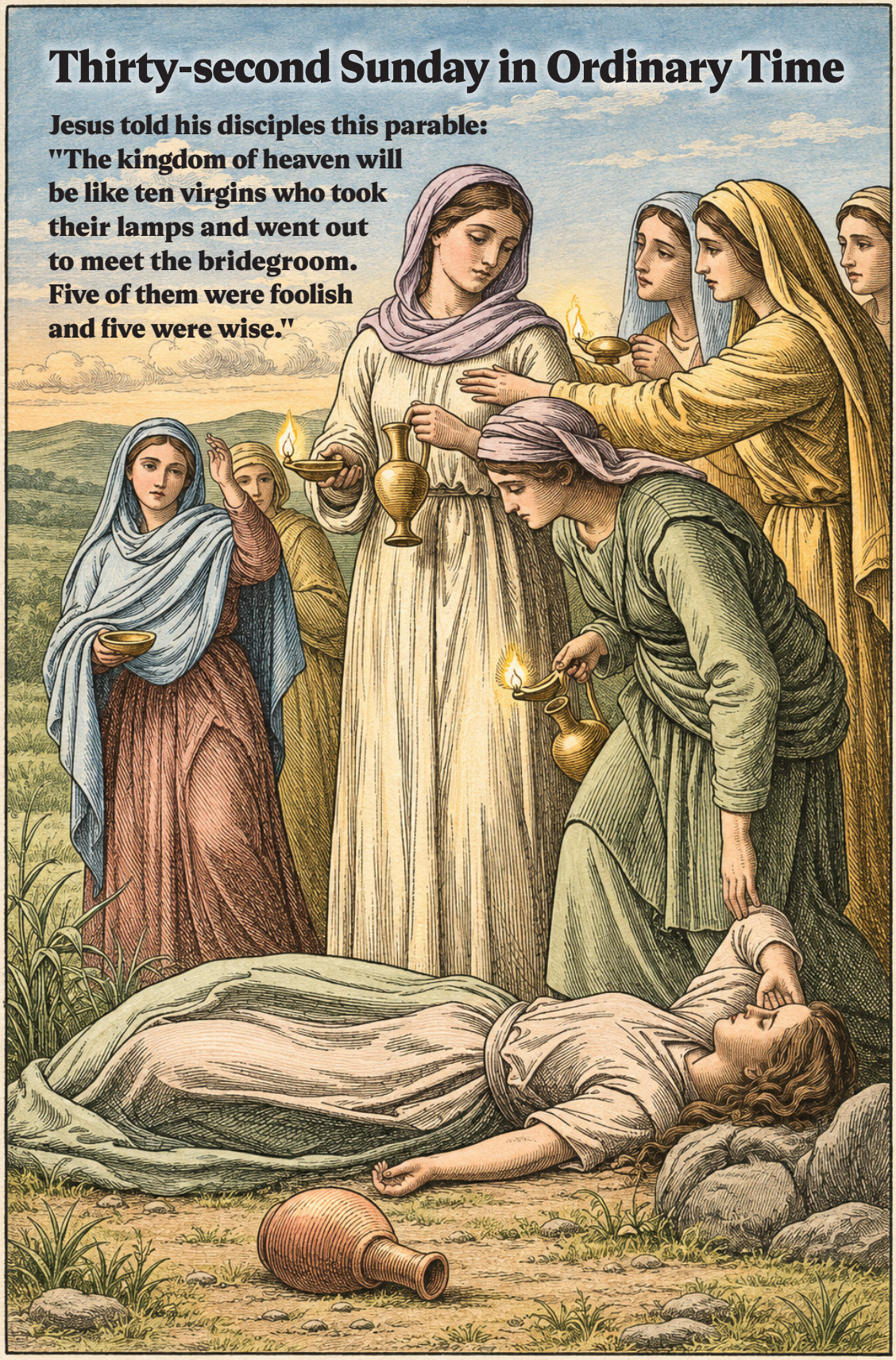
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise."



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Cabrini Sunday at St. Brendan...

Gather this Sunday, November 8 for a special 10:45 AM Mass and then join us in Wellnitz Hall afterward for an informative Diocesan adoption and fostering support session. Coffee and Donuts provided. No RSVP is needed. Find details on page 19.

Seminarian Support Fund 2nd Collection is this Weekend

Find details on page 18.

Or, scan the QR and select "St. Brendan the Navigator"

Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11

Veterans Dinner and Reception is Saturday, November 14. Find more details on pages 15/16.

Prep for Health Emergencies & End of Life with Faith, Nov. 8

Class is held at 11:45 AM this Sunday. Find more details on page 18.

Holy Mass*

SAT. VIGIL 5:30 PM
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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

Reconciliation*

WED. 6-7 PM *(during Adoration)*
SAT. After 8 AM Mass
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**Regular Mass and Confession times may change. Find this week's calendar in our bulletin or website.*

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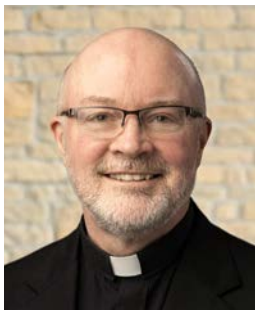
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- Mon./Wed., 5:30 PM
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Upload photos at **stbstories.net** and hit "submit" so we can share the many happenings with our parish and school through our bulletin and social media!

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From Our Pastor

ON THIS THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, today's Gospel from Saint Matthew (25:1–13) presents us with the Parable of the Ten Virgins – a solemn yet hopeful reminder of our Christian calling. Many parables speak of those who reject God's invitation entirely, but this story concerns those of us who have accepted it. The ten bridesmaids, the "virgins" of the Gospel, represent all of us.

At Baptism, whether we were infants or adults, we received our invitation to the heavenly wedding feast and the light of Christ, symbolized by the candle lit for us, but that was only the beginning. As we grow in faith and reach the age of reason (age 7), we are called to keep our lamps filled and burning.

Notice that all ten bridesmaids grew drowsy and fell asleep. The wise were not the ones who never grew weary; they were the ones who had prepared enough oil to be ready when the call came. If you are tired, discouraged, or carrying a lamp that feels nearly empty today, or if you are praying for a loved one who has drifted from the faith, take heart. The Lord who invites us is the same Lord who lovingly refills our lamps.

The oil we must carry to keep our baptismal light burning is a life of grace: sanctifying grace received in the Sacraments, nourished by consistent prayer, and shown in concrete acts of charity. Living faithfully each day, sustained by God's grace, is a humble labor when compared to the infinite reward of eternal happiness. Yet the foolish bridesmaids remind us how easily we can grow complacent, dozing off with empty lamps while assuming there will always be more time.

When the Bridegroom arrives, those who are ready will enter the feast with Him, and then the door will be locked. There is a sobering finality to that moment. Afterward, when the foolish bridesmaids arrive and cry out, "Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" they are met with the most heartbreaking words we could ever hear from the lips of our Lord and Savior: "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." To hear that would make anyone's heart go THUD! We judge no one's heart, and we entrust every soul to God's mercy, but we take this warning seriously for ourselves.

For us, today, there is still time: we have the opportunity for repentance and conversion in whatever way our lives require, and we must not delay, because our eternal soul may be at stake. Now is the time for us to cry out, "Lord, have mercy! Lord, make us ready!" Let us ask Him to open the doors of His mercy today. Our Lord's final warning in this passage is an urgent instruction for the present moment: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." To stay awake does not mean we will never grow weary, as all ten bridesmaids did; it means we remain ready and do not settle into complacency. Through the grace of the Sacraments – especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist – let us fill our vessels with oil today, trusting in the Lord who lovingly refills our lamps, so that we may welcome the Bridegroom with joy when He arrives. Read the article in this bulletin, **"Let's Keep Our Lamps Burning: A Practical Guide on the Parable of the Ten Virgins,"** and put these important aspects of living our faith into practice, so that we may earn and keep our place at the eternal banquet of Christ. Come, Lord Jesus!

WE HAVE A SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY TO SUPPORT SEMINARIAN FORMATION: As part of National Vocations Awareness Week, our parish will take up a second collection for the Seminarian Support Fund. This collection helps pay tuition for the 40 men preparing for the priesthood for the Diocese of Columbus. It costs roughly $60,000 each year to educate and form each seminarian. These men are our future priests, confessors, and spiritual fathers, and their formation depends on the generosity of the faithful. Please consider giving generously during the special collection after the Masses this weekend. You can also give by visiting **www.tinyurl.com/4seminarians** or by scanning the QR code at the end of this paragraph. Fr. Sam and I both benefitted from the generosity of Catholics in our Diocese to support our formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum – tuition, room and board, books, fees, health insurance, and other expenses. We can't thank people enough for supporting us and in making our priesthood become a reality – let's continue this same support for today's seminarians!

