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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

 SATURDAY
 8 AM, 5:30 PM

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

 DAILY
 5:30 PM – MON & WED

 8 AM – TUES, THURS, FRI

RECONCILIATION TIMES

WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM (During Adoration)
SATURDAY 9 AM
Parishioners can also schedule a confession appointment with Fr Bob or Fr Brown by calling the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9 AM-4 PM



MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage preparation is required.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated at 12 PM on most Sundays. Two baptismal preparation classes are required. Visit stbrendans.net/baptism to schedule a Baptism.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Brown at frbrown@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

PARISH OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS 614.876.1272, FAX 614.876.1482

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SAINT BRENDAN

Church Hours

The church is open weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM. The Parish Office is open weekdays, 9 AM-4 PM.

New Members

All are welcome to join our parish! To request a new member packet, please call 614.876.1272, email **receptionist@stbrendans.net** or visit **stbrendans.net/become-a-member**

Marketing & Bulletin Requests

Our Marketing/Bulletin Request form is available at **stbrendans.net/marketing**. Please read all the information to find deadlines for each media platform being requested. For questions, or to send artwork, email **marketing@stbrendans.net**

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, please mail in requests or contact the Parish Office. The amount set by the diocese is \$10, due when the request is made.

Flowers for the Altar

If you wish to purchase flowers in remembrance of a loved one or special intention, the cost is \$75. Requests are published in the bulletin.

Baptism Preparation Class

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM. Our new program requires 2 class sessions. See website for dates and details. For questions, contact **baptism@stbrendans.net**

Ministry of Care for our Homebound

Contact Jennifer Rice at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or **jrice@stbrendans.net** if you would like to receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility.

Protecting God's Children Class

Register online at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

The nursery is open during 8:45 AM & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Receive Navigator News or Liturgy Aids

Keep updated on parish events by subscribing to Navigator News available through ParishStaq. Visit **stbrendan.ccbchurch.com** to create an account and you will automatically receive our parish e-newsletter. To have Sunday worship materials and bulletin emailed to you weekly visit **tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids** and fill out the form.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/

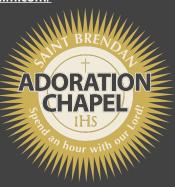
TUESDAY 9 AM-9 PM

WEDNESDAY 7 AM-7 PM HOLY HOUR 6-7 PM Confessions available

THURSDAY 9 AM–9 PM

FRIDAY 9 AM-9 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM-1 PM



MASS INTENTIONS, FEBRUARY 6-12 MONDAY 5:30 PM Marilyn Jane Radich

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TUESDAY	8:00 AM	Frances E. Rouhana
WEDNESDA	Y 5:30 PM	Polly Hemmer
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	Payton Young
FRIDAY	5:30 PM	Catherine Anderson
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	Bill Sauer
	5:30 PM	Dee Matuska
SUNDAY	7:15 AM	J. T. Schneider
	8:45 AM	Eugenio Family
	10:45 AM	Rick Zendler
	5:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish

FEBRUARY 16 – INFORMATIVE MEETING



THREE COUNTRIES – PORTUGAL, FRANCE AND SPAIN!

Fr Bob is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes & Barcelona. The 10-day trip will take place Oct 1-10, 2023. Some of the trip highlights include daily Mass, time for prayer and sightseeing.

An informative meeting will take place on Feb 16 at 6 PM in the Chas McCurdy Learning Center in the school. Registration is now open. Sign up or learn more details by scanning the QR code or visit **tinyurl.com/2023-Pilgrimage**. Ouestions? Contact Fr Bob at **frbob@stbrendans.net**





MESSAGE FROM FR BOB

Dear parish family -

I am happy to be able to share with you some great news for our community. Thanks to the generosity of three families, the purchase of the new organ is fully covered. Our thanks go to these families for their great gifts! The organ will arrive soon but in the meantime we have been working on some other items related to it...

- A platform for the choir, organ, and instrumentalists to be able to stand on This will allow us to put all the cabling and wiring below the platform and remove any trip hazards.
- Speakers The organ comes with 12 large speakers but we have experimented in the church with long slimline column speakers as an alternative. The sound was beautiful and we would require much less wall space to hang them making the space more aesthetically pleasing. If we go this route we will also be able to remove the large speaker above the altar. It is now 30 years old.

To preview what our new baptismal font may look like, view the renderings to the right and please note:

- It will be made from grey limestone to match the altar.
 The design is simple to match the altar and the
- The design is simple to match the altar and the wording on the top will be carved into the surface.
- The cover will keep it from getting dusty when not in use.There will be no baptismal pool making the area

All of this is possible thanks to YOU and your generosity in supporting the great ministries we have happening here. Thank you!



