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*"Thus, the last will
be first, and the
first will be last."*

-Mt 20:1-16a

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL
5:30 PM

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

DAILY MASS

MON & WED
6:30 AM & 5:30 PM

TUES, THURS, FRI
6:30 AM, 8 AM

SATURDAY 8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM
(during Adoration)

SATURDAY 9 AM

*To schedule an
appointment for
Confession with one of
the priests, please
call the parish office.*

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 AM-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

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*Find more
details in the
bulletin on
page 3.*



LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

MON	Feria II of the Twenty-fifth Week
TUES	Optional Memorial of Ss Cosmas & Damian
WED	Memorial of St Vincent de Paul
THUR	Optional Memorial of St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
FRI	Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
SAT	Memorial of St Jerome
SUN	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

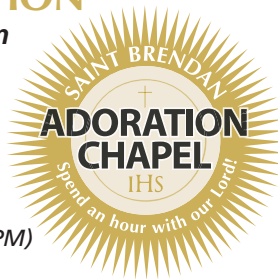
MASS INTENTIONS SEPT 25–OCT 1

MON	6:30 AM	Connie Toland
	5:30 PM	Linda Ridgeway
TUES	6:30 AM	Connie Toland
	8:00 AM	Bob Kienle
WED	6:30 AM	Connie Toland
	5:30 PM	Intention of Hung Chieh Marson
THUR	6:30 AM	Connie Toland
	8:00 AM	Courtney Lea Smith
FRI	6:30 AM	Connie Toland
	8:00 AM	James Matthews
SAT	8:00 AM	Intention of John Bennison
	5:30 PM	Bob Kienle
SUN	7:15 AM	Bob Kienle
	8:45 AM	For the Protection of the Unborn
	10:45 AM	Matilde Pardo
	5:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES	9 AM–10 PM
WED	7 AM–5 PM (Holy Hour 6–7 PM, Confessions available)
THUR	9 AM–10 PM
FRI	9 AM–10 PM (First Fridays of each month, Fri 9 AM–Sat 1 PM)
SAT	9 AM–1 PM



1ST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our next Perpetual Adoration is Friday, October 6 at 9 AM through Saturday, October 7 at 1 PM. Adorers are needed, so please sign up at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>



SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Fall Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM–9 PM

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM–12 PM & 1–4 PM (closed 12–1 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

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Jacob Stinnett at frstinnett@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 in or drop off 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 Jamie at 614.876.1272, ext 295 or jyoung@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 login to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

MESSAGE FROM FR BOB

Dear Parish Family,

It's amazing to think that so much of the year has already passed! As you read this, I am busy preparing for the parish pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and Barcelona. It feels like yesterday when we started planning this. This is the first pilgrimage I will have led so I am looking forward to it but am also a little nervous. Life is often like that for us, isn't it? We make plans and are diligent in our preparation but whenever we are faced with something new there is always a little hesitancy, a little bit of nerves as we move forward. I am sure that is how Our Lady felt at the Annunciation when Gabriel gave her the Good News that she was to be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. Our Lady trusted in the Lord then and God was faithful - as He always is.

We sometimes hear it said that the Church has a tough time today. To be honest, Christians have always had a tough time – or should have a tough time – in the culture(s) in which we live. The Church is called to be countercultural. That means we must take what is good and make it great, and we are certainly good at that. As Matthew Kelly reminds us in his book *Rediscovering Catholicism*, the Church is responsible for more hospitals, more care for the poor and the marginalized, is more present where people are oppressed and struggling than any other organization in the world. Sounds awesome right? But there is another side to the coin. Being countercultural also means that we must recognize what is bad and seek to change it. That might mean advocacy for the unborn and the elderly, for the single mom or the pregnant teen, for the migrant, and those who have no voice - being the change we hope to see in the world and proclaiming the Gospel of Life to everyone we meet. Most importantly, it is the recognition that true freedom isn't FREE. It costs God everything to give us salvation. As Matthew Kelly also says "Freedom is not the ability to do whatever you want. Freedom is the strength of character to do what is good, true, noble, and right."

In six days' time we will enter October which is *Respect Life Month*. We are also counting down to the November ballot and the attempts by some to enshrine abortion as a constitutional right in the State of Ohio. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing the reasons why we believe that life must be protected from conception until natural death. As part of that we will offer our view that this amendment is dangerous and wrong.