ON NOVEMBER 11 WE HONOR, PRAY FOR AND THANK OUR VETERANS: As a parish family we pause to celebrate and honor the brave men and women who have selflessly served our nation in the armed forces. As we mark Veterans Day, we express our deepest gratitude for the immense sacrifices made by our veterans and their families to protect our freedom and peace. Let us join together in prayer for their continued health, healing, and protection, asking God to richly bless them for their dedicated service. We owe a debt of gratitude to these heroes that can never fully be repaid, so let's hold them close to our hearts this week and always. See our Veterans Day pages in this bulletin (see pages 15 & 16).

A WINTER/INCLEMENT WEATHER HEADS-UP: When it comes to Masses and Liturgies in our Parish, we never close. Since the Priests live on the property, inclement weather does not impact our ability to walk to Church to celebrate Mass. Our Parish School may have to close or meetings/events have to cancel due to weather, and we may have to look at various situations should we lose electricity due to weather or other circumstances. If LEVEL 2 or LEVEL 3 Snow Emergencies are declared, your ability to travel to church for Mass may be impacted. Think smart! Be safe! Please read the information in this bulletin (on page 18) for you to receive **TEXT ALERTS** should we have an emergency that may impact our regular Mass or event schedule. We will not use this service for anything other than communicating emergencies, so sign up.

God bless!

Fr. Mike

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor



Let's Keep Our Lamps Burning:

A PRACTICAL GUIDE ON THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

Article by Father Michael Lumpe.

Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish virgins (Matthew 25:1–13) invites us to prepare for His coming by living our faith in love. It belongs to His teaching about the last things, including His return in glory, traditionally called the Parousia. The Bridegroom in the parable represents Christ, and the wedding feast points toward the joy of heaven and His union with His Bride, the Church. We can recognize ourselves among those awaiting Him, both as members of the baptized community and as people who will meet Him at death in the particular judgment. All ten carry lamps, but only the wise bring an additional supply of oil. In Catholic spiritual interpretation, this oil can help us understand the importance of sanctifying grace, prayer, and charity – the divine love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. The warning is that outward religious belonging alone is not enough: our faith must be integrated into who we are as disciples of Christ and lived in love.

The midnight announcement of the bridegroom's arrival brings the need for readiness into sharp focus. The foolish virgins discover that another person's preparation cannot substitute for their own response. Their request to enter is refused: the closed door gives the parable its solemn warning. We cannot postpone conversion indefinitely or presume that there will always be another opportunity. Yet this is not a denial of God's power to bring about sincere conversion even near the end of life. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* points out, salvation is His gift, which we are called to receive and live through faith, repentance, and love. Death ends our earthly opportunity to accept or reject His grace (CCC 1021-1022). The practical message is therefore urgent but hopeful: respond to Christ today, trusting His mercy rather than relying on either religious appearances or our own efforts alone.

TEN WAYS TO LIVE LIKE THE WISE VIRGINS

1. Frequent and Worthy Reception of the Sacraments

Christ nourishes our life of grace through the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance. The *Catechism* describes the Sacraments as effective signs through which Christ gives us divine life (CCC 1127-1134). Holy Communion deepens our union with Him and strengthens charity of both mind and heart. Mortal sin destroys sanctifying grace and charity; for a sin to be mortal, grave matter, full knowledge, and deliberate consent must all be present (CCC 1857). In Reconciliation, Christ forgives and restores us when we have fallen. In his 2003 encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, Pope Saint John Paul II reaffirms the Church's teaching that those conscious of mortal sin must receive sacramental confession before Holy Communion. Frequent confession is not merely a spiritual reset: it is a regular, personal encounter with the Lord's compassion and healing mercy. We keep our lamps burning by receiving these gifts gratefully and allowing them to shape our lives.

2. Cultivating a Disciplined and Daily Prayer Life

Prayer keeps our relationship with Christ alive. Like oil nourishing a flame, daily conversation through prayer with God sustains faith and love. Saint Alphonsus Liguori strongly emphasized prayer's importance for salvation; his urgent teaching invites us to depend on God, not to measure His love by the perfection of our routine. Morning and evening prayer, meditation on Scripture, and quiet listening give this relationship a steady place in our day. The Catechism teaches that prayer belongs to the life of the new heart and is meant to animate our lives (CCC 2697). Set aside a regular time to pray, returning to it patiently when distractions or interruptions arise. Our aim is not to prevent Christ from rejecting us by completing a schedule, but to grow in friendship with the One who calls us to remain ready for Him. As Saint Louis de Montfort reminds us: *"The means of holiness and salvation are known to everybody, since they are found in the Gospel; the masters of the spiritual life have explained them; the Saints have practiced them...These means are: sincere humility, unceasing prayer, complete self-denial, abandonment to Divine Providence, and obedience to the will of God."*

3. Practicing the Corporal Works of Mercy

The oil of the wise virgins is explicitly manifested through concrete actions of charity toward our neighbor. At the final judgment, we will be examined on love, and Christ explicitly identifies Himself with the poor, the suffering, and the marginalized. Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno*, reminded the faithful that true social charity is the soul of the Christian life. We must actively live out the seven Corporal Works of Mercy as part of being a faithful and living disciple of Christ; all of these can be lived out through the plethora of ministries and outreach activities here at Saint Brendan:

- **To feed the hungry:** Actively support local food pantries, volunteer at community soup kitchens, or directly provide meals to families experiencing hardship.
- **To give drink to the thirsty:** Support global clean water initiatives or provide water and basic refreshments to local workers, the homeless, or those exposed to harsh weather elements.
- **To clothe the naked:** Regularly donate high-quality clothing, coats, and boots to local shelters, or purchase clothing items for families in need during seasonal community collection drives.
- **To shelter the homeless:** Support Habitat for Humanity and regional housing shelters, or open one's resources to foster care and hospitality.
- **To visit the sick:** Spend dedicated time with elderly or ailing parishioners in local hospitals, senior residence facilities and nursing homes, private residences, offering companionship, comfort, and practical assistance; join the dedicated volunteers who bring the Body of Christ – the Eucharist – to those who cannot make it to Mass in our Parish Church.
- **To visit the imprisoned:** Support Kairos prison ministries here in our parish, advocate for the fundamental human dignity of the incarcerated, or assist families whose loved ones are imprisoned.
- **To bury the dead:** Attend parish funeral Masses, support grieving families with meals and presence, maintain the graves of loved ones, and respect the dignity of the human body through proper Catholic burial.

4. Practicing the Spiritual Works of Mercy
In addition to caring for physical needs, the wise virgin recognizes that spiritual poverty is a profound reality that requires divine charity. The Spiritual Works of Mercy address the deepest longings and wounds of the human soul. Saint Thomas Aquinas noted in the *Summa Theologiae* that spiritual alms deeds are of a higher order than corporal ones because the spirit is more excellent than the body. We must intentionally incorporate these seven actions when the opportunities present themselves:

- **To instruct the uninformed:** Share the truths of the Catholic faith by teaching parish religious education, mentoring catechumens, or simply explaining Catholic doctrine clearly and charitably to coworkers or peers seeking the timeless truths of Jesus Christ, who is Truth personified.
- **To counsel the doubtful:** Offer gentle, faith-filled guidance to friends or family members struggling with doubts about God's existence, the teachings of the Church, or their own worth in the eyes of Christ.
- **To admonish sinners:** Out of love and genuine care and concern for one's soul, have the moral courage to speak the truth in love to those walking a path of self-destruction or objective sin, directing them with humility back to Christ, to a conversion of mind and heart, with the first step being the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- **To bear wrongs patiently:** Respond to unfair treatment without retaliation or bitterness, asking Christ for patience in ordinary frustrations and small injustices. Patience does not require remaining in danger, excusing abuse, or giving up appropriate boundaries and the pursuit of justice.
- **To forgive offenses willingly:** Root out all deep-seated resentment and gossip, intentionally offering forgiveness to those who have wounded us, holding no grudges in imitation of the Father's infinite mercy.
- **To comfort the afflicted:** Be a compassionate presence to those enduring intense grief, mental health struggles, or personal tragedies, listening with empathy and reminding them of God's closeness.
- **To pray for the living and the dead:** Maintain a daily prayer list for the intentions of neighbors, the sick, and civil leaders, while consistently offering prayers and sacrifices for the Souls in Purgatory – especially in November, the Month of All Souls. Also pray for the "Forgotten Dead" – these are souls who have no living family or friends left to pray for them. These souls are considered spiritually destitute because they are obscured by the passage of time or neglected due to the lack of prayers from the living.

