

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly

"I will never forget you" ~ Isaiah 49:15



Holy Mass*

SAT. VIGIL 5:30 PM
SUNDAY 7:15 AM,
8:45 & 10:45 AM,
5:30 PM

Daily Mass*

MON. 6:30 & 8 AM, 5:30 PM
TUE./ THU./ FRI. 6:30 & 8 AM
WED. 6:30 AM, 5:30 PM
SAT. 8 AM

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Anointing of the Sick this Weekend after All Masses

Who is eligible? Read
"From Our Pastor," pg. 2.

A Special Coffee & Donuts this Sunday!

Join us after 8:45 and
10:45 AM Masses in the
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grandparents and elderly,
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2nd Collection for SVdP this Weekend

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2nd Collection on the last
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From Our Pastor ON THIS TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, as we observe the **World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly**, we hear the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). Chosen by Pope Leo as this year's theme, these words awaken us to a magnificent truth: we are never alone, never abandoned, and never erased from the heart of the Father. In a fast-paced world that often measures human worth by productivity, speed, or independence, our elders can quietly begin to feel invisible. But God speaks into that loneliness with a fierce and tender promise: "I will never forget you."

Our grandparents and older brothers and sisters are the living heartbeat of our parish's history. They are the roots that feed our present, the guardians of our sacred traditions, and the foundational witnesses who first whispered the name of Jesus into the ears of our parents and children. Their silver hair is not a sign of fading relevance, but a crown of wisdom and monuments to God's enduring fidelity through generations.

Today's Second Reading deepens this vision. Saint Paul reminds us: "*Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's*" (Romans 14:7-8). This is a beautiful and challenging vision of what it means to belong to a family and a parish community. Because we belong to the Lord, we also belong to one another; no member of Christ's body can be left isolated or forgotten.

When elderly parishioners grow frail or grandparents can no longer leave home, their mission in the Church continues. Their quiet prayers, hidden sufferings, and patient endurance become a powerful offering that strengthens our parish family. They remind us that our deepest identity is not found in what we do, but in whose we are. Because Jesus Christ is Lord of the living and the dead, His love embraces every generation and reaches every age and infirmity. If the Lord promises never to forget them, then we, as His hands and feet, must ensure they are never forgotten by us. We are called to make Isaiah's prophecy visible: to visit the lonely, cherish the elderly, and remind them that they remain an irreplaceable treasure in our families, our parish community, our neighborhoods, and our lives.

Let us embrace this pastoral calling with joyful, Christlike hearts, beginning this week by reading the article in this bulletin on **The Sacrament of the Present Moment** and Pope Leo XIV's **Message for the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly**. Then let us prayerfully consider the relationships we have with older parents, grandparents, senior friends and colleagues, and fellow parishioners, asking how we can offer them the love, respect, and dignity they deserve.

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK is available to all members of the Catholic faith following the Masses this weekend in conjunction with the **World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly**. Those eligible to receive this sacrament include Catholic men and women experiencing the vulnerabilities of aging or serious or chronic illness as a means for providing spiritual strength, peace, and healing. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "The Anointing of the Sick 'is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived'" (CCC 1514). This means that anyone suffering from a chronic illness (e.g. cancer, cardiovascular disease, neurodegenerative disorders, respiratory or pulmonary illnesses, autoimmune or organ diseases, arthritis or geriatric issues, clinical depression or mental illness), those facing major surgery, or experiencing the progressive frailty of advanced age are fully eligible and encouraged to receive the grace of this Sacrament. The liturgical guidelines in *Pastoral Care of the Sick* further clarify the compassionate scope of this ministry, emphasizing its communal nature when celebrated after Mass. The text notes that "great care is to be taken that all those who are capable of receiving the sacrament of anointing are properly prepared and that the celebration is planned in accordance with the liturgical books." It specifically highlights that "the sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then falls ill again or if during the same illness the condition becomes more serious" (PCS 9). By offering this sacrament after all Masses, our parish family surrounds the aged, infirm, and chronically ill with prayerful support, reinforcing that physical and spiritual suffering are met with Christ's healing presence.

PLEASE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH TEAM, MR. JAKE ASUNCION who will serve our parishioners through youth, young adult, and adult faith formation, liturgy, and other areas of support. Jake was a seminarian at the Josephinum when I served there as Vice Rector, and I later hired him as Youth Minister during my time as Pastor of Saint Michael's in Worthington. I am very grateful that Jake is now part of our team here at Saint Brendan's. Please join me in welcoming him with warmth and prayer. God bless!

PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN SUPPORTING OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHAPTER as they accept donations after all Masses this Sunday!

Fr. Mike Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

Grandparents: Keepers of Time (Author unknown)

*The silvered hair, a crown of gentle grace, with lines of laughter etched upon the skin,
A timeless comfort lives in their embrace, where unconditional true loves begin.
They guard the stories of the days gone by, and light the ancient lamp of sacred truth,
Beneath the wisdom of a watchful eye, they guide the fragile spirit of my youth.
They shield my steps from worldly paths astray, where false illusions flatter and deceive,
To point toward the one and truthful way, in Jesus Christ, the Savior whom we believe.
So cherish those who guard our souls with love, and lead us to Christ our Shepherd here and above.*





MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS LEO XIV FOR THE SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

(Celebrated in the United States on Sunday, September 13)

“I will never forget you” (Isaiah 49:15).

Dear brothers and sisters,

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord promises that he will never forget any of us. He assures us that he has engraved our faces on the palms of his hands (cf. *Is 49:16*) and that his love is greater than a mother’s love for her child (cf. *Is 49:15*). The prophet gives us a glimpse of an intimate and intense dialogue in which God addresses, in familiar terms, each person individually and the people as a whole. Even today, we can read these words as referring to each of us, and everyone can hear that “I will never forget you” spoken directly to them.

These are words that fill us with comfort and hope. They are the answer to an agonizing feeling that troubles the heart: “The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me” (*Is 49:14*). How often in Sacred Scripture, especially in the Psalms, does prayer spring from the despair of those who feel that their lives are of no interest to anyone and are being neglected! The painful feeling of being forgotten is, unfortunately, shared by many people, and among them are quite a few elderly people.

God’s love, which forgets no one, offers itself as an act of justice and a response to the anonymity in which human life all too often ends up lost. The lives of many elderly people, in particular, seem to be covered by a veil that blurs the features of their faces and shrouds them in oblivion. This is what happens in homes where loneliness reigns and also in those care facilities where each person’s uniqueness risks being reduced to a bed number or an illness.