ST BRENDAN PARISH WELCOMES FR WELDIT OUR NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR!*



more spacious

Fr Weldit Tesfazghi Abay comes to us from the Queen of Peace Friary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. But his multi-cultural story begins long before that! He was born and raised in Zagr, Eritrea, in the horn of Africa where he became a priest in 2009 and served in the Archdiocese of Asmara, Eritrea. He also worked a year in Sudan and 3 years in Egypt. From 2019-21 Fr Weldit attended the English and Cultural Studies program at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Franklin, Wisconsin.

During that time, he would perform priestly duties for the Eritrean Community in Charlotte, North Carolina. A couple of things that Fr Weldit noticed here compared to when he was a priest in Africa is that parishioners and lay people in Western parishes play such an active role in the Faith, by serving as Liturgical/Eucharistic Ministers during Mass. He also mentioned it was his first time experiencing children lectoring at Mass which really touched his heart.

If you see Fr Weldit at Mass, please give him a warm St Brendan welcome! *For those wondering – Fr Bob and Fr Brown continue to serve our parish as well



Why is there something rather than nothing?

Why is everything so obviously messed up?

What if anything has God done about it?

How should I respond?



Ever ask yourself these questions? We invite you to join us for The Rescue Project. Together we can discover The Story.

MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION Ages 16 & up are welcome!

Beginning February 23 9-10:30 AM or 6:30-8:30 PM 7 sessions + a retreat, April 22

At each Thursday session enjoy: a meal, worship/prayer, video presentation (Fr John Ricardo) & small group discussion. April 22 Retreat: 2 sessions, meals and prayer

Register by February 15 on ParishStaq or www.stbrendans.net/the-rescue-project (No cost to attend, thanks to the generosity of a grant from the Catholic Foundation!)



Or you can learn more and register by scanning the QR code here.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF Paisley Rae Morgan

ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

For the new year, we will be renewing our St Brendan Prayer List. If you would like us to pray for **someone who is hospitalized or ill at home** or for **active duty military loved ones**, email **bulletin@stbrendans.net**. If you would like our parish community to pray for you or a loved one for a reason other than illness or active duty military, please visit **www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer**/

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Chris Carrino
Mary Jo Flickinger
Mary Frick
Bob Kienle
Jane Lumen

Joe Martin Becky Moyer Brent Shonkwiler Mitzie Toth

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Aaron Grieshop Sam Imwalle Christopher Keck Cody Longstreth Jackson Maassel Kaden Morris Alec Moyer Rick Shonkwiler Rob Shonkwiler

Please continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please call **614.876.1272**

FEBRUARY ENVELOPES

Supply chain and labor shortages have created a slow draw on production and shipping for our weekly offering envelope supplier, requiring them to suspend production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelope supply will resume by the first Sunday in March. In the meantime, look for substitute envelopes available in the church gathering space beginning this weekend, Feb 4/5.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6		
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Family Faith Formation Grades 6-8	
	Small Group	Multiple Locations
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7		
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	Men's Retreat Committee Meeting	The Carter Center
7:00 PM	Men's Club Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Learning Center
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8		
7:00 AM-7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:15 PM	Anchored in Adoration: Confessions Available	
7:00 PM	K of C#11208: Officer Planning Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
7:15 PM	Young Adult Night	OFF-SITE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Walking with Purpose	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & I
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
4:00 PM	Class: Introduction to Icons	Maroon Center
7:00 PM	Walking with Purpose	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & E
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – D	iocesan Collection: Catholic Times (subscribe: ww	w.columbuscatholic.org/catholictimes
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	The Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Church
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - Dio	cesan Collection: Catholic Times (subscribe: wwv	v.columbuscatholic.org/catholictimes
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 AM Mass ONLY	Coffee & Donuts	Gathering Space
9:45 AM	Family Faith Formation Sunday	Multiple Locations
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	Sunday VINE	Multi Purpose Room
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INVITING CATHOLICS HOME

AT COFFEE & DONUTS THIS SUNDAY

St Brendan Inviting Catholics Home ministry is hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday, February 5. Visit our table for free books and Catholic resources. An easel with prayer board will be available to write a loved one's name who is not attending Mass/practicing their faith or who has left the Church. Kids will enjoy coloring and puzzle pages, plus a Valentine card with a treat! For more information about Inviting Catholics Home Ministry or if you've been considering coming back to the church but have questions, contact Janet Walsh at **jlwalsh1@gmail.com**

Inviting Catholics Home Ministry invites you to pray for the intercession of St Monica for the return of our friends and family whom have left the Church. Without St Monica's example of praying persistantly for 17 years, her son, St Augustine (known as one of the Doctors of the Catholic Church), would not have converted.