Saint Gertrude's Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory:
Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

A Prayer for the Forgotten Dead:
O merciful God, take pity on those souls who have no particular friends and intercessors to recommend them to You, who, either through the negligence of those who are alive, or through length of time, are forgotten by their friends and by all. Spare them, O Lord, and remember Your own mercy when others forget to appeal to it. Let not the souls which You have created be parted from You, their Creator. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

These ten works of mercy, put into practice, are ways of responding to God's grace, not a competition to complete the longest spiritual checklist. Begin with one concrete step: make time for prayer, return to Confession, or offer a work of mercy. Let that step become a faithful habit, and allow the other practices to take root within the responsibilities of our own lives.

5. Living a Life of True Humility and Dependence on God
Humility helps us receive grace because it frees us from the illusion that we can save ourselves. Pride closes us in on ourselves; humility turns us toward God in trust. Saint John of the Cross' teaching on detachment challenges us to loosen the attachments that hinder union with Him. The wise virgins' preparation offers a practical image of readiness, although the parable does not describe their inner attitudes. The *Catechism* identifies humility as the foundation of prayer (CCC 2559). We practice it by acknowledging our dependence on God, accepting correction peacefully, serving without seeking recognition, and giving Him thanks for our gifts. Humility does not mean denying our dignity or pretending that our gifts have no value. It means receiving both our strengths and our limitations truthfully, allowing Christ's grace rather than vanity to guide us.

6. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Especially the Rosary
Mary is a beautiful model of faithful readiness: her response to God was a wholehearted yes. Pope Leo XIII strongly encouraged devotion to the Rosary in *Supremi Apostolatus Officio* and several other Marian encyclicals. Through this prayer, we contemplate the mysteries of Christ's life with His Mother and ask her help in following Him. The *Catechism* teaches that Mary's maternal role does not diminish Christ's unique mediation but serves it (CCC 970). The Rosary is not an automatic guarantee of grace or salvation; it draws us toward the faith, repentance, and love to which Christ calls us. We can entrust our weaknesses to Mary's intercession and ask her to pray for us throughout life and at the hour of death, while responding personally to the grace her Son gives. If you are unfamiliar with how to pray the Rosary, please visit the Rosary Center to learn all things concerning the Rosary: **www.rosarycenter.org**

7. Daily Reading of Sacred Scripture
Sacred Scripture nourishes our faith and helps us recognize the Lord who speaks to us. Saint Jerome's familiar teaching connects knowledge of Scripture with knowledge of Christ. In the parable, all ten virgins become drowsy and fall asleep – not only the foolish ones. Their different outcomes arise from their preparation, not from a stated failure to study Sacred Scripture. Reading the Bible is therefore a practical application of the call to readiness, rather than an explanation Jesus gives for their sleep. Pope Leo XIII's *Providentissimus Deus* encourages attentive engagement with Sacred Scripture, and the Catechism describes the Father as lovingly meeting and speaking with His children in the sacred books (CCC 104). A simple daily practice of *Lectio Divina* – reading, meditating, praying, and contemplating the daily Mass Sacred Scripture readings, as provided in our weekly bulletin – allows God's Word to shape our minds, hearts and actions.

8. Frequent Eucharistic Adoration
Eucharistic Adoration gives us time to be with Christ, the Bridegroom, in reverence and love. Before the Blessed Sacrament, including when it is exposed in a monstrance, we can bring Him our gratitude, distractions, needs, and hopes. His invitation to watch with Him in Gethsemane offers a fitting theme for this prayer. In *Dominicae Cenae*, Pope Saint John Paul II emphasizes the Church's and the world's need for Eucharistic worship and invites us to meet Jesus in this sacrament of love. A weekly holy hour or a short visit of 10-15 minutes during the week can help us step away from our hurried routines and grow more attentive to Him. The purpose is not to accumulate a measurable reserve of grace, but to deepen our love for Christ and carry His presence into our daily responsibilities. As Saint Alphonsus Liguori noted: *"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."* We are blessed at Saint Brendan's to have a robust schedule for daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up to become a regular adorer at Saint Brendan: **www.weadorehim.com**

9. Fidelity to the Duties of Our State in Life
Spiritual preparation does not require us to abandon our daily responsibilities; rather, it is achieved "through" them. Whether as a priest, a married spouse, a parent, or a single person, fulfilling the duties of our state in life with supernatural love is how we keep our lamps burning. Saint Francis de Sales, in his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, explained that devotion must be practiced differently by the gentleman, the artisan, the servant, the prince, the widow, the daughter, and the wife. He wrote, "*It is an error, nay more, a heresy, to seek to banish the devout life from the company of soldiers, the shops of artisans, the courts of princes, or the family circle.*" The *Catechism* affirms that all Christians are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity in their own states (CCC 2013). By offering our daily labor, administrative work, parenting, or chores to God as a living sacrifice, routine tasks become holy oil.

10. Practicing a Daily Examination of Conscience
A brief nightly examination of conscience helps us recognize God's grace and respond honestly to our failures. The wise virgins' preparedness offers an image for this attentiveness, although Jesus does not describe them checking their flasks. Drawing on the tradition of Saint Ignatius of Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises*, we can review the day in the light of the Holy Spirit. Anyone can engage in this prayerful discipline; Saint Ignatius structured the *Daily Examen* into five accessible steps that can be completed in just 10 to 15 minutes each evening:

1. **Recognize and Relish the Presence of God:** Begin by settling into stillness and acknowledging that God is looking upon you with infinite love. Ask for the grace to see your day through His eyes rather than your own critical lens.
2. **Request the Light of the Holy Spirit:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your memory. You need divine light to recognize both the subtle ways God reached out to you today and the moments you turned away.
3. **Review the Day with Gratitude:** Walk back through your day hour by hour. Give thanks for specific gifts received – a kind word from a coworker, courtesy on the roadway, the food on your table, or the strength to complete a difficult task.
4. **Recognize Sins and Shortcomings:** Honestly face the instances where you fell short in thought, word, or deed. Acknowledge missed opportunities to show patience and love, or times you gave in to pride, letting the Holy Spirit show you where your heart drifted from the Gospel.
5. **Resolve to Amend and Renew:** Express genuine contrition and look forward to tomorrow. Pray for the specific graces and strength you need to overcome your weaknesses, and conclude by resting confidently in Christ's mercy, perhaps reciting the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and an Act of Contrition.

The Catechism connects interior conversion with sorrow for sin and a firm purpose of amendment (CCC 1431). This is a valuable practice, not a command that every Christian must perform a rigorous inspection every night. Its purpose is neither anxious self-monitoring nor certainty about our own readiness, but growing honesty, repentance, and trust in Christ. We end the day by placing ourselves in His mercy, ready to follow Him anew.

For more information on the Daily Examen, visit:
www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen

FINAL THOUGHTS

The wise virgins were not praised because they knew exactly when the bridegroom would arrive. They were praised because they remained faithful while they waited. The same invitation is given to us today.

Through prayer, the sacraments, Sacred Scripture, works of mercy, devotion to Our Lady, Eucharistic Adoration, and fidelity to our daily vocation, Christ supplies the oil that keeps the flame of faith alive.

We do not prepare for a day of fear – just the opposite. We prepare for a joyful encounter with the One who loves us – Jesus Christ, our Lord, Savior and Redeemer. The life of discipleship is ultimately the story of a people awaiting their Bridegroom. May we persevere in grace, trust in God's mercy, and keep our lamps burning brightly. And when Christ comes, whether at the hour of our death or at His glorious return, may He find us ready to welcome Him with joy into the eternal wedding feast of Heaven.

Eucharistic Adoration

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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

Offertory: Nov. 1, 2026 $38,265
(Cash/checks/online giving)
Weekly Budgeted $44,300

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In memory of Anne I. Rielly
From the Joseph Rielly Family

Mass Schedule Changes...

Beginning the First Sunday of Advent, our new Holy Mass Schedule will be:

Saturday, Nov. 28: 4 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday, Nov. 29: 7:15 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM, 8 PM

The Sunday 7:15 AM & 8 PM Masses are "quiet" Masses (no music.)

