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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me,

and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

~ Matthew 10:37-42

IT'S THE FINAL WEEKEND OF THE SVDP THANKSGIVING IN JUNE FOOD DRIVE!

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PARISH FESTIVAL BASKET COLLECTION ENDS SUNDAY!

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PARISH PICNIC

JUNE 28, 12-3 PM

FOOD PROVIDED:
Burgers, Brats, Hotdogs, Drinks

LAST NAMES BEGINNING:
A-M bring a dessert
N-Z bring a side dish

Gaga Pit, Children's Games, Bounce House, Volleyball

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.

4TH OF JULY: MARCH WITH US IN THE HILLIARD PARADE! Details, pg. 13
(Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3.)

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 calendar is found in our bulletin or website.*

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From Our Pastor

ON THIS THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, we learn in Scripture that the total cost of discipleship is matched by the absolute beauty of God's reward. Jesus sets an incredibly high, yet achievable, bar for those who want to follow Him.

The Order of Love: God Is Always First. Jesus begins with words that can shock us: "*Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.*" This sounds like a contradiction of the Fourth Commandment to honor our mother and father. But here Jesus is not commanding us to hate our families, He is simply telling us that we must love God more, to love God above all things; Jesus is establishing the divine order of love – what Saint Augustine called the *ordo amoris*. Saint Augustine outlines this in his book *Confessions*. Augustine argues that God created a beautiful universe filled with many kinds of "goods" –

e.g. family, food, truth, beauty, material possessions, etc. There is a natural hierarchy to these goods, and we humans are wired to love them all. **The Ultimate Good:** God is the supreme, infinite good. He must be loved above all else, for His own sake. **Intermediate Goods:** Human beings, family, truth, and virtue are high-level created goods. **Lower Goods:** Material wealth, physical comfort, and food are lesser, fleeting goods. Now consider what Saint Augustine calls *amor disordinatus* – disordered love. Sin occurs when we develop a disordered love – taking a lower, created good and elevating it above a higher good. When we do this, we turn a good thing into an idol. Some examples may include:

- **The Workaholic.** Career and financial security are good things. However, if a person loves their career more than their spouse or children, their love is disordered, leading to the destruction of the family.
- **The People-Pleaser.** Human friendship is a great good. But if someone values the approval of their friends more than the truth of God, they will compromise their morals to fit in.
- **The Glutton.** Food is a good creation of God meant to sustain life and bring joy. If food is loved more than physical health or self-control, it becomes a disordered attachment.

For Saint Augustine, our human hearts are inherently restless until they rest in God. When our *ordo amoris* is correct – when God is at the absolute top of our pyramid – everything else falls into its proper place. We are freed from the often crushing expectation that our money, our spouses, or our careers must perfectly satisfy us. Instead, we can enjoy them for what they truly are: beautiful, finite gifts from an infinite Creator. When we place God at the absolute center of our lives, our human relationships are not destroyed. Instead, these important relationships are purified and strengthened. If we make an idol out of our family, our careers, or our comfort, those relationships eventually collapse under the weight of our expectations. But when we love Jesus first, we are given the supernatural grace to love our families and others with His perfect, selfless love.

Taking Up Our Crosses in Life. Jesus then says, "*Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.*" It is crucial to remember that when Jesus spoke these words, He had not yet suffered and endured the pains we relive when we walk with Christ while praying the Stations of the Cross – the crucifixion on the Cross. For the Apostles, the Cross was not a piece of jewelry or a metaphor. It was a terrifying and painful instrument of public execution and total humiliation. For us, to take up the Cross means a daily, intentional decision to die to our own selfishness, our pride, and our need for control. Jesus does not ask us to carry anything He did not carry first. In our Catholic faith, we do not view suffering as meaningless. We join our daily crosses – illness, grief, difficult relationships, silent anxieties – to the Cross of Christ, transforming our pain into a pathway for redemption.

Finding Life by Losing It. Jesus sums up this paradox: "*Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*" If we spend our lives hoarding our time, protecting our egos, and chasing comfort, we will find our hands empty at the end of the road. True joy is discovered only when we empty ourselves to be filled with God. As Saint Francis of Assisi beautifully prayed, "It is in giving that we receive, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." The army of volunteers in our Parish, for example, are a testament and witness to Christ in a myriad of ways in this regard – giving of their time and talents in serving the needs of others as "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22).

The Grace of Small Things. The Gospel finishes with a shift from heroic sacrifice to radical simplicity. Jesus promises that anyone who gives even "a cup of cold water" to a disciple will not lose their reward. Not all of us are called to be foreign missionaries or public martyrs, but all of us are all called to be His disciples. Every single one of us is called to the martyrdom of the everyday – the quiet, small acts of hospitality, courtesies and kindness. A cup of cold water costs almost nothing, but when it is given out of love to someone for Christ – each of us acting on behalf of Christ, living in Christlike fashion as His disciples – it holds eternal weight. A patient listening ear to a family member, neighbor or coworker, a word of forgiveness to a spouse or friend, or a hidden act of charity – these are all "cups of cold water" that are seen and remembered by the Lord and register with Him in Heaven. The words to this familiar hymn should resonate with us today: "Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found, brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound..."