Dear St Monica,

Troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine. Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St Monica, for **(mention your petition here)** and grant me the grace to accept His will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. ~ **Amen.**

SENIORS NOW

Seniors NOW (Navigating Our Way) is a social organization for parishioners 65 and older, who gather for activities each month such as parish events, lunches, local tours, and presentations. Please join us!

FEBRUARY 13, 12 PM – BJ's Brewing, 5141 Tuttle Crossing Blvd in Dublin. RSVP to Larry Hanchin at Larryhanchin@yahoo. com, 614-264-6925.

MARCH 3, 8 AM – 1st Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Olympic Diner, 5454 Roberts Rd. Meet in the Gathering Space after Mass. No RSVP needed.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE

HOSACK ST HOME COMPLETED

Another dream has culminated in great success for Hilliard Adopt-A-House. In tandem with Habitat for Humanity, and with the charitable contributions of St Brendan and surrounding parishes, the Tall and Baal families moved into their new home in January. Deacon Jim took part in the home dedication. Sincere gratitude is extended to all those who volunteered and contributed. View more photos or make a donation at **www.hilliardhabitat.org.** Questions or interest... contact St Brendan MidOhio Habitat for Humanity outreach leader, Bonnie: **stbrendanhabitat@gmail.com**.





REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

WITH A MEMORIAL BRICK FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



In an effort to make the Ten Commandments a part of our everyday life, there is a monument made from rock from Mount Sinai at St Brendan which is surrounded with memorial bricks to honor and remember parish family members. St Brendan KofC Council 11208 invites you to memorialize your loved ones by having an engraved brick placed at the base of the monument. To request a memorial brick, complete the form at **tinyurl.com/Memorial-Brick**. Donation suggestion is \$50 per brick. Paper forms are also available in the parish office. Questions? Contact Jim at **jim.cogan71@gmail.com**

www.CatholicMensMinistry.com

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCES



Carpooling available. Meet at 6:45 PM in the St Brendan parking lot. Questions? Contact Lori at **lori.writtenimpact@gmail.com**



FEBRUARY 8 – PRAY WITH US AT ANCHORED IN ADORATION! Join us this Wednesday, February 8, 6 PM. Anchored in Adoration starts immediately after Mass, 6-7:15 PM in the Church. Come and experience silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession available, a witness talk, praise/worship music & prayer teams available to pray individually with you.

CREATE A NEW PRAYER HABIT – TIP #4

MAKE YOUR DAY A PRAYER – "Glorify God in everything you do. That means your whole day can be part of one long prayer, whether you're at work, out with friends or at the gym. Invite God into the things you do every day. Say a quick prayer as soon as you wake up that you accomplish all God wants you to do that day. No matter what you do for work, before you begin, ask God to bless your labor. If we simply invite God into our lives every day and are conscious of His presence, our time will become His, not ours. We all have different gifts given to us by God, and no matter how big or small they seem, they all contribute to the building of the kingdom." — Dominick Tecson, Director of Execution at Embark

FEBRUARY 9 – ICONOGRAPHY CLASSES

WITH INSTRUCTOR CLAUDE AL-ABSI

Learn iconography from Claude Al-Absi who created the Stations of the Cross currently in use here at St Brendan Church! Sketch initial drawings, build a solid skills foundation in icon anatomy, learn color mixing and more. Cost is \$300 (plus supplies) and includes 4 two-hour classes (total of 8 hours of instruction) Thursdays from 4-6 PM beginning February 9. Classes will take place in the Maroon Center located off the old Gathering Space. For more information or to register, please contact Claude at (937) 419-3026 or claude.claude1970@hotmail.com



FEBRUARY 15 – MASS FOR CREATIVES



The creative team at St Brendan parish is closely collaborating on the first-ever Diocesan-wide Mass for Creatives! All those who work in creative fields, have creative hobbies, or consider themselves creative are welcome! (ie: artists, musicians, designers, videographers, architects, gardeners, chefs, bakers, fiber artists, actors, writers, coders)

The Mass for Creatives will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (3730 Broadway, Grove City) on Wednesday, February 15 at 7 pm. There will be a networking reception following the Mass in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Life Center. Please RSVP at **ourladygc.org/events/mass-for-creatives**



Tickets are available now for both attendance at the event (\$60 each) and for our 50/50 raffle (\$20 each with a \$5,000 prize) at **stb2023.givesmart.com**. Raffle tickets also will be sold in person after ALL Masses the weekend of February 4/5 and after the 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses on February 12 and 19 (or scan the QR code above). Thank you to all who supported our efforts by taking a tag from the giving tree!

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ST BRIENDAN SCHOOL

Personal donations, corporate donations, and sponsorships are being accepted as well. There are also volunteer opportunities that can be found on our web page (see url below). Questions? Contact Joy Bair: 614-325-5127 or jbair1@ cdeducation.org or contact one of our auction team members at sbauction@ cdeducation.org. All updated auction information can be found on our web page by visiting www.stbrendans.net/ school/st-brendan-school-auction/

ST BRENDAN APPAREL

SCHOOL APPAREL SHOP – NOW OPEN!

