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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O, you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

~ Matthew 14:22-33



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15

is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year, as it falls on a Saturday. Mass is offered at our regular Saturday 8 AM Mass time. Also, join us for a special 10 AM Mass for our **2026 OCIA ASSUMPTION COHORT** participants entering into the Catholic faith and for all members of our Parish Family.




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THE NAVIGATOR

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From Our Pastor

ON THIS NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, I could not help but think in reading today's Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33) that we have all been there at many times in our lives. The winds of life change without warning, sometimes leaving us overwhelmed, experiencing doubt, feeling isolated, not knowing what to do or where to turn. The disciples in today's Gospel find themselves in exactly this position. They are tossing on the Sea of Galilee, fighting against a fierce headwind in the dark of night. They are exhausted, strained, and terrified. It is precisely in this moment of vulnerability that Jesus approaches them, walking on the water. His first words to them are a powerful command and a soothing promise: "*Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.*"

The beauty of this Gospel passage lies in its raw display of human nature. When Peter sees Jesus, he reacts with a mixture of bold faith and fragile humanity. He says, "*Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.*" Jesus invites him, and Peter actually steps out of the boat. For a few incredible moments, Peter does the impossible because his eyes are locked entirely on the Lord. But then, reality sets in. Peter notices the strength of the wind. He shifts his gaze from Jesus to the storm around him. In an instant, fear replaces faith, and he begins to sink. How often do we do the exact same thing? We start our week with the best intentions, resolved to trust God. Then, the "winds" of daily stress, demands at work, home or school, or bad news catch our attention. We lose our focus, we get anxious, and we feel like we are drowning. Peter's sinking is a comfort to us because it proves that even the Apostles struggled with fear. It reminds us that we are only human. God does not expect us to be flawless superheroes of faith; He expects us to be honest about our limitations. Peter begins to sink, he does not try to swim back to the boat on his own power. He does not give up in despair. Instead, he utters the shortest, most urgent prayer in the entire New Testament: "*Lord, save me!*" This is the core message for all of us today: **never be afraid to turn to Jesus in prayer and ask for His help.** Sometimes, we falsely believe that we should only pray when we have ourselves completely put together, or that we shouldn't "bother" God with our everyday anxieties. This Gospel destroys that myth. Jesus did not wait for Peter to figure out how to float. The text says that Jesus *immediately* stretched out His hand and caught him. Our Lord is waiting for us to cry out to Him. No matter how deep you have sunk, no matter how many times you have let fear take over, Jesus is ready to stretch out His hand. Turning to the Lord in prayer is not a sign of weakness; it is the ultimate act of spiritual maturity. It is acknowledging that while we cannot handle the storm alone, He can. After Jesus catches Peter, they climb back into the boat together, and the wind dies down. The peace that the disciples sought did not come from their own efforts to fight the wind. It came from the presence of Jesus. To survive the unforeseen and unpredictable twists of the storms of this world, we must stay firmly tethered to the Lord through a regular, disciplined prayer life. Think of daily prayer as an anchor or a spiritual lifeline. If we only pray during a major crisis, we are like a boat trying to drop anchor after the hurricane has already hit. But when we maintain a consistent routine of daily prayer, we build a foundation that keeps us steady before the storm even begins. A strong spiritual and faith life is built on these daily, intentional moments of connection:

- **Morning Offering:** Give your day, your tasks, and your anxieties to the Lord before you look at your phone;
- **The Sacraments:** Frequently encounter Christ's healing and strength during Sunday and Weekday Mass, regular Confession, and regular Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;
- **Scripture Reading:** Spend five minutes reading the Gospels to keep your gaze fixed on Jesus (the *Lectio Divina* that I include in our bulletin each week is a good way to begin the day);
- **Evening Gratitude:** Thank the Lord for His guidance that you experienced in the day and acknowledge where He helped you; acknowledge His help by thanking Him for prayers answered for you and your family.

As we begin a new week, whatever storms you may be facing, listen closely to the voice of Jesus echoing across the waters: "*Do not be afraid.*" Be honest and patient with your human weaknesses, but do not let them isolate you from God our loving Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Turn to Him. Cry out to Him. Stay tethered to Him. Trust in Him. He is closer than we often think, and His hand is already stretched out to help us and catch us in our time of need. But we must also remember that we are not to be stoic, but rather we must recognize our humanity and dependence on God at all times and, therefore, be like Peter who was not afraid to cry out, "Lord, save me!"

THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO ALL WHO ARE INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH FESTIVAL – the Chair/Co-chair, Festival Committee Team Members, all the volunteers, sponsors, donors, patrons, City of Hilliard, Franklin County Sheriff Department, and everyone behind the scenes who contributed in one way or another to this wonderful Festival during the 70th Anniversary Year of Saint Brendan the Navigator Parish!

I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD will begin this Fall in our Parish. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a special approach to the religious formation of children that focuses on nurturing a deep, inherent relationship with Jesus. Through a hands-on, quiet environment called an "Atrium," children use specialized materials to contemplate Scripture, liturgy, and the loving nature of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, appropriate to their age level. Information and registration will be available shortly. God bless!

Fr. Mike

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

Finding Christ in the Stormy Seas of Life

Article by Fr. Michael Lumpe.

The modern world is a tempest of noise, anxiety, and seemingly relentless demands. We often find ourselves rowing against the wind, exhausted by the strains of daily life, family and work responsibilities, and at times an uncertain future. We may find ourselves struggling to find clear purpose, meaning, and direction amid the chaos of the world. In these moments of heavy seas, the Gospel of Matthew offers a lifeline. The account of Jesus walking on the water in Matthew 14:22-33 is a spiritual blueprint for navigating the storms of life by seeking Christ. By unpacking this sacred narrative, we discover that Christ does not always prevent the storm, but He always meets us within it, inviting us to exchange our often debilitating fear for radical, supernatural trust and hope.

