

# **RESPECT LIFE** Womb to tomb... and **EVERYONE** in between.



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Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. From this Sunday's Gospel Reading, Jn 14:1-12

### 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

WEDNESDAY 6-7 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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To the family of Douglas Minton

### CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Lina Marie Bruno Callan Michael Martin Maren Jeanne Martin Beckham Scott Tolloti



## MASS INTENTIONS MAY 8-14

MON	5:30 PM	Christine Wilson	
TUES	8:00 AM	Larry Laurenzi	
WED	5:30 PM	Don Roth	
THURS	8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Eggerichs & Family	
FRI	8:00 AM	Tom Hritzo	
SAT	5:30 PM	Michael McDonnell	
SUN	7:15 AM	David Friermood	
	8:45 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish	
	10:45 AM	Coletta Lause	
	5:30 PM	Elizabeth Cavallaro	

## **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

stbrendan.weadorehim.com

 TUES
 9 AM-10 PM

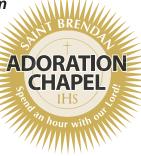
 WED
 7 AM-5 PM

 Holy Hour 6-7 PM

 Confessions available

 THURS
 9 AM-10 PM

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





## ST BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR PARISH VISION & MISSION...

Vision Statement - To renew all things in Christ Jesus

Mission statement – To share the Good News of salvation in Christ and make disciples for Him

# SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Hours Weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM

Parish Office Hours 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

### Marriage

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

### **Baptisms**

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** 

**Annointing 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** 

# **DISABILITY AWARENESS**

Womb to tomb...and EVERYONE in between! When you hear the words "Respect Life," who are the first people that come into your mind? Usually the babies. Sometimes the dying. Yet, our Catholic faith implores us to consider ALL human life as sacred, regardless of age, gender, illness... or disability.

This month our Respect Life Ministry is asking for our increased awareness and prayers for all of those with a physical or mental disability. What this means at the core is to recognize every person we encounter as a child of God, created in His image. We are asked to look beyond whatever brokenness we may perceive on the outside and see the soul, the heart of the person. It is the same thing our Father does for us. He looks past our brokenness to see the blessing of the child He loves beyond measure, for we are all broken in some way, some more visible than others.

The treasure contained in a person who is differently-abled cannot be quantified, his or her impact on this world reaching farther and deeper than we can see. The Lord asks us to recognize that each one of us has a purpose in this life that transcends any human limitation. Look closely within our own parish family. We have so many examples to teach us. I think of those who attend Mass each week, practically bounding up to greet priests and parishioners, singing out and praying with pure joy. I think of one who moves a bit differently but who spreads love and a sense of humor with each interaction – showing us some goodness in a trying world. I think of those who share their gifts in the liturgy, or others who cannot speak, but whose smiles and presence just absorbing the love and prayers around them is enough. They are silent witnesses to the love of God present in our midst.

Join us this month as we seek ways to support our brothers and sisters and those who care for them. We will hear other stories and have an opportunity to support organizations who help those with disabilities to thrive, such as Special Olympics.

Lord, in Your goodness You created all of us in Your image. May we look with Your eyes past any brokenness and into the hearts and souls of all our brothers and sisters to their purposeful presence in the Body of Christ. In them, help us to recognize Your love that is reflected in a beautiful and unique way. We are all Your treasures. We are all sacred in Your eyes. Amen.

## "MEASURE UP" 2023 DRIVE

Respect Life Ministry teams up with St Brendan Knights of Columbus to campaign for People with Developmental Disabilities. This year's "Measure Up" Drive takes place May 6 at 9 AM-1:30 PM at Fishinger Blvd (Park Mill

Run Dr and Ridge Mill Dr). The annual fundraising effort raises approximately \$370,000 for over 322 state and local agencies that sponsor training and support programs for developmentally disabled. 80% of the money is returned to local KofC Councils for donating to local agencies and the remaining 20% goes to statewide programs. Our KofC funds collected will go to support Special Olympics Ohio. To donate, checks can be made payable to St Brendan KofC (with "Measure Up"



written on check) or scan the QR code for online giving. The Knights and the St Brendan Respect Life Ministry will hold a special collection after Masses the weekend of May 27/28.