Weekly/Monthly Parish Ministries

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 weekly on Mondays at 9 AM in the church for light cleaning. Supplies are provided. Questions? Email Lisa at **lisaplong@gmail.com**

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

M.A.S.T. – (Mature Active Singles Together) for single/widowed/divorced, age 45+. To join, email Chris: **chrishauck0522@gmail.com**

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

SVdP Sandwich-making Meet in Wellnitz: 1st Thursdays at 10 AM; 3rd Thursdays at 7 PM

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

Grief Support Study – Meets 1st & 4th Sundays monthly in Wellnitz, Room 1 at 7 PM to learn about grief care. Questions? Email Nell at **doconnell@stbrendans.net**

Community Calendar

Monday, November 9		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Catholic Way: The Book of Revelation	Wellnitz, Room 1
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
12:00 PM	Seniors NOW: Thanksgiving Lunch (off-site)	Der Dutchmen, Plain City
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	Seek and Root Family Session	Davidson, Rms. A & B
7:00 PM	Adult Study: The Bible Timeline	Wellnitz, Room 1
Tuesday, November 10		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	OCIA Immaculate Conception Cohort Mtg.	Davidson, Room B
6:30 PM	OCIA Vigil Cohort Meeting	Davidson, Room A
7:00 PM	Adult Study: Introduction to Prayer	Wellnitz, Room 1
Wednesday, November 11		
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
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Group	Wellnitz, Room 1
7:00 PM	Young Adult Women's Group	Off-site
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday, November 12		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:45 AM	Women's AM Study: Chosen 5	Davidson, Rms. A & B
1:00 PM	Grief Support Group Luncheon (off-site)	La Chatelaine, Dublin
6:30 PM	Communion/Liberation School of Community	Wellnitz, Room 2
6:45 PM	Women's PM Study: Chosen 5	Davidson, Rms. A & B
Friday, November 13	**StB Women's Retreat @Maria Stein / VINE Retreat @ Damascus**	
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Saturday, November 14	**Diocesan Collection: Catholic Campaign, Human Development**	
5:30 AM	Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry	Campus Parking Lot
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Esto Vir Meeting	Wellnitz, Room 1
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Sale of Holy Land Carvings	Davidson, Rms. A & B
7:00 PM	KofC: Veterans Reception and Dinner	School Cafeteria
Sunday, November 15	**Diocesan Collection: Catholic Campaign, Human Development**	
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
After all Masses	Sale of Holy Land Carvings	Davidson, Rms. A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	The ROOTS	School Gym

So You Are Wondering What to Confess



Article by Fr. Richard Tomasek, S.J.

I came across this writing from a very wise Jesuit priest and friend, Fr. Richard Tomasek, who died several years ago after a battle with cancer. He served as Director of Spiritual Formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum while I was in seminary there. – Fr. Mike

From a letter of spiritual direction…

So you're wondering "what to confess." I know the problem. Sometimes our "little sins" or faults seem inconsequential when compared to what others are doing. Since our standard of what is objectively right or wrong, serious or non-serious, is much affected by the scale of values we see around us, we don't find much objectively to accuse ourselves of.

But, as Christians, our scale or criterion of good or righteous is always God's way of acting. Thus Jesus tells us to "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." Or, to put it another way, we can say that Jesus Himself is our criterion – His *agape*, His self-investing, His self-sacrificing love – as described by Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians 13. For example, we can say, "Jesus is kind, Jesus is patient, Jesus doesn't count up wrongs" et cetera. Some have suggested using that chapter in Corinthians as an examination of conscience. So you can substitute your name instead of "Love" or "Jesus" to get an idea of what needs confessing.

Those particular failures to act like Jesus are like symptoms of a heart that still reserves some dominion to itself. That part of us that is still not child-like, still not a servant, still not a sister, mother or friend of others, especially those we dislike or who dislike us.

In John's first Epistle, he says that we are "killers" if we do not love. That sounds dramatic until we realize that one either gives life or destroys it in each and every decision in relation to God, self and others. Only the enlightened heart can see this. The saints, as you know, were the most painfully and crushingly aware of their sins. It is true that what would be a massive failure for them would hardly register on our fault-scale, much less our sin-scale!

For instance, I was reading St. Ignatius' *Spiritual Diary* a couple of days ago where he did penance for a week for too abruptly and irreverently leaving the Trinity in prayer to investigate the source of some bothersome noise in his house. He actually did penance and begged the Father to restore him to good graces. Now one can say that objectively what Ignatius did in irreverently dealing with God was wrong because no human being should be irreverent and insensitive to God, our Creator. But, on the subjective level, God wouldn't expect such perfection yet of a person who doesn't know Him as well as Ignatius did.

So, in answer to your question, look closely at Jesus as your yardstick of virtue and not this crazy culture. Ask the Holy Spirit incessantly to give you light to confess now what needs to be rectified in your life. Not simply because all we do will someday be exposed to the Light but because the grace of the sacrament of Confession helps us to stop sinning, as you know. Realize that, while objective good and evil do not change, our culpability does. Another example: I am much more culpable for telling a lie than one of my high school students because of all the graces I've been given, et cetera. I hope this helps and not just obfuscates the issue for you!

DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING...

Following are the Scripture passages referenced by Fr. Tomasek:

1 John 3 (First Letter of Saint John, Chapter 3)

1 See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

3 Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

Avoiding Sin

4 Everyone who commits sin commits lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness.

5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

6 No one who remains in him sins; no one who sins has seen him or known him.

7 Children, let no one deceive you. The person who acts in righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous.

8 Whoever sins belongs to the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the devil.

9 No one who is begotten by God commits sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot sin because he is begotten by God.

10 In this way, the children of God and the children of the devil are made plain; no one who fails to act in righteousness belongs to God, nor anyone who does not love his brother.

Love for One Another

11 For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: we should love one another,

12 unlike Cain who belonged to the evil one and slaughtered his brother. Why did he slaughter him? Because his own works were evil, and those of his brother righteous.

13 Do not be amazed, [then] brothers, if the world hates you.

14 We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death.

15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

16 The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

17 If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him?

18 Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Confidence before God

19 [Now] this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him

20 in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

21 Beloved, if [our] hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God

22 and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

23 And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.

24 Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit that he gave us.

1 Corinthians 13 (First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, Ch. 13)

1 If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

2 And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated,

5 it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

6 it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

9 For we know partially and we prophesy partially,

10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

11 When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things.

12 At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

13 So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:30 AM Zewdi Sereke †
8:00 AM For the needs of our parishioners as they begin the week
5:30 PM Catherine Anderson †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30 AM Zewdi Sereke †
8:00 AM Zewdi Sereke †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

6:30 AM Zewdi Sereke †
5:30 PM Victor Dutko †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 AM Zewdi Sereke †
8:00 AM Joseph D'Amico †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:30 AM Zewdi Sereke †
8:00 AM Zewdi Sereke †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 AM Isla Kouns †
5:30 PM Zewdi Sereke †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 AM Margaret Beresh †
8:45 AM Herbert Bell †
10:45 AM Intention for Preetham/Godwin families
5:30 PM For the People of St. Brendan Parish

(† Intention is for someone deceased.)



Our Sympathy...

TO THE FAMILIES OF

Anna Utlak & Dolores Lynch

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS – PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL:

Ken Weitmarshen
Curt Thayer
Bertha Torok
Ilona Owens
Joseph Rienhard
Lisa Lynch
Tonya Prickett
Andrea Gigliotti
Dochia Finsterbusch
Brenda Bazan
Bill Reinking
Michael Nguyen
Hannah Kelley
Mariann Chilton
Karen Zappitelli
Francis Drlik
Heather Locricchio
Joseph Miele
Andy Ryan Hesselbart
Dixon Aarellano
Patrick Podobnik
Richard Torok
Jerry Price
Sarah Ortlieb
James Jimenegz
Grace Kelley
Margie Hiam

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
Joe Alverson
Thomas Noel
Addison A.
Connor Olson
Dan Severance
Trevor Pfirrman
Zackery Reed
Robbie Hite
Ross McDonald
Maddux Cunningham

...we pray for all our men and women in service to our country, healthcare workers and first responders as well as for those no longer practicing our Catholic faith.

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are **ill at home**, **hospitalized,** or are **active duty military**, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* via the QR code or at **www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List**. If someone was deleted from the list but is still ill, fill out a new request, or if you would like a pastoral visit, call ***614-876-1272.***

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF ALL SOULS

THE GRACE OF VISITING OUR LOVED ONES' GRAVES

Article by Father Michael Lumpe

In the Catholic tradition, a cemetery is not merely a place of mourning; it is sacred ground, a field of hope where the bodies of the faithful await the resurrection. Visiting the resting places of our loved ones – whether a grave, a columbarium, or a crypt – expresses our faith in the Communion of Saints. Caring for these places continues the reverence shown in burying the dead, a corporal work of mercy; praying for those who rest there is a spiritual work of mercy. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "*The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit*" (CCC 2300).