On this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us pray for the courage to reorder our loves and our lives, the strength to shoulder our daily crosses, and the open hearts to serve Christ in the small, ordinary moments that are part of daily living, and embrace the wonderful lives and opportunities we have been given as Christ's disciples. Let the words of today's Psalmist resonate in our hearts: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 89).

AT THIS SUNDAY'S PARISH PICNIC, WE GIVE PRAYERFUL THANKS to the army of volunteers in our Parish and Parish School who give freely and abundantly of their time and talents in a litany of ways to serve others, imitating Christ who came to serve, not to be served (Matthew 20:28). We are blessed at Saint Brendan's with a spirit of giving – so much so that it is challenging to calculate. But the Lord knows, and that is what is most important. So many ministries, groups and organizations in our parish, something for everyone to join in and participate, meet new friends, and enjoy fellowship. *Thank you, very much, to all our volunteers!*

THANK YOU, BISHOP FERNANDES for answering our prayers – please welcome Fr. Dan Moloney to our parish as our new Parochial Vicar. Fr. Dan was originally slated to be the new Parochial Vicar at Saint Paul's in Westerville, but there is a greater pastoral need for another priest here at Saint Brendan's given Fr. Sam's part-time duties at Bishop Watterson High School, my Vicar responsibilities with hospitals and our senior and retired priests, and Fr. Jake's return to duties in his home Diocese of Toledo.

Fr. Moloney is a native of Columbus, whose life, education and vocation ultimately took him to be ordained and serve as a priest in the Archdiocese of Boston. His desire to return to Columbus to be closer to family is a blessing to the Diocese and to our Parish.

Following is some information about Fr. Dan from Mount Saint Mary Seminary (MTSM) in Cincinnati where he recently served as an Assistant Professor and member of the Formation Faculty. In addition to the Pontifical College Josephinum, our Diocese utilizes MTSM for the formation of our seminarians; Bishop Fernandes also served at MTSM before being appointed Bishop of Columbus. Fr. Dan will be here in July – please join in welcoming him!



After graduating from St. Charles Preparatory School, he (Fr. Dan) went to Yale University to major in computer science when he encountered the newest Doctor of the Church for the first time and changed his trajectory.

"While at Yale, I began to take my spiritual life more seriously and had begun to read the magazine First Things," Fr. Moloney said. "There was an article on John Henry Newman and encountering Newman, one of the great apologists of the Church, was important as I began to get stronger in thinking and becoming more philosophical. I opened the course catalog and saw there was going to be a seminar on Newman. At that point I decided to become a religious studies major while taking philosophy classes."

The timing of his switch of majors was helped by circumstances at Yale, which laid the path for his journey.

Upon graduation from Yale, Fr. Moloney began master's studies at the University of Notre Dame, a time which he described as "a bit of a Catholic crossroads" as he worked to discern his next step. After completing his master's, he became an editor at First Things before returning to Notre Dame for his doctorate in philosophy. His dissertation eventually became the basis for a published book Mercy: What Every Catholic Should Know, which was released in 2020.

Following his doctorate, Fr. Moloney did a fellowship at Princeton as he continued to work through his Catholic crossroads. That took him to Rome, where he enrolled at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross to get his Bachelor's degree in Theology (S.T.B.), an experience which helped give him clarity.

"While in Rome, I saw there were a lot of smart men studying to be diocesan priests and they were happy about it. Prior to college, that was something that had never occurred to me. However, I am the third generation of my family to be in the priesthood or religious life, as my mother's uncle and brother are as well."

"I had spent so much time over the 20 years at or around universities," Fr. Moloney noted. "Boston has 65 colleges and universities, so I figured there would be opportunities there to do that. I reached out to (Seán) Cardinal O'Malley to ask if he would take me on and he readily said 'yes'."

Fr. Moloney was ordained to the priesthood in 2010.

Fr. Mike
Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

Information Center

PARISH OFFICE HOURS – Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM

CHURCH HOURS – M-F & Sunday, 6 AM-10 PM; Saturday, 6 AM-6 PM

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK – Contact the Parish Office.

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

SHARE YOUR PARISH/SCHOOL EVENT PHOTOS – Upload photos at stbstories.net and hit "submit" so we can share the many happenings with our parish and school through our bulletin & social media!

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Month of June: Dedicated to the Heart of Jesus

Article courtesy of Catholic Answers.

CATHOLIC PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine.

Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will.

Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.

Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen

Exposed Heart

Wound

Cross

Flames

Crown



WHAT ARE THE FIVE SYMBOLS OF THE SACRED HEART?

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is rich with symbolism. The **exposed Heart**, often depicted with a **crown** of thorns, represents Jesus' suffering and his immense love for humanity. The **flames** emanating from the Heart signify the transformative and purifying power of his love, while the **cross** above the Heart is a reminder of his redemptive sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. The **wound** in the side of his Heart represents the wound inflicted on him by both the Roman soldier and by all human beings through their sins.