The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope. Ensure that the words of the prophet, “But I will never forget you,” take the form of a tender and affectionate encounter. “In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness” (Encyclical Letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, 239).

The Church understands the suffering of her elderly members; she knows full well that they are all too often viewed through the lens of stereotypes and considered a burden; she is aware that a profit-driven economy weakens family ties; she knows that many elderly people are left behind by children who are forced to migrate or, in some cases, to fight in wars. For each of these reasons, she joyfully proclaims the Lord’s promise: “But I will never forget you!”

It is a joy, at any age, but especially when we are no longer young, to discover, as John Paul I said, that we are the recipients “of undying love on the part of God. We know: he has always his eyes open on us, even when it seems to be dark. He is our father; even more he is our mother” (*Angelus*, 10 September 1978). Even if it does not come naturally to think this way, the truth is that even in old age we do not cease to be sons and daughters; therefore, the invitation to return to the arms of God — whose love is both paternal and maternal — remains worthwhile at any age.



For many, the discovery of God's tenderness takes place over the course of their lives, sometimes even in its final stages. Indeed, unlike in the past, it is increasingly common to reach old age without having had a genuine experience of faith. In such cases, old age — beginning with the questions that arise with greater urgency during this season of life — can become the right time to begin or resume a spiritual life. On this new journey, one can recognize that God, as Saint Augustine says, "is a mother because he cherishes, because he nourishes, because he nurses, because he protects" (*Commentary on Psalm 27*, II, 18). It is an awareness that helps us not to feel ashamed of the fragility that emerges and also to understand that we are always in need of one another and in need of attention and care. To God, who draws near to us and whom we learn to recognize in his tenderness, we can now turn with filial trust in prayer. It is never too late to begin turning to him. It can be a great gift for everyone.

Dear elderly men and women, Pope Francis spoke of you as a "new people" (*Catechesis*, 23 February 2022), since the number of older adults has never been so large in human history. It is, therefore, more important than ever to reflect with you, this "new people," on what our vocation might be when fragility — the human person's companion from birth — seems to take over. I would like to say to you: do not be afraid of fragility! It is precisely this weakness that holds within itself a new potential that also illuminates the other stages of life. Indeed, when "we acknowledge our fragility, our hearts become open to supporting one another and to invoking the One who can grant what no human power can ensure: the profound reconciliation of hearts and, with it, true peace" (*Meeting with the Algerian community*, Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, Algiers, 13 April 2026).

This is how we can live out our old age as Christians: "fragile" yet at the same time "called." A man and a woman can, in fact, be born anew in old age (cf. *Jn* 3:4-6) and exclaim, with the prophet: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength" (*Is* 30:15). This strength can become an invitation not to resort to the ways of arrogance and power to ensure human coexistence, but to the ways of reconciliation and true peace. In this time, so harshly marked by the violence of war and social unrest, many wonder what the world in which their grandchildren will grow up will be like. I urge you, dear friends, to join me in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to the whole world. Dear elderly brothers and sisters, I thank you for supporting me every day with your prayers, especially when you recite the Holy Rosary. I return this gratitude from the bottom of my heart and leave you with this prayer: may the Lord always renew us in faith, hope and love — He who never forgets us!

From the Vatican, 15 June 2026

Leo P.P. XIV

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*May the Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.*

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly

THE SACRAMENT OF THE PRESENT MOMENT: LIVING & LOVING TODAY Article by Fr. Michael Lumpe

One of the heaviest burdens the human heart can carry is the realization that someone we love is gone, and that we are left holding a ledger of unfulfilled intentions: *I should have called. I could have visited. I wish I had asked more about their life, their joys, their struggles, and how they were doing.* Yet Christian hope does not leave us trapped in regret. It gently turns us toward the grace still available today, inviting us to love the people in our families – especially our senior parents and grandparents, older neighbors, friends, colleagues – now, today.

This is why the *World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly* matters so deeply. More than a date on the Church calendar – it is an invitation for us to be introspective, to examine our relationships, reorder our priorities and time, and renew our attention to those whose lives have helped shape our own. The day reminds us that honoring older persons is not simply a social courtesy, but a Christian duty rooted in gratitude, solidarity and love.

In our Catholic spiritual tradition, we are given a powerful antidote to this lingering anxiety and eventual regret: the **Sacrament of the Present Moment** – a spiritual insight associated especially with the 18th-century Jesuit priest, Fr. Jean-Pierre de Caussade. This practice invites us to see every encounter, especially with older persons whose time with us is precious, not as a mere obligation to be scheduled, but as a sacred space where Christ meets us here and now. When we shift our focus from tomorrow's crowded calendar to today's opportunities for love, we can exchange the pain of future regret for the peace of present charity.

The Illusion of "Later"

Regret thrives on procrastination, and procrastination is rooted in the all-too-human illusion that time is a renewable resource. We tell ourselves that we will visit our elderly parents, grandparents and senior friends next weekend, or that we will check in on our aging neighbor once this busy season at work passes. Scripture gently but firmly corrects this mindset. We are reminded: *"You have no idea what your life will be like tomorrow. You are a puff of smoke that appears briefly and then disappears"* (James 4:14).

The Lord does not invite us into these relationships to shame us for what we have failed to do, but to open before us the grace of what love can still do today. God's mercy can heal the visits we missed, the calls we delayed, and the words we left unsaid. Yet that same mercy gently invites us to begin again today.

It is safe to say that we have all experienced, on one level or another, at one time or another, the temptation to place important relationships in the "later" column of our lives. Senior parents, grandparents, former coworkers, neighbors, and friends can unintentionally become people we mean to visit "someday." Because time with one another is a gift, the present moment becomes even more precious and, in some cases, more urgent. Loving them as Christ loves means recognizing their dignity, wisdom, vulnerability, loneliness, and desire for companionship now, not someday.

The Gifts of Time & Love: Misunderstood & Misspent

We often treat time like a currency that we can choose to save or a resource we can always earn back. In reality, time is a finite, unrepeatable gift from God. We rarely appreciate the true value of a specific season or opportunity until the clock has run out and those moments are permanently closed to us.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux diagnosed this human tendency centuries ago when he wrote, *"Nothing is more precious*

than time, but nothing is regarded more cheaply." Similarly, Saint Bernardine of Siena noted that a single moment is of immense importance because it holds the potential to gain eternal grace through a simple act of love.