The Midnight Storm & Divine Delay

The narrative begins immediately after the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. Jesus compels His disciples to get into a boat and precede Him to the other side of the sea while He dismisses the crowds and ascends a mountain to pray alone. As night falls, the disciples find themselves miles from shore, tormented by waves and a fierce headwind. In the ancient Jewish mindset, the sea was a symbol of chaos, evil, and the unpredictable forces of the world.

Matthew notes that Jesus came to them "in the fourth watch of the night" – very early in the morning, somewhere between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This means the disciples had been battling the fierce waves in total darkness for hours.

In our own spiritual lives, we frequently experience this "fourth watch." We pray for healing, financial relief, or clarity in our own state of life, and yet, at times, we may feel alone, we feel the heavens seem silent. This divine delay is not divine abandonment. In His wisdom, Christ often allows the storm to exhaust our human self-sufficiency so that when He does act, we recognize that our deliverance comes from Him and Him alone. As Saint Augustine beautifully reminds us in times of uncertainty: *"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence."*

Recognizing the Lord in the Chaos of Life

When Jesus finally approaches the boat, walking on the turbulent waves and wind, the disciples do not immediately rejoice. Instead, what they witness initially adds to their fears – they scream in terror, crying out, "It is a ghost!" Their knee-jerk, all-too-human fear blinds them to the presence of God. We might ask ourselves: How often do each of us commit the same all-too-human and erroneous response? When an unexpected crisis hits – a challenging medical diagnosis, the death of a loved one, a sudden job loss, a broken relationship – we often see only the phantom of despair. We assume God has abandoned us, or worse (and quite erroneous) that He is punishing us.

Yet, Jesus immediately speaks into their terror with words that echo through the centuries: *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."* In the absolute center of their panic, Jesus reveals His divine identity as the Master of the wind and waves. He does not wait for the storm to calm down before reassuring them; He speaks peace while the wind is still howling.



When anxieties threaten to overwhelm our sense of purpose, we must lean on the words of Pope Saint John Paul II, who famously echoed Christ's command:

"Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ! To his saving power open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Do not be afraid!"

Our Faith: Stepping out of the Boat

Prompted by this revelation, Peter makes a startling request: "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Peter realizes that it is safer to be out on the thrashing waves with Jesus than to stay inside a fragile boat without Him. Jesus gives a simple, one-word command: *"Come."*

With radical obedience, Peter steps over the edge of the boat. As long as his eyes are locked onto the gaze of Christ, the impossible becomes reality. He walks on water. The "boat" represents our comfort zones, our earthly securities, and our human coping mechanisms. Christ constantly calls us to step out of these dependencies and rely entirely on His supernatural grace to find our true direction. Saint Teresa of Avila captured this perfect abandonment to God's direction when she wrote: *"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."*

Trust & the Grip of Grace

Peter's triumph is short-lived. The text reveals that *"when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'"* Peter's mistake was shifting his gaze. He took his eyes off the face of Jesus and focused on the severity of the obstacle. The moment we analyze our problems through a purely worldly lens, our faith fractures, and we begin to sink under the weight of our human fears and anxieties.

But Peter does one thing perfectly – even as he sinks, he directs his cry to the right place. He cries out for salvation. What follows is one of the most beautiful displays of Christ's mercy in holy Scripture: *"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him."*

The response of God to our humble cry for help can be similar to what Peter experienced. Christ reaches into the murky waters of our own failures, our doubts, our sins, and pulls us to safety. In our moments of deepest anxiety, Pope Francis encourages us to remember this constant availability of grace: *"The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms."*

The Ultimate Destination: Adoration & Direction

When Jesus and Peter climb back into the boat, the wind abruptly dies down. The disciples inside the boat fall to their knees, doing Him homage and proclaiming, *"Truly, you are the Son of God."* The storm was the classroom that brought the disciples from a superficial understanding of Jesus to a place of profound adoration and clear direction for their mission.

If you are currently facing a storm of anxiety, or if you are searching blindly for your life's purpose, do not let the wind

blind you to the Master's presence. Fix your eyes securely on Him. Step out of your boat of comfort and fear, knowing that His hand is always stretched out, ready to catch you.

Encountering Jesus Our Savior: The Grace of Eucharistic Adoration

Where can we find the saving hand of Christ today when the waves of fear and anxiety threaten to pull us under? The answer is found in the quietude of our Parish Adoration Chapel, and on Wednesday evenings in our Parish Church immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. During Eucharistic Adoration, we step out of the frantic boat of our daily lives and place ourselves directly before the Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist – exposed in the Monstrance on the Altar for Adoration – is the very same Jesus who walked upon the Sea of Galilee. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. When we pray in His Eucharistic presence, the noise of the world fades, and we can finally hear His voice whispering, *"It is I; do not be afraid."* Bring Him your fears, your cares and concerns, your uncertainties about life situations, your brokenness. Bring before Him your prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving.

In Adoration, we do exactly what Peter did – we lock our eyes with Jesus. In that holy gaze upon the Eucharist, our trembling hearts are anchored, our purpose is restored, and our interior storms are commanded to be still.

Some Prayers to Help Us on Our Journey

I have shared this Prayer of Father Thomas Merton before, but it bears sharing again here; I have also included several additional prayers that are worth discerning to see if they strike a chord with you.

PRAYER OF FATHER THOMAS MERTON, OCSO

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

PRAYER OF SAINT CHARLES DE FOUCAULD

"Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures– I wish no more than this, O Lord, into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father."

PRAYER OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

"May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of you. Amen."

PRAYER OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours, do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me."

PRAYER OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

"Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe. Remind us always, Lord, that You are with us in the darkness, and that Your love is stronger than any storm. Guide my steps this day, and show me the path You have laid for me. Amen."

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday; this Solemnity is not a Holy Day of Obligation this calendar year.