ORIGINS AND EARLY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, but became more prominent through our Lord's private revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century. Between 1673 and 1675, St. Margaret Mary, a nun in the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial, France, received several visions of Jesus. In these visions, Christ revealed his Heart as a symbol of his boundless love for humanity and emphasized the need for people to return his love through devotion and prayer.

WHAT ARE THE TWELVE PROMISES OF THE SACRED HEART?

"I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life."

"I will establish peace in their families."

"I will comfort them in their trials."

"I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death."

"I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings."

"Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy."

"Lukewarm souls shall become fervent."

"Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection."

"I will bless every place where a picture of my Heart shall be set up and honored."

"I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts."

"Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart, never to be effaced."

"I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart, that my all-powerful love will grant, to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; my Heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour."



ENCYCLICALS (PAPAL DOCUMENTS) ON THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Catholic Church has long promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart. In 1856, Blessed Pope Pius IX extended the Feast of the Sacred Heart to the universal Church, recognizing its profound significance. Pope Leo XIII and Ven. Pope Pius XII further encouraged this devotion through their encyclicals, *Annum Sacrum* (<https://bit.ly/AnnumSacrum>) and *Haurietis Aquas* (<https://bit.ly/HaurietisAguas>), respectively, which emphasize Jesus' powerful love and consecrating ourselves to his Sacred Heart. Additionally, Pope St. John Paul II spoke passionately about the Sacred Heart, urging the faithful to embrace this devotion to experience the love of God more fully.

Volunteering: Glorifying the Lord Through Service to Others

Article by Fr. John W. Crossin, OSFS, courtesy of Catholic News Service.

At the end of Mass, we are blessed and sent "let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another." But how are we to be disciples of Christ in everyday life, outside of Mass?

We realize that our Christianity is to be lived, but how do we do so in our ordinary life situations that can be so complicated and somewhat secular?

The Gospel imperative is clear: We are to love God and love each other. More particularly, we know that when we serve "the least of these" we are serving Christ.

Our discernment of God's will begins at the Eucharist. It continues in our personal prayer. We should consider and "pray about" what gifts we have been given by God that can be of service to others. My pastoral experience has been that Catholics tend to miss or understate the gifts that they have been given by the Holy Spirit. What is obvious to others may not be obvious to us.

If we come to know our gifts, we can still wonder what we can do specifically. Certainly, we should ask the Holy Spirit to guide us. Often the Spirit can speak to us through circumstances we encounter or, as with the parishioners, the invitation of another.

Saint Francis de Sales is insightful here. He observes that daily life provides many small opportunities to serve others. If God is calling us to assume a more extended service, this will become clear to us over time.

"Start small" is good advice. We should consider that God can surprise us by his call. The call can be to do something modest but necessary for the welfare of others.

At times we will plant seeds of goodness and others will reap the results in the future. My friend who volunteers with Habitat for Humanity contributes his time and talent but rarely meets the eventual owners of the house.

Our service will call on us to practice the everyday virtues such as patience, humility, gentleness and simplicity.

If we look at social media or other means of communication, it often appears that Catholic teaching focuses on "what not to do." We realize that such an emphasis can spark conflict, attract attention and "sell."

We know from the "inside" that Catholic moral teaching is more positive. Morality is about becoming a certain kind of person. Our service is about practicing the virtues and becoming more like Christ.

An important daily virtue is humility. Service is a two-way process. We need to spend more of our time listening to others than speaking.

Usually those we think we are serving are also serving us. There is wisdom in paying attention and learning. Service to others can be personally enriching.

A man I knew felt called to serve the dying. He spent many of his Saturday mornings helping at a hospice run by an order of sisters. He told me that he did whatever the sisters told him to do – which included cleaning the floor.

He said he learned a great deal from speaking with the poor people who were dying. I was amazed at the humility of this prominent, successful attorney who for many years quietly served the poor.

Service need not be complicated. Following the guidance of those who are more expert is not difficult, nor is it always hard to listen to others. Service to others can put us in touch with the simple living and detachment from material goods that Jesus teaches.

Gentleness with others shows our respect for their human dignity. This virtue can gradually become evident in all or most of our daily interactions.

Gentleness with others often reflects our gentleness with ourselves. Sometimes we need to silence our "inner critic," rely on God's mercy and share that mercy with the members of our community.

The monsignor and the lawyer were both using their gifts to build a community of service. As the Pope continually reminds us, we are called to walk with others and to encounter others on the pilgrimage of life.

Such friendships are one of the keys to our spiritual growth and to a joyful life. We pray for the others and ask them to pray for us. We "go in peace" seeking the guidance of the Spirit in serving others and letting others serve us.

A FEW WAYS TO "SERVE THE LORD AND ONE ANOTHER" AT ST. BRENDAN PARISH...