When we stand before the resting place of a family member or friend, we remember that our communion in Christ reaches beyond death. Our prayers do not stop at the grave. Sacred Scripture upholds prayer for the departed: "*it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins*" (2 Maccabees 12:46). By praying for the faithful departed, we continue to show them our love, asking God to grant them eternal rest and perpetual light. This act of devotion reminds us that love is stronger than death, and our bonds in Christ are never truly broken.

Why do we continue to pray for those who have died?
The Church teaches that those who die in God's grace and friendship, yet still need purification, are prepared for the fullness of heaven through purgatory. Our prayers help them, especially when we have Mass offered for them (CCC 1030-1032). Remembering our loved ones is therefore more than looking back: it is an act of love offered for their eternal good.

Sharing this sacred practice with our children gives us an opportunity to speak gently about death and our hope of eternal life with Christ. At the graves of family members and friends, we can welcome their questions, allow room for sadness, and explain our faith in words they can understand. By walking among the headstones, children learn that they belong to a story much larger than themselves. They discover their roots and begin to understand the legacy of faith and love handed down by those who walked before them. Such visits can help us live the biblical invitation to remember earlier *generations* (see Deuteronomy 32:7).

Visiting a cemetery as a family makes respect for the dead visible through simple acts of care. Following the cemetery's guidelines, children can help bring permitted flowers and remove loose litter from a loved one's grave. Before clearing overgrown grass or wiping a headstone, ask cemetery staff what care is permitted and appropriate, especially for older or fragile markers. These deliberate actions are tangible signs of honor, respect, love, and remembrance. They show our children that we care for the dead not only in our thoughts, but through acts of reverence.

Alongside this physical care, families can practice the beautiful traditional devotion of bringing a small vial of Holy Water filled from Church and prayerfully sprinkle a loved one's resting place. The Holy Water recalls Baptism, through which our loved one received new life in Christ and was called to eternal life with Him. As children gently sprinkle the grave, columbarium, or crypt while invoking the Holy Trinity, we can help them understand this gesture as a moment of family prayer rooted in our treasured Catholic faith. We entrust our loved ones to God's mercy and pray that the new life begun at the Baptismal Font may reach its fulfillment in the life of the world to come and the resurrection of the body.

For some of us, a cemetery visit brings comfort; for others, especially after a recent loss, it may be difficult. There is no need to hurry our grief or measure our love by how often we visit. If distance, illness, or circumstances keep us away, we can still pray for our loved ones at home or at Mass. Wherever we are, we can entrust both them and our own sorrow to the mercy of God.

This November, let us make time for a simple family visit: share a story of a loved one's life, recall their virtues and love, and pray together for their eternal rest. In doing so, we keep their memory alive and teach the next generation that remembrance is more than looking back. Most importantly, we show our children that we can still help our loved ones on their journey to the fullness of God's presence. As we tend to the resting places of those we love, may our families carry this faith and remembrance forward, anchored in the joyful hope of the resurrection.

A Family Prayer at the Grave
Heavenly Father, Lord of life and death, we thank You for the gift of the lives of our family members and friends who rest here. We thank You for the love, faith, and memories they shared with us. We ask You to open the gates of Heaven to them, that they may see You face to face. Look with love upon our family here today and help us to live our lives in a way that honors their legacy and pleases You. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Cemetery Etiquette
To maintain the sacred character of a cemetery, here are basic guidelines to teach children during a cemetery visit:

- **Speak in quiet tones:** Treat the grounds with the same reverence as the inside of a church, of respect for the dead and other mourners and visitors who may be present.
- **Watch your step:** Avoid walking directly over graves or stepping on headstones; stick to established paths and walkways whenever possible.
- **Respect neighboring spaces:** Only touch, clean, or decorate the specific resting place of your loved one, leaving nearby graves undisturbed, unless you have permission to do so.
- **Follow the rules:** Adhere to the cemetery's specific guidelines regarding what types of flowers, tokens, or permanent memorials are permitted, seasons of the year, and so forth.
- **Leave it cleaner than you found it:** Pick up any trash; old, withered arrangements; or debris from your cleanup before you leave.

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 November is dedicated to praying for the souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen. **+PRAYER OF SAINT GERTRUDE FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Monday, November 9 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Holy Gospel: John 6:37-40 Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

Meditation: Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's action. The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he brought them through the sea, and finally to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of life embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). God gave Moses instruction for worship and for making the Tabernacle, or tent of meeting, which was later replaced by the temple. The New Testament tells us that these "serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary" - God's Temple in heaven (Hebrews 8:5). Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of sin and make us living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). Do you want to be holy as God is holy? Hopefully your answer is a resounding "yes!"

Prayer: O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem. 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: Through his death and resurrection, Jesus not only reconciles us with God, but he fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes us temples of the living God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). God's word enlightens our minds and purifies our hearts so that we may offer God fitting praise and worship and enjoy his presence both now and forever.

Tuesday, November 10 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:7-10 Jesus said to the Apostles: "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that

servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

Meditation: Jesus uses this parable of the dutiful servant to explain that we can never put God in our debt or make the claim that God owes us something. We must regard ourselves as God's servants, just as Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28). Service of God and of neighbor is both a voluntary or free act and a sacred duty. One can volunteer for service or be compelled to do service for one's country or one's family when special needs arise. Likewise, God expects us to give him the worship and praise which is his due. And he gladly accepts the free-will offering of our lives to him and to his service. What makes our offering pleasing to God is the love we express in the act of self-giving. True love is sacrificial, generous, and selfless.

Prayer: O God, who never allow the gates of hell to prevail against your Church, firmly founded on the apostolic rock, grant her, we pray, that through the intercession of Pope Saint Leo, she may stand firm in your truth and know the protection of lasting peace. 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: Scripture tells us that God himself is *love* (1 John 4:16) - he is the author of life and the source of all true relationships of love and friendship. He created us in love for love, and he fills our hearts with the boundless love that gives whatever is good for the sake of another (Romans 5:5). "If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us" (1 John 4:12). God honors the faithful servant who loves and serves others generously. He is ever ready to work in and through us for his glory. We must remember, however, that God can never be indebted to us. We have no claim on him. His love compels us to give him our best! And when we have done our best, we have simply done our duty. We can never outmatch God in doing good and showing love. God loves us without measure. The question is, do we love God without measure?

Wednesday, November 11 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
~ Veterans Day: Thank, Honor and Pray for our Veterans ~

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Meditation: So what is the significance of these ten lepers asking for mercy? They know they are in need of healing, not just physical, but spiritual healing as well. They approach Jesus with contrition and faith because they believe that he can release the burden of guilt and suffering and make restoration of body and soul possible. Their request for mercy is both a plea for pardon and release from suffering. Jesus gives mercy to all who ask with faith and contrition. Why did only one leper out of ten return to show gratitude? "Gratefulness," another word which expresses gratitude of heart and a thankful disposition, is related to "grace" - which means "the release of loveliness." "Gratitude" is the homage of the heart which responds with graciousness in expressing an act of thanksgiving. The Samaritan approached Jesus reverently and gave praise and thanksgiving to God.

Prayer: O God, who are glorified in the Bishop Saint Martin both by his life and death, make new, we pray, the wonders of your grace in our hearts, that neither death nor life may separate us from your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Veterans: O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on our veterans, both living and deceased, who proudly served their country, and especially those who paid the ultimate price. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Contemplation: If we ourselves do not recognize and appreciate the mercy and help shown to us we will be ungrateful and unkind towards others. Ingratitude is forgetfulness or a poor return for kindness received. Ingratitude easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others, as well as to other

vices, such as complaining, grumbling, discontentment, pride, and presumption. How often have we been ungrateful to our parents, pastors, teachers, and neighbors? When was the last time you expressed thanks and gratitude to God for his abundant help and mercy towards you? Conversely, are you gracious, kind, and merciful towards your neighbor in their time of need and support?

Thursday, November 12 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:20-25 Asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus said in reply, "The coming of the Kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.' For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."

Then he said to his disciples, "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. There will be those who will say to you, 'Look, there he is,' or 'Look, here he is.' Do not go off, do not run in pursuit. For just as lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation."

Meditation: The Jews in Jesus' time were watching in great anticipation for some sign which would indicate when the Messiah would appear to establish the kingdom of God. Much like Hollywood has made a great spectacle of Jesus with trumpets blaring, the people of Jesus' time were expecting a warrior-king Messiah, a human "king-like" Messiah who would establish a "kingdom" based on human thoughts and perceptions, versus the real Jesus who was born in a manger in a borrowed stable and who spoke the message of love of God and love of neighbor. The Pharisees' question on this matter was intended to test Jesus since they did not accept him as the Messiah. Jesus surprised them with the answer that the kingdom or reign of God was already here! Jesus spoke of the coming of God's kingdom as both a present event and an event which would be manifested at the end of time.

