Happy Mother's Day!

HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 PM

SUNDAY

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

DAILY MASS

MON & WED 5:30 PM

TUES, THURS, FRI & SAT 8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SATURDAY 9 AM

Parishioners may schedule an appointment for Confession with one of the priests by calling the parish office

OFFICE HOURS

MON-FRI, 9 AM-4 PM 614 876 1272

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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

In Memory of Mom, Coletta Louse, The Karen Mustard Family





CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Landon Jerome McDaniel Wesley Julius Pillion

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 15-21

MON 5:30 PM Dave Connelly **TUES** 8:00 AM Claudette Makley WED 5:30 PM Frances E. Rouhana

THURS 8:00 AM Robert Gallo 8:00 AM Beloni Braz FRI SAT 8:00 AM James Kesting

5:30 PM Anthoney & Georgia Pulsinelli

SUN 7:15 AM Tom Toth

8:45 AM Eugenio Family **10:45 AM** Thomas Brannock

5:30 PM For the People of St Brendan Parish

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

stbrendan.weadorehim.com

TUES 9 AM-10 PM **WED** 7 AM-5 PM

Holy Hour 6-7 PM

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THURS 9 AM-10 PM FRI 9 AM-10 PM 9 AM-1 PM SAT



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SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

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Weekdays, 9 AM-4 PM

New Members - All are Welcome!

Email receptionist@stbrendans.net or call 614.876.1272 Request a packet at stbrendans.net/become-a-member

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

Celebrated at 12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at stbrendans.net/baptism

Baptism Preparation Classes

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM (2 classes required). See website for details or email baptism@stbrendans.net

Anointing of the Sick

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

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

614.876.1272, fax 614.876.1482

St Brendan School

614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing & Bulletin Request

Request form and details: stbrendans.net/marketing Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, mail request to the Parish Office with \$10 (due when the request made).

Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention (cost is \$75). Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Ministry of Care for our Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jennifer at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or jrice@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class

Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

Open most Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News

Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaq account to automatically begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. To have Sunday worship materials & bulletins emailed weekly to you, go to tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids



KOLLAR'S CORNER

Dear Parish Community,

I hope everyone is making some summer plans to create new memories, enjoy the warmer weather, the outdoors, and getting together with family and friends. Here at St Brendan, we will soon be starting our summer projects list. I will be putting together a timeline calendar to keep you all informed when each project will be happening. This will be posted in the church gathering space and any progress or changes that occur will be announced on our many communication platforms.

PROJECTS HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH

As mentioned in my last Kollar's Corner in March, there are countless contracts and hurdles being navigated behind the scenes in order to ensure continued safety, longevity, and beauty in our house of worship. We will begin our church projects in the middle of May with completion expected by early July. The various projects are briefly outlined below:

- 1. **New organ** We will be building an elevated choir platform that will conceal wires and eliminate trip hazards. The new organ has already been purchased, but we are currently waiting on a city permit for the construction to be finalized.
- 2. **Baptismal Font** The old Baptismal pool was completely extracted last Monday. That area will be filled in, tiled over and a new beautiful Baptismal font will be installed in its place. Please be vigilant to make sure young children stay clear of the area.
- 3. **Repaint church ceilings** This will be one of our more imminent tasks and will need to be completed before other projects begin, as we don't want dripping paint or scaffolding to undo any of our other endeavors.
- 4. Replace tiles in santuary entrances Some of the floor tiles have begun to crack, posing potential trip hazards.
- 5. **Install new carpet in church gathering area** New carpeting will be installed after all the other renovations are complete. Carpet was chosen over other options to reduce noise near the Sanctuary and to add protection from future water damage.