If time is the framework of our lives, love is the treasure meant to be spent within it. We cannot hoard love for the future. It must be given freely in the present – through attention, forgiveness, affection, patience, and presence. Holding back our love for a later date is a spiritual risk, because "later" is never guaranteed.

Love from the heart is not an occasional event or a special occasion; it is a daily disposition. It is the steady, intentional pouring out of ourselves for the good of another. Pope Francis highlighted this truth when speaking about true wealth, reminding us that it means *"loving each other by making our lives a gift for others... paying attention to those in need and sharing our possessions – not just things, but what we are – our talents, our friendship, our time, and so on"* (Angelus, October 13, 2024). When we look back on our lives, we rarely regret the work projects we delayed to sit with an aging parent, relative, or friend, or the chores we left undone to visit a lonely neighbor. What weighs on the heart is the love we kept in reserve, waiting for a tomorrow that never arrived.

The Grace of Face-to-Face Communication

In our modern, hyper-connected world, we often mistake digital connection for genuine communion. Sending a quick text message or leaving a comment on a social media post takes very little effort, but it can never replace the grace or profound impact of a true, face-to-face conversation.

The Jewish philosopher Martin Buber famously spoke about the "I-Thou" relationship – a sacred encounter in which we see another person not as an object or a task to complete, but as a unique child of God. When we sit one-on-one with a senior parent, a retired coworker, or an elderly neighbor, we enter into the ministry of presence, offering them our full attention out of love and respect, and honoring their inherent dignity.

This intimate communication requires one's full, undivided attention. It means putting down our smartphones, muting or turning off the television, eliminating any distractions, looking the person in the eyes, perhaps holding their hand, and truly listening to every word being spoken. Older people do not need only their material needs met; like all of us, they long to be seen, heard, respected, and loved. This level of intentional, face-to-face contact honors their human dignity in a way a text message or social media post never can. By looking at them, leaning in, and sharing a physical space, we build a bridge of real communion that lets them know we compassionately care for them.

We also need to consider the *golden rule* – treating others the same way we would wish to be treated if we were in their shoes. This includes supporting older loved ones in ways that help them retain their dignity, exercise their agency, and live as independently as possible for as long as circumstances allow. Their wishes should be heard with patience and given serious consideration, especially in important decisions. Younger adults can offer compassion and kindness as seniors age, showing gratitude for what they have taught us and for the many sacrifices they have made over the years.

The Church's call to remember the elderly is not only a moral exhortation; it's also a reflection of how God remembers each of us.

Before we can become a people who visit, listen, and accompany, we must first receive the consoling truth that no human life is forgotten by God.

“I will never forget you” (Isaiah 49:15).

For us, living a prayerful and sacramental life is both wonderful and personally fulfilling. The beauty of our prayer and sacramental life becomes visible when, by grace, we become “doers of the word, not hearers only” (James 1:22), showing others that their lives – and our relationship with them – truly matter. They matter so much that we put flesh on the words we profess.

In his 2026 Message for *World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly*, Pope Leo XIV reflects on Isaiah 49:15 – “I will never forget you.” The Holy Father encourages everyone, especially the young, to visit grandparents, the elderly, and the isolated, turning divine promises into tender, personal encounters. Such presence requires undivided attention and genuine care, replacing digital shortcuts with the human dignity of being seen, heard, and loved.

Charleen Katra, Executive Director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability notes, “I’ve often observed the hurt and isolation that can be experienced by challenging life circumstances. Having another human being slow down enough to authentically listen, care, and love someone is life-giving. We don’t have to possess any credentials or be known, profound, or a theologian to minister to others... Every member of the Body of Christ is qualified to offer a ministry of presence – to sit with another, in all the varied ways that might play out. We are all capable and encouraged to love like Christ did, and in our doing so, He still does!” (*Cultivating a Ministry of Presence*).

Too often, we let the years slip by, taking for granted the profound wisdom, sacrifice, and love woven into our communities by our seniors and elders. They are the living architects of our present, yet the time we have left to honor them is finite and fleeting. At the same time, when we spend time with older adults, we often discover that we are not merely giving companionship. We receive wisdom, perspective, patience, and unexpected glimpses of God’s faithfulness through lives that have endured seasons we have not yet faced.

In his 1999 *Letter to the Elderly*, Pope Saint John Paul II urged us to appreciate the vital role seniors play in grounding our frantic culture, noting that society must use the full potential of older people, who are “*rightly esteemed as ‘living encyclopedias’ of wisdom, guardians of an inestimable treasure of human and spiritual experiences.*” When we neglect them, we not only leave them lonely, we also deprive our families and our parish family of wisdom that cannot be learned quickly or replaced easily.

Pope Benedict XVI emphasized that the presence of older generations is a non-negotiable component of a healthy community. He insisted that “*in no way should [grandparents] ever be excluded from the family circle. They are a treasure which the younger generation should not be denied, especially when they bear witness to their faith*” (*Plenary Assembly*, April 5, 2008).

- **Listen to their stories:** The repetitive memories of our senior parents, grandparents or former mentors are not a burden to endure; they are a living history and a testament to God’s faithfulness across generations.
- **Validate their presence:** Our culture values doing; God values being. Sitting quietly with a senior parent who can no longer hold a complex conversation is a profound act of contemplative, relational prayer.

Moving from Intention to Action: A Catholic Action Plan

If these reflections remain only beautiful ideas, they will not become reality. The grace of the present moment asks to take flesh in humble, practical choices that make room for real people in real time.

To avoid the paralysis of *could have, should have, would have*, we can convert our good intentions into concrete expressions of authentic love and acts of charity. The goal is not to add another burden to already crowded lives, but to let grace make room for the people God has entrusted to our care.

