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Happy Father's Day!

PRAYER TO ALL FATHERS

*Heavenly Father,
You entrusted Your Son
Jesus Christ,
the child of the Virgin Mary,
to the care of Saint Joseph.*

*Bless all fathers as they
care for their families.*

*Give them strength and
wisdom, tenderness
and patience;*

*support them in the
work they have to do,
protecting those who
look to them,*

*as we look to You for
love and salvation,*

*through Jesus Christ our
rock and defender.*

Amen.

It's Coffee & Donuts Sunday!

Join the M.A.S.T. Ministry as they host our Coffee & Donuts after the 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses in the Davidson Rooms.



"Thanksgiving in June" SVdP Food Drive Ends June 28 Details on page 8

Holy Mass*

SATURDAY VIGIL
5:30 PM

SUNDAY

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

Daily Mass*

MON. / WED.
6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5:30 PM

TUES. / THUR. / FRI.

6:30 AM, 8 AM

SATURDAY 8 AM

Reconciliation*

WEDNESDAY
6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SATURDAY

Following 8 AM Mass

Or, call the parish office to schedule
a Confession with one of our priests.

**Regular Mass/Confession times may change
due to events/funerals/Holy Days. This week's
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**Saint
Brendan**

THE NAVIGATOR

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Sunday, 10:45 AM; Monday/Wednesday, 5:30 PM; and Tuesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday, 8 AM

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From Our Pastor

ON THIS TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, we are presented with a powerful and timely message in Sacred Scripture: fear is a natural human reaction, but faith is the supernatural response to our all-too-human fears and anxieties. In today's Gospel from Matthew 10:26-33, Jesus addresses His disciples with a clear command that He repeats three times: "Fear no one... Do not be afraid... So do not be afraid." Our Lord is preparing His disciples – and each one of us – for the realities of living out the Gospel in a world that is often indifferent or openly hostile to the truth – especially the timeless truths of Jesus Christ. Christ reminds us that even the hairs on our heads are counted (for some of us it does not take as long to count the hairs on our heads), and that we are worth more than many

sparrows. If God cares for the smallest details of creation, how much deeper is His love and protection for us? This call to radical trust is beautifully foreshadowed in our First Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 20:10-13). Jeremiah finds himself surrounded by terror and betrayal, yet he proclaims with absolute confidence, "But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion." When anxiety creeps into our hearts regarding our health, our families, our finances, or the state of our culture, we are called to look to our Mighty Champion. Living out our Catholic faith boldly requires courage. Christ does not promise a life free of storms or challenges. Try as we may, we will not find anywhere in Sacred Scripture that "life is a bowl of cherries" or "life is a bed of roses" – cherries have pits, and roses have thorns. But what we will find, consistently, are promises that despite the challenges of life, we will never walk our journeys or carry our crosses alone; Christ is always at our side. Every time we step forward to proclaim our faith with our lips and live it out through our actions, we testify that God is in control. This week, I invite you to bring your deepest fears or anxieties to the foot of the Cross during prayer or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Let Christ quiet our fears and remind us of our eternal worth. Let us hold fast to His promise: if we acknowledge Him before others in this life, He will proudly acknowledge us before His heavenly Father. Be assured of my daily prayers for you and your loved ones. Please continue to pray for our parish community, now entering our 71st Year, that we may continue to be beacons of hope and courageous faith in our families, at work, at school, in our neighborhoods – wherever we happen to be at any given time.

TODAY, WE CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY! This Sunday, our hearts are filled with tremendous gratitude as we celebrate Father's Day and honor the men who have loved, guided, and sacrificed for us. Fatherhood is a beautiful, sacred calling. Dads are called to be a reflection of God the Father's own strength, protection, and unconditional love within our families. As Saint Joseph is a role model for all fathers, I have included some information in this bulletin related to Saint Joseph and fatherhood. Today, we lift up all of our fathers – biological fathers, adoptive fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, mentor fathers, and spiritual fathers. We pray that the Lord grants our living fathers the grace, wisdom, and patience they need to lead with joy. We also hold a special, tender place in our prayers for our fathers who are deceased; we ask our Heavenly Father to welcome them into His eternal, merciful embrace. May Saint Joseph, the patron of fathers, intercede for all our dads today and always, and may we, as children, give the love, honor and support to our fathers that they deserve!

MANY, MANY THANKS to all who were involved in organizing, planning, executing, and volunteering at last Sunday's 5:30 PM Mass with Bishop Fernandes and Dinner Reception in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of our Parish, and my formal installation as Pastor of this wonderful Parish. Plus it was Father Sam's 31st birthday! As I said last Sunday, and continue to say every opportunity I get, the reason this Parish is wonderful is because our Parish is made up of wonderful people. Plain and simple. Thank you, again!

SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERS, our Parish Picnic is coming up in one week. This annual event is an opportunity to thank all of the volunteers in our Parish and Parish School for all of the time and effort you put in to so many things taking place. Please make sure to attend our Parish Picnic as a way of saying "thank you" for volunteering your time and talents for the benefit of the people in and those served by Saint Brendan!

WE ARE SO CLOSE to meeting this year's Diocesan goal for the Appeal. As of this writing, we have \$280,518 pledged of the \$335,583 Diocesan goal, which represents 83% of goal. Let's pull together to make this happen so that we go over the top to raise the additional monies – \$185,000 – to pay for increased parking on our Parish campus. By raising these additional funds through the Appeal for this parking project, we will save \$18,500 by avoiding the 10% Diocesan "tax." THANK YOU to all who have contributed thus far to the Appeal. Let's make it happen, folks! Secure online contributions can be made at bit.ly/26appeal, via the QR Code on the bottom corner, or a check to the Parish Office.

God bless!

Fr. Mike
Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

To make your gift to The Appeal, scan the QR code.



FATHER'S DAY: Discovering a Rule of Life for Fathers

Article by Devin Schadt, courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.

It was seven years into my marriage and five years into being a father that I realized I didn't know what I was doing (that's putting it mildly).

A year prior to being married, I had surrendered my life to Our Lord Jesus. Nevertheless, I worked around the clock to impress my employer while attempting to launch a start-up graphic design agency, and in my "spare time" serve as a part-time youth director at our local parish. Meanwhile, I placed my marriage and new family on the back burner.

The more that I chased worldly success, the more my marriage and family seemed to fall apart.

I searched for an encyclical on fatherhood and found nothing.

I scanned through the Catholic Catechism's table of contents hoping to find answers to what it means to be a man, specifically a father (not just parents), specifically a husband (not just marriage), and came up with very little.

Soon I discovered that I was not the only man in the Catholic space who felt lost and in desperate need of solid vocational guidance.

One friend lamented, "Why are there so few men who are canonized specifically for their fatherhood? We need someone to show us the way."