Prayer: Stir up in your Church, we pray, O Lord, the Spirit that filled Saint Josaphat as he laid down his life for the sheep, so that through his intercession we, too, may be strengthened by the same Spirit and not be afraid to lay down our life for others. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When the Pharisees asked Jesus what sign would indicate the "Kingdom of God" Jesus replied that only one sign would point to that day and that sign was Jesus himself. Jesus surprised the Jews of his time by announcing that God's kingdom was already present among them in his very person - the Son of God sent from the Father to redeem the world from sin and corruption. In the Lord Jesus we see both the power and the glory of God's kingdom. His divine power overthrew the powers of darkness (the kingdom of Satan and all who opposed God's rule) and sin (which corrupts and enslaves the human mind, heart, and will to the forces of evil and wrongdoing). Jesus knew that the only way to victory was through the cross. On that cross he defeated death and canceled the debt of our sins. The victory of his cross opens the way for us to live as sons and daughters of God and citizens of his heavenly kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness. Is your hope and future securely anchored to God's heavenly kingdom, versus the passing "kingdoms" created by humans?

Friday, November 13 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
~ Foundress, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart ~

Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man; they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage up to the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Similarly, as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building; on the day when Lot left Sodom, fire and brimstone rained from the sky to destroy them all. So it will be on the day the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, someone who is on the housetop and whose belongings are in the house must not go down to get them, and likewise one in the field must not return to what was left behind. Remember the wife of Lot. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it. I tell you, on that night there will be two people in one bed; one will be taken, the other left. And there will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken, the other left." They said to him in reply, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there also the vultures will gather."

Meditation: Jesus quoted a familiar proverb to his audience: Where the body is, there the eagles (or vultures as is the case in our NAB translation of the Bible) will be gathered together. Eagles, like vultures,

are attracted to carcasses of dying or dead animals. The Book of Job describes the vulture spying out its prey from afar (Job 39:29). The vultures swoop to catch their prey when the conditions are right, especially if the prey is exposed and vulnerable to a surprise attack. Severely weakened or dying prey have no chance of warding off forces that can destroy and kill. So what is the point of this analogy? When the day of God's final judgment and vindication comes, the scene and location will be obvious to everyone. Those who have rejected God and refused to believe in his Son the Lord Jesus Christ will perish on the day of judgment - just like the beasts of prey who are cut off from the land of the living. The Lord Jesus will vindicate those who have believed in him and he will reward them with everlasting joy and happiness in his kingdom. The return of the Lord Jesus at the close of this present age is certain, but the time is unknown. The Day of the Lord's judgment and final verdict will come swiftly and unexpectedly. Jesus warns his listeners to not be caught off guard when that day arrives. It will surely come in God's good time! So what, then. does Jesus mean when he says that one person will be taken and another left? God judges everyone individually on how each person has responded to his gracious mercy and invitation to accept his Son as Lord, Savior and Redeemer. The Lord Jesus gives us personal freedom to accept or reject him as Lord and Savior. We are free to live as citizens of his kingdom or to choose for the kingdom of darkness that stands in opposition to God and his rule. No one can pass off their personal responsibility to someone else - no matter how close the ties may be in this present life. We will each have to give an account to the Judge of All for how we have accepted or rejected him as our lord and savior. The good news is that the Lord Jesus freely offers each one of us the grace, strength, and help we need to turn to him to receive pardon for our sins and healing for our minds and hearts so we can embrace his will for our lives and find the way to God the Father's home. The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in his wisdom, truth, and love. The Holy Spirit helps us to turn away from sin and rebellion and to embrace God's way of love, righteousness, and holiness. The Lord's warning of judgment is motivated by his love for each one of us. He does not desire the death of any one. He bids us to choose for life rather than death - for goodness and righteousness rather than sin and evil. The Day of Judgment will bring terror and disaster for those who have not heeded his warning or refused his grace and help. The Day of the Lord's Return will be a cause for great joy and vindication for those who have put their trust in him, and followed him as he invites us to do.

Prayer: God our Father, who called Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini from Italy to serve the immigrants of America, by her example, teach us to have concern for the stranger, the sick, and all those in need, and by her prayers help us to see Christ in all the men and women we meet. 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 people in Noah's time ignored the Lord's warning of judgment because their hearts were hardened and rebellious towards God. When the great flood swept over the earth, they literally missed the boat. In today's generation when everyone expects to be given a trophy, even though they may not have earned one, we might pause and reflect about our ultimate goal – getting to heaven. But the question is what are each of us doing to get there? Those whose hope is firmly anchored in heaven will not be disappointed when the day of final judgment comes. They rejoice even now that their names are written in heaven and they look with eager longing for the day when they will see the Lord face to face. But those who expect to get to heaven based solely on their Baptism, but not living a life of faith in Christ after that will be sorely disappointed when they do not get their expected trophy. Now is an opportunity to get away from this contemporary an empty mindset of "everyone gets a trophy" and look at what we need to do to work and to earn our place in heaven. It is a simply one – live a life in Christ, nourish yourself by the living word of sacred scripture and by participation in the sacraments, be "doers of the word, not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22), embrace and live the 10 commandments, embrace and live the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12a), love God above all things and love your neighbor as yourself, put into action the corporal works of mercy, make God and Jesus number one in your life. Now those aren't hard to do, are they? If a radical conversion of mind and heart is necessary to get there, there is no time like the present – make a firm purpose of amendment today, and let Jesus be your true Shepherd and guide on the one path that leads to eternal life.

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Welcome, Sister Bodily Death: The Franciscan Vision of Mortality & Eternity

Article by Father Michael Lumpe.

With All Saints Day and All Souls' Day behind us, the Church focuses the month of November on the four last things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. In a modern society that treats aging and mortality as taboos to be avoided, the Catholic tradition offers a countercultural, peaceful vision. Few figures in history model this holy embrace of our final hour more radically or beautifully than Saint Francis of Assisi. For the *Poverello* (the "Little Poor Man"), death was not an abrupt end, but a necessary bridge – the midpoint between life with God on earth and life with God in Heaven.

Welcoming "Sister Bodily Death"

In his famous "Canticle of the Creatures," which he composed during a period of immense physical suffering and near-blindness, Saint Francis boldly integrated mortality into his praise of creation. Rather than treating death as an entity to be feared, he elevated it as a familial guide to eternity: *"Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm."*

Early biographical accounts recorded by Saint Bonaventure and Thomas of Celano note that as his final hour approached, he spoke to death directly, exclaiming: "Welcome, my Sister Death!" He received his own passing as a friend who would finally lead him to his Lord.

The Radical Act of the Transitus

On October 3, 1226, realizing his earthly journey was concluding, Saint Francis requested to be brought to his beloved little chapel, the Portiuncula. True to his radical embrace of evangelical poverty, he gave a final, striking instruction to his friars: *"When you see that I am brought to my last moments, place me naked upon the ground just as you saw me the day before yesterday; and let me lie there after I am dead for the length of time it takes one to walk a mile unhurriedly."*

He wanted to leave this world possessing absolutely nothing, mirroring Jesus Christ who died stripped on the Cross.

Instead of groans or anguish, he turned his deathbed into a moment of liturgical celebration, joining the friars in singing the verses of his Canticle and listening to the Gospel of Saint John being read aloud. This holy passage from earthly life to eternity is commemorated by the global Church every year as the "Transitus"– a Latin term for passage – reminding us that our true lifetime begins when we see God face to face. As St. Francis famously noted, we must detach ourselves from worldly permanence: *"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given."*

A Mystic Advocate for the Souls in Purgatory

The Franciscan tradition also highlights a deep spiritual bond between Saint Francis and the Communion of Saints, particularly the Church Suffering. A pious tradition recorded in early Franciscan writings states that after his passing, Francis revealed a profound privilege granted to him by Christ due to his total configuration to the Passion: *"The Lord grants me that every year on the day of my death, I may go to Purgatory and by virtue of my stigmata I may take from there and lead to Paradise all the souls of my three orders... and also others who have been devoted to me."*

This mystical connection underscores the reality of purgatory as a state of final purification, fueled by God's infinite mercy. Additionally, the historic "Portiuncula Indulgence" (*the Pardon of Assisi*), which Francis petitioned Pope Honorius III to ratify, serves as a powerful instrument of grace that Catholics can still apply today to relieve the suffering of the holy souls.