1. **Examine Your Calendar through the Lens of Eternity:** In your daily Examen prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind the people in your life who may be isolated or who may feel isolated. In either case, our love for them and our presence with them can become a balm that soothes and heals their wounds. Look at your weekly schedule with honesty and tenderness. If travel, sports, entertainment, or work obligations always leave “no time” to call or visit an elderly parent, grandparent, retired colleague, or neighbor, this may be an invitation from the Lord to reorder your priorities in love and charity.
2. **Practice the Discipline of the Small Offering:** You do not need an entire open weekend to spend your currency of love. As Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower, famously taught, we can do small things with great love. A ten-minute phone call, a handwritten card mailed to a former coworker, taking a parent or relative to Mass followed by brunch, or dropping off a simple treat to a neighbor are small acts of caring love that echo into eternity.
3. **Meet the Challenge with Grace:** Spending time with older persons can sometimes challenge our schedules, test our patience, or stir up our own anxieties about aging, dependence or loss. Instead of resisting these feelings, we can gently offer them to God. Giving of our time and our love to sit with another is a holy act. It allows us to participate directly in the sacrificial, self-giving love of the Cross.

The Reward of Peace

In the twilight of our own lives, we will not be judged by the academic or professional degrees we earned, wealth we accumulated, the titles we held, or the earthly accomplishments we chased. The brilliant Jesuit theologian and Doctor of the Church, Saint Robert Bellarmine, beautifully underscored this eternal reality, reminding us that in the end: “The school of Christ is the school of charity. On the last day, when the general examination takes place, there will be no question at all on the text of Aristotle, the aphorisms of Hippocrates, or the paragraphs of Justinian. Charity will be the whole syllabus.”

Pope Leo XIV notes that the celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all, and that at any age, “it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God.”

By actively choosing to spend time with our seniors – the veterans of the journey of life we all traverse, and the often-forgotten people in the corners of our social circles – we live the love that Christ constantly teaches. We also honor the spirit of the Fifth Commandment: “Honor your father and mother.” In doing so, we begin to replace the haunting refrain of “what might have been” with the quiet peace of knowing that we showed up, listened, loved, and were present.

Do not wait for a “perfect” time, a less busy season, or a more convenient day that may never come. Instead, pick up the phone, knock on the door, drive to where they are and sit beside them – today. Show your love and appreciation for them. Spend your love now – frequently and abundantly – and remain open to the grace God wants to pour into your heart through them. This is the sacrament of the present moment: discovering that Christ has been waiting for us in these encounters all along.

Community Calendar

Let Us Pray...

God our Father,
You are the Author of time
and the Source of all love.

We thank You for the
precious gift of our lives,
and for the lives of our
parents, grandparents,
neighbors, former
colleagues, mentors,
and all older persons who
have helped pave the
way before us.

Deliver us from the trap
of procrastination and the
false promise of "later."

Pour Your grace into our
minds and hearts so that
we may spend our love
generously today.

Renew the bonds
of affection across
generations, and make
our parish family a home
of faithful presence.

Give us the courage to
pause our busy lives, step
beyond our comfort zones,
and sit in companionship
with those who are lonely,
frail, isolated, or easily
overlooked.

May our presence remind
one another of Your
enduring love, and may
our lives be filled with the
peace that comes from
having loved well.

We pray this through
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass
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Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
Daily Mass	Church
Catholic Way: The Book of Revelation	Wellnitz, Room 1
Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
Seniors NOW Summer Luncheon	Norwich Pavilion
Daily Mass	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Seek & Root Family Session	Davidson, Rms. A & B

Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A
Daily Mass	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Elizabeth Ministry: The Upper Room	Childcare Center
OCIA Immaculate Conception Cohort Mtg.	Davidson, Room B
OCIA Vigil Cohort Meeting	Davidson, Room A

Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry	Campus Parking Lot
Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Seniors NOW: Anthony Thomas Trip/Lunch	Church Parking Lot
Prayer Shawl Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz, Room 2
Daily Mass	Church
Adoration with Confession	Church
KofC #11208: Monthly Membership Mtg.	Wellnitz, Rms. 1 & 2
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Church

Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
Daily Mass	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Women's AM Studies: Chosen 5	Davidson, Rms. A & B
Care & Consolation: Dementia Series	School Library
Communion/Liberation School of Community	Wellnitz, Room 2
Women's PM Studies: Chosen 5	Davidson, Rms. A & B
SVdP Sandwich Making for the Homeless	Wellnitz, Room 1

Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
Daily Mass	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Date Night for Young Couples by KofC	Davidson, Room B

Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry	Campus Parking Lot
Men's Ministry: Esto Vir Meeting	Davidson, Rms. A & B
Daily Mass	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Confession	Confessional
Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday Masses	Church
POD Nursery	Childcare Center
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
Baptisms	Church
Training Class: Junior Altar Servers	Church
Training Class: Rising Acoyltes	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
The ROOTS	Davidson, Rms. A & B
VINE Night	School Gym

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 September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

“The necessity of prayer is so evident in Scripture that there is nothing more clearly taught or shown ... First, prayer enlightens the mind ... Second, prayer nourishes faith and trust ... Third, prayer kindles love and prepares the mind to receive greater gifts ... Fourth, prayer increases humility and holy fear ... Fifth, frequent prayer leads to a contempt for all temporal things in the heart of the one who prays ... Sixth, prayer brings forth an incredible delight since by its means a man begins to taste the sweetness of the Lord ... Finally ... prayer also confers upon one who prays no small dignity and honor.” +SAINT ROBERT BELLARME

Monday, September 14 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Holy Gospel: John 3:13-17 Jesus said to Nicodemus: “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Meditation: Moses lifted high the image of a bronze serpent fixed to the wood of the pole, which resembled a cross. Those who put their faith in God by repenting of their disobedience were healed and restored to wholeness of life. In today's Gospel Jesus links his victory on the cross with Moses' act of deliverance in the wilderness with his own impending sacrificial death when he will be “lifted up” on the wood of the cross at Calvary. Unlike Moses' deliverance in the wilderness which only resulted in temporary relief for the people, Jesus' atoning death on the cross brought decisive victory over sin, Satan, and death. Jesus' victory on the cross cancels the debt of our sin, and releases us from guilt and condemnation. His death and victory brings us new life - the new abundant life in his Holy Spirit which lasts forever. Jesus' victory on the cross also brought about his glorious bodily resurrection to new unending life and his ascension to the right hand of God the Father in heaven, where he now rules and intercedes for us. The result of Jesus “being lifted up on the cross” and his rising and ascending to the Father's right hand in heaven is our “new birth in the Spirit” and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only has redeemed us from sin in Christ, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift of his Spirit that we might share in his own glory. Indeed, “Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaimed, till all the world adores his sacred name” (Lyrics from the hymn “Lift High the Cross”).