We men are funny creatures. We hate being "told what to do." But when we don't know what to do, we blame everyone else and anyone else for not telling us what to do.

The adage, "Kids don't come with a manual," became a source of frustration rather than a comfortable excuse to fail at my vocation.

I attempted to cobble together a smorgasbord spirituality that consisted of devotions and spiritualities that I found appealing: fragments from Jose Maria Escriva's *Opus Dei*, St. Ignatius of Loyola's rules for discernment, Carmelite spirituality and its mystics, St. Benedict's rule and the like.

Nevertheless, I lamented that a spirituality, a code, a rule of life did not exist specifically for the man who embarked on the mission of marriage and fatherhood. In a sense, this father felt unfathered.

Perplexed, I questioned, "Is sainthood only for the priest, the bishop, the cloistered, the monastic? Is fatherhood a second-rate vocation?"

As the Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans, Carmelites, and others have a spirituality, a way of life that imparts a means toward sanctification, I also longed to live a spirituality designed specifically for a husband and father.

While on pilgrimage halfway around the world, during a conversation with our guide, I expressed that I felt God's calling on my life but struggled to actuate it. Our guide, Nancy, asked, "Are you married?"

I responded affirmatively.

She proceeded with a second question, "Do you have children?"

"Yes, three."

The following words that proceeded from her mouth changed the vision of my life forever:

"Go home and be St. Joseph."

"Who is Joseph?" I thought.

I returned home and set myself to the task of discovering who this hidden, silent, humble man was. I discovered not only the greatest father that has ever lived, but also his spirituality.

Sacred Scripture reveals that St. Joseph's spirituality is founded upon four basic pillars: embrace silence, embrace woman, embrace the child, and embrace charitable authority.

These four pillars constituted that long-sought-after spirituality that my soul thirsted for.

EMBRACE SILENCE

Just as St. Joseph, when faced with the perplexing situation of Mary's pregnancy, entered the silence and presented his grieving heart to God, a man is to cultivate silence within oneself by cutting out the noise, the cacophony readily available and provided on demand by social media, television, radio, smart devices, and the like. He establishes meeting times with God throughout his day. He embraces silence among men by living to be known by God rather than to be noticed by others. He embraces silence before God by offering Him little sacrifices and sufferings without boasting or complaining and playing the martyr.

EMBRACE WOMAN

A man embraces all women by defeating lust in his heart. He chooses to bless woman rather than attempt to possess her. He upholds her dignity and mystery at all costs. He embraces his wife by, as St. Paul says, "counting her as better than himself" (Phil. 2:3) and "bearing her burdens as his own" (see Gal. 6:2). He embraces The Woman, Mary the Mother of God, as his own mother. St. Joseph's marriage and devotion to Mary inaugurated his call to fatherly greatness. To be a great man, we need the greatest woman. To be great fathers, we need the greatest mother. To be like St. Joseph, we need Mary.

EMBRACE THE CHILD

Pope St. John Paul II said that the human father's mission is to reflect and reveal God's fatherhood. This is perhaps the most challenging "job" there is. The human father is to be the face of God the Father that his child cannot see; the voice of God the Father that his child cannot hear; the touch of God the Father that his child cannot feel. Our Lord Jesus promises that "Whoever receives one such child in His name is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

In other words, fatherhood is an excellent path toward sublime sanctity because it grants a man entrance into the Divine Father's heart.

EMBRACE CHARITABLE AUTHORITY

Men typically fail in their role of leadership by either abdicating their responsibility to lead or by dominating those whom they are to care for. A great man leads by loving and loves by leading. He establishes daily practices that help him set the pace of self-giving love, by becoming the protector, the provider, and the priest of his family.

Within each of these pillars, I began to develop "spiritual practices" that made the theological practical... and my life was transformed.

- God asks that we fill the jars with water, and He will transform that water into wine.
- God asks for a few fish, which after He receives from us, He can multiply and feed the multitudes.
- God asks that we do the work of living St. Joseph's four pillars, and He will transform and multiply our efforts.

St. Joseph allowed me to discover that just as the Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans, and Carmelites all have a particular spirituality, charism, and a rule of life, so also the human father has a spirituality, a rule of life, a pattern for holiness that is founded upon the life and spirituality of this great saint.

Fathers, husbands, and those who are discerning fatherhood and marriage need to hear the good news that they have a specific charism, a spirituality, a rule of life that if followed will aid them in becoming a man of glory – yes, even a saint.



NOTE: For more on establishing a rule of life as a lay person, as a husband, as a father, read this author's new book, *The Rule: Counsels & Directives for*

Husbands & Fathers, available from Sophia Institute Press or, visit his website at <https://fathersofstjoseph.org/>

PRAYER OF A FATHER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph, you embody all the virtues I hope to attain through God's grace. I rely on your intercession and your guidance as I strive for holiness for myself and my family.

Adopt me as your spiritual son, so that I might learn from you. Train me to hear God's voice and to discern His will, you who heard God even while sleeping.

Take me to Egypt with you, along with my family, and protect us from the evil that wishes to harm us.

Help me to model purity and chastity for my family, that my children might be truly free to embrace God's vocation for them.

Show me how to exercise patience, that I might overcome my frustrations and embrace suffering.

Teach me holy silence, that my mind and my heart might be attuned to the presence of Jesus, especially in the Eucharist.

Lead me always to Jesus, that I might be able to gaze upon His Holy Face, in all its radiance, for all eternity.

I beg you, O glorious Saint Joseph, to present my intentions before your Son, who always defers to you in holy obedience.

Amen.

WHAT MAKES A DAD

*God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it... Dad.*

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, OUR LADY, UNDOER OF KNOTS

Holy Mary, full of God's presence, during your life you accepted the Father's will with full humility, and the devil was never able to tie you up with his confusion.

Since then, you have interceded for all our difficulties, as you did at the wedding feast of Cana. Full of kindness and patience, you show us how to untie the knots of our lives. By always being our mother, you arrange and clarify the ties that link us to the Lord.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and of us all, you untie the knots of our lives with a mother's heart. We place our intentions in your hands [mention your prayer request], and we ask you to disentangle every knot and confusion.

Through your grace, intercession, and example, protect us from all evil, and untie the knots that keep us from being united to God. Free from confusion and error, may we find Him in all things, keep our hearts in Him, and serve Him always in our brothers and sisters.

Amen.

FATHER'S DAY: St. Joseph - Saint for Fathers

Article by Fr. Dwight Longenecker courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.

My friend Carol runs a Catholic bookshop in South Carolina – the heart of America's "Bible Belt." Carol told me that every Friday a suspicious-looking man would come into the shop and buy a dozen little statues of St. Joseph.