At their plenary assembly in November 1991, with follow-up mail balloting by absentees, the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved two motions which affect the observance of holy days of obligation in the dioceses of the United States. They decided that whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or **August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption**, or November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

Though not a Holy Day of Obligation this calendar year, this Solemnity will be celebrated during our regular Saturday **8 AM Mass**, in addition to our special **10 AM Mass** when we will welcome into our Church the participants in our parish OCIA program. Please consider attending this special Mass to celebrate with these new fully-initiated members of our Catholic Faith and Parish Family.

Mary's Faith & Her Assumption Are Lessons for Us

AUGUST 15: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Article by Bishop Basil Meeking made available courtesy of the Catholic Exchange web site

It was a hard and lonely thing to be a Catholic in England of the 16th and 17th centuries. The persecution under Queen Elizabeth I and King James was sharp and effective. Yet Catholic life continued, mostly behind closed doors and in secret.

The beauty of the faith even managed to shine through, as it does in the great music of William Byrd and as it does in a hymn written by his fellow Catholic recusant, Sir John Beaumont, for the feast of Mary's Assumption, which we celebrate on August 15:

*Who is she ascends so high, next the heavenly King,
Round about whom angels fly, and her praises sing,
This is she in whose pure womb Heaven's Prince remained;
Therefore in no earthly tomb can she be contained.*

Like many Catholics in those difficult times, Beaumont thought longingly of heaven. How different is our situation. We are free, we are largely autonomous, and we have a surfeit of material comforts. It is hard for us to turn our minds to heaven.

Yet our world of today seems, if anything, less happy than those more austere times of 16th and 17th century England. Look at contemporary art, which shows so little beauty or truth, which is so confused, often so ugly. What a relief it is to hear the music of William Byrd. Theater and literature give us generally a depressing picture of ourselves and the human condition.

Could it be that a world that no longer takes God seriously, a world that no longer looks to Heaven, a world that does not fear the loss of Heaven is of all places most miserable?

Pope Benedict XVI suggested so. He said: "Those who talk us out of our belief in Heaven have not given us the earth in exchange but have made it desolate and empty, have covered it with darkness. We must," said the Pope, "find once more the courage to believe in eternal life with all our hearts." A life that is truly free, a life that is adequate to our best aspirations is one in which we hope for heaven.

If the feast of Mary's Assumption means anything it is an assertion of faith that there is a Heaven which is the culmination of the salvation won for us by Jesus Christ, which is the goal of human life. It is not a theory, not wishful thinking, but a fact realized bodily in the Virgin Mary. That is what the Church asserted in proclaiming her Assumption as a dogma of faith. "The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of Lords and conqueror of sin and death."

In one of his sermons, St. Augustine pointed to Mary taken up bodily into heaven and exclaimed: "Behold, there is the symbol of our resurrection."

In His resurrection and ascension, Jesus has definitively brought human nature into the glory of God. Humanity which Jesus caused to rise from the dead and has taken into heaven has, in Him, been transfigured, made capable of eternity. That is the ultimate vocation of every human being – to have eternal life in the kingdom of Heaven.

Only one person, Mary, conceived without sin, has been able, at her death, to enter into the life of Heaven, body and soul. The human flesh that Jesus received from Mary was a part of His risen body. Mary's body, taken into Heaven, is the same flesh as that she had given her Son. In this shared human flesh of Christ and His Mother, there is solidarity, a continuation of the union between Son and Mother. It had to be that, at death, Mary joined her Son in the life of Heaven.

What about us sinners? We too belong to Christ, by adoption. By faith and baptism, our sins are forgiven and we begin to share in the life of Christ by grace. So the life of Heaven already begins to permeate our life here. A Russian theologian puts it this way: "High in Heaven by glory stands the Virgin Mother of the human race. She has sanctified the whole world of nature and in her and through her all things shall be gloriously transformed."

Every man, woman, and child who, in the Church, becomes a follower of Jesus begins, with Mary, to share in His risen ascended life which is the life of Heaven. Mary had already entered body and soul into the fullness of that life; we shall begin to experience the joy and glory of it only when we pass through death; we shall experience it in completeness when, at the end of time, our body is reunited with our soul, is glorified.

Heaven is our future. Because Jesus, our risen and ascended Lord, is already with us in the Mass, in the sacraments, in the life of the Church, because Mary in Heaven is Mother of the Church, the life of Heaven, like a seed buried in the earth, has already begun in us. As those who belong to Christ, we have already one foot in Heaven; as those who acknowledge Mary to be our Mother, we can find our way, through her, on the path that will bring us to be with her Son forever.

When we look to Mary in her Assumption, we can recognize the heavenly state that is implicit in all creation, that is begun in us more profoundly by grace, that for all creation and for us is the destiny God wills us to have, provided we accept it.



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.**



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

THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

St. Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry prays daily for those no longer practicing our Catholic faith. stbrendans.net/ich

Eucharistic Adoration

Sign up for adoration at stbrendan.weadorehim.com
When you arrive, please sign in at the Kiosk, even if as a guest.

MONDAY	6 PM–10 PM
TUE./THU./FRI.	8:30 AM–10 PM
	(1st Fridays, 8:30 AM–Sat., 1 PM)
WEDNESDAY	7 AM–5 PM
	(Holy Hour, 6–7 PM w/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 & treasure. For all that you do, **THANK YOU!**

Offertory, August 2, 2026 \$42,639
(Cash, checks, online giving)

Weekly Budgeted \$44,300



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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

6:30 AM	Haroldo Peinado †
8:00 AM	For the needs of our parishioners as they begin the week
5:30 PM	Regina Tharp †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

6:30 AM	Anna D'Ettorre †
8:00 AM	Jean Morris †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

6:30 AM	Mary Rose Vonderhaar †
8:00 AM	Judith Schafer †
5:30 PM	Diva Volpe †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

6:30 AM	Epafania Tupaz †
8:00 AM	Fr. Rod DePietro †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

6:30 AM	Judith Heimerman †
8:00 AM	Intention for the Sizemore Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 AM	Virginia Keiffer †
5:30 PM	Helen Hammer †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 AM	Regina Tharp †
8:45 AM	Scott Walton †
10:45 AM	Christine Wilson †
5:30 PM	For the People of St. Brendan Parish

(† Intention is for someone deceased.)