(For more volunteer opportunities, visit www.stbrendans.net)

Church Cleaning Ministry – Meet Mondays at 9 AM in our church for some light cleaning. Supplies are provided or bring your own. Questions? Email Lisa at lisaploug@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl – Meet on 1st Saturdays and 3rd Wednesdays in the Carter Center and create shawls to wrap those in prayer who need it! Questions? Email Kathy at kendriz@aol.com

SVdP, Sandwiches for the Homeless – Help make sandwiches in Wellnitz twice monthly: 1st Thursdays, 10 AM and 3rd Thursdays, 7 PM. Questions? Email heathercsvd@gmail.com

Hospitality Ministries – Greet parishioners at Mass as a welcomer or host coffee & donuts on Sundays, twice per month after 8:45 & 10:45 Masses. Email hospitality@stbrendans.net

Join the Knights of Columbus – Meetings are monthly and this men's organization also sponsors various parish events throughout the year. Questions? Email kofc11208@gmail.com

Pod Nursery – Watch children during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses! Email nursery@stbrendans.net



A MESSAGE WORTH REVISITING . . .

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE JOHN PAUL II FOR THE UNITED NATIONS YEAR OF VOLUNTEER WORK

Dear Volunteers!

1. At the end of the year, that the United Nations dedicated to Volunteer work, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for your constant dedication, in every part of the world, in going to meet those who live in poverty. Whether you work individually or gathered together in special associations, you represent for children, the elderly, the sick, people in difficulty, refugees and the persecuted a ray of hope that pierces the darkness of solitude and encourages them to overcome the temptations of violence and egotism.

What makes a volunteer dedicate his/her life to others? First of all, the innate movement of the heart that inspires every human being to help his fellow man. It is a law of existence. A volunteer experiences a joy that goes far beyond what he has done when he succeeds in giving himself freely to others.

For this reason, volunteer work is a special factor that contributes to humanization. Thanks to the many forms of solidarity and of service that they promote and make concrete; volunteer workers make society more attentive to the dignity of the human person and his/her many expectations. Through their activity, volunteers come to realize that, only if one loves and gives himself to others, does the human creature reach perfect fulfillment.

2. Christ, the Son of God made man, communicates to us the profound reason for this universal human experience. Revealing the face of God who is love (cf. I Jn 4,8), He reveals to the human person that love is the supreme law of his being. In his earthly life Jesus made the divine tenderness visible, emptying "himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men" (Phil 2,7) and "gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Eph 5,1). Sharing our earthly life unto death, he has taught us "to walk in charity".

Following in his footsteps in these two millennia, the Church has not ceased witnessing to this love, leaving an exemplary record thanks to the saints who left their mark on history. Among the more recent ones, I am thinking of St Maximilian Kolbe, who sacrificed himself to save the father of a family, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who consecrated herself to the poorest of the poor.

Through love of God and love of the brethren, Christianity releases all its liberating and salvific power. Charity represents the most eloquent form of evangelization because, responding to corporal needs, it reveals to men God's provident and fatherly love, concerned for each one. It is not a matter of satisfying only the material needs of our neighbor like hunger, thirst, lack of housing, medical care, but to lead him to a personal experience of the charity of God. Through volunteer work, the Christian becomes a witness of this divine charity; he proclaims it and makes it tangible with courageous and prophetic contributions.

3. It is not enough to help whoever is in material difficulty; it is necessary at the same time to respond to his thirst for values and personal spiritual solutions. The kind of help we offer is important, but more important than the kind of help offered is the heart of the one who gives it. Whether dealing with microprojects or great initiatives, in any event, volunteer work is called to be a school of life, especially for young people, contributing to educate them in a culture of solidarity and outreach, open to the free gift of self.

How many volunteers through courageous commitment to their neighbor come to discover the faith! Christ, who asks to be served in the poor, speaks to the heart of the one who places himself at their service. He makes them experience the joy of disinterested love, that is the fountain of true happiness.

I warmly hope that the International Year of Volunteers, the occasion for organizing many initiatives and events, may help society to promote the many forms of volunteer work that are the sign of growth in social awareness. Often, volunteers fill gaps and anticipate the presence of public institutions that must give due recognition to the works born of their courageous initiative and foster them without losing the originating spirit.

4. Dear Brothers and Sisters, who make up this "army" of peace spread over the face of the earth, you are a sign of hope for our times. Wherever situations of hardship and suffering appear, make bear fruit the hidden resources of dedication, goodness and heroism in the heart of the human person.

Making myself the spokesman for the poor everywhere, I want to say "thank you" for your steadfast dedication. Continue your journey with courage; do not let difficulties ever stop you. May Christ, the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10,30-37), be the sublime model to be imitated by every volunteer.

Imitate Mary, who going "in haste" to assist her cousin Elizabeth, became a messenger of joy and salvation (cf. Lk 1,39-45). May she teach you her humble and concrete charity and obtain from the Lord the grace for you to recognize him in the poor and suffering.

With these wishes, I impart a special Apostolic Blessing to you, and all whom you meet every day in the course of your service to the human person.