IT ALL STARTS AT HOME

When she finally got up the courage to ask him why he bought so many, the man looked a bit sheepish and said, "I heard that if you are selling your house and you bury a statue of St. Joseph under the 'For Sale' sign, then the house will sell quickly."

Carol smiled, "That's a bit superstitious, but that's what some people think."

"Well," said the man, "I'm a real estate agent and I want to sell the houses quickly so I'm giving it a try."

"And does it work?"

The man grinned, "It sure does! That's why I buy so many."

"Then if you don't mind me asking," said Carol, "Why do you look so, umm, shifty?"

"Because I'm a Southern Baptist. I thought maybe we weren't allowed to buy statues of St. Joseph."

It would seem that St. Joseph is the patron saint of both Protestant and Catholic house-hunters. He is the saint of house-hunters because he had to provide a home for Jesus and Mary on their travels. But in a more serious way Joseph had to provide a home and security for Jesus throughout His boyhood life. In a wider sense, Joseph is the patron saint of fathers because he reminds us of our most basic duty as dads. We are called to protect, guide and care for our children. This extends much further than simply bringing home a paycheck each week. As married men we may wonder how we are supposed to serve God and the Church. If we have children, our primary vocation is to help them grow up with strong Christian values.

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

Our society can, at times, have a rather low view of fathers. Dads are seen as unreliable, lazy and abusive. The role of father is downplayed and dads who take their job seriously are often humiliated by the media as being old-fashioned and oppressive. Some feminists have attacked fatherhood generally and unfairly blamed all society's ills on some fathers. While it's true that there are some problem fathers, there also are many more good fathers. There are even more men who want to be good dads and need all the help and encouragement they can get. St. Joseph is the perfect patron saint for modern fathers.

He is an example for fathers in four different ways.

First, he is an example in his role as protector and provider. St. Joseph reminds us of our primary vocation to look after our children with all the compassion, care

and concern we can muster. St. Benedict says the abbot of a monastery has to show the "tough attitude of a master and the tender affection of a father." The same applies to ordinary fathers. We have to be both tender and tough. Our children are not pets which we keep for our own pleasure. They are a God-given responsibility. Children are not just the duty of women. Dads need to be involved as well. Fathering a child is easy. Being a father is hard work.

Second, St. Joseph also reminds us of our responsibilities as workers. Jobs these days are temporary. The job market is tough and competitive. St. Joseph is the patron saint of workers because he got on with the job. He worked with his hands. He reminds us what a job is for. It's not just to earn money. It's to make a difference in the world. We must work not just to make a high standard of living, but to have a high quality of life. If we are employers, then St. Joseph also reminds us of the need for fair treatment for the workers. If we are unemployed or retired, then St. Joseph reminds us that there is still work to be done – even if it is part-time or voluntary.

Third, St. Joseph reminds us of our responsibility as husbands. If we are married, then we have taken vows which are just as serious and binding as the vows of a nun or a priest. We break those vows not only by committing adultery, but by sexual sin of any kind. St. Joseph's chaste marriage to the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us that purity within our own marriages is God's high standard. In our sex-crazed society, St. Joseph reminds us that there are higher values than constant sexual satisfaction.

A REMINDER AND A HELPER

Finally, St. Joseph reminds us of our duty as fathers. He reminds us of our responsibility as workers or employers. He reminds us of our duty as husbands. But St. Joseph not only reminds us of these matters, he is a powerful helper as well. Once when I was unemployed, I prayed to St. Joseph for work and was offered an excellent job within a few weeks. St. Joseph is a powerful prayer partner. He will help us with the difficult task of being a father. Do we have a problem with the children? Does it seem like there is no way out? A prayer to St. Joseph will often help us see the way through the problem. St. Joseph also helps in the area of temptation. Do we have a problem with pornography or do we wrestle with the desire to be unfaithful in our marriage? If we are really resolved to avoid the problem, then the prayers of St. Joseph really can help.

Down through the ages, many Catholics have turned to St. Joseph and found his friendship and prayers to be of great help. St. Teresa of Avila said, "I know by experience, that the glorious St. Joseph assists us generally in all necessities. I never asked him for anything which he did not obtain for me." One Catholic father who I'll call Mike says that devotion to St. Joseph has changed his life.

Before he began paying attention to St. Joseph and asking for his help, Mike's marriage was on the rocks because of his unfaithfulness. He didn't care about his children and he had trouble holding down a decent job. Mike said things began to change with the help of St. Joseph. By thinking about St. Joseph's example and asking for his prayers, Mike's spiritual life, career and family life have been turned around.

There are various resources to aid a devotion to St. Joseph. A search on the Web will give you various sites for prayers and devotions. Any Catholic bookshop will stock books, medals and statues of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is more than a lucky charm to help you sell your house. He's there as part of that "great cloud of witnesses" the Bible talks about. He's a role model, a spiritual mentor, a father in God and a great wonder-worker. Be in touch.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless."
 ~ G. K. Chesterton



First Friday Adoration in July, Pray for the USA!

Celebrate and lift up our country on its 250th birthday at our First Friday Adoration, July 3, from 8:30 AM until July 4, 1 PM. Sign up for a time or stop by before or after the fireworks, in gratitude for our home and in prayer for its future. Sign up at stbrendan.weadorehim.com

You will receive the code to enter during overnight hours. May God bless the USA!

SILVER ROSE

Prayer Service

Every year, 8 silver roses make a journey across the USA, Canada and Mexico. At each stop, through the veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we gather to pray for the sanctity and the protection of all human life. You are invited to join our Knights of Columbus on July 5 at St. Brendan Church after 10:45 AM Mass for the Silver Rose Prayer Service. Together, we turn to our Blessed Mother to reaffirm our stance against the Culture of Death that grips our society.



July 5
12 PM



Husbands, Love Your Wives!

Article by Randall Cirner, courtesy of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

While attending a marriage seminar on communication, Joe and his wife, Julie, listened to the instructor declare, “It is essential that each of you know what things are important to your spouse.”

Addressing the men, he asked: “Can you name your wife’s favorite flower?”

Joe leaned over, touched Julie’s arm gently, and said in a knowing whisper: “Pillsbury All-Purpose, isn’t it?”

What Wives Want.

I’ll bet that if our wives were asked to draw up a list of what they really wanted in their marriage, they wouldn’t start with a wish that we knew their floral (or “floural”) preferences! There’s a place for this kind of awareness. But more fundamentally, what matters to our wives is how we love and cherish them and care for their needs.

Scripture sets the bar very high: “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her” (Ephesians 5:25). Essentially, this means showing our love by taking on the attitude of selfless service that we see in Jesus. It means being as concerned about our wives as we are about ourselves—so concerned, in fact, that we are willing to die to our own needs and desires for our wives’ good.