SEPTEMBER MASS INTENTIONS ARE NEEDED!

To make a Mass Intention, fill out the form envelope in the Church Gathering Space with **\$10** cash/check and drop off at the Parish Office.



Our Sympathy

PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF
Constance Horgan



Congratulations

ON THE BAPTISMS OF
Felicity Rose Fickes
Nina Carrington McNamara



Flowers for the Altar

In Memory of Helen Hammer
From The Joseph Rielly Family

8 AM Wednesday Summer Mass
ENDS AUGUST 26 WHEN SCHOOL STARTS BACK UP

Community Calendar

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
12:00 PM	Seniors NOW Summer Luncheon	Off-site: Weaver Park, Norwich Pavilion
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	St. Teresa of Avila Nine Grades of Prayer	Wellnitz, Room 1

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

5:30 AM	Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry	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	Summer VINE Formation	Wellnitz, Rooms 1 & 2
7:00 PM	Young Adult Women Group	Off-site
7:15 PM	Parish Choir Rehearsal	Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
1:00 PM	Grief Support Luncheon	Off-site: La Chatelaine, Dublin

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
12:00 PM-6:00 PM	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Davidson, Rooms A & B
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. First Friday Book Club	Wellnitz, Room 1

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5:30 AM	Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry	Campus Parking Lot
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
10:00 AM	OCIA Assumption Cohort Mass	Church
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson, Rooms A & B
11:30 AM	VINE Missionary Core Team Retreat	Wellnitz, Rooms 1 & 2
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel



AUGUST Saturday, August 15: 10 AM
INCENSE: Sunday, August 16: 10:45 AM

CONTEMPORARY 5:30 PM, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays • 5:30 PM, Sundays
MUSIC SCHEDULE: 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 August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

"The most deadly poison of our time is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise him to the greatest extent of our powers." +SAINT MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE

Monday, August 10 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Holy Gospel: John 12:24-36 Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."

Meditation: The language of scripture may, at times, be confusing. For example, what does it mean to "die" to oneself? It certainly means that what is contrary to God's will must be "crucified" or "put to death." God gives us grace to say "yes" to his will and to reject whatever is contrary to his loving plan for our lives. Jesus also promises that we will bear much "fruit" for him, if we choose to deny ourselves for his sake. Jesus used forceful language to describe the kind of self-denial he had in mind for his disciples. What did he mean when he said that one must "hate" himself? The expression to "hate" something often meant to prefer less. Jesus says that nothing should get in the way of our preferring him and the will of our Father in heaven. Our hope is in Paul's reminder that *"What is sown in the earth is subject to decay, what rises is incorruptible"* (1 Corinthians 15:42). Do you hope in the Lord and follow joyfully the path he has chosen for you?

Prayer: O God, giver of that ardor of love for you by which Saint Lawrence was outstandingly faithful in service and glorious in martyrdom, grant that we may love what he loved and put into practice what he taught. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What can a grain of wheat tell us about life and the kingdom of God? Jesus drew his parables from the common everyday circumstances of life. His audience, mostly rural folk in Palestine, could easily understand the principle of new life produced by dead seeds sown into the earth. What is the spiritual analogy which Jesus alludes to? Is this, perhaps, a veiled reference to his own impending death on the cross and his resurrection on the third day? Or does he have another kind of "death and rebirth" in mind for his disciples? Jesus, no doubt, had both meanings in mind for his disciples. The image of the grain of wheat dying in the earth in order to grow and bear a harvest can be seen as a metaphor of Jesus' own death and burial in the tomb and his resurrection. Jesus knew that the only way to victory over the power of sin and death was through the cross. Jesus reversed the curse of our first parents' (Adam and Eve) disobedience through his obedience to the Father's will - his willingness to go to the cross to pay the just penalty for our sins and to defeat death once and for all. His obedience and death on the cross obtain for us freedom and new life in the Holy Spirit. His cross frees us from the tyranny of sin and death and shows us the way of perfect love. There is a great paradox here. Death leads to life. When we "die" to ourselves, we "rise" to new life in Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, August 11 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Memorial: Saint Clare, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14 The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes

humble like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father. What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost."

Meditation: This passage of the gospel is surprising to many. Who would have thought that the disciples would ever have an ego problem, let alone discuss with Jesus who is the greatest? Think about it – are we not guilty of having done the same thing at one or more times in our own lives? The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us, and can raise its ugly head at times. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody" who gets lost in the crowd? Even the Psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. *You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor* (Psalm 8:5). And so we might meditate on what kind of glory do we seek. Jesus made a dramatic gesture by placing a child next to himself to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor at his right side. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. And so who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart; the one who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant and child before God. The simple of heart know that they belong to God, for he is their father, teacher, and provider; he is the one who shows them the way of peace, joy, and life everlasting. They are content to recognize their total dependence on God who is the source of all goodness and every good gift.

Prayer: O God, who in your mercy led Saint Clare to a love of poverty, grant, through her intercession, that, following Christ in poverty of spirit, we may merit to contemplate you one day in the heavenly Kingdom. 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' story about a lost sheep tells us much about God and his kingdom. Shepherds normally counted their sheep at the end of the day to make sure all were accounted for. Since sheep by their very nature are very social, an isolated sheep can quickly become bewildered and even neurotic. The shepherd's grief and anxiety is turned to joy when he finds the lost sheep and restores it to the fold. What was new in Jesus' teaching was the insistence that sinners must be sought out and not merely mourned for. God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone, but desires that all be saved and restored to fellowship with him. That is why the whole community of heaven rejoices when one sinner is found and restored to fellowship with God (Luke 15:7). Those who seek after the lost are needed more than ever in today's "me, myself and I" world. Do you pray and seek after those you know who have lost their way to God?