Living the Law of Love

The peace with which Saint Francis encountered eternity was the direct fruit of a life completely surrendered to Christ. The timeless peace prayer traditionally attributed to his spirit beautifully encapsulates the Christian paradox of mortality: *"It is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."*

During this month of November, let us shed our secular anxieties about finitude. By mimicking Saint Francis' radical trust in God's providence, we can transform our fear of the unknown into a holy anticipation of our own birth into heaven. Let us visit cemeteries, offer up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and pray fervently for our deceased relatives, friends, and parishioners, knowing that "a single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."



Prayers *for* Veterans

Proud of our nation,
they answered her call —
Defending the freedom
and safety of all.
On land or on sea,
or in jets high above,
They went out of duty
and honor and love.
But however they served, Lord,
wherever they went,
Please bless them
and help them
to know what it meant!
And help us to thank them
on Veterans Day —
For we owe them far more
than we ever could say.





God our Father, we ask for Your blessings upon all those who have served our country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded - in body, mind and soul - in wars and conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the men and women who have come home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. Echoing the words of Pope Saint John Paul II, we pray for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Shower Your love and mercy upon all our veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, the worldwide War on Terror, and all areas of the world where our soldiers have served their country. Bring peace to their minds and hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the service men and women who served in non-combative posts and in trained support duties here and throughout the world; may their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Hear our prayers, O mighty Prince of Peace, hear our prayers. Amen.

◀ Veterans Dinner & Reception, Nov. 14

Veterans and their families are invited to a dinner held in their honor and hosted by our Knights of Columbus next Saturday, November 14, 7-9 PM in the School Cafeteria. Guest speaker is Subha Lembach, an eyewitness to 9/11. **RSVP by November 10** to Fred at **joc93@yahoo.com** or 614-946-7733.

VETERANS DAY IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11



Esto Vir (Be a Man)

Join us weekly in the Davidson Room. No RSVP. Questions? Email Grant: **ricekris8813@att.net**

Saturdays, 6:30 AM Esto Vir: Experience content from *Jesus - The Way, the Truth & the Life*, *The Chosen:* season 5 & *Sharing Our Story*

Tuesday 6:30 AM study: Meet weekly in the Davidson Rooms for series on Scripture, early Church Fathers, lives of the saints & fellowship.

Seniors NOW (NAVIGATING OUR WAY)

Nov. 9, Monday, 12 PM – Thanksgiving Luncheon at Der Dutchman, SR-42, Plain City

Dec. 4, 8 AM – 1st Friday Mass and breakfast at Olympic Diner, Hilliard (5454 Roberts Rd,)

Dementia Series, Nov. 19

Find medical, safety and emotional resources for Alzheimers/dementia. Our final session in 2026 is Thursday, Nov. 19, 5:30-7 PM in the School Library. Speaker Laurie Schier discusses ***Resources Beyond Home.*** Questions? Email Nell: **doconnell@stbrendans.net** RSVP: **https://tinyurl.com/dementia4part**

Spiritual & Mental Support

iTHIRST Spiritual Companions Three iThirst Spiritual Companions are available at our parish! Details: **opendoorwomensrecoveryorg/ithirst** Questions? **info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com**

Lumin Counseling – Private practice of therapists with Catholic/Christian backgrounds (main office in Westerville and satellite office on our campus). For details visit **https://lumin-therapy.com/**

Year-End Tax Statements

Our Parish Office needs to have your current mailing address to ensure you receive your year-end tax letter. Please take a moment to update your mailing address, phone number and email in ParishStaq or contact Dina Harder at **dharder@stbrendans.net** *(Note: If you receive offertory giving envelopes and your mailing address has changed, please contact Dina so we can notify the envelope company.)*

Save the Dates for…

ADVENT (BEGINS NOV. 28/29):

New Mass Times: 4 PM Sat. Vigil replaces the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass. 8 PM Sunday Mass is added.
Blessing of Advent Wreaths/Nativity Scenes at all Masses, November 21 & 22
Rorate Candlelight Mass: Dec. 16, 6:30 AM

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

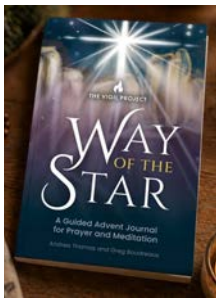
4 PM Christmas Eve – 2 Masses: Gym & Church
6:30 PM/10 PM Christmas Eve – 1 Mass: Church
8:45/10:45 AM Christmas Day – 1 Mass: Church

Register by Nov. 13 for the Women's Retreat!



The *Hearts on Fire* 2026 Women's Retreat at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein is November 14-15. Women of all ages are invited to rekindle their passion for God. Cost of $145 includes: private room with bathroom, 3 meals & snacks/drinks. Add Friday night for additional $80. Register and pay online at **https://tinyurl.com/women26retreat** or, pay by check made to St. Brendan Church (with "Women's Retreat" in the memo) & mail to: Chris Hauck, 2121 Jervis Rd., Columbus, OH 43221 (paper forms are on the Welcome desk.) Questions? Email Chris at **chrishauck0522@gmail.com**

Women: Advent Reflection, Nov. 19



Women are invited to a time of reflection Thursday evenings in Davidson Room A, from 7-8:30 PM on: November 19 and December 3, 10 and 17. We will discuss the "Way of the Star" Advent journal and listen to music by the Vigil Project. Bring your Advent decorations to share with the group. Cost is $10. Visit **https://tinyurl.com/wayofstar** to register and pay. Questions? Email Wendy: **wferkany@stbrendans.net**

Prayerful Women Needed: Pray for Deacons

Seven Sisters Apostolate ensures that a Holy Hour is prayed daily, M-F, for the intention of a specific deacon, priest or bishop for his deeper conformity to Christ." We are looking for 21 women to pray for our parish deacons – ideally in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle. Email Wendy at **wferkany@stbrendans.net** to join.

2027 Catholic Women's Conference News…



100 St. Brendan women volunteers will be needed **Feb. 20, 2027**, as St. Brendan is once again a host parish for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference. Training is **Feb. 6, 2027, 9 AM-1 PM (Davidson Room)** Registration for the conference is now live, but don't sign up if you will volunteer…discounted registration is coming soon!

Date Night for Young Couples, Nov. 20

St. Brendan and the Knights of Columbus host *Date Night for Young Couples/ Young Parents* to build strong Catholic marriages, families and friendships. We'll take care of the kids in the Pod Nursery (6 mos.–5 years) while you enjoy a dinner and friendship with other couples in the Davidson Rooms on Friday, Nov. 20, 6:30-8 PM. **RSVP** to Chuck Heinlen: **chuck436@att.net**, 224-612-1557.

Women's Event, Nov. 30



Fr. Mike is the guest speaker this year! Sign up as a table hostess and provide linens, Advent decor and place settings for your table, or as a guest and be welcomed at one of the tables on November 30. Doors open at 6 PM and the event begins at 6:30 PM. Cost is $30/person for catered dinner served in the School Gym. Details/ register at **https://tinyurl.com/stb-women** Questions? Email Sara: **slsbd04@gmail.com**

Health Emergencies/End of Life Prep Class, Nov. 8



The class is this Sunday, November 8, at 11:45 AM in the Davidson Rooms – Planning for end of life can be overwhelming, but preparing ahead is one of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves and those we love. Join us for a no-cost informative and faith-filled gathering as we explore important decisions surrounding estate planning, Catholic funeral arrangements, local Catholic cemeteries, and the sacraments available at the end of life. Together, learn how thoughtful preparation, guided by our Catholic faith, can provide peace of mind, ease the burden on loved ones, and help us approach life's final journey with confidence, dignity, and hope in God's promise of eternal life. Whether you are planning for yourself, helping aging parents, or looking to better understand these important topics, this event offers guidance for every stage of life. **All are welcome!** Lunch is provided. Email Nell at **doconnell@stbrendans.net** with questions and register via the QR code or at **https://tinyurl.com/stbplan4peace**

Knights Membership Drive Is Next Weekend!