Difficult? You bet. Impossible? Well, it would be, if it weren’t for God’s ability to transform our minds and hearts. But if we ask his help to change our selfish attitudes and habits, he will do it through the power of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, he will enable us to express that love in concrete ways, like the following five practices.

How Do I Love You?

- **BY PRAYING.** I believe that the most important thing a husband can do for his wife is to pray for her on a regular basis. Prayer is powerful. It changes things. It brings us right to the seat of grace and wisdom—God himself.

Every day, I make it a point to pray for my wife, Therese. I ask God to bless her with every good gift and draw her closer to himself. I ask that he take care of her needs and protect and strengthen her in trials or difficulties. I also ask for wisdom to love and serve her better.

One day during my prayer time, I sensed the Holy Spirit saying that Therese and I should talk about how our older children were doing. When I mentioned this to her the next morning, she was relieved: It was something she had wanted to discuss, but life had been so busy that she hadn’t mentioned it. The conversation was fruitful, and very good for both of us. That’s a small but typical example of how God can intervene if we’re faithful to prayer.

- **BY TALKING.** I know a couple who had agreed to set aside time for a weekly communication session to discuss practical aspects of their life. After a few weeks, the husband lost his enthusiasm, the wife’s reminding turned into nagging, and the idea petered out.

This is not an unusual scenario. Most husbands have a natural inclination to let communication fall to the lowest level our wives will put up with. If we want to show them love, though, we’ll play an active part in seeing that regular communication takes place. We’ll also take initiative to bring up topics for discussion, rather than always placing this burden on them. The family schedule, issues related to the children, chores, finances, family, and personal prayer—these are some of the areas that belong on the agenda.

While you’re at it, ask your wife if you can help work out a schedule she can live with—one that includes prayer, exercise, and breaks, as well as family responsibilities. All of us need objective, outside input on how we’re setting priorities and scheduling the things that have to get done. Your support can make all the difference, especially if your wife is dealing with challenging circumstances (say, young children or an outside job).

- **BY MEETING NEEDS.** When we experience a need for sleep or relaxation or whatever, we do our best to meet it. Do we show the same eagerness when it comes to our wives’ needs, or do we let them fend for themselves? Again, our model is Christ’s relationship with the church: He tends and cares for us and never neglects our needs. Our marriage vows call us to do the same for our wives.

Here are three important needs to consider:

- **TIME FOR GOD:** You should be as concerned for your wife’s spiritual life as you are for your own. Be willing to sacrifice your own desires so she has adequate time for prayer and Scripture reading—daily, if possible; otherwise, three or four times a week. Can she peacefully get to Sunday Mass? To the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Is weekday Mass possible?
- **TIME WITH OTHER WOMEN:** Our wives need friends they enjoy, women who support and encourage them in practical ways as well as in their relationship with the Lord. But they need time to develop these supportive relationships.
- **TIME OUT:** Everybody needs a break once in a while. Give your wife some time alone. Look for ways to reduce her workload. Sometimes I suggest dinner out, or I tell Therese not to bother about a big dinner—cold sandwiches on paper plates are fine.

Meeting your wife’s needs will require effort on your part.

You may have to take care of the children, do an extra chore or two, give something up, or do some long-range planning. For the sake of your marriage and family life, it’s worth it!

- **BY ENCOURAGING.** When was the last time you paid your wife a meaningful compliment? Not a distracted

“Hmm, that’s nice” nor a backdoor “This stew’s not bad,” but a genuine, full-fledged, “Honey, that was a great meal” or, “Say, you really look pretty tonight” or, “You gave an excellent presentation at that meeting.” Have you ever told her she’s a good wife or mother and listed the reasons you think so?

• **BY GOING OUT TOGETHER.** In a conversation over lunch one day, I received some excellent advice from my friend Ted, who has been married about as long as I have been alive.

He told me that from time to time, he takes his wife away for a weekend. “We go to a motel with a pool and a nice restaurant,” he said, “I make it as enjoyable and relaxing as I can—no cooking, cleaning, kids, or phone. You ought to do that for Therese.”

I took Ted’s advice and have never regretted it. Though Therese and I can afford a weekend getaway only about once a year, it’s been an excellent way both to spend time together and to provide a respite from the usual routine.

On a more modest level, I highly recommend scheduling a few hours of leisure time with your spouse every week. Much of marriage is necessarily functional; there are many practical issues to take care of. In order to grow in our relationship of love, however, spouses need time together that is not focused on problems, work, schedules, children, and tasks.

These dates with your spouse can be simple. Take a walk or a drive in the country. Go to a play, concert, or movie. Go bowling or skating. Scout out the best ice cream parlor in town. Play Scrabble, gin rummy, cribbage. Relax, do something you both enjoy — and enjoy one another.

Which Will It Be?

Implement even one of these five practical ways to love your wife, and you will strengthen your marriage and enrich your life together. Entrust your efforts to Jesus, the Lord of your marriage. Trust in the power of his Holy Spirit at work in you. With his help, you can move into an ever-deepening life of love.

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The food trailer is available through the end of the day Sunday, June 28 and there are extra bins by the school entrance. Let's end the food drive with a record number of donations! Most-needed items are: **Boxed Pasta/Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Canned Meats & Beans, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Personal Care Items (Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant), Diapers & Wipes, Cereal.** (Please avoid donating expired items.) Other ways to give to Hilliard Food Pantry Plus at any time are:

- The Green Bin in our church gathering area
- At the Hilliard Food Pantry, 3711 Main St. (behind Warehouse 839), food donations are accepted Monday–Saturday, 9 AM-12 PM
- Anytime at any Norwich Township Fire Dept.
- Visit <https://www.hilliardfoodpantry.org> for more opportunities

Thank you for supporting the Hilliard Food Pantry via this Saint Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving in June annual Food Drive!



Adult Study Begins July 6!

Join us Mondays, 7 PM, July 6-August 24 (no session July 27) for *St. Teresa of Avila, Nine Grades of Prayer* adult Scripture study. Watch videos and then discuss in small groups in Wellnitz, Room 1. Explore the classic grades of prayer from the Doctor of Prayer, St. Teresa of Avila! Materials will be provided at no cost to you. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/study4prayer> to sign up by filling out the form. Questions? Email Bryan at chov911@gmail.com

Community Calendar

MONDAY, JUNE 22

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 23

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
8:30 AM	ROOTS/Middleschooler Summer Bible Study	Wellnitz, Room 1
7:00 PM	OCIA Assumption Cohort Meeting	Davidson, Room A
7:00 PM	OCIA Immaculate Conception Cohort: Welcome Cookout	Wellnitz, Rooms 1 & 2

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

5:30 AM	Fit Shepherds for Men	Campus Parking Lot
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 Mystery of the Bible	Davidson, Room B
7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Group	Wellnitz, Room 2
7:00 PM	Young Adult Women's Small Group	Off-site

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:45 AM	VINE Encyclical Study	Wellnitz, Rooms 1 & 2
7:00 PM	Summer VINE	Off-site

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
12:00 PM	Parish Picnic	Outdoors/School Gym
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

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 Sacred Heart of Jesus

"If we know God, our identification of ourselves with those we love will be patterned on our union with God, and subordinate to it. Thus our love will begin with the knowledge of its own limitations and rise to the awareness of its greatness. For in ourselves we will always remain separate and remote from one another, but in God we can be one with those we love."

