin
John & Dolly McCarthy
Richard & Lois McMichael

Bob & Connie McAllister
Harry & Lucille Miller
Bill & Margaret Miller
Jim & Mary O'Neil
John & Marie Peltier
Donald & Ruth Peterson
Jean & Wayne Rife
Lilah Sarafin
Barkley & Phylis Showe
John & Elizabeth Vice
Donald & Mary Westhoven
Arthur & Rosaleen Wiles



2026-27 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Any family with a child in grades 1-8 not attending a Catholic school should enroll in Family Faith Formation which includes at-home Family Meetings plus regular at-church Family Sessions to support parents, teach our children, and build community. To get started, visit <https://tinyurl.com/FFFstB> or scan the QR code. Please register by August 17. Questions? Contact Jacob Doran at 614-876-1272, ext. 231 or email jdoran@stbrendans.net



JULY 6-10, 2026

SUMMER CATHOLIC YOUTH PROGRAM

TOTUS TUUS

Summer Totus Tuus

Missionaries and seminarians are coming to our parish to lead a week (July 6-10, 9 AM-2:30 PM) of fun for children entering grades 1-6. Cost is \$50/child and includes music, skits, Confession, Mass, and learning about our faith. Register now via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/totustuus2026>



HOST FAMILIES ARE NEEDED!

Provide breakfast and a place to sleep for women missionaries. Email spennington@stbrendans.net



SUMMER VINE

CORE SUMMER MEMORIES, FRIDAY NIGHTS @ ST. B FROM 7-9 PM UNLESS NOTED*

- 6/5 VINE OLYMPICS
Wellnitz
- 6/12 BONFIRE
Wellnitz - Games & extreme S'mores
- 6/19 WORSHIP NIGHT
Wellnitz
- 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
Wellnitz - Unlimited gummy candy
- 7/17 WORSHIP NIGHT
Wellnitz
- 7/24 CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Wellnitz - Scavenger hunt
- 7/31 NATURE HIKE
*Batelle Darby Creek Park

SUMMER APOLOGETICS

YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FAITH, ANSWERED! 7-8:30 PM IN WELLNITZ UNLESS NOTED*

- 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

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Roots for Middle Schoolers

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY Bible study for middle schoolers is offered after 8 AM Mass (8:30-9:30 AM) on Tuesdays, **June 16-July 21** in the Carter Center. All materials needed (and Timbits!) are provided.

SUMMER RETREAT IS NOW IN THE FALL! Our Roots Fall Retreat will take place in the School Gym October 9, 6:30-8:30 PM & October 10, 8 AM until after 5:30 PM Mass. Participants will stay at their own homes overnight. Questions? Email Anna Marino at amarino@stbrendans.net

Register Now for Golf & CYO Sports

Registration for boys and girls grades 6, 7 & 8 Middle School golf, CYO flag football, football, volleyball and cross-country is currently open. Golf registration closes this week at which time St. Brendan cheer, K-3 soccer and Field Hockey registration will open up. Find details/register at www.stbrendans.net/athletic



POD Nursery Volunteers

Help is needed watching parishioners' children on Sundays during the 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses in our nursery. If there are not enough volunteers, the nursery will be closed. Sign up now by emailing nursery@stbrendans.net Those ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant. Summer Protecting God's Children Classes at St. Brendan with fingerprinting are now open for registration. See page 16 in this bulletin for more details.

Diocesan News & Events

Novena to the Sacred Heart, June 3-12

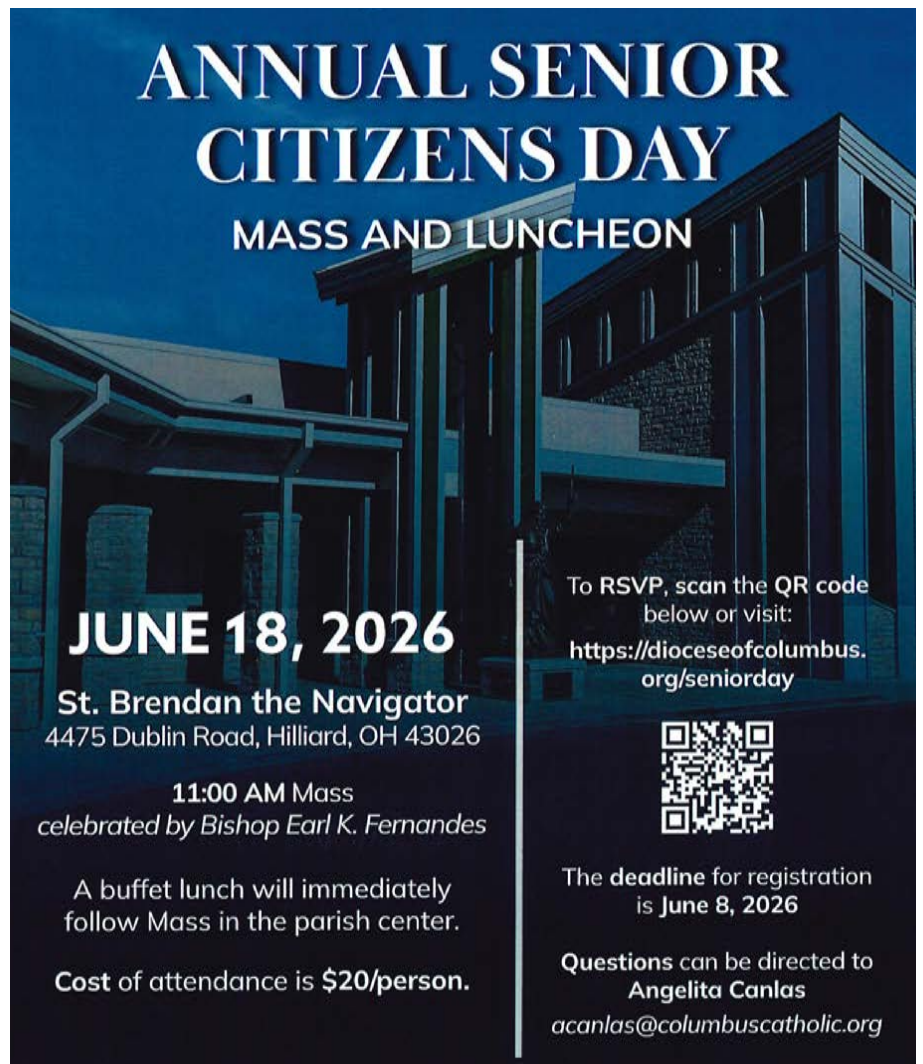
As our country commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the bishops of the United States will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Bishop Fernandes invites the faithful of the Diocese of Columbus to participate in a Novena to the Sacred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

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

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

Women's Respite Retreat, June 25-28 – *Praying and Resting with the Holy Family*, is June 25-28 at Ohio Dominican University and Sacraments at St. Patrick Church. Cost is \$402 per person (\$202 deposit due now/balance due June 11), includes private room, 4 days/3 nights, 8 meals, materials, Mass, Confession, Rosary devotions, lunch, silent prayer, dinner, gentle walk outdoors and more. To register or for questions, email Rebecca Gjostein at RebeccaAnnGjostein@gmail.com



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Questions can be directed to **Angelita Canlas**
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2026 Quo Vadis Vocation Retreat in July



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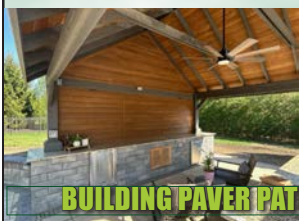
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