PROJECTS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL

Thanks to the successful school Auction this year, the Home and School, the Leadership Team and the Finance Committee were able to collaborate on a variety of improvements. After careful scrutinization and prioritization, the following list was created:

- 1. **Upgrade lighting for first grade** We will lower the ceilings and add LED lighting in the two first grade rooms. The 1960's original lighting has become very expensive to maintain. By adding LED lighting and lowering the ceilings, that will focus most of the light on the students' desks. Studies have shown that this helps the early development of students' learning capabilities.
- 2. **Upgrade flooring in fifth grade classrooms and hallway** New LVT flooring will be installed in both classrooms and hallways. The new flooring will improve the aesthetics and the accoustics for students and teachers and will reduce maintenance costs.
- 3. **Replace the cabinetry in the fifth grade classrooms** The new cabinetry will help properly store materials for our teachers and will match the cabinetry that was already installed in the Middle School.
- 4. Replace the lockers for fifth graders This will provide students with better storage for their books and coats.

MAIN PARKING LOT REPAIRS

All necessary patching of the parking lot will be completed in several phases. See the map to the right for areas that will be affected, shown in phases marked in blue, green and red.

The priests, deacons, parish staff and members of the parish finance council believe strongly in being good managers of the finances here in your parish home. We continue to rely on and give thanks for your generosity and support in order to maintain our campus. We welcome your feedback and suggestions as we continue to grow and improve our parish community.

Happy Mother's Day (and Mothers-to-be)!
God Bless and ENJOY the WARM SPRING WEATHER





If you would like us to pray for friends or family who are hospitalized or are ill at home or for active duty military loved ones, please email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net. Or visit our online Prayer Wall and make your request for any other intentions at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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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

NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

If you would like the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for a friend or family member who is no longer practicing the faith, visit the Prayer Wall at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and make your request. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk and our ministry will pray for their return back to the Church.

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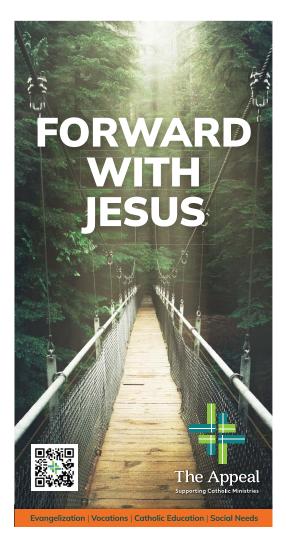
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MONDAY, MAY 15		
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
TUESDAY, MAY 16	School Early Dismissal 12 PM – VIP Day	
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17		
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministries: Work Session	The Carter Center
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration: Confessions Available	Church
6:45 PM	Knights of Columbus #11208: Monthly Meeting	Cafeteria
THURSDAY, MAY 18		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
1:00 PM	Grief Support Lunch	OFF-SITE La Chatelaine, Dublin
6:30 PM	St Brendan Women: Moments with Mary	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B
7:00 PM	SVDP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
FRIDAY, MAY 19		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	Men's Retreat: Deepening Our Walk with Jesus	OFF-SITE: Spiritual Center of Maria Stein
1:00 PM	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B
SATURDAY, MAY 20	Diocesan Collection: Catholic Communications Campaign	
	Men's Retreat: Deepening Our Walk with Jesus	OFF-SITE: Spiritual Center of Maria Stein
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	The Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Church
9:00 AM-1:00 PM 5:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration Vigil Mass	Adoration Chapel Church
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SUNDAY, MAY 21	Ascension of the Lord – Diocesan Collection: Catholic Communications Campaign	
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 & 10:45 AM Masses	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B

Men's Retreat: Deepening Our Walk with Jesus OFF-SITE: Spiritual Center of Maria Stein 6:30 PM ROOTS: End-of-Year Party **Campus Outdoors** 6:30 PM

Sunday VINE Multipurpose Room Grief Support Group

12:00 PM

7:00 PM Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)



THE APPEAL HAS BEGUN!

As you heard last weekend, *The Appeal* motto, "Forward With Jesus," is a clear reminder to keep our thoughts and hopes in our Lord Jesus Christ. *The Appeal* 2023 will benefit Catholic education, evangelization, social concerns and services of the Diocese, and vocations, including the growing list of seminarians (like our own Keith Bray!) starting this Fall.