## **PLEASE JOIN US!**



To Jesus through Mary

Newly ordained Deacon Haermmerle will deacon & preach The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:45 AM and 10:45 AM at Saint Brendan Parish

Sunday, May 14, 2023

## **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Due to recent inconsistencies in the mailing system, our offertory envelope supplier has created "Back-up/First Sundays" envelopes which they will provide for the first 2 weeks of each upcoming month. These are additional envelopes they will supply to you at the back of your pack of monthly envelopes to use only if needed (ie: the Post Office experiences delays or your envelopes get lost in the mail or damaged). These extra envelopes can simply be discarded if not utilized and no duplicate weekly or monthly payments are ever required! "Back-up/First Sundays" envelopes will only be the first 2 weeks until further notice and will be added monthly as detailed in the examples below:

- June packet will have all of June and the first 2 weeks of July
- July packet will have all of July and the first 2 weeks of August
- August packet will have all of August and the first 2 weeks of September

## **EASTER LILLIES**

Due to an oversight, the following names were left off our originally published Easter Lillies for the Altar list:

In memory of: Peter, Inez & Gino Pisetta Requested by Linda & Don Clark

In memory of: Martha & Kenneth Culp, Charles Bowlus, James R Joseph and Michael Tkac, Requested by Mr & Mrs Tkac



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...

### THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Michael Boesch	Peter Kim
Bill Brake	Doris Kopac
Mary Brake	Jim Logue
Chris Carrino	Jane Lumen
Eugene Chervenak	Mary Pat Marchion
Linda Clark	Jill Markey
Patricia Crane	Joe Martin
Tom Crane	Becky Moyer
Chuck Destefani	Grant Nuss
Mary Jo Flickinger	Pamela Theado
Mary Frick	Mitzie Toth
Don Johnson	Marilyn Wiggins
Bob Kienle	

#### **ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Aaron Grieshop Sam Imwalle Christopher Keck Cody Longstreth Jackson Maassel 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* 

#### **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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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

MONDAY, MAY 8	NO SCHOOL	
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
11:00 AM	Seniors NOW Healing Mass	Church
12:00 PM	Seniors NOW Luncheon	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
TUESDAY, MAY 9		
6:30 AM	Manla Ministry Frith Chaving	Devideor Del Mantiner Danna A
	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 10		
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:15 PM	Anchored Adoration: Confessions Available	Church
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus #11208: Officer Planning Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
7:15 PM	Young Adult Night	OFF-SITE
THURSDAY, MAY 11		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	Protecting God's Children Class	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
FRIDAY, MAY 12	NO Eucharistic Adoration after 6 PM	
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
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SATURDAY, MAY 13	NO 8 AM Mass – NO Confessions	
6:30 AM	Mon's Ministry: Eaith Sharing	Wallaitz Hall Paam 1 (with patia)
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing Eucharistic Adoration	Wellnitz Hall Room 1 (with patio)
		Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	1st Eucharist Liturgy	Church
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
SUNDAY, MAY 14		
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
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church

Sunday VINE

6:30 PM

Multipurpose Room



**Supporting Catholic Ministries** 

#### FORMERLY REFERRED TO AS "THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL"

The Appeal 2023 is here and officially kicks off this weekend. This year's theme, "Forward with Jesus," speaks to the promise that He walks with us and does not abandon those who trust in Him. The Appeal provides much needed monies to support vocations, evangelization, Catholic education, social concerns, and many other vital ministries and services of the Diocese of Columbus.