From the Vatican, 5 December 2001.

Community Calendar

MONDAY, JUNE 29

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

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 Immaculate Conception Cohort Mtg.	Davidson, Room B

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

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 Scripture Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible	Davidson, Room B
7:00 PM	Summer VINE	Wellnitz, Rooms 1 & 2
7:15 PM	Parish Choir Rehearsal	Church

THURSDAY, JULY 2

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Women's AM Scripture Study	Davidson, Room A
9:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making for the Homeless	Wellnitz, Room 1
7:00 PM	Women's PM Scripture Study	Davidson, Rooms A & B

FRIDAY, JULY 3

**PARISH OFFICE IS
CLOSED DUE TO
4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY**

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: 1st Friday Mass & Breakfast	Church/Sunny Café, Dublin
8:30 AM-12:00 AM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Summer VINE	Off-site

SATURDAY, JULY 4

**4TH OF JULY-
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration		Adoration Chapel
12:00 AM-1:00 PM	1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 AM	Fit Shepherds for Men	Campus Parking Lot
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, JULY 5

**NO COFFEE & DONUTS.
NO POD NURSERY.**

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
12:00 PM	K of C #11208 Silver Rose Prayer Service	Church
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesdays • 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

"Today, therefore, my final prayer is this: that God will bless America, so that she may increasingly become — and truly be — and long remain one Nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all." +POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II (1979 VISIT TO U.S.)

Monday, June 29 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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

Meditation: Today the Apostles Peter and Paul are commemorated for tirelessly working for the spread of the gospel, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. They risked their lives in the process and gladly poured out their blood in loyalty to their Master, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As Paul so eloquently stated in his second epistle to Timothy: "they courageously fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). So it is worth asking: How firm is your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that we may be sustained by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, that, as through them you gave your Church the foundations of her heavenly office, so through them you may help her to eternal salvation. 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: When Jesus asks: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" he poses that question to each of us. Our response is twofold – first by our *words*, and second by our *actions* – the way we live our lives. We can proclaim Christ as our Lord and Savior, and share in his saving mission through word by sharing the message found in sacred scripture. But most important is to put the teachings of sacred scripture into action and "living" the word fully in our daily lives. If we are firm in our faith, this is something that occurs naturally. If we find ourselves hesitating out of "fear" or "embarrassment" then there is work to be done in making sure that when we proclaim to be a Catholic, a Christian, a disciple of Christ, that we mean what we say and say what we mean. Let's not insult Jesus with lip service – profess to be one thing and then do another – let's prove to him and to the world that we are true disciples by living the Word day in and day out, and that this desire comes from our hearts to be authentic disciples.

Tuesday, June 30 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27 As Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him. Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm. The men were amazed and said, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?"

Meditation: What is stronger than fear, even the fear of death? Scripture gives an answer: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). The Wisdom of Solomon tells us that "love is

stronger than death" (Song of Songs 8:6). Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need.

Prayer: O God, who consecrated that abundant first fruits of the Roman Church by the blood of the Martyrs, grant, we pray, that with firm courage we may together draw strength from so great a struggle and ever rejoice at the triumph of faithful 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: Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians. Jesus is always present to us in our hour of need – especially in times of challenge, fear, and anxiety. Jesus was there for the first martyrs of Rome in their persecution in living out the teachings of Christ, just as he is present to us as we bring the teachings of Christ into our world – into our homes, our places of work, our schools, in our neighborhoods. The truth of Christ always prevails and flourishes, while dictators, fads, people and activist groups with their own personal agendas and other secular things wither like a dead tree limb. Never be afraid to promote and live the truths of Christ, and to live your life of faith to the fullest, no matter what opposition you may experience. Remember this simple prayer: "Jesus my Lord, my God, my all, you are the only foundation that can hold us up when trials and disaster threaten us. Give me the wisdom, foresight, and strength of character I need to do what is right and good and to reject whatever is false and contrary to your will. May I always meet the challenges and trials of life head on, knowing you are at my side. May I be a doer of your word and not a hearer only."

Wednesday, July 1 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34 When Jesus came to the territory of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him. They were so savage that no one could travel by that road. They cried out, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?" Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding. The demons pleaded with him, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go then!" They came out and entered the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea where they drowned. The swineherds ran away, and when they came to the town they reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs. Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district.

Meditation: Jesus took pity on these men who were overtaken by a legion of evil spirits. The destructive force of these demons is evident for all who can see as they flee and destroy a herd of swine. After Jesus freed the demoniacs the whole city came out to meet him. No one had demonstrated such power and authority against the forces of Satan as Jesus did. They feared Jesus as a result and begged him to leave them. Why would they not want Jesus to stay? Perhaps the price for such liberation from the power of evil and sin was more than they wanted to pay. Jesus is ready and willing to free us from anything that binds us and that keeps us from the love of God.