All gifts, large and small, are important. Participation is the key to our success. The parish goal is \$263,000 and all amounts received above goal will be applied toward renovating our lighting system in the sanctuary – a much needed update!

Please pledge to *The Appeal* today. You can return your envelope to the giving lockbox in the gathering space, mail to the church office, or pledge online at **ColumbusCatholicgiving.org/appeal**

Thank you for your generosity!

ST BRENDAN WOMEN'S EVENT – MAY 18

Gather for an evening to learn about Mary's secret to powerful prayer and honor Mary as the Mother to all the faithful, who guides us to heal and make connections in our prayer life. Join us Thursday, May 18, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. A community service activity will be part of the evening and it will close with a May



crowning of Mary. Refreshments and snacks served. Questions? Contact Karen at potondi.ka@gmail.com. RSVP at stbrendans.net/womens-groups



LORD TEACH US SERIES

PRAYING WITH MARY THROUGH SOULCORE

All are welcome for SoulCore Rosary prayer with gentle strength, stretching and movement Monday, May 22 with two sessions in Wellnitz Hall: 9:30 AM and 7 PM. Please bring a mat or towel for ground-based exercise. If the weather is nice, we will head to the Marian grotto

to pray. The movements are invitations, not requirements, so you may be seated in a chair and pray. Men, women, and children, all ages and fitness levels, are welcome as we give thanks for our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary together in Our Lady's beautiful month of May. Questions? Contact Lori Crock at lori.writtenimpact@gmail.com

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY – MAY 31

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

Discover what it means to "Be Saved." Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the time it was written. Presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, Romans: The Gospel of Salvation provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans —



Salvation. To register, please visit www.stbrendans.net/adults or find the Summer Bible Study form on ParishStaq. Questions? Contact Phil Petrella at papetrella@gmail.com



STEAK & ALE – JUNE 10

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, FUN & GOOD FOOD!

Men's Club is hosting a Steak and Ale social event on Saturday, June 10 at 7-11 PM. Cost is \$20 per person if paid in advance or \$25 at the door. Advance tickets will be available after all Masses beginning May 28. Select a steak, head to the grills, and cook it the way YOU like it. Appetizers, sides, and beverages are also included.

All men of the parish are invited, 14 years old or older. Extend your fellowship with other men of the parish as well as diocesan friends, sons, nephews, and grandsons (14 yrs & up). Also, enjoy Cornhole, Euchre, and other fun social activities! Questions? Contact Fred at joc93@yahoo.com



The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive will be Friday, May 19, 1-7 PM in Davidson Rd Meeting Room A. Give the gift of life by scheduling an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Questions? Contact Jeff Lehr at Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov or 614-315-7466.

GRIFF SUPPORT GROUP

LOOKING FOR GRIEF SUPPORT FROM FELLOW PARISHIONERS?

All are welcome at lunch where we listen, laugh, cry and help one another through this grief journey. We meet at 1 PM at La Chatelaine in Downtown Dublin on the third Thursday of the month (May 18). Also join us for a monthly grief workshop on Sunday, May 21 at 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall. Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com or call 614-946-8099.

ST BRENDAN YOUNG ADULTS – 2023 KICKOFF

JUNE 7: ADORATION & CONFESSION FROM 6-7 PM & EVENT 7-9 PM

Calling all young adults in their 20s and 30s! Join us Wednesday, June 7 for an evening to get to know other young adults in the parish. We will be starting off with Adoration and Confession from 6-7 PM followed by a social event in Wellnitz Hall 7-9 PM (snacks and drinks provided). Looking forward to growing together in fellowship and faith throughout the year! Questions? Contact Kayla Stucke at kaylastucke@gmail.com

PRAY THE ROSARY

St Brendan Knights of Columbus invite everyone to join in praying of the Rosary immediately following Saturday 8 AM Mass weekly. For those who would like them, free "Guide to Praying the Rosary" pamphlets are available in the gathering space.





ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU

FOR MAKING THE THRIFT STORE DONATION DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Thank you very much for your support to make our second annual St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Drive a great success this past weekend! Three large trailers were filled "to the brim" as well as a large box truck (2/3 full)! 74 volunteers helped at the event including from: SVdP, Knights of Columbus, St Brendan parishioners, Boy Scout Troop 859, as well as St Charles, Bishop Ready, Dublin Sells & Hilliard Weaver school students. 200 Blessing Bags for the homeless were also created when time permitted. A couple of volunteers were even able to help a parishioner jump his battery and another one changed out a flat tire – it was a great weekend of service to others!

OUR FOCUS THIS MONTH: RESPECT & SUPPORT FOR ALL



AN ATHLETE'S STORY...

Benjamin Alexander is a 6th grade student at St Brendan. He was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3. After some frustrating experiences with sports, Ben began participating in the Hilliard Special

Olympics program. As a result of this program, he has been able to be active in a variety of sports: basketball, track, softball, bowling, swimming, and tennis. Special Olympics has given him the opportunity to compete with fellow athletes from other regions such as the State Summer Games and the State Softball Tournament. Overall, Special Olympics has helped Ben become more independent and organized in his schoolwork and home life. He has even started to teach his younger sister, Abby, how to read.

Ben is a special and sweet boy who is passionately interested in reading, learning languages, and cooking. Last year, he made Kimchi from scratch and learned to read the Korean alphabet! Just now he is really interested in musicals, and recently played the role of Pinocchio in the school musical, *Shrek Jr.* We cannot wait to see what he will be interested in next, and we are very grateful to the Special Olympics for the great opportunities they have given Ben in the past few years.

"MEASURE UP"

TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS!

Respect Life Ministry has teamed up with St Brendan Knights of Columbus to campaign for People with Developmental Disabilities. This year's "Measure Up" Drive funds collected will go to support Special Olympics Ohio. Your gift can be made via check (made payable to St Brendan KofC with "Measure Up" written on it) or scan the QR code (ppay.co/io8GmFrPTak) for online giving.

Our Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Ministry will also hold a special collection after Masses on May 27/28.



ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the 23-24 year will open in mid-late May. Watch the bulletin, Navigator News, and social media channels for announcements.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The last Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on May 21. Have a great summer and we'll see you back in the Fall!

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE FIRST TIME ON SATURDAY, MAY 13

Adrianna Adam

Eleanor Ailabouni-Smitson

Stella Benanzer

Ethan Billing

Adelyn Bird

William Bond

Connor Boyle

Mateo Castillo

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Samantha Coniglio
McKenna Crockett

Grant Daufeldt

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Max Rovtar

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Aubrey Smothers

Jude Stiebler

Luke Thornton

Veronica Von Lohr

Emilia Weisman

Henry Williams Menendez

Matthew Yoo

Duke Zastudil



2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

New Program – Totus Tuus! Day camp for those children entering grades 1-6 and youth nights for those entering grades 7-12. Cost is \$25 per child.

Dates/Times: Day Camp runs Monday-Friday, June 26-30, and takes place from 10:45 AM-12 PM. Youth nights run Sunday-Thursday, June 25-29, and take place from 7-9 PM.

Lunch: For the day camp, you must send your child with a packed lunch for the day. We will provide a morning snack.

Potluck: On Wednesday night in the MPR at St Brendan, to give your family a chance to meet the Totus Tuus Missionaries.

Volunteer: We are still in need of volunteers, dinner hosts, and host families to help make this year's VBS successful. These positions are open to anyone entering 8th grade and older. We need at least two Safe Environment certified adults with each grade level of children during the day camp. To volunteer, visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public

Register by scanning the QR code, or visit https://bit.ly/stbtotustuus

Questions? Contact jdoran@stbrendans.net



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HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS...