Prayer: O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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: There is no greater proof of God's love for us than the sending of his Son to become one with us in our humanity and to lay down his life for us -- “To ransom a slave God gave his Son.” God sent his Son to free us from the worst of tyrannies -- slavery to sin and the curse of death. Jesus' sacrificial death was an act of total love through self-giving. Jesus gave himself completely out of love for his Father. And he willingly laid down his life out of selfless love for our sake and for our salvation. His death on the

cross was both a total offering to God and the perfect sacrifice of atonement for our sin and the sin of the world. John tells us that God's love cannot be limited because it is boundless and encompasses all of creation (John 3:16). His love is not limited to a single nation or a few chosen friends. His love is limitless because it embraces the whole world and every individual created in His image and likeness. God is a persistent loving Father who cannot rest until all of his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love and not love. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief, or we can choose to love the light of God's truth, goodness, and mercy. If our love is guided by truth, goodness, and that which is truly beautiful, then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Ask yourself: Do you love God who is the supreme good above all else, all things, all people?

Tuesday, September 15 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Holy Gospel: John 19:25-27 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Meditation: Does suffering or sorrow weigh you down? Suffering affects all of us on one level or another, in one way or another. But the cross is different – the cross brings us face to face with Jesus' suffering. He was alone. All his disciples had deserted him except for his mother and three women along with John, the beloved disciple. The apostles had fled in fear. But Mary, the mother of Jesus and three other women who loved him were present at the cross. They demonstrate the power of love for overcoming fear (1 John 4:18) in the face of horrific challenge.

Prayer: O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross, his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering, grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ, may merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Mary in Honor of Her Seven Sorrows: O Mary, Mother of Sorrows, I beseech Thee, by the bitter agony thou didst endure at the foot of the Cross offer to the Eternal Father, in my name, thy Beloved Son, Jesus, all covered with Blood and Wounds, in satisfaction for my sins, for the needs of Holy Church, the conversion of sinners, the relief of the Souls in Purgatory and for the special grace I now implore. (*Mention your request at this point in the prayer*). Amen.

Contemplation: This is a day to pray the Stations of the Cross. Don't wait for the Season of Lent or for Holy Week; today is also a day to read and contemplate the words of the *Stabat Mater* – "At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last." The entire text can be found via the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops web page (<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/0915-memorial-our-lady-sorrows.cfm>). You might also want to read the seven sorrows of Mary in Sacred Scripture; the Biblical references are listed below.

About the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows: This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation, with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world. As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35);
2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15);
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50);
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17);
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30);
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37);
7. The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47).

Wednesday, September 16 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Cornelius, Pope and Martyr; and Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:31-35 Jesus said to the crowds: "To what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, 'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.'

For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

Meditation: Jesus' message of the kingdom of God is a proclamation of good news that produces great joy and hope for those who will listen - but it is also a warning of disaster for those who refuse to accept God's gracious offer. Why did the message of John the Baptist and the message of Jesus meet with resistance and deaf ears? It was out of jealousy and spiritual blindness that the scribes and Pharisees attributed John the Baptist's austerities to the devil and they attributed Jesus' table fellowship as evidence for pretending to be the Messiah. They succeeded in frustrating God's plan for their lives because they had closed their hearts to the message of John the Baptist and now they close their ears to Jesus, God's anointed Son sent to redeem us from bondage to sin and death.

Prayer: God our Father, in Saints Cornelius and Cyprian you have given your people an inspiring example of dedication to the pastoral ministry and constant witness to Christ in their suffering. May their prayers and faith give us courage to work for the unity of your Church. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Contemplation: What can make us spiritually dull and slow to hear God's voice? Like the generation of Jesus' time, our age is marked by indifference and contempt, especially in regards to the message of God's kingdom. Indifference dulls our ears to God's voice and to the good news of the Gospel. Only the humble of heart who are hungry for God can find true joy and happiness. And so we might ask ourselves today: Do you listen to God's word with expectant faith and the willingness to trust and obey?

Thursday, September 17 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:36-50 A certain Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Meditation: Why did a woman with a bad reputation approach Jesus and anoint him with her tears and costly perfume at the risk of ridicule and abuse by others? The woman's action was motivated by one thing, and one thing only, namely, her love for Jesus - she loved greatly out of gratitude for the kindness and forgiveness she had received from Jesus. She did something a Jewish woman would never do in public. She loosened her hair and anointed Jesus with her tears. It was customary for a woman on her wedding day to bind her hair. For a married woman to loosen her hair in public was a sign of grave immodesty. This woman was oblivious to everyone and everything around her; she was totally focused on Jesus. She also did something which only love can do. She took the most precious thing she had and

spent it all on Jesus. Her love was not calculated but extravagant. In a spirit of humility and heart-felt repentance, she lavishly served the one who showed her the mercy and kindness of God. Jesus, in his customary fashion, never lost the opportunity to draw a lesson from such a deed.

Prayer: O God, who adorned the Bishop Saint Robert Bellarmine with wonderful learning and virtue to vindicate the faith of your Church, grant, through his intercession, that in the integrity of that same faith your people may always find joy. 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 makes clear that great love springs from a heart forgiven and cleansed. Peter the Apostle tells us that "love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). It was love that motivated the Father in heaven to send his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus, to offer up his life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. The woman's lavish expression of love was an offering of gratitude for the great forgiveness, kindness, and mercy Jesus had shown to her. The stark contrast of attitudes between Simon and the sinful woman demonstrates how we can either accept or reject God's mercy and forgiveness. Simon, who regarded himself as an upright Pharisee, felt no need for love or mercy – he never gave it a thought! His self-sufficiency kept him from acknowledging his need for God's grace – God's gracious gift of favor, help, and mercy. The woman, on the other hand, knew exactly what she needed from Jesus and sought it at all costs. Are you grateful for God's mercy and grace? Do you ever think of your need for God's mercy and grace?

Friday, September 18 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:1-3 Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

Meditation: During his three years of public ministry Jesus traveled widely. The Gospel records that a band of women accompanied Jesus and the twelve apostles. This was a diverse group of women; some came from rich and prominent families; some had been prostitutes, and others had been afflicted with mental and physical infirmities. No matter their backgrounds or "status" in life, these women served Jesus out of their own resources. We know that Mary Magdalene had lived a very troubled life before Jesus freed her from seven demons. She was privileged to be the first to see Jesus as the risen Lord. As the wife of King Herod's chief financial officer, Joanna was a wealthy lady of the court. It's unlikely that these two would have ever met under other circumstances. What brought them together and united them in a bond of friendship, service, and loyalty to Jesus? Certainly Jesus and his message of the kingdom of God had transformed them. Unlike the apostles, who took great pride in being the chosen twelve, these women did not seek position or demand special privileges. Jesus had touched them so deeply that they were grateful to do anything for him, even menial service. They brought their gifts and resources to Jesus to use as he saw fit.