Wednesday, August 12 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memoria: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church. If he refuses to listen even to the Church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Meditation: What can we learn from Jesus' instructions today about how to mend a damaged relationship? If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. This can poison our mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage. If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who

is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action, such as a lawsuit. Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews and they resorted to shunning them. However we know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors (as well as other public sinners), ate with them, and even praised them at times! Jesus refuses no one who is open to receive pardon, healing, and restoration. This is what it means to have compassion for someone, which can lead to healing.

Prayer: O God, who made Saint Jane Frances de Chantal radiant with outstanding merits in different walks of life, grant us, through her intercession, that walking faithfully in our vocation, we may constantly be examples of shining light. 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: The Trappist monk Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO, once said: "Compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another." In our growing world of independence we walk around life at times with a belief that we are somehow separate from one another. This growing mindset of disconnection from God, other people, and so forth, often leads to a state of imbalance, which can bring about states of stress, anxiety, and depression, which can then lead to other problems and issues. What we fail to recognize is the fundamental belief that we are all connected with one another as children of God, and as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. And therefore recognizing this real dependence on God for everything and this interdependence on one another to help us walk side-by-side on this life's journey that God has given us is a reminder that we all make mistakes, we say things we should not have, we all support causes and beliefs that are wrong simply because we got caught up in the way of the world instead of embracing the way of God and his son, Jesus Christ. And so extending compassion to one another is a way of reaching out to help each other, to reconcile, to repair any damage, and to help restore one another to a life in Christ.

Thursday, August 13 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memorial: Saints Pontian, Pope and Martyr, and Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-19:1 Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan.

Meditation: Since God constantly has shown mercy to us in granting us pardon for our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation then we, in turn, must show mercy and forgiveness towards every person who has offended us. The willingness to forgive those who offend us is a sacred duty. If we expect God to pardon us and show us his mercy when we sin and disobey his commandments, then we must be willing to let go of any resentment, grievance, or ill-will we feel towards our neighbor. Jesus teaches us to pray daily for the grace and strength to forgive others in the same measure in which God has forgiven us (Matthew 6:12,14-15). If we do show mercy and forgiveness to our fellow human beings, how can we

expect God to forgive us in turn? The Apostle James says that "*judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy*" (James 2:13).

Prayer: May the precious long-suffering of the just, O Lord, we pray, bring us a great increase of love for you and always prompt in our hearts constancy in the holy faith. 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: No offense our neighbor can do to us can compare with our own personal debt to God for offending him. We have been forgiven an enormous debt we could not repay on our own. That is why the Father in heaven sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely and willingly gave up his life for our sake to ransom us from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Saint Paul says, "you were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 7:23) and that price was Jesus' death on the cross. Through the shedding of his blood on the cross, Jesus not only brought forgiveness and pardon for our offenses, but release from our captivity to Satan and bondage to sin. If we want mercy shown to us – and we all do – then we must be ready to forgive others from the heart as God has forgiven us. Do you hold any grudge or resentment towards anyone? Ask the Lord to purify your heart that you may show mercy and loving-kindness to all – and especially to those who cause you grief and ill-will.

Friday, August 14 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time **Memorial: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12 Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?" He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator *made them male and female and said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?* So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate." They said to him, "Then why did Moses command that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss her?" He said to them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery." His disciples said to him, "If that is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." He answered, "Not all can accept this word, but only those to whom that is granted. Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so; some, because they were made so by others; some, because they have renounced marriage for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."

Meditation: Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a *concession* in view of a lost ideal. Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands.

Prayer: O God, who filled the Priest and Martyr Saint Maximilian Kolbe with a burning love for the Immaculate Virgin Mary and with zeal for souls and love of neighbor, graciously grant, through his intercession, that striving for your glory by eagerly serving others, we may be conformed, even until death, to your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Both marriage and the single life are calls from God to live a consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Despite what we may think or fee, our lives are not our own – they belong to God. He gives strength, joy, and blessing to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life.

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After last year without a festival Silent Auction, this year's festival benefited greatly from its return... and what a return it was! Parishioners donated generously to the Giving Trees, Amazon Wishlist, basket donations and cash/gift cards to allow for 145 baskets, plus another 42 sports memorabilia items. We also had an additional silent auction raffle with three great prizes. Thank you to all who made this possible and to our festival silent auction committee leaders, Jackie and Lynsay Bensman.



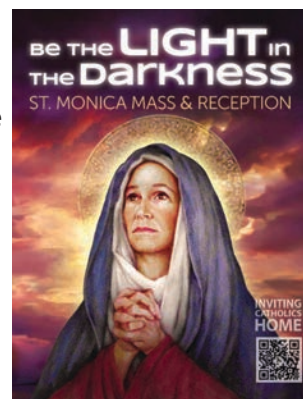
Thanks to All Our Festival Volunteers!

This year's Parish Festival would not have been possible without the help from our hundreds of volunteers who fill the many roles needed to run the event. This year, around 500 people signed up to help, including our amazing Festival Committee members, headed this year by Pat Hamrock and Nick Astalos, who spent countless hours planning. We thank all those who helped set up, work the event, or cleaned up at the end. Our largest parish fundraiser of the year relies on our parishioners' gifts of time, talent and treasure and we are very grateful for each of you who contributed in some way.



St. Monica Mass, Aug. 27

The Inviting Catholics Home St. Monica Prayer Boards are up in the Gathering Space 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 our St. Monica evening Mass on August 27 with reception to follow. Let your prayers "Be the Light in the Darkness" for all.



Book of Revelation Bible Study

The Book of Revelation is not about date setting or identifying current events, rather it illustrates the judgments brought on by humanity's disobedience to God's laws and His great mercy and love for us in spite of our rebellion. The paradox of Jesus as Lord of History and the Lamb who was slain; the letters to the Seven Churches; the seals, trumpets, and bowl judgments; the Father's great love and His chastisement; the Woman, the Beast, and the host of heaven: all find their fulfillment in John's own time, but also in our time and they look to the End for final realization. This Catholic Way Bible Study (<https://cwbs.org/>), taught by Lavinia Spirito is open to men and women in Wellnitz, Room 1, Mondays, 9-11 AM from August 31-April 27 (no session Thanksgiving or Christmas). No cost and the sign-up link is coming soon. Questions? Contact Patsy Bunnell at dpbunnell@yahoo.com or 859-338-6732.