St. Brendan Knights of Columbus Council 11208 invite parish men (age 18+) to become a Knight. Interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, or having access to top-rated insurance protection for your family? The Knights of Columbus is for you! Join online in just 5 minutes at **www.kofc.org/joinus** and your initial annual dues are waived when signing up online with Agent Referral Code **GANDERSON.** Look for our KofC members after all Masses in the Church Gathering Space next weekend, Nov. 14/15, to answer any questions and help you to join, or email Membership Director, Dean Pfirrman at **pfirrman56@gmail.com**

Holy Land Carvings, Nov. 14/15



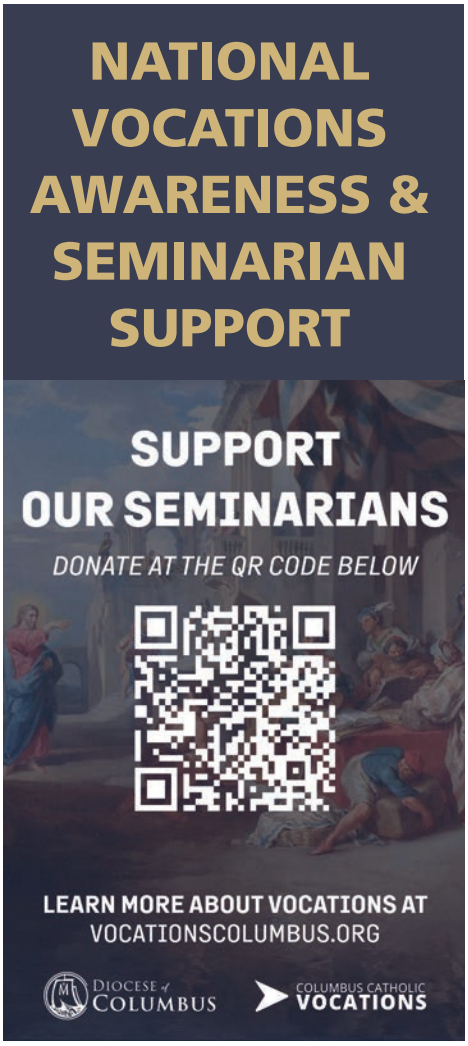
Holy Land Carvings represent the Christian wood carvers of Bethlehem that rely on the tourism to support their families. Due to the the bad situation there, thousands of families in the Holy Land are in danger of having to leave their homes in search of work. Your purchases will help to support the effort to enable Christians to stay present in the Holy Land. Choose from beautiful carvings, such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues, Pictures of the Last Supper and many other religious items to purchase, November 14 & 15 after all Masses in the Davidson Rooms. Your support is greatly appreciated. Find details at **www.holylandcarvings.com** (Note: No Coffee & Donuts next Sunday, November 15.)

Stay Connected This Winter

As we head into another winter season, Father Mike is encouraging all parishioners to sign up for emergency text alerts through ParishStaq. Last winter, St. Brendan experienced several power outages and snow emergencies that disrupted parish activities. By enabling text notifications, you can stay "in the know" when inclement weather or other emergencies affect our campus. **Getting connected is easy!**

1. Log in to ParishStaq at **stbrendan.ccbchurch.com**
2. Edit your "Profile" found under your profile image in the top right corner.
3. Click the "Actions" dropdown and select "Communication Preferences."
4. Under the column titled "Send me text messages…" add your mobile carrier and cell phone number. Place a check mark in "All Members of St. Brendan the Navigator" row.
5. Click "Save Settings" at the bottom of the page.

Need help? Watch our step-by-step video tutorial at **www.tinyurl.com/stbtexts** Don't wait for the first snowfall! Take a moment now to make sure we can reach you when it matters most. When an emergency occurs, Fr. Mike reminds us to remember our friends and loved ones who don't have texting or social media to keep them informed.



Seminarian Support Fund, Second Collection, Nov. 7 & 8

This weekend, as we conclude National Vocation Awareness Week, our parish will take up a second collection for the Seminarian Support Fund. This collection helps pay tuition for the 40 men preparing for the priesthood for the Diocese of Columbus. It costs roughly $60,000 each year to educate and form one seminarian. These men are our future pastors, confessors, and spiritual fathers and their formation depends on the generosity of the faithful. Please give generously during the second collection or donate online via the QR code or **www.tinyurl.com/4seminarians** ***(make sure to select "St. Brendan the Navigator" as your parish.)***

The Melchizedek Project, Nov. 30

For young men discerning priesthood. Our next meeting at St. Brendan is Monday, November 30, 6-7:30 PM in the School Library (dinner is provided). Email Fr. Sam at **frseverance@stbrendans.net** to let him know you plan to attend. Future dates: Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 15, April 26.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Mother Cabrini Sunday Mass at St. Brendan Church

NOVEMBER 8
10:45 AM MASS

To celebrate foster, adoptive and kinship families, and to pray for children and families touched by foster care and adoption.

Immediately after the Mass, join us in Wellnitz Hall *to learn how all Catholics can support those touched by fostering & adoption. Coffee & Donuts are provided. No RSVP.*



Adoption/Fostering Catholic Support & Response

Around Our Diocese:

Bishop Watterson Open House is Nov. 22, 1-3 PM for prospective students. Register and learn more at **www.bishopwatterson.com/admission/visit-us**

St. Margaret Christmas Cookie Sale is Underway
St. Margaret Women's Club's Christmas Cookie Sale is underway! Select from two sizes of cookie trays. Order until Nov. 30 and pick up Dec. 12-13 after all St. Margaret Masses in Kulp Hall or by arrangement. Funds go toward a preschool playground! Questions? Email **womensclub.stmargarets@gmail.com** Order at **https://tinyurl.com/stmcookies**

Daughters of Holy Mary Retreat, Dec. 11
The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus' Marian Retreat is at their Steubenville Convent December 11-13. All girls ages 12-17 are invited for a weekend of formation, friendship and fun for the glory of Christ. Transportation provided from Westerville. For info/registration: 614-392-1188, **hsmcj@stpacc.org**

DOYMAR Prayer Movement for Girls in grades 1-8, join the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus monthly, November 21 & December 19, 10 AM-1 PM at St. Paul the Apostle in Westerville to: pray, hear a talk, Adoration and for games. RSVP at **hsmcj@stpacc.org**



Sacrament Preparation
If your child is of age for first Reconciliation, first Communion, or Confirmation (usually 2nd or 8th grade or older), and is not enrolled in Family Faith Formation or St. Brendan School, contact Jacob Doran in the parish office (**jdoran@stbrendans.net** or 614-876-1272, ext. 231).

Family Faith Formation
SEEK & ROOT FAMILY SESSION: Next session, Monday, Nov. 9, 6-8 PM

FIRST RECONCILIATION FAMILY SESSION: Sunday, Nov. 8, 9:45-11:15 AM

CONFIRMATION FAMILIES: The Confirmation weekend retreat at Damascus is November 20-22. If you have not yet registered your 8th grader, please contact Jacob Doran **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** at **jdoran@stbrendans.net** or 614-876-1272, ext. 231.

CONTINUED GROWTH FAMILY SESSION: Sunday, Nov. 8, 9:45-11:15 AM (in the School Gym).

POD Nursery Volunteers
Our nursery, for kids 6 mos.-4 yrs. old, is in need of volunteers **during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Sunday Masses**. Email **nursery@stbrendans.net** to be added to the roster. *(Ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant.)*

Elizabeth Ministry Events
Mothers with young children meet monthly in the Childcare Center for: ***Playgroup*** – 1st Tuesdays at 9:30 AM; ***The Upper Room*** – 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 AM; ***FIAT Hour*** – 4th Fridays, 10-11 AM (Adoration with childcare.) Visit **https://tinyurl.com/sb-elizabeth-survey** to take a survey to help direct our ministry's future. Questions? Email Regina: **thelonggrears@gmail.com**

VINE & ROOTS Youth Groups
ROOTS FOR MIDDLESCHOOLERS (GRADES 6-8)
Sundays, 6:30-8:30 PM. Questions? Email Anna: **amarino@stbrendans.net**
Nov. 8: "Faith Greater than Feelings" (in Davidson, Rooms A & B)

VINE FOR HIGHSCHOOLERS (GRADES 9-12)
Sundays, 6:30-8:30 PM. Questions? Email Kara: **kshand@stbrendans.net**
Nov. 8: "Kingdom Series II: AI & Social Media" (in the School Gym)

Register for Winter Athletics
Registration is now open for St. Brendan Basketball and Cheer. Note: We have recently switched to a new registration software. Register/find details at **www.stbrendans.net/ministries/athletics**

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Highlights from Trunk-or-Treat...

Trunk-or-Treat was a huge success last week thanks to all our volunteers, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts and the many Trick-or-Treaters who attended and enjoyed this community celebration. Over 40 "trunks" signed up to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy as well as a very generous supply of donated candy this year. Thanks to all who participated!



























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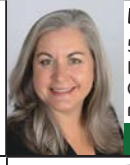
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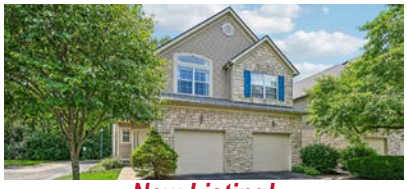
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