Prayer: Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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: Our privilege as children of God and disciples of Jesus is to serve as Jesus served with humility, selfless love, generosity, joy, and a willingness to do whatever God asks of us. God, in his turn, gives us every good gift and grace we need to carry out our task and mission. God in his infinite power needs no one, but in his wisdom and love, he chooses to entrust his work through each one of us. His Holy Spirit equips us with all that we need to love and serve others. In God's economy, no one is insignificant or unnecessary. The least in his kingdom find a home and a mission at Jesus' side. Do you know the joy of serving Jesus in company with others who love and serve him willingly?

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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:

Sean Grier
Ken Weitmarshen
Margie Hiam
Jimmy Gutierrez
Curt Thayer
Bertha Torok
Ilona Owens
Joseph Rienhard
Dave Boyd
Lisa Lynch
Chris Carrino
Eliott Verrilli
Steve Strait
Tonya Prickett
Bailey Curtis
Andrea Gigliotti
Brenda Bazan
Dolores Lynch
Jerry Price

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY:

Thomas Dye
Aaron Huesman
Sam Imwalle
Christopher Keck
Robert Carollo
Kale Grunenwald
Cody Longstreth
Jackson Maassel
Rick Shonkwiler
Luke Stumphauzer
Kyle Mullins
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MONDAY 6 PM–10 PM

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WEDNESDAY 7 AM–5 PM
(Holy Hour, 6–7 PM with Confession)

SATURDAY 8:30 AM–1 PM

SUNDAY 6:30 PM–10 PM

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:30 AM Daniel Dunlap †
8:00 AM For the needs of our parishioners as they begin the week
5:30 PM Mary Margaret Deeks †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:30 AM CJ Sokowloski †
8:00 AM Intention for the Sizemore Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:30 AM Ada DiGiacomo †
5:30 PM Bill Grubbe †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:30 AM Malcom Springer †
8:00 AM Maria Santos †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:30 AM Maude Montgomery †
8:00 AM Bob Byorth †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 AM Bill Marr †
5:30 PM Eleuterio Liberato †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 AM Robert Bickis †
8:45 AM Matt Sargent †
10:45 AM Howard E. Bruggeman †
5:30 PM For the People of St. Brendan Parish

(† Intention is for someone deceased.)

Mass Intentions Online

Mass Intentions can now be made with our online form accessible via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/massintent> allowing for credit/debit card payments. Or, find the Mass Intention Envelopes in the Church Gathering Area to fill out with \$10 cash/check included and drop off at the Parish Office.



Flowers for the Altar

In Memory of Ann Yezz

Jr. Altar Server/Rising Acolyte Training Classes, Sept. 20 & 26

3rd or 4th grade students (this year) may become Jr. Altar Servers by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/altar-server-class> and taking a training class. Junior Servers shadow and learn from the more experienced servers and then transition over to Acolytes as they begin 5th grade. All new Jr. Altar Servers and new/rising Acolytes must attend one of these classes (held in the church):

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 – Junior Servers: 2 PM / Acolytes: 3 PM | **SATURDAY, SEPT. 26** – Junior Servers: 1 PM / Acolytes: 2 PM

Questions? Contact Fr. Severance at frseverance@stbrendans.net

Support Fr. Sam, Sept. 18

Fr. Sam is taking aim on Friday, Sept. 18, 3:45-4:30 PM in the **St. Gabriel Radio AM 820 Priest Axe Throwing Challenge** to support local Catholic radio AM 820. Every early donation earns extra throws for the participating priests. Show your support for our parish priest and the mission of Catholic radio across Central Ohio by making a gift today at StGabrielRadio.com Help Fr. Sam hit the bullseye and keep Catholic programming on the air!

Weekly/Monthly Parish Groups

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 lisaploung@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Workshop – Meet 1st Saturdays & 3rd Wednesdays in Wellnitz, Room 2. Yarn & lessons are provided! To join, email Kathy at kendriz@aol.com or Karen at kkessmith@yahoo.com

St. Brendan Young Adults – Those in their 20s & 30s meet monthly on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7-9 PM. Women meet off-campus. Men meet on campus in Wellnitz Hall, Room 1. To join, email Jorden at jfreydesigns@gmail.com

SVdP Sandwich Making for the Homeless – Meet in Wellnitz Hall twice monthly: First Thursdays, 10 AM & 3rd Thursdays, 7 PM.

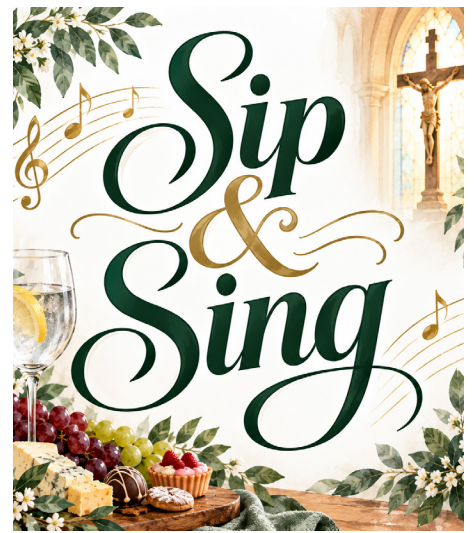
Grief Support Lunch – Meets monthly, 2nd Thursdays, 1 PM at La Chatelaine Restaurant, Dublin. Questions? Email edmuch@me.com

Grief Support Study – Meets the 1st Sundays monthly at 7 PM in Wellnitz, Room 1 to learn grief care information and support. Questions? Email Nell at doconnell@stbrendans.net

"Sip & Sing" With Us, September 23

Do you hum in the shower, tap your steering wheel to the radio, or play an instrument in your spare time? We want to meet you! Join our Music Ministry for a relaxed "Sip & Sing" night on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:15 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Grab a drink, enjoy some sweet treats, and sing along to some favorite hymns. There are no high-pressure auditions here – just a casual evening

of fellowship and music for all skill levels. Come and meet our new Director of Sacred Music, Julie Cottrill, ask questions, and find out more about how you can share your musical gifts with the parish. Questions? Email Julie at jcottrill@stbrendans.net



Fall Adult Scripture Studies

Sign up for an adult Scripture study listed below by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/ff4adults> or by scanning the QR code.