The Friendship Project, Sept. 3

Benefit from a night of fellowship on Thursday, September 3, 6:30 PM in the Davidson Rooms, as you grow spiritually with friends while reflecting on "The Friendship Project." The book authors, Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet, will lead the evening sharing insights from the book to develop deep, meaningful relationships, to care for others and be cared for, and to deepen your Catholic faith. The book will be for sale at the event to purchase it (optional) and refreshments will be available. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/stb2026women> Questions? Contact Wendy Ferkany at wferkany@stbrendans.net

JANUARY 10, 2026 THROUGH JANUARY 10, 2027

Jubilee Year of St. Francis



SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR: SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI – ARTICLE ONE IN A SERIES by Fr. Michael Lumpe

In case you missed it, by decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary issued on January 10, 2026, at the request of Pope Leo XIV, the Church proclaimed a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, running from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027.

This particular Jubilee Year commemorates the 800th anniversary of the passage into Heaven of Saint Francis of Assisi (†1226), the “Seraphic Patriarch” and one of the most beloved saints in the history of the Catholic Church.

More than a remembrance of the past, this Jubilee is offered as a gift of grace for the entire Church, providing for all an opportunity for authentic spiritual renewal.

More than just the blessing of animals on his Feast Day (October 4), Saint Francis of Assisi remains quite relevant today. His Gospel life of poverty, humility, peace, and love for creation speaks to a world wounded by division and violence. The Holy Father calls Christians to follow the example of Saint Francis of Assisi by turning hope into charity and working for peace. In this Jubilee, the Church invites us to rediscover Saint Francis not only as a lover of nature, but as a man conformed to Christ crucified, whose life proclaimed the Gospel by actions, not simply words. In this regard, all of us can learn from and adopt the *Franciscan Rule*: “All the Friars... should preach by their deeds” (*Rule of 1221 Chapter XVII*).

From Fear to Embracing Christ: The Radical Conversion of Saint Francis

We often look at the saints as perfect icons of holiness, born with an inherent ability to love the unlovable. We forget that they, too, wrestled with the same human weaknesses, prejudices, and fears that we experience today. Before he became the beloved “Poverello” (the little poor man) of Assisi, Francis was a wealthy young man who enjoyed comfort, status, and the finest things life had to offer. Like almost everyone in the thirteenth century, Francis felt a deep, visceral disdain for lepers. To him, they were not just sick; they were cursed, unclean, and terrifying. He avoided them at all costs, turning his eyes away whenever they crossed his path.

Yet, God works in the spaces of our deepest resistance. One afternoon, while riding his horse alone through the Umbrian countryside, Francis saw a leper walking toward him on the road. The man's face and hands were visibly eaten away by the dreaded disease. Francis' immediate instinct was the same as it had always been: turn the horse around, flee, and protect himself.

But at that exact moment, grace intervened. Instead of retreating, Francis did something that defied all human logic. He steered his horse directly toward the suffering man, dismounted, and looked into his disfigured face.

Moving past his intense physical revulsion, Francis warmly embraced the leper and tenderly kissed him on the lips.

Years later, reflecting on this pivotal moment in his Testament (1226) Saint Francis wrote: *“When I was in sin, the sight of lepers nauseated me beyond measure; but then God himself led me into their company, and I had pity on them. When I had once become acquainted with them, what had previously nauseated me became a source of physical consolation for me. After that I did not wait long before leaving the world.”*

In that single, radical act of love, the eyes of Francis' soul were opened. He realized that in hugging the rejected leper, he had actually embraced none other than his Lord, Jesus Christ, who disguised Himself in the poorest of the poor.

Rebuilding the House of God

This encounter was the true catalyst for Francis' total conversion. He did not merely give the lepers money and ride away; he moved into their colonies, lived among them, washed their wounds, and shared his life with them. This profound experience of radical empathy was the ultimate preparation for the mission God had in store for him. It laid the foundation for a new religious order whose highest ideal was to serve Christ in the most abandoned and destitute.

Shortly after this conversion of heart, Francis was praying alone in the crumbling, abandoned chapel of San Damiano, located just down the hill from Assisi. It was here that he knelt in front of a majestic, painted crucifix—a sacred object that carries its own profound history.

History & Mystery of the San Damiano Icon

The crucifix that spoke to Francis was not a realistic, three-dimensional sculpture of physical agony. Rather, it is a large, two-dimensional icon cross painted on walnut wood around the year 1100 by an unknown artist in the Umbrian region of Italy. Because of its distinct style, historians believe the artist may have been a Syrian monk fleeing to Italy, as the crucifix is heavily influenced by the Byzantine tradition.

As a teaching tool designed to strengthen the faith of a largely illiterate public, the cross is crowded with deep theological symbolism:

- **A Triumphant Christ:** Unlike later Western artwork that depicts Jesus slumped and dead, the Byzantine style portrays Christ standing upright, eyes wide open, radiating a vibrant, bright white light. He is not conquered by death; He is alive, serene, and reigning as a victorious King.
- **Cloud of Witnesses:** Surrounding Christ's body are smaller figures who witnessed His Passion, including the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Evangelist, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and the Roman Centurion.

- **Original Cross:** While a copy hangs in the chapel of San Damiano today, the original cross was moved by the Poor Clares in 1257 to the Basilica of Saint Clare of Assisi, where they still carefully guard it to this day.

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As Saint Francis knelt in the quiet ruins gazing at the large, luminous eyes of this icon, he suddenly heard the audible voice of Christ speaking to him from the cross: *“Francis, repair my house, which is falling into ruin.”*

At first, taking the command literally, Francis began gathering physical stones to rebuild the broken walls of San Damiano. But as his ministry grew and thousands of men and women flocked to join his way of life, the deeper meaning of Christ's call became clear. It was not a building of stone and mortar that needed repair; it was the Church itself. The Church of his day had grown wealthy, politically fractured, and spiritually cold. Christ was calling Saint Francis to rebuild the Church from the inside out, using the living stones of poverty, humility, and radical Gospel of love.