~EXCERPTED FROM *NO MAN IS AN ISLAND* BY FR. THOMAS MERTON, OCSO

Monday, June 22 ~ Twelfth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time

Optional Memorials: Saint John Fisher, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Thomas More, Martyr

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5 Jesus said to his disciples: "Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove that splinter from your eye,' while the wooden beam is in your eye? You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."

Meditation: Let's admit it – we all have the potential to be rather critical at times (and not of the "constructive criticism" variety), but nobody wants to be judged or condemned. Then why is judgementalism so rampant, even among Christians? "Thinking the best of other people" is necessary if we wish to grow in love. And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty. The Rabbis warned people: "He who judges his neighbor favorably will be judged favorably by God." How easy it is to misjudge and how difficult it is to be impartial in judgment. Our judgment of others is usually "off the mark" because we can't see inside the person, or we don't have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself.

Prayer: O God, who in martyrdom have brought true faith to its highest expression, graciously grant that, strengthened through the intercession of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, we may confirm by the witness of our life the faith we profess with our lips. 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 reminds each of us of a heavenly principle that we can stake our lives on: what you give to others (and how you treat others) will return to you. The Lord knows our faults and he sees all, even the imperfections and sins of the heart which we cannot recognize in ourselves. Like a gentle father and a skillful doctor he patiently draws us to his seat of mercy and removes the cancer of sin which inhabits our hearts. Do you trust in God's mercy and grace? Ask the Lord to flood your heart with his loving-kindness and mercy that you may only have room for love, charity, compassion and forbearance towards your neighbor.

Tuesday, June 23 ~ Twelfth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:12-14 Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not give what is holy to dogs, or throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot, and turn and tear you to pieces. "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the Law and the Prophets. "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few."

Meditation: Jesus' expression about "pearls before swine" is concerns not exclusivity, but with purity — the purity of the faith which has been entrusted to us by an all-loving and all-wise God. The early church

referenced this expression with the Eucharist or the Lord's Table. In the liturgy of the early church, a proclamation was given shortly before communion: Holy things to the holy. The *Didache*, a first century church manual stated: Let no one eat or drink of your Eucharist except those baptized into the name of the Lord; for, as regards this, the Lord has said, 'Give not that which is holy unto dogs.'" The Lord invites us to his table, but we must approach worthily.

Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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 concludes his discourse with the reminder that we must treat our neighbor in the same way we wish to be treated by God and by others. We must not just avoid doing harm to our neighbor, we must actively seek his or her welfare. In doing so, we fulfill the law and the prophets, namely what God requires of us – loving God with all that we have and are and loving our neighbor as ourselves. The personal love we show to our neighbor is fueled by the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit is every ready to transform our lives in Jesus' way of love. Do you thirst for holiness and for the fire of God's love? If not, or if you find yourself repeatedly falling short in this regard, pray the prayer of St. Clement XI of Rome: "Let me love you, my Lord and my God, and see myself as I really am – a pilgrim in this world, a Christian called to respect and love all whose lives I touch, those in authority over me or those under my authority, my friends and my enemies. Help me to conquer anger with gentleness, greed by generosity, apathy by fervor. Help me to forget myself and reach out towards others."

Wednesday, June 24 ~ Twelfth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-66,80 When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Meditation: John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion – to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of God's kingdom. Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, John leaped in the womb of Elizabeth as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8). John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. What is the significance of John the Baptist and his message for our lives? When God acts to save us he graciously fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes our faith come "alive" to his promises. Each and every day the Lord is ready to renew us in faith, hope, and love. Like John the Baptist, the Lord invites each of us to make our life a free-will offering to God. God wants to fill us with his glory all the days of our lives, from birth through death. Renew the offering of your life to God and give him thanks for his mercy and favor towards you.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your family may walk in the way of salvation and, attentive to what Saint John the Precursor urged, may come safely to the One he foretold, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you marvel at the grace and work of God, especially in your personal life? The friends of Zechariah and Elizabeth marveled at the wonderful way in which God blessed them with a child. This child was destined by God for an important mission. The last verses in the last book of the Old Testament, taken from the prophet Malachi, speak of the Lord's messenger, the prophet Elijah who will return to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (ref. Malachi 4:6). We see the beginning of the fulfillment of this word when the Angel Gabriel announced to Zechariah the marvelous birth and mission of John the Baptist (ref. Luke 1:17). When this newly born child was about to be named, as customary on the eighth day, his relatives quibbled over what name to give him. This child, however, has been named from above! And Elizabeth is firm in her faith and determined to see that God be glorified through this child. The name "John" means "the Lord is gracious". In the birth of John and in the birth of Jesus the Messiah we see the grace of God breaking forth into a world broken by sin and without hope. John's miraculous birth shows the mercy and favor of God in preparing his people for the coming of its Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thursday, June 25 ~ Twelfth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29 Jesus said to his disciples: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Meditation: What's the significance of the story for us? The kind of foundation we build our lives upon will determine whether we can survive the storms and trials of life that are sure to come. Builders usually lay their foundations when the weather and soil conditions are at their best. It takes foresight to know how a foundation will stand up against adverse conditions. Building a house on a flood plain, such as a dry riverbed, is a sure bet for disaster! Jesus prefaced his story with a warning: We may fool one another with our words, but God cannot be deceived. He sees the heart as it truly is – with its motives, intentions, desires, and choices (Psalm 139:2). There is only one way in which a person's sincerity can be proved, and that is by one's practice. Fine words can never replace good deeds. Our character is revealed in the choices we make, especially when we must choose between what is true and false, good and evil. Do you cheat on an exam or on your income taxes, especially when it will cost you? Do you lie, or cover-up, when disclosing the truth will cause you pain or embarrassment? A true person is honest and reliable before God, neighbor, and oneself. Such a person's word can be taken as trustworthy.

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: If you could foresee a threat to your life and the lose of your home and goods, wouldn't you take the necessary precautions to avoid such a disaster? Jesus' story of being swept away by flood waters and wind storms must have caught the attention of his audience who knew that terrific storms did occasionally sweep through their dry arid land without any warning signs. When Jesus described the builders who were unprepared for such a life-threatening storm, he likely had the following proverb in mind: When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm for ever (ref. Proverbs 10:25).