Share your St Brendan's spirit with a variety of offerings by visiting:

of offerings by visiting: bsnteamsports.com/ shop/StB2023 The apparel store is typically only open to school staff and families, but it has been temporarily opened to parishioners, as well. The store will close again on February 13.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 22 ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 7 AM, 12 PM and 5:30 PM

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

All families should have received the Root box and parent series book at the faith formation sessions a couple weeks ago. If you haven't, please reach out to **faithformation@stbrendans.net**. As well, middle school small groups resumed last Sunday and Monday. Students will continue to meet in their same small groups and locations.

All families should have received a link to complete payment for the Faith Formation program. If you have additional questions, and/or need to arrange a payment plan, contact Jamie Young at **jyoung@stbrendans.net**

In December, Bonnie Creeger moved on from her position in the parish office. Please send future emails regarding faith formation and sacrament prep to faithformation@ stbrendans.net and sacraments@stbrendans.net

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

1ST RECONCILIATION If you missed the first reconciliation service, please reach out to Jacob (**jdoran@stbrendans.net**) for help scheduling a confession with one of our priests. All faith formation families should have picked up a *Nourish* box to begin preparation for first Eucharist.

CONFIRMATION In order for your teen(s) to receive this Sacrament in the Spring, they must have been Baptized as well as received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/ Eucharist. They must also be registered in our St Brendan Faith Formation program or School. If you haven't already, please complete the Sacrament registration form ASAP - once you complete it, you will receive the link to make your payment. For more info, visit **stbrendans.net**/ **confirmation/confirmation-preparation-for-teens**/

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Casino Royale YCP GA February 11, 2023

6:00 PM - 11:00 PM ST. CATHARINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Formal Attire Dinner from Scotties Cafe Open Bar: Wine and Beer Casino Tables, DJ, Dancing, Raffles Prizes and More!

JOIN MORE THAN 100 OTHER YOUNG ADULTS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT!

> TICKET COST: \$55





SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER AND PURCHASE TICKETS

BISHOP WATTERSON HS HONORS

Some student names were inadvertantly left off the Bishop Watterson Honor Roll announcement in the bulletin last week. We would like to acknowledge their hard work and apologize for leaving them off! Congratulations to these additional St Brendan parishioners who had attained a 3.7 or higher grade point average last quarter...

STUDENT NAME GRADE

Tyler Altier	11
Rachael Anderson	9
Benjamin Boyle	11
Reese Boyle	10
Delilah Britain	12
Kaitlyn Casper	11
Mackenzie Casper	11
Taylor Young	12
Ava Hoying	12
Layla Hoying	9
Amber Regan	10

BISHOP READY HS HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following parishioners who are students at Bishop Ready High School and who have attained Honor Roll status for the second quarter of the current academic year.

1st Honors: Freshman Katherine Sanders, juniors Samuel Carlino, Kayla Clevinger, Easton Kernosky, and Hayden Kernosky and seniors Cecelia Muraco, Jennifer Pond, and Philip Ryan

2nd Honors: Sophomore Emma Rieder and juniors Liam Armstrong and Ellie Jelinek

Distinction List: Freshman Owen Clevinger and junior Nathan Bennett

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Is 58:7-10 | 1 Cor 2:1-5 | Mt 5:13-16

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It's amazing how one interaction can brighten an otherwise gloomy day. I love a nice sunrise on a wintry morning or a crackling fire on an autumn night. But whatever the weather, nothing quite lights up my day like a shared laugh with a friend, a snippet of real conversation with my teen son, or a hot cup of coffee delivered by my husband. In today's reading, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount, telling the disciples: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." We, too, can be light for others – through good deeds large and small, ordinary and extraordinary. As we go about our days, we can ask the Lord to show us how to serve others. We will have days when we don't feel up to the task but, like St. Paul, we can ask the Holy Spirit to light the way.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used images that resonate with us as much as they did with his followers 2,000 years ago: salt and light. Salt serves many purposes, preserving our food and giving it flavor, for example. And of course we cannot live without light. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples: "You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world." Like the disciples we, too, can be salt and light for others by giving witness to our faith. What that involves will be different for each of us. For ideas, we can turn to today's reading from Isaiah, which calls us to share our bread, shelter the oppressed and clothe the naked. In doing so, our light "shall break forth like the dawn."

ACTION We all know people we'd call "the salt of the earth." Who are those people in your life? Make a list of the characteristics they exhibit or actions they take that you can learn from and try to imitate. Ask God for the grace to see and do likewise for his glory.

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