Prayer: O God, who by your ineffable mercy have been pleased through the labors of your priest Saint Junipero Serra to count many American peoples within your Church, grant by his intercession that we may so join our hearts to you in love, as to carry always and everywhere before all people the image of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: There were a growing number of Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus. Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians. When you face opposition from friend, family members, co-workers, neighbors, classmates – whomever – for living your life according to the teachings of Christ and his Catholic Church, fear not as you are in good company. Jesus was ridiculed and mocked for proclaiming the truth, his apostles and disciples were mocked and scored for living the truth. We live in an era where it is acceptable – even "fashionable" – to embrace a life of political correctness, an era where many do not want to offend a friend or go against a societal trend by saying "no" but have no problem turning away from God or offending him. Never shy away from living your life according to the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Remember, you profess to be a disciple of Christ – prove it by your actions.

Thursday, July 2 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 After entering a boat, Jesus made the crossing, and came into his own town. And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven." At that, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said: "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— he then said to the paralytic, "Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home." He rose and went home. When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe and glorified God who had given such authority to men.

Meditation: *Question:* What cripples the mind and heart and stifles the healing power of love? *Answer:* Sin and an unforgiving mind and heart! None of us should not be amazed at the fact that sin cripples us more than any physical ailment can. When the paralytic was brought to Jesus because of the faith of his friends, Jesus did the unthinkable. He first forgave the man his sins. The scribes regarded this as blasphemy because they understood that only God had authority to forgive sins and to unbind a man or woman from their burden of guilt. Jesus claimed an authority which only God could rightfully give. Jesus not only proved that his authority came from God, he showed the great power of God's redeeming love and mercy by healing the paralytic of his physical ailment.

Prayer: O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: It would be time well spent for each of us to look deeply and honestly at how we, too, may be crippled by our own sinfulness, and where we turn to for healing. It is all too easy to fall into the habit of letting societal trends redefine what sin is and is not. Truth is truth, and sin is sin, as defined by God the Father (not civil or secular laws, nor decisions of the Supreme Court), the timeless teachings of Jesus Christ (not popular show hosts, newspaper columnists, blogs and other humans) and the one, true church – the Catholic Church – founded by Jesus Christ. Yes, we are sinners. And yes, all are welcome in the Catholic Church. But all are called to convert from sin and the way of the world and submit ourselves to the way of Jesus Christ.

Friday, July 3 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

Holy Gospel: John 20:24-29 Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Meditation: What gives us unshakeable hope and confidence in the face of death and defeat? The apostles abandoned Jesus in his hour of trial and lost hope when Jesus was handed over to the Romans for execution. They saw the cross as defeat rather than victory. They were slow to believe the reports of the resurrection until the Risen Lord appeared to them and reassured them of his presence and love. The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles. When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God!

Prayer: Grant, almighty God, that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apostle Thomas, so that we may always be sustained by his intercession and, believing, may have life in the name of Jesus Christ your

Son, whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: It is through the gift of faith that we, too, are able to recognize the presence of the risen Lord in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit reveals the Lord Jesus to us and helps us to grow in knowledge and understanding of God and his ways. Through the gift of faith we are able to proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in God's word and in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**Saturday, July 4 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time
Independence Day + 250th Anniversary of our Nation**

Given space limitations, it is rare that I have space left for Saturday in the Lectio Divina. What space I have left for this particular edition, as we celebrate this landmark day in the history of these United States of America, I want to provide our faithful readers simply with two prayers for this day to make our own: (1) The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Prayer of Consecration of Our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and (2) a Prayer of George Washington. God Bless America!

USCCB PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF OUR NATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, You know the longings of our hearts, and You desire that we enjoy friendship with You. From Your pierced side, You have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with You. We celebrate the abundant gifts You have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against You and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to Yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed. May Your Holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to Your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask You to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

A PRAYER OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

A FOUNDING FATHER AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

O eternal and everlasting God, I presume to present myself this morning before Thy Divine majesty, beseeching Thee to accept of my humble and hearty thanks, that it hath pleased Thy great goodness to keep and preserve me the night past from all the dangers poor mortals are subject to, and has given me sweet and pleasant sleep, whereby I find my body refreshed and comforted for performing the duties of this day, in which I beseech Thee to defend me from all perils of body and soul.

Direct my thoughts, words and work. Wash away my sins in the Immaculate Blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit, from the dross of my natural corruption, that I may with more freedom of mind and liberty of will serve Thee, the everlasting God, in righteousness and holiness this day, and all the days of my life.

Increase my faith in the sweet promises of the Gospel. Give me repentance from dead works.

Pardon my wanderings, and direct my thoughts unto Thyself, the God of my salvation. Teach me how to live in Thy fear, labor in Thy service, and ever to run in the ways of Thy commandments.

Make me always watchful over my heart, that neither the terrors of conscience, the loathing of holy duties, the love of sin, nor an unwillingness to depart this life, may cast me into a spiritual slumber. But daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ, that living in Thy fear, and dying in Thy favor, I may in Thy appointed time attain the resurrection of the just unto eternal life. Bless my family, friends and kindred, unite us all in praising and glorifying Thee in all our works begun, continued, and ended, when we shall come to make our last account before Thee blessed Saviour, Who hath taught us thus to pray, our Father.