Friday, June 26 ~ Twelfth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time

Optional Memorial: Saint Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, priest

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:1-4 When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And then a leper approached, did him homage, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I will do it. Be made clean." His leprosy was cleansed

immediately. Then Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

Meditation: What can hold us back from approaching the Lord with faith and confidence that he can change and transform us – perhaps fear, pride, and the risk of losing one's reputation and friends? Jesus did something which was both remarkable and unthinkable at the same time. He approached the "unapproachables" – he touched the untouchables. Lepers were outcasts of society. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away with open sores over their entire bodies. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. The leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean – not only physically but spiritually as well.

Prayer: O God, who raised up your priest Saint Josemaria Escriva in the Church to proclaim the universal call to holiness and the apostolate, grant that by his intercession and example we may, through our daily work, be formed in the likeness of Jesus your Son and serve the work of redemption with burning love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: There once was a man named Francis, who at one point in his life met a leper on the road as he journeyed towards Assisi in Italy. "Though the leper caused him no small disgust and horror, he nonetheless, got off the horse and prepared to kiss the leper. But when the leper put out his hand as though to receive something, he received money along with a kiss" (from *The Life of St. Francis* by Thomas of Celano). Francis did what seemed humanly impossible because he was filled with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit inflames our hearts with the fire of Christ's love that we may reach out to others with compassionate care, especially to those who have been rejected, mistreated, and left utterly alone. Do you allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the love and compassion of Christ for others?

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The Month of June ~ Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Prayer of Confidence 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, 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 my prayer, but Yours, Jesus.*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. Amen.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, JUNE 22

- 6:30 AM Paul & Olivia Riveria †
 8:00 AM For the needs of our parishioners as they begin the week.
 5:30 PM Rose Indiciani †

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

- 6:30 AM Intention: Andrew Temelkoff
 8:00 AM Jack Krimm †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- 6:30 AM Intention: Tim & Stephanie Temelkoff
 8:00 AM Lorraine Jennings †
 5:30 PM William & Clara Fortuna †

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

- 6:30 PM Jean Morris †
 8:00 AM Jack Krimm †

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

- 6:30 PM Rayappa †
 8:00 AM Steven Ireland †

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- 8:00 AM Robert J. Ulliman †
 5:30 PM Don Hodgson †

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:15 AM Robert Byorth †
 8:45 AM Mr. & Mrs. Edmund & Irene Kijowski †
 10:45 AM Josephine L. Jones †
 5:30 PM For the People of St. Brendan Parish

(† intention is for someone deceased.)



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WEDNESDAY 7 AM–5 PM

Holy Hour, 6–7 PM with Confession

SATURDAY 8:30 AM–1 PM

SUNDAY 6:30 PM–10 PM



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* at www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List, via the QR code, 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.

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Shirley Buswell	Don Azelvandre	Anna D'Ettorre
Margie Hiam	Bailey Curtis	Suzzette Briones
Kathleen Carlson	Daffine Papaly	Gregg U'selli
Ken Weitmarshen	Evie Scoville	Esthelind Gutierrez
Jimmy Gutierrez	Mary Reed	Sue Devore
		Curt Thayer

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Aaron Huesman	Cody Longstreth	Connor Olson
Sam Imwalle	Jackson Maassel	Dan Severance
Christopher Keck	Rick Shonkwiler	Trevor Pfirrmann
Robert Carollo	Rob Shonkwiler	Zackery Reed
Kyle Mullins	Luke Stumphauzer	Robbie Hite
Joe Alverson	Thomas Noel	Nathanial Mattson
Ross McDonald		

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

THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

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MONTH OF JUNE: Dedicated to the Heart of Jesus

GOD'S ARMOR: FAMILY CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART

Article by Kathleen Beckman, courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.

One of the Twelve Promises to those devoted to the Heart of Jesus involves “peace in their families.” Another has to do with blessings coming upon those places where an image of the Sacred Heart is “exposed and venerated.” We can find these in seminal form in St. Margaret Mary’s letter.

Though family devotion to the Sacred Heart is mentioned in the letters of St. Margaret Mary, it became common practice among Catholic families two centuries later as a result of one man, Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey. He joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, was ordained in 1898, and was sent to Valparaiso, Chile, where he founded a Catholic university in 1905. He was especially interested in creating a law school where Catholics could be formed to advance the social mission of the Church.

One year later, it was destroyed by an earthquake. As Fr. Mateo dealt with this setback and worked tirelessly to help those who had lost homes, businesses, and loved ones, his health broke. He was sent to Europe to recover.

On June 5, 1907, Fr. Mateo met with Pope Pius X and shared with him a dream that had begun to take shape in his heart. He had been thinking about promoting the social reign of Christ in families. Since society as a whole goes as the family goes, if the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is to be realized in the world, it must begin in families.

Did the Holy Father approve of his plan? The pope responded, “No, no, my son. I do not permit you. I command you, do you understand? I order you to give your life for this work of salvation. It is a wonderful work. Consecrate your entire life to it.”

With this directive, Fr. Mateo went on pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial, France. On August 24, 1907, at the age of thirty-two, in the chapel where the revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary occurred, Fr. Mateo prayed and promised that he would dedicate the rest of his life to this, whether it be short – as it seemed it would be given his illness – or long. As he rose from prayer, he felt cured and began the mission that would consume his attention and energies until his death at the age of eighty-five in 1960.

When Pope Saint John Paul II visited Paray-le-Monial on October 5, 1986, he affirmed the importance of family consecration in building “the civilization of love.” He said: “Yes, thanks to the sacrament of marriage, in the Covenant with divine wisdom, in the Covenant with the infinite love of the Heart of Christ, you families are given the means to develop in each of your members the riches of the human person and of his call to the love of God and men. Welcome the presence of the Heart of Jesus, we seek to draw from him the true love that our families need. The family unit has a fundamental role in the construction of the civilization of love.” (Address, October 5, 1986) (Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., *A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, 2012, Ave Maria Press).

Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sacred Heart of Jesus, You made clear to St. Margaret Mary Your desire of being King in Christian families. We today wish to proclaim Your most complete kingly dominion over our own family. We want to live in the future with Your life. We want to cause to flourish in our midst those virtues to which You have promised peace here below.