Our parish has been asked to raise \$263,000 towards the overall diocese-wide goal of \$7,000,000. We ask that each parishioner prayerfully consider making a pledge to *The Appeal*. Should we exceed our goal, the entire excess will be returned to St Brendan parish and applied toward our lighting system in the sanctuary, a much needed update!

Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous support of *The 2023 Appeal!* 

To connect with our mission, scan the QR code or visit ColumbusCatholicGiving.org



## **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. This fascinating book reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and Resurrection and sharing in His divine life. To register, please visit **www.stbrendans.net/adults** or find the Summer Bible Study form on ParishStaq. Questions? Contact Phil Petrella at **papatrella@gmail.com** 

### **STEAK & ALE – JUNE 10 – SAVE THE DATE!**



Men's Club is hosting a Steak and Ale social event Saturday, June 10, 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). Besides dinner, you can enjoy some Cornhole, Euchre, and other fun social activities! Questions? Contact Fred Kerner at **joc93@yahoo.com**.







### THE BLESSING BAG PROJECT A ST VINCENT DE PAUL & ST BRENDAN SCHOOL TEAM EFFORT!

This was a great collaboration between St Vincent de Paul, St Brendan school teachers, students and their parents. Together, they were able to donate 260 blessing bags filled with a variety of toiletry items, bus passes and encouraging/loving messages prepared and decorated by the students. The bags were then provided to St Lawrence Haven and Mount Carmel Street Medicine, as these organizations will be able to safely deliver the bags to the homeless throughout our community.

The project was kicked off on Wednesday, April 12 with the Director of St Lawrence Haven speaking first to St Brendan school students about the need that exists and how they could help. Collection of donations then took place for two weeks and the bags were completed on April 26. Thank you to all those who participated!



Any adult who participates in activities/ministries/organizations involving children in any capacity (ministry or utilized as volunteers) must attend a Protecting God's Children (PGC) Class and have a Background Check (BCI) completed and accepted by the Office of the Diocese (downtown), Safe Environment Department, prior to participating in the activity. If you have had a background check completed in the past but have not been actively volunteering with any activity/ministry/organization involving children for more than 18 months, you will need to update your Background Check, whereas PGC is a one-time-only class. (Note: As long as you remain active in a ministry involving children under the age of 18, your BCI remains valid!) A Volunteer Registration and Code of Conduct Form must be completed and then a photo badge will be issued by the parish office. This form is available on our website at tinyurl.com/stb-volunteer and can be turned in by emailing it to administration@stbrendans.net, dropped off at the school or parish office, or turned in to the chairperson of your ministry.

### UPCOMING PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASSES AT ST BRENDAN

Thursday, May 11, 6 PM-9 PM Davidson Road Meeting Rooms 1 & 2. Finger-printing starting at 5 PM.

Saturday, June 17, 9 AM-12 PM Wellnitz Hall Room 1. No finger-printing available at this class.

Register for classes at tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGC

### **RENOVATION UPDATE!**

Monday, May 8, we will begin the extraction and concrete pour of the baptismal pool. This will be a two-month process while the concrete cures, and will culminate in beautiful new tiling and baptismal font. Contractors will be operating around daily Masses and special events, and will conclude each work session by cleaning away construction debris. We ask parents to closely monitor children for their safety during this process. Thank you for your patience and extra diligence during this time.

### Seniors NOW CAREATER NAVIGATING OUR WAY SENIORS' HEALING MASS

All seniors of the parish are invited to attend Mass together this Monday, May 8 at 11 AM in which the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be provided.

## American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

### **BLOOD DRIVE – MAY 19**

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. Please give the gift of life by scheduling an appointment by visiting **www.redcrossblood.org**, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Questions? Contact Jeff Lehr at Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov or 614-315-7466.



### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** GIVE YOUR TIME & TALENT TO BLESS OTHERS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry members knit and crochet prayer shawls for the homebound, grieving, and ill, which are crafted with love and prayer for anyone in need of a spiritual hug. Their next workshop/gathering will be May 17, 1:30 PM, in the Carter Center, or work on your own at home. Please feel free to take a prayer shawl for yourself or someone in need. Look for the Prayer Shawl sign on the bottom cabinet drawer in the Adoration Chapel.

## 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.

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION – Congratulations to everyone who was confirmed on April 21 and also to these additional students whose names were not on our original published list: Carson Alexis Mary Igel Ethan Jack Anthony Minerd

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE FIRST TIME ON SATURDAY, MAY 6

Zachary Navarro **Oliver Phillips Connor Boslet** Lorelai Beyer Sarah Adevor Michelle Adevor Louis Grove **Duke Meyers Averie Sirois** Ellie Ciuni **Emily Little Isaac Speer** Levi Hoyng Ivan Ducay Andrew Crossin Nathan Sabillon Leo Bauer **Delaney** Grafton Liam Mack **Austin Holland** Austin Groux Madeline Groux **Sullivan Strane** Celena Pak Kaitlyn Santagata **Evelyn Zimmer Alexander Bartley**  **Charles Blamble** Zaiden Kosikowski **Tyler Rachuba** Gianna Rossi Andrew Hoeper Adalynn Willis Hunter Cordle Michelle Steigerwald Lincoln Cua **Michael Houle Blaise Pickering Bodhi Hartman Elizabeth Lottes** Wes Leatherman Gianna Warino Olivia DeMassimo Archie Baker Maria Zuercher Harper Layman Nicholas Gerschutz Juventino Guzman Mackenzie Gould Roger Allen IV **Keeley Mulryan** Bonita Korson Samuel Kirsh Genevieve Ogg



## **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.

#### **PREGNANCY DECISION HEALTH CENTERS**

Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) Golf for Life Outing takes place May 22, at the Lakes Golf and Country Club. Now registering golfers and sponsors. Questions? Contact Anne Marie Weakley at **annemariew@pdhc. org.** Register: **www.supportlifepdhc.org/golf** 

#### **BUS TOUR: COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

May 13, 2023, join a fun and educational tour of several churches in Columbus led by an expert from the Museum of Catholic Art and History. Learn about the churches' fascinating histories as vital places of Catholic worship, evangelization, and learning in our Diocese. Find out more at www.catholicmuseum.org

#### **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 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

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

Recently, I went through a period of spiritual dryness, and I questioned my ability to make faith the central tenet of my life. Although I had always loved reading Scripture, I felt I needed reassurance that God was truly present with me. So I did what many people do: I asked God for a sign that he was real. Nothing happened. The sky didn't open; doves and rays of light didn't magically appear announcing God's presence. Although I didn't receive what I envisioned as a "heavenly sign," I looked down at the Bible in my hands and realized that God's word, handed down through the millennia, had been my companion all this time and was indeed the "sign" I was looking for. Which is why Jesus' question to Philip in today's Gospel struck a chord with me: "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?" If Jesus asked me this same question, I want to be able to answer, "Yes, Lord, I know you through your sacred word, through partaking of the Eucharist and through the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit who is with me each and every day."

#### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does "knowing Jesus" mean for me in my everyday life? It means hearing his words and acting on them: "I am the way and the truth and the life ... If you know me, then you will also know my Father." In following Christ, we know that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in him. Jesus Christ is God! And as we heard in the second reading from Peter, we are not Christians on a lonely road; we are living stones that form a spiritual house. We are "called out of darkness into his wonderful light," as he describes it. Therefore, let us not be afraid to lean on our fellow Christians when we need support. And then, of course, we turn to Jesus, the cornerstone, the bedrock of our faith, and rejoice in his love for us.

**ACTION** Faith is rarely a straight path – sometimes there are sharp curves, steep hills, or roadblocks. If you feel lost or could use someone to talk to about faith, reach out to your parish and ask about contacting a spiritual director. *Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your grace.* 





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