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, JUNE 29

- 6:30 AM Robert J. Ulliman †
- 8:00 AM For the needs of our parishioners as they begin the week.
- 5:30 PM Intention for Shannon Mayfield

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

- 6:30 AM Robert J. Ulliman †
- 8:00 AM Intention for Jon Forsthoffer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

- 6:30 AM Jack Pugh †
- 8:00 AM Robert J. Ulliman †
- 5:30 PM Simplicio Lagunzad †

THURSDAY, JULY 2

- 6:30 PM Christopher Altenburg †
- 8:00 AM Jean Morris †

FRIDAY, JULY 3

- 6:30 PM Christopher Altenburg †
- 8:00 AM Jean Morris †

SATURDAY, JULY 4

- 8:00 AM Jack Pugh †
- 5:30 PM Leona Moore †

SUNDAY, JULY 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:15 AM Fern & Edward Coldren †
- 8:45 AM John Torri †
- 10:45 AM Josephine L. Jones †
- 5:30 PM For the People of St. Brendan Parish
(† Intention is for someone deceased.)

MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY:

We currently have dates open on our Mass Intentions Calendar beginning in July, 2026.



Congratulations

ON THE BAPTISM OF:
Brooks Michael Castleman



Our Sympathy

TO THE FAMILIES OF:
Linda Steinig
Don Schostek

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Prayer List

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are **ill at home, hospitalized, or are active duty military**, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* 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.

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	Chris Carrino	Mary Reed
Sean Grier	Robert William	Sarah Ortlieb
Brenda Bezan	Elliott Verrilli	Alan LaForrest
Ken Weitmarshen	Steve Strait	Gib Bickel
Shirley Buswell	Tonya Prickett	Amelia Black
Margie Hiam	Don Azelvandre	Suzette Briones
Kathleen Carlson	Bailey Curtis	Gregg U'selli
Ken Weitmarshen	Daffine Papaly	Esthelind Gutierrez
Jimmy Gutierrez	Evie Scoville	Sue Devore
Curt Thayer		Amiee 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 Pfirrmann
Robert Carollo	Rob Shonkwiler	Zackery Reed
Kyle Mullins	Luke Stumphauzer	Robbie Hite
Joe Alverson	Thomas Noel	Nathaniel Mattson
Ross McDonald		

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

THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

The St. Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry prays daily for all those no longer practicing our Catholic faith. Find more details about the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry along with Catholic Resources at www.stbrendans.net/ich

Eucharistic Adoration

Sign up for adoration at stbrendan.weadorehim.com

When you arrive to adore, please remember to sign in at the Kiosk.

MONDAY 6 PM–10 PM

TUE./THU./FRI. 8:30 AM–10 PM *1st Fridays, 8:30 AM through Sat., 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, June 21, 2026 \$37,695
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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. Last day to donate baskets is this Sunday, **June 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 DONATIONS To purchase items for our Silent Auction baskets via our Amazon Wishlist, scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/amazon26festival>



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 to Jerry Price at price62@gmail.com or 614-805-6792.

Adult Scripture 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 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. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/study4prayer> to sign up by filling out the form. Questions? Email Bryan at chov911@gmail.com



First Friday Adoration in July: Pray for 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. May God bless the USA! Sign up at stbrendan.weadorehim.com Note: You will receive the code to enter during overnight hours.





The food trailer is available through the end of the day Sunday, June 28 and there are also 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 at any time:

- The Green Bin in our church gathering area
- At the Hilliard Food Pantry (3711 Main Street)
- Anytime at any Norwich Township Fire Department
- Visit <https://www.hilliardfoodpantry.org> for more ways you can help our community!

Thank you for supporting the SVdP Thanksgiving in June Food Drive and the Hilliard Food Pantry!



Silver Rose Prayer Service, July 5

Our Knights of Columbus will host a Silver Rose Prayer Service on July 5 at 12 PM (after 10:45 AM Mass) at our parish. Each year, eight silver roses make a journey across the USA, Canada and Mexico. At each stop, and through the veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we gather to pray for the sanctity and protection of all human life. Join us to turn to our Blessed Mother and reaffirm our stance against the Culture of Death in our society.

July Spiritual Spotlight

Precious Blood of Our Lord & Prayer



The month of July is dedicated to the Blood of Christ. The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honored this month (on July 26). Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ – now pulsing through his Mystical Body – continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members. *(Excerpts taken from the "July 2026, Overview for the Month," written by the Catholic Culture Staff: <https://www.catholicculture.org/>)*

On July 4, our country celebrates its 250th anniversary. Let's pray for God's guidance and protection for our country's future and for the dignity of every human life throughout the world. The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of July is "respect for human life" so pray also for the protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God this month. Other July dates to note:

- July 3: Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle
- July 11: Memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot
- July 14: Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha (USA)
- July 16: Opt. Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- July 22: Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
- July 25: Feast of St. James, Apostle
- July 26: Memorial of Sts. Joachim & Anne (Mary's parents)
- July 29: Memorial of St. Martha
- July 31: Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

The Spiritual Spotlight books this month focus on the Precious Blood of our Lord/Eucharist and Prayer, plus highlights several saints who have feast days this month. Take the books and share them with others.