We want to banish far from us the virtues to which You have cursed. You shall be King over our minds in the simplicity of faith, and over our hearts by the wholehearted love with which they shall burn for You, the flame of which we will keep alive by the frequent reception of Your divine Eucharist. Be so kind, O divine Heart, as to preside over our assemblies, to bless our enterprises, both spiritual and temporal, to dispel our cares, to sanctify our joys, and to alleviate our sufferings. If ever one or other of us should have the misfortune to afflict You, remind him, O Heart of Jesus, that you are good and merciful to the penitent sinner. And we will all, both those who go and those who stay, be submissive to Your eternal decrees. We shall console ourselves with the thought that a day will come when the entire family reunited in heaven, can sing forever Your glories and Your mercies. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the glorious patriarch St. Joseph present this family consecration to You, and keep it in our minds all the days of our life. All glory to the Heart of Jesus, our King and our Father! (www.ewtn.com)

God's Armor: Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) Encyclical *Annum Sacrum*

In Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical, published 25 May 1899, the Holy Father consecrated the entire human family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A prophetic statement from the encyclical sets the foundation for the pope’s world consecration to the Sacred Heart: “Hence the abundance of evils which have now for a long time settled upon the world, and which pressingly call upon us to seek help from Him by whose strength alone they can be driven away. Who can he be but Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God? For there is no other name under heaven given to me whereby we must be saved. We must have recourse to Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We have gone astray and we must return to the right path; darkness has overshadowed our minds, and the gloom must be dispelled by the light of truth; death has seized upon us, and we must lay hold of life. It will at length be possible that our many wounds be healed and all justice spring forth again with the hope of restored authority; that the splendors of peace be renewed, and swords and arms drop from the hand when all shall acknowledge the empire of Christ and willingly obey His word, and every tongue shall confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.”

*Sacred Heart
of Jesus,
please pray
for us!*



Consecrations are real and powerful in the spiritual world. Those who serve in the Church's deliverance and exorcism ministry receive increasing accounts of consecrations to Satan and his dark works. There are two kingdoms, light or dark. Family consecration to the Sacred Heart is a concrete act of faith that pleases God and displeases the Ancient Foe.

Living our consecration to the Sacred Heart on a daily basis is also part of God's armor. The flames of divine love that pour out of the Sacred Heart strengthen our faith, hope and love. The Sacred Heart is not only our refuge; it is our place of victory over evil because when His heart was pierced at Calvary, the Blood and Water that poured forth became our baptismal bath and Eucharistic life.

As Pope Leo XIII wrote, "We must lay hold of life." Wake up, O sleeper! Gloom needs to be dispelled with praise and thanksgiving in all things (1 Thes 5:8). We can turn every trial, loss, hardship, persecution, test of faith, and spiritual warfare into thanksgiving and praise like Mary. When we experience demonic vexation (cf. Book of Job), we can slowly and deliberately pray the Magnificat prayer, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my Savior," etc. This can become an effective habit to combat temptations. The fallen angels of darkness despise praise and gratitude to God.

We belong to Jesus Christ, to the light, not to the darkness. There are many people who have one foot in each camp, or worse – some are altogether living in the darkness. Perhaps this is true for family members who have turned away from Jesus and the Church. The love of the Sacred Heart will not cease to be poured out upon sinners. The Good Shepherd will never cease to leave the ninety-nine to search after the lost sheep.

Family enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is extremely effective as a part of God's armor. Jesus spoke powerfully to St. Margaret Mary: "My divine Heart is so passionately fond of the human race...that it cannot keep back the pent-up flames of its burning charity any longer. They must burst out through you and reveal my Heart to the world, so as to enrich mankind with my precious treasures. I'm letting you see them now; and they include all the graces of sanctification needed to snatch men from the brink of hell" (Timothy O'Donnell, 1989, Heart of the Redeemer, Ignatius Press, pg. 129).

For the enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home, please visit <https://sacredheartapostolate.com/enthronements/> or <https://welcomehisheart.com/>

Parish Festival News

Find updated festival needs and news at <https://stbrendans.net/about/parish-festival/>

RAFFLE TICKETS Sell all six raffle tickets by July 13 and you will receive two free entries!

SPONSORS Find opportunities or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/sponsor4stb> or email Kevin Quinn at kquinn323@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS Sign up to fill one of the many roles at <https://tinyurl.com/26festival> or, sign up to donate sweets for Cake Bingo at <https://tinyurl.com/26cakes>

Silent Auction Donations:

DONATE SILENT AUCTION BASKETS

Look for the table near the Welcome Desk to drop off clean basket donations for the Silent Auction during next two weekends, **June 20-28**. Questions? Contact Jackie Bensman at 419-450-1888.

SILENT AUCTION TREES, JUNE 27

"Trees" with donation tags for items that are needed to fill baskets for the Silent Auction will be available beginning on June 27. Take a tag or two or perhaps "build" your own basket! Please drop off all Silent Auction Tree tag item donations by July 19.

AMAZON WISHLIST

To purchase items for our Silent Auction baskets via our Amazon Wishlist, scan the QR code or visit



<https://tinyurl.com/amazon26festival>



Parish 70th Anniversary Celebration on June 14... An Evening to Remember!

We came together as a parish to plan, create, set up, staff, enjoy and clean up last Sunday for the St. Brendan Parish 70th Anniversary Mass, Pastor Installation & Dinner Reception event. Thank you to the many volunteers (parishioners, ministries, youth groups & staff) who spent countless hours, thought and effort to make it a memorable event for all. See the photos for highlights from this special evening.



New! Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry

Meet in the St. Brendan parking lot on Wednesdays & Saturdays at 5:30 AM for Fit Shepherds, a new men's ministry at our parish. "Fit Shepherds" are formed through demanding workouts, fraternity and discipleship. Our aim is to have every man in our parish community be in the best physical and spiritual shape of their lives. Sign up or, for questions, email Nick Hasou at njhasou@gmail.com or call 713-829-5564.



Fall Athletics Registration Is Open

Registration for CYO Football, boys and girls Flag Football, Cross-country, Volleyball, St. Brendan K-3 Soccer, Cheer and Field Hockey are now open. Find more details and register at <https://stbrendans.net/ministries/athletics>



The Appeal Progress Update

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Through 5 weeks, we've made great headway on The Appeal! Currently, 379 parish families have combined to raise \$280,518 of our \$335,000 goal as set by the diocese, representing 83% of our Diocesan Goal, and 55% of our Enhanced Goal of \$520,538 (which raises \$185,000 additional funds for 70-80 more parking spots on our campus!) Across our parish of 2,600 families, Fr. Mike calls each of us to make a pledge.

Please pledge today to *The Appeal* if you have not already done so. Return envelopes to one of the marked dropboxes in the gathering space, mail to the church office, or pledge online by scanning the QR code.



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Our parish staff will be working at the event as a "thank you" to the many volunteers who step up to serve our parish in so many ways.