COLUMBUS DIOCESE FAMILY MONTH

To strengthen and enrich the families of our diocese, the Marriage and Family Life Office introduces *Family Month*, from Mother's Day to Father's Day, May 14 to June 18. Find weekly videos and resources to celebrate the family at columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/family-ministry/family-month

A Family for Every Child - Thursday, May 18, 6:30-8 PM, St Patrick Church (Downtown). Learn about the forgotten 15,000 children in foster care in Ohio and the many ways each of us can help them. To register or to find out more information, visit springsoflove.org/a-family-for-every-child

Family Day at the Museum of Catholic Art and History - Saturday, June 10, from 10 AM-2 PM. Activities for the whole family, as well as the beautiful collection of the museum. Only \$10 per family! The museum is located at the Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215.

GREATER COLUMBUS RIGHT TO LIFE (GCRTL)

GCRTL's mission is to protect innocent human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education and community advocacy by sharing the pro-life message. GCRTL is hosting a banquet and benefit night. June 12, 2023 at The Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, 43229. Doors open at 5:40 PM and program begins at 6:20 PM. Dinner is complimentary and a donation is expected. RSVP at www.signupgenius.com/ qo/8050b4fabae23a5f94-greater

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES - MONDAY, MAY 29

St Joseph, 11 AM Mass, 12 PM Flag Ceremony Mt Calvary, 11 AM Liturgy of the Hours Holy Cross, 10:30 AM Flag Ceremony, 11 AM Mass Resurrection, 12 PM Flag Ceremony, 1 PM Mass

ST CHARLES SUMMER PROGRAMS

June and July, St Charles offers summer camps for all ages with 24 different camp sessions. Basketball Camp starts as young as incoming 1st graders, and there are camps available in Robotics, Volleyball, Ice Hockey & more! All-day camp options are available by pairing Camp Cardinal with Baseball, Football, or Soccer. Register at scprep.org under "Admissions." Contact 614-804-7230 or ngruber@scprep.org with questions.

May 14, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | 1 Pt 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

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

I know a few people whose method of book buying is to read the last few pages of a book first. They want to know if buying, or reading, the book is going to be worth it. As an avid bibliophile I find this to be something I could never do, but I understand their impulse. After all, it makes sense to want to have some kind of assurance that the journey one is taking - whether physical, spiritual, or literary - has a decent "payoff," as it were. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that when he leaves he will provide "another Advocate" for them. We see this truth in action in the first reading, as with the laying on of hands by the apostles, those who had been baptized in Jesus' name "received the Holy Spirit." Christ's life, death, and resurrection not only conquered death and brought us new life, it made way for the Holy Spirit who has come to dwell among and within us. The Lord has not left us alone. So while we may have a sense of what the sequel to our journey is, we trust the author of our story to help us write the ending of this one.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The love of God and the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit brought the earliest disciples, and us, to the journey – to our own story of a life of discipleship. And while the Bible is indeed "a book," it is also a compilation of books, letters, and events, and more, that give words to a living history of salvation that began before time and is outside of time and eternal. The Good News cannot be contained in pages – it must be lived, shared, and loved. And yes, it is good to know how it ends, but even that pales in relation to the joy and worthiness of the reading and living of the Word. That is for us to experience, and to share! As much gratification as there is in sharing our favorite new bestseller, we need to double and revamp our efforts when it comes to the Gospel. Give it away freely, to everyone, and shout out the ending. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And the Holy Spirit sets us free to love him and one another.

STUDY In order to truly live the Word and spread it to others as Jesus commanded, we must be familiar with the Scriptures. The *Word on Fire Bible,* featuring the Gospels only, is well-designed and includes commentary from Bishop Robert Barron as well as Church Fathers and recent saints and Catholic authors.

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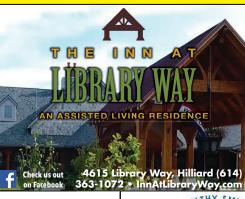
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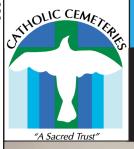
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