A Call to Action for Each of Us

The call that Saint Francis heard in the ruins of San Damiano did not die in the thirteenth century. It echoes loudly in our minds, hearts, and parish community today. Christ is still looking at each of us, pointing to our world, and saying, *“Repair my house.”*

Inspired by Saint Francis' radical embrace of the marginalized, all of us at Saint Brendan's are called to serve those in our parish and broader community by addressing the needs of modern-day “lepers” through our ministry and outreach programs. Thus, the challenge goes out to step past our comfort zones and serve through these parish ministries:

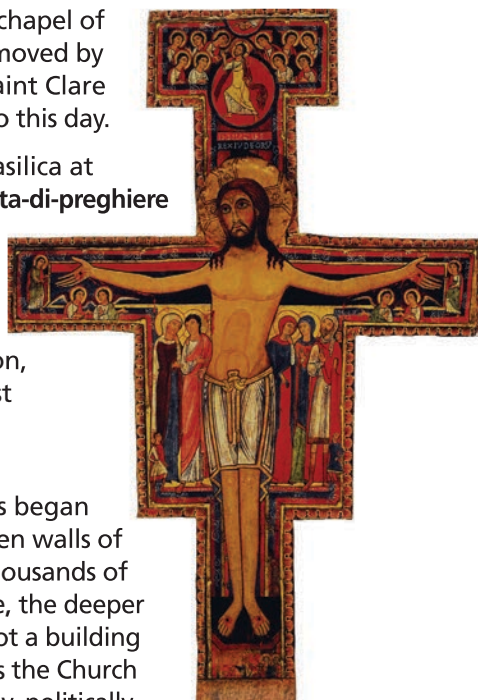
- **The St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Directly assists local families facing financial crises, providing emergency aid for rent, utilities, and food.
- **The Ministry of Care:** Bring the Holy Eucharist and companionship to the elderly, sick, homebound and senior care members of our community who often face isolation.
- **The Respect Life Ministry:** Advocates for the vulnerable and protects the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.
- **The Kairos Prison Ministry:** Reaches into correctional facilities to share the transformative love, forgiveness, and hope of Jesus Christ with the incarcerated.

These are just a few, as there are many other opportunities in our Parish and through our local community. See what you can do or would like to do – we provide whatever training is needed. Visit: <https://stbrendans.net/ministries/>

Today, let's give some serious thought about taking up the challenge of Saint Francis of Assisi by taking the concrete steps necessary toward rebuilding God's house. Let's see how we can individually and collectively, adequately and lovingly, set time aside to help the poor, the needy, the ill and infirm, the marginalized, or simply sit down and have a conversation with someone the world has pushed aside. When we overcome our fear and embrace the marginalized, we will find, just as Saint Francis of Assisi did, that we are gazing directly into the face of Jesus.

PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX AT SAN DAMIANO

(Written by St. Francis of Assisi) *Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command. Amen.*



† † † Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Undoer of Knots

*O Virgin Mary, Mother who never
refuses to come to the help of
your children in need,*

*Mother whose hands never stop
working for the welfare
of your children,*

*moved as they are by the loving
mercy and kindness that exists in
your Immaculate Heart,*

*cast your compassionate and
merciful eyes on me and see the
snarl of knots that exists in my life.*

*O Mother! You know the
difficulties, sorrow and pain that
I've had because of them.*

*O loving Mother, I place the
ribbon of my life and this knot
(these knots) into your loving
hands, hands which can undo even
the most difficult knot.*

*Most Holy Mother, come to my aid
and intercede for me before God
with your prayers.*

*I cast this knot into your hands
(mention your intentions/needs)
and beg you to undo it,*

*in the name of your son,
Jesus Christ, and for the glory of
God, once and for all.*

*Our Lady, Undoer of Knots,
pray for us!*



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Summer VINE

APOLOGETICS WEDNESDAYS, 7-8:30 PM

8/12 *Spiritualities*, in Wellnitz Hall
For questions, contact Kara Shand at kshand@stbrendans.net or follow @stbvine on Instagram to stay updated.

SUNDAY NIGHTS 6:30-8:30PM

FOR 6-8TH GRADERS

9.13	Roots Kickoff Fields
9.20	Hearing God in Prayer Davidson
9.27	Identity in Christ Gym
10.4	Men's & Women's Night Davidson
10.11	NO ROOTS

Questions? Email amarino@stbrendans.net

Fall Athletics Registration Is Open

Registration is open for St. Brendan K-3 Soccer, Cheer and Field Hockey. Find details/sign up at <https://stbrendans.net/ministries/athletics>

POD Nursery Volunteers Are Needed...

Our POD Nursery, for children 6 mos.-4 years old, is in need of volunteers:

- **During the 8:45 & 10:45 AM Sunday Masses**, especially during the summer. Email nursery@stbrendans.net to be added to the roster.
- **The Elizabeth Ministry** is seeking childcare for mothers to spend time in Adoration on: September 25, October 30, January 29, 2027, February 26, 2027 & April 30, 2027. To help, email Regina at thelonggears@gmail.com
- **OCIA Easter Vigil Cohort** is seeking nursery help on Tuesdays, beginning in September, 6:15-8:30 PM. Contact Wendy at wferkany@stbrendans.net
- **Catholic Way Bible Study** is in need of childcare help on Monday mornings beginning in September. Contact Wendy at wferkany@stbrendans.net

Note: POD Nursery Volunteers 18+ must complete Protecting God's Children training and a BCI background check before serving.