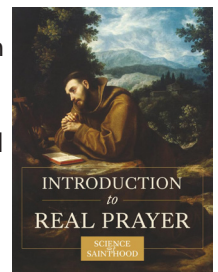
The Bible Timeline: Begins Sept. 21

This Story of Salvation is a 25-week co-ed study, **Mondays beginning Sept. 21, 7 PM** in Wellnitz, Room 1. Watch videos featuring prominent Bible Teacher Jeff Cavins followed by discussion led by Bryan Moore to journey through the entire Bible! Using the unique color-coded Bible Timeline System, you will identify the important events in twelve timeline periods. Materials cost is \$30. Questions? Email Bryan at chov911@gmail.com



Intro to Real Prayer: Begins Sept. 22

Offered again! This 9-week co-ed video, discussion and prayer series begins **Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 PM** in the School Library. Hosted by evangelist Matthew Leonard, *Introduction to Real Prayer* introduces participants to the basics of prayer, its necessity, and how to make it a part of our daily lives, as well as the three stages of the spiritual life, in an easy to understand style. No cost to attend. Questions? Email Bryan Moore at chov911@gmail.com



A TESTIMONIAL ABOUT INTRO TO REAL PRAYER: – "We are all called to 'learn how to pray' and the upcoming *Introduction to Real Prayer* class will teach you how. This program changed my PRAYER life and subsequently, changed my life. This course is a 'nuts and bolts' approach to prayer, teaching us the importance of prayer but more importantly, *how* to pray. From basic vocal, petitionary prayer to the depths of the contemplative life, it is all explained in a way that we, average Catholics, can understand. I truly hope you will join us for this course. It will change how you pray and strengthen your relationship with our Holy Father." ~ Bryan Moore



Elizabeth Ministry Updates...

The final **Moms at the Metro** at Glacier Ridge Metro Park on **Sept. 19** was canceled. Join the Elizabeth Ministry in the Childcare Center for these monthly events this fall: **Playgroup** – first Tuesdays at 9:30 AM; **The Upper Room** – third Tuesdays at 9:30 AM; **FIAT Hour** on fourth Fridays, 10-11 AM (Adoration time for moms while their children are being watched.) Questions? Email Regina at thelonggrears@gmail.com

Next Dementia Series Session, Sept. 17

Explore the medical, safety, emotional and community-resource aspects of Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

All are welcome to this informative free series, 5:30-7 PM, 3rd Thursday monthly through November in the School Library. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/dementia4part> to register or scan the QR code. Questions? Email Nell at doconnell@stbrendans.net

SEPT. 17: Kelly Lambert: *Emotional Aspects of Being a Caregiver*

OCT. 15: Tonya Kreml: *Safety at Home While Caregiving*

NOV.19: Laurie Schier: *Resources Beyond the Home*

Seniors NOW (NAVIGATING OUR WAY) FOR AGES 65+

SEPT. 14, MONDAY, 12 PM – Luncheon at Weaver Park, Norwich Pavilion in Hilliard. Bring your lunch, drink and a chair.

SEPT. 16, WEDNESDAY, 9:30 AM – Anthony Thomas Chocolates day trip followed by lunch at Freddy's (1719 Hilliard Rome Rd.) Meet at St. Brendan parking lot. RSVP Jerry: 614-805-6792, PRICEJ62@gmail.com

Join Us at these 40 Days for Life Events:

St. Brendan Parish will be participating in **40 Days for Life** taking place September 23-November 1. This campaign brings continuous prayer to local abortion clinics across the nation to promote life and bring an end to abortions. First, join us for **SIDEWALK MINISTRY TRAINING**: Sidewalk Ministry trains volunteers to be present on the sidewalk in front of local abortion clinics, compassionately educating women about their choices and praying to help potential abortion facility customers find better healthcare alternatives. A Sidewalk Ministry training class will be held on Saturday, **September 26**, 9-11 AM at St. Brendan in Davidson, Room B. Several St. Brendan parishioners have done this training. The half-day class provides an introduction to Pro-life action with GCRTL and includes: apologetics (defense of life), discussion on laws and regulations related to abortion and Pro-life activity, and local resources for pregnant or post-abortive women. (Details: <https://www.gcrtl.org/sidewalk-counseling.html>) Then, join us on **October 2** for the diocesan **MARCH FOR LIFE** in downtown Columbus. Finally, **OUR PARISH IS SCHEDULED TO PRAY** at Planned Parenthood (3255 E. Main St., Columbus) on **October 14**, 8 AM-2 PM. We ask that a minimum of two volunteers sign up to pray at the clinic for each hour-long shift. Sign up by accepting a "Need" in ParishStaq at <https://tinyurl.com/stb-needs> or contact Tim Reno with questions: tireno04@gmail.com, 614-312-7388. If you can't pray on our adopted day, sign up for other times at www.gcrtl.org/40-days-for-life

The Pregnancy Decision Health Center's Celebration for Life 2026 Dinner & Gala is Thurs., Sept. 24, 6 PM at Villa Milano

Join our St. Brendan Knights of Columbus/Right to Life members at their table for dinner! No admission cost/ticket to attend the Gala but donations will be accepted at the event. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/PDHCgala> or via the QR code. Questions? Email KristinG@PDHC.org



Melchizedek Project, Sept. 28



Is Jesus calling you to become a priest? Every young Catholic man should ask themselves that, and The Melchizedek Project can help you to discern the answer. The first meeting at St. Brendan will be Monday, Sept. 28, 6-7:30 PM in the School Library (dinner provided). Learn more via the QR code or contact Fr. Sam at frseverance@stbrendans.net to let him know you plan to attend. The meeting dates are: Oct. 19, Nov. 30, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 15 & April 26.

Men's Esto Vir Scripture Studies

Questions? Email Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net

Saturday, 6:30 AM Esto Vir (Be a Man) Starting Sept. 12 in the Davidson Rooms, gather to break bread, build community, bolster your faith and pray. Experience content from *Jesus - The Way, the Truth & the Life*, *The Chosen* season 5 & *Sharing Our Story*.