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>



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We need your help to make the week a success – volunteers, email spennington@stbrendans.net

Join us for Moms at the Metro

Moms are invited to join the Elizabeth Ministry for a summer social series *Moms at the Metro* designed to bring our parish mothers together. Bring the kids to the Glacier Ridge Metro Park (by playground) on Saturdays: **July 18, August 15 & September 19** for: **9 AM Nature Walk; 10 AM Craft/Playtime; 11 AM Wrap-up.** RSVP to Regina at 330-754-8028 or thelonggears@gmail.com or, Alyssa at 406-781-1396.



The Elizabeth Ministry Is Expanding!

Inspired by Elizabeth's joyful welcome of Mary, our ministry unites women in every stage of motherhood in faith, friendship, and service – so every mother is supported, every season is honored, and every woman is drawn closer to Christ. We welcome all women on their journey and every woman belongs. Our ministry is growing! We are excited to now offer:

- **Educational Opportunities:** Talks/gatherings to equip mothers in faith & life
- **Expertise Sharing:** Tapping into the wisdom & gifts in our own community
- **Saturday Morning Park Meetups:** Casual, joyful connection for moms & kids
- **Adoration for Moms:** Dedicated time in prayer with babysitting provided

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with childcare during Adoration – watching the little ones in a separate room so other moms can have uninterrupted time with the Lord. Women of any age or stage of motherhood are invited. (*Volunteers must complete Protecting God's Children and fingerprinting to honor our safe environment policy.*) If you feel called to support this ministry, contact Regina at thelonggears@gmail.com or 330-754-8028.

Protecting God's Children Class, Aug. 3

Fingerprinting is 5-6 PM and the PGC class is 6-9 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Sign up at www.virtus.org Questions? tboyne@stbrendans.net

Summer VINE for High Schoolers

SUMMER FRIDAYS, 7-9 PM

- 6/26 Pool & Volleyball (5-7 PM) Hawaiian Luau at 3002 Collier Hill Ct.
- 7/3 Slip N Slide Kickball, field by St. B (shaving cream/water balloons)
- 7/10 Powerpoint Party, Wellnitz (gummy candy)
- 7/17 Worship Night, Wellnitz
- 7/24 Christmas in July, Wellnitz (Scavenger Hunt)
- 7/31 Nature Hike, Batelle Darby Creek Park
- 8/7 Parish Festival, St. Brendan Campus

APOLOGETICS WEDNESDAYS, 7-8:30 PM

- 7/1 *Rites of the Church*, Wellnitz
- 7/15 *Angels & Demons*, Wellnitz
- 7/22 *Purgatory*, Wellnitz
- 8/12 *Spiritualities*, Wellnitz

Follow [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine) on Instagram. Questions? Email kshand@stbrendans.net

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 Wellnitz, Room 1. All materials needed (and Timbits!) are provided. Please Note: The Fall Roots Retreat in October is being rescheduled now for a later date. Details to come.

POD Nursery Volunteers Are Needed!

Help is needed watching children on Sundays during the 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses in our nursery. Note: Those ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant. Sign up by emailing nursery@stbrendans.net

Seniors NOW (Navigating Our Way)

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 8 AM – Those 65+ are invited to join us for First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Sunny Cafe, 7042 Perimeter, Dublin.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 12 PM – Luncheon at Weaver Park.

Meet at the Norwich Pavilion. Bring a chair, your lunch, and a drink. RSVP Jerry Price, at price62@gmail.com or 614-805-6792

Eucharist for the Homebound

Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass in person. If you or a loved one are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist at home, email doconnell@stbrendans.net



Walk in the Hilliard 4th of July Parade with us!

Join our St Brendan float for our annual Hilliard 4th of July Day Parade appearance! Meet us at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. Staging is at 6:30-8 AM (no need to arrive by 6:30!) Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/stb4th> to join us. Questions? Email Keith Bray at braykeith@gmail.com For parade participation details, visit <https://tinyurl.com/events4stb>

Concert Fundraiser for Franciscan Sisters

Featuring the Return of Hit or Miss (parishioner – Ray Parello, Lindsey Brigano and Christy Kish) in support of the Franciscan Sisters T.O.R. of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother on Thursday, June 25, 6-8:30 PM at the Tremont Clubhouse (outdoor patio), 4800 Tremont Club Dr., Hilliard. Cost is \$10/person entrance fee. **ALL proceeds will go to the Franciscan Sisters.** We appreciate your tax deductible donation to assist the sisters!

St. Brendan Golf Outing, July 31

Join us at our 6th Annual St. Brendan Golf Outing on Friday, July 31! Whether you'd like to golf, sponsor, volunteer, or simply help spread the word, we'd love to have you involved. Spend time with family and friends. Register, sponsor or volunteer at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/P5W/>

Around Our Diocese

2026 Quo Vadis Retreat, July 27 & 30

Quo Vadis vocations discernment camp, led by priests & seminarians, is for young men entering grades 9-12 and takes place on Monday, July 27 and Thursday, July 30 at the Pontifical College Josephinum (7625 N. High St., Columbus). Cost is \$50/person. Register by July 17 and find details at <https://www.vocationscolumbus.org/quovadis> or for questions, email columbuquovadis@gmail.com



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES



Catholic Social Services FREE July Street Fair

Catholic Social Services (CSS) of Columbus is joining Catholic Charities agencies across the USA to host *People of Hope: Faith-filled Stories of Neighbors Helping Neighbors*, a storytelling museum designed to amplify the profound impact of Christian service on Sunday, July 12-Monday, July 13. The museum is located on the street at N. 5th and E. Broad (next to St. Joseph Cathedral) and is free and open to the public, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM both days. Includes: food, music, vendors, service project, and a children's activity area. Questions? Contact CSS: 614-221-5891.

Marriage Conference, September 19

Married and engaged couples are invited to the annual *Together in Holiness* marriage conference on Sept. 19, 8:30 AM-4 PM at St. Catharine Catholic Church in Columbus (presented by St. John Paul II Foundation & Diocese of Columbus) to strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Cost is \$64 per couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. Register at <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th26-cmoh/>

Bishop Ready High School Pew Sale

To make room for new pews, Bishop Ready High School is selling its current pews. Pick up from Bishop Ready High School at 707 Salisbury Rd., Columbus by August 1. There are 6 pews available at 6 ft. (\$100 ea.) and 18 pews at 8 ft. (\$150 ea.) Cash or Money Orders ONLY. Questions? Contact Janet Hohenberger or call 614-276-5273, ext. 216.

World Youth Day, 2027

Join Father Wilson for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. Young adults are invited to join Catholics from around the world for this pilgrimage of faith. World Youth Day offers a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, and be inspired to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. For more information and to express interest, visit <https://stpacc.org/wyd/> For questions, please contact Jami Warner at jwarner@stpacc.org

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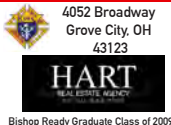
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