Next Moms at the Metro, Aug. 15

Join the Elizabeth Ministry for a summer social series *Moms at the Metro*. Bring the kids to the Glacier Ridge Metro Park (by playground) on Saturdays: **August 15 & September 19 for: 9 AM Nature Walk; 10 AM Craft/Playtime; 11 AM Wrap-up.** Please RSVP to Regina at 330-754-8028 or, Alyssa at 406-781-1396.



Weekly/Monthly Parish Groups/Ministries

Esto Vir Men's Ministry

Scripture studies at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Rooms, **Saturdays or Tuesdays**. Questions? Email 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, email Nick Hasou at njhasou@gmail.com

Church Cleaning

Meet Mondays at 9 AM in the church for light cleaning. Supplies are provided. Email Lisa at lisaplong@gmail.com

M.A.S.T. (Mature Active Singles Together) ages 45+ who are single, widowed or divorced. To join, email Chris: chrishauck0522@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Workshop

Meet 1st Saturdays & 3rd Wednesdays in Wellnitz, Room 2. Yarn and free lessons provided! To join us, email Kathy at kendriz@aol.com or Karen at kkessmith@yahoo.com

St. Brendan Young Adults

Those in their 20s & 30s meet monthly 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7-9 PM. Women meet off-campus. Men meet on campus (see parish calendar). To join them, email Jorden at jfreydesigns@gmail.com

SVdP, Sandwiches for the Homeless – Meet in Wellnitz Hall twice monthly on: 1st Thursdays, 10 AM and 3rd Thursdays, 7 PM.

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Around Our Diocese

Breakfast with the Bishop, Sept. 11

Catholic Social Services hosts an evening of cooking, conversation and dining with Fr. Leo Patalinghug and Bishop Fernandes on Friday, Sept. 11, 7 AM-9:30 AM at The Renaissance Hotel Grand Ballroom. Find details: www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org Questions? Email Julie Naporano: info@opendoorwomensrecovery.org

Marriage Conference, Sept. 19

Married and engaged couples are invited to the annual *Together in Holiness* marriage conference on September 19, 8:30 AM-4 PM at St. Catharine Catholic Church in Columbus (presented by Saint 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 & \$5 per child for childcare. Register at <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th26-cmoh/>

Cradling Christianity Benefit Dinner, Sept. 17

Preserving Christianity in the Holy Land Through Education annual benefit dinner in support of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land is Thursday, September 17. Mass begins 5 PM with reception and dinner to follow at Our Lady of Victory Church and Parish Hall (1559 Roxbury Rd., Columbus). Keynote Speaker: Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, Chairperson of the USCCB Committee on International Justice & Peace. For questions, email CradlingChristianity@gmail.com and for ticket pricing, information and payment, visit FFHL.org/Regions/Columbus/RSVP

St. Mother Teresa Award Ceremony, Sept. 20

Join the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for the 2026 St. Mother Teresa Awards, recognizing women in the Diocese of Columbus for their charity, compassion and service in their contribution to our Church and diocese. Each recipient will receive a certificate of recognition and thanks from Bishop Fernandes. Recipient tickets will be provided compliments of DCCW. Cost is to be determined (award recipients' registrations are complimentary). All table reservations must be prepaid. No payments at the door. Registrations for the Recognition Luncheon are accepted until August 31. Questions or to RSVP, contact Annette Roth at DCCW@columbuscatholic.org

Josephinum 5K Run/Walk is October 3

The Friends of the Josephinum 5K Run/Walk is back for its 8th year and features a one-loop course through the Pontifical College Josephinum campus and the surrounding neighborhood and offers a virtual option for supporters from around the nation. Register three or more participants at the same time and get \$15 off (discount is automatically applied upon checking three or more). Register now at <https://m3ssports.com/events/josephinum-5k/> Parking is at Crosswoods Center I & II office park (100-150 E. Crosswoods Blvd). Participants receive an event T-shirt, official Finisher's Medal, FREE race photos, a bottle of wine (those 21+) or Trappist Monastery Jam (under 21), breakfast burritos & White Castle sliders.

EMHC Recommissioning, Aug. 15 & 16

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who serve at Mass and those who bring Holy Communion to the homebound are invited to participate in our recommissioning at 5:30 PM Mass, Saturday, August 15 and 8:45 AM Mass, Sunday, August 16. Ministers are asked to attend one of these Masses to renew their commitment to the ministry. If unable to attend either Mass, contact Nell O'Connell at doconnell@stbrendans.net

Seniors NOW (Navigating Our Way)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 12 PM – Summer Lunch at Weaver Park, Norwich Pavilion. Bring your lunch, drink and a chair. No RSVP.

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AUGUST 20: Dr. Gavin Baumgardner, Owner, *Healthy Alliance*
The Medical Aspects of Alzheimer's & Dementia

SEPTEMBER 17: Kelly Lambert, Exec. Dir. *Dublin Glenn Memory Care*
The Emotional Aspects of Being a Caregiver

OCTOBER 15: Tonya Kreml, Owner, *Transitioning Your Senior*
Safety at Home While Caregiving

NOVEMBER 19: Laurie Schier, *Oasis Senior Advisors*
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Crafters Wanted for Fall Craft Show

Our Knights of Columbus *Craft Show* is Saturday, November 7. Booth spots are filling up fast, so don't wait. Sign up today!

Are you part of a ministry that would like to raise funds? Consider securing a vendor booth at our Fall Craft Show and have your ministry members contribute handmade items to raise funds! Questions? Email Eric at sbcraftshow@gmail.com Find vendor details/register at <https://tinyurl.com/events4stb> (click on "Craft Show").

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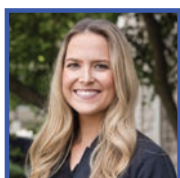
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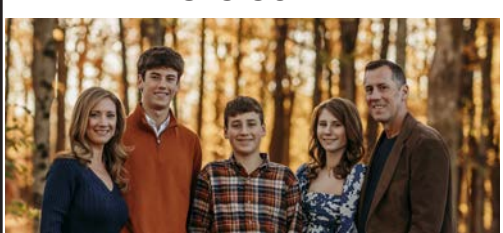
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