Tuesday 6:30 AM study – Join us Tuesdays, starting on **Sept. 8** in the Davidson Rooms, for in-depth study series on Scripture, early Church Fathers, lives of the saints and fellowship.

Join the Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry is looking for men to bring the love and grace of Jesus to the residents of London Correctional Institute. Retreat weekend is Nov. 5-8 and formation meetings begin Sept. 25 (Davidson, Room A.) To help in bringing men to Christ, contact Tim Reno at tireno04@gmail.com, or Chuck at chuck436@att.net

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VOLUNTEERS – Anyone sixth grade or older can help out with our Family Faith Formation program! We are looking for table leaders for parent small group discussions, as well as help creating hospitality and intercession teams. Please pray about how God is calling you to support other Parish families to grow in faith (those 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant). To help out, please email to Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

THE SACRAMENT PREPARATION PARENT MEETING is this Sunday, Sept. 13 at 6:45 PM in Davidson Room A for parents with children preparing for Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation. Questions? Email Jacob at jdoran@stbrendans.net

POD Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery, for children 6 mos.-4 years old, needs volunteers during **8:45 & 10:45 AM Sunday Masses**. Note: POD Nursery Volunteers 18+ must complete Protecting God's Children training and a BCI background check before serving. To be added to our volunteer roster, please email nursery@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class, Oct. 5

To volunteer in the POD Nursery or help at parish ministries/events that work with children, you will need to be Safe Environment compliant, so this session is for you! Meet 5-6 PM, Oct. 5 in the Davidson Rooms for fingerprinting (no sign-up needed) and 6-7 PM for a *Protecting God's Children* class. Register for the class at tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGCTotus

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Begins Sept. 15

Our parish offers *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* method of faith formation for three to six-year-old children which begins September 15 and 16. The classes are in a special environment for children called **the Atrium**. Two CGS class days/times are offered for children 3-6 years old held in the Carter Center on **Tuesdays, 5:30-7 PM & Wednesdays, 10 AM-12 PM**. Children must be fully potty-trained. Register via the QR code or at <https://bit.ly/stb2026cgs> (capacity per class is 10 children.) For details about the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* faith formation, visit www.CGSUSA.org and for any questions, email Jacob at jdoran@stbrendans.net or Cathy at cjohanni@stbrendans.net or 614-876-1272.



St. Monica Mass & Reception Recap...



Inviting Catholics Home Ministry would like to thank everyone who attended our St. Monica Mass and Reception on August 27. To those who had added loved one's names to our prayer boards this year, we are happy to report that we were informed about three people whose names were written on the boards who have recently returned back to the Church and to their Catholic faith! Through God's providence, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the intercessory prayers of St. Monica, the following individuals/couples whose names have been written on our prayer boards are now returning back to their Catholic faith:



1. A husband and his wife who were not practicing their faith for some time recently had their marriage blessed by the Catholic Church. The wife is now a fully practicing Catholic and the husband is on his way back as well.
2. A brother-in-law whose name had been written on the prayer boards for the past few years reported to his relative that he would return to his faith upon his retirement, and as of this past April, he has not missed a Sunday Mass since his retirement and his return back to the Church.
3. Young parents who had stopped practicing our faith for some time are now coming back to the Church after having their baby baptized recently in the Catholic Church.

St. Monica, please continue to pray for us and for our loved ones!

Parish Festival & Volunteering...

This past August, our summer Parish Festival ended up netting approximately **\$121,000** in profit. **THANK YOU!** We could not have accomplished this without our many amazing volunteers and Festival Committee members. Below are testimonials from some of the committee members that highlight the reward received through volunteering your time and talent. Consider joining one of our many parish ministries/groups or helping out at some of our varied and plentiful parish events...

Dan Houchins, Food Preparation Chair – "Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community, while at the same time getting to know the people you see every week but don't really know."

Georgine Collette, Festival Financials Co-Chair – "Volunteering is one way to make such a large parish seem smaller by widening the circle of people you know! It's an easy way to contribute to the success of St. Brendan Parish and all it takes is a small amount of your time. There are spots to match a wide variety of interests, so grab a friend and join in the fun each year!"

Jake Bowers, Parking Chair – "Volunteering is about more than just helping out – It's a small commitment that makes a huge impact on our Parish. Helping with the festival parking crew is a family favorite; you're right there welcoming people, seeing their excitement as they arrive and knowing your efforts directly contribute to the festival's success. It's incredibly rewarding!"

Jim Cogan, Raffle Chair – "I like volunteering for the festival because I get to see all my old friends and make new friends, but most of all, I see volunteering at my parish a responsibility. Anything we can do to support our parish is part of our job in making it more welcoming helping it to succeed in its mission. Plus, I have fun volunteering!"

Brian Quinn, Food Service Chair – "Volunteering at the festival is a way to support and give back to our parish as a means of thanks for all the blessings, gifts and support we receive from our local church. It is a great way to meet other members of the parish, provides additional opportunities for fellowship and also help the parish to evangelize to the Hilliard community."

Mike Riggs, Beverage Co-Chair – "The best part of volunteering at our festival is working alongside the many talented, hardworking parishioners who make it a success every year and seeing the wonderful people of our parish, our neighbors and friends who come out and support it."

Darlene Maziarz, Cake Bingo Co-Chair – "Our children attended St. Brendan school and I started volunteering to get to know the staff and families who also attended the school. I found it to be very fun and rewarding. My children volunteered with us from a young age and they loved working kids games. Today our children are adults and still enjoy volunteering."

Pat Hamrock, Festival Co-Chair – "The best part about volunteering is that it helps build community & friendships within the Parish. I get to work with a lot of parishioners on the Festival Committee and get to meet and work with a number of others who are Festival week volunteers."

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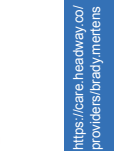
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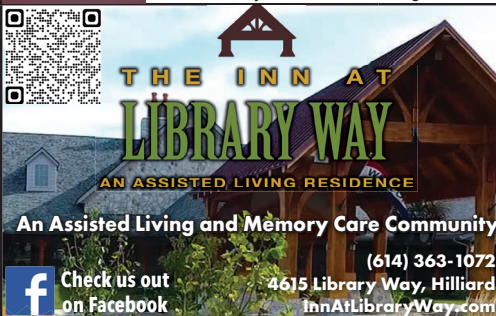
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