For more Catholic resources, visit the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry web page at www.stbrendans.net/ich

St. Monica Prayer Boards

The Inviting Catholics Home St. Monica Prayer Boards are up in the Gathering Area by the Welcome Desk for you to write the first name of loved ones no longer practicing their Catholic faith. We will pray for their return back to the Church at a special St. Monica evening Mass on August 27. Save the date!

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




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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're looking for volunteers to help with childcare during Adoration – watching the little ones in a separate room so moms have quiet time with the Lord. Women of any age or stage of motherhood are invited. (*Volunteers must complete Protecting God's Children class and fingerprinting.*) If interested, contact Regina at thelonggears@gmail.com or 330-754-8028.

Summer VINE for High Schoolers

SUMMER FRIDAYS, 7-9 PM

- 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 on Instagram. Questions? Email kshand@stbrendans.net

Roots Bible Study for Middle Schoolers

A Summer Bible study for middle schoolers is offered after the 8 AM Mass (8:30-9:30 AM) on Tuesdays throughout the summer, **until July 21** in Wellnitz, Room 1. All materials needed (plus Timbits!) are provided.



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 open. CYO sports close at the end of June. Details/register: <https://stbrendans.net/ministries/athletics>

St. Brendan Golf Outing, 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/>



Eucharist for the Homebound

Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass in person. If you or a loved one are homebound, even if it is for a short-term illness or an injury, and would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please email Nell O'Connell at doconnell@stbrendans.net

Crafters Wanted for Fall Craft Show

Our Knights of Columbus annual *Fall Craft Show* will be Saturday, November. With over 80 booths, many spots are still available! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/events4stb> (click on "Craft Show") to find vendor details. Questions? Email Eric at stbcraftshow@gmail.com

POD Nursery Volunteers Needed

The POD Nursery, for children 6 months to 4 years old, is in need of volunteers during the 8:45 & 10:45 AM Sunday Masses, especially during the summer months. If you love holding babies, have a knack with little kids or just can't get enough of their fun energy, this is the ministry for you! Email nursery@stbrendans.net to let us know you can help. Parents of children who utilize the nursery are highly encouraged to volunteer. Their "mature" children and seniors are also welcome! Volunteers 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant. Volunteers are scheduled through Parishstaq, so you can log in to update your preferences at <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com>.

Weekly/Monthly Parish Ministries

Esto Vir Men's Ministry – Scripture studies at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Rooms, held on **Saturday** or **Tuesday**. Just show up! Questions? Email Grant: ricekris8813@att.net

Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry – Meet in the parish parking lot on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 5:30 AM to workout with other men of faith. To join us, email Nick Hasou at njhasou@gmail.com

M.A.S.T. (Mature Active Singles Together) For single/widowed/divorced parishioners age 45+. To join us, email chrishauk0522@gmail.com

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

Protecting God's Children Class

Would you like to be a POD Nursery volunteer or help at parish events working around children? You will need to be Safe Environment compliant, so this class is for you! Fingerprinting is 5-6 PM and the PGC class is 6-9 PM, here at St. Brendan in the Davidson Rooms on August 3. Sign up for the class at tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGCTotus



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Around Our Diocese

Catholic Social Services FREE July Street Fair
Catholic Social Services (CSS) of Columbus joins with USA Catholic Charities agencies on Sunday, July 12 & Monday, July 13, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM to host *People of Hope: Faith-filled Stories of Neighbors Helping Neighbors*, a storytelling museum that amplifies the impact of Christian service. The street museum is at N. 5th & E. Broad (next to St. Joseph Cathedral) and is free and open to the public with food, music, vendors, service project and children's activity area. Questions? Call 614-221-5891.

Catholic Schools Reunion Luncheon, July 17
Join us 11 AM-3 PM for a "Reunion Luncheon" in the St. Charles HS Valley Dale Ball Room for Alumni (and family members) of Central Ohio Catholic High Schools who graduated before 1977 (for schools that closed in the 50s, 60s and 70s and open today!) Cost of \$40/person includes lunch, DJ "Music of the Times," souvenir program and memorabilia displays. For details, visit www.stcharlesprep.org (find "Catholic High School Luncheon"). Questions? Contact Lou Nobile: Ingolf57@att.net, 614-313-5889; Katy Ryan: katysma61@outlook.com, 614-595-2326.

St. Margaret Parish Festival is July 24 & 25!
St. Margaret of Cortona Festival (1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus) is July 24 & 25 with live music, cold beer, table games, a silent auction, kid's rides, homemade pizza and sausages!

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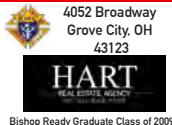
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