We will not fudge this issue because it is a moral imperative for every Christian (Catholic and non-Catholic) to protect human life from conception until natural death. This is not political advocacy but moral advocacy on an issue central to what we believe as Catholics. Jesus Christ did not magically appear in the world like the stories of Superman or the Greek Gods. He took on our human flesh from the moment of conception and His body formed itself in His mother's womb. Even in Mary's womb He reached out to prenatal John the Baptist, in His mother Elizabeth's womb, and John greeted his Savior and Lord. We are wonderfully and mysteriously made, and we must do all that we can to protect this cherished gift that God has given us.

As I will be on pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines I won't have as much opportunity to talk on this with you from the pulpit – that is why I am writing to you now. Please join me in not only praying for all those who are in their mothers' wombs but also in working to be the change that will help every human being, made in the image and likeness of God be valued, loved, and wanted in this great State of Ohio, our nation, and the world.

God bless,
Fr Bob



MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 10!

This November, Ohioans will vote on a proposed change to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine abortion into law. Our Catholic faith tells us that God places no condition on the value of human life from conception until natural death. Therefore, the Catholic Church cannot be silent when vulnerable women and preborn children are threatened by an amendment that:

- Puts women at risk by endangering medical and safety standards
- Allows painful, late-term abortions by not setting any clear limits on abortion
- Threatens parental rights by challenging notification requirements when minors seek abortions or other reproductive interventions

YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED TO SAVE OHIO FROM THIS EXTREME AMENDMENT!

Register to vote or update your information by October 10 at www.voteohio.gov

Jesus calls us to stand up for "the least of these" in our society, including preborn children and vulnerable women. Catholics must protect both women and children by voting No on Issue 1.





Betsy Eldridge



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Charles Ambrose Longgear
Ryan Thomas Brady, Jr
Olivia Kathryn Smith



MARRIAGE BANNS

September 30, 2023

Clay Rice and Emily Seitz

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLESSING OF ANIMALS Oct 8
TRUNK OR TREAT Oct 23
CRAFT SHOW Nov 4
(Find details in upcoming bulletins)

MONTHLY EVENTS

ANCHORED IN ADORATION
Second Wednesdays, 6 PM
FIRST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER
First Fridays, 7 PM
1ST FRIDAY 24-HOUR ADORATION
First Fridays, 9 AM through
Saturday at 1 PM

PARISHSTAQ URL'S

- Log in to your account:
stbrendan.ccbchurch.com
- Information and FAQ:
stbrendans.net/parishstaq
- Quick-Start Guide: tinyurl.com/parishstaq-quick-guide

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Seek & Root Family Faith Formation	Wellnitz Meeting Rms 1 & 2
6:45 PM	Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr
7:00 PM	Rescue Project PM Session	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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-7:00 PM	Adoration, Confessions Available	Church
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
7:00 PM	Young Adults: Men's Small Group	The Carter Center

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Women's Scripture Studies AM	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
7:00 PM	Women's Scripture Studies PM	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

NO SCHOOL

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
12:00 PM	Baptism Preparation Class	Wellnitz Meeting Rms 1 & 2
6:30 PM	VINE Night	School Gymnasium
6:45 PM	ASPEN Small Group	School Cafeteria
6:45 PM	Family Faith Formation Sunday Small Group	Multiple Locations
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts Akela Parent Meeting	School Teachers' Lounge



ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

If you would like us to pray for friends and family **who are hospitalized or ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones, email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net

You may also use our online Prayer Wall to request most other prayer intentions that are not included here in the bulletin by visiting www.stbrendans.net/prayer-wall

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Richard Blaha	Frank Kreber
Bill Brake	Jill Markey
Chris Carrino	Joe Martin
Eugene Chervenak	Nate Miller
Linda Clark	Kaden Morris
Patricia Crane	Becky Moyer
Tom Crane	Lorraine Nemchik
Ben Diepenbrock	Kathlyn Rosado
Connie Feliks	Michelle Spencer
Mary Jo Flickinger	Tom Speroni
Mary Frick	Pamela Theado
Lois Hanf	Mitzie Toth
Don Johnson	Marilyn Wiggins
Doris Kopac	

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Jackson Maassel
Aaron Grieshop	Alec Moyer
Sam Imwalle	Rick Shonkwiler
Christopher Keck	Rob Shonkwiler
Cody Longstreth	

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

THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

If you would like the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for a loved one who is no longer practicing our faith, please visit www.stbrendans.net/prayer-wall, make your request and they will pray weekly for them.

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OCTOBER 23—SAVE THE DATE!



ST BRENDAN MEN

SATURDAYS, 6:30 AM – THE CHOSEN

Study *The Chosen* series from a Catholic perspective. Saturdays, 6:30 AM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Breakfast (provided), video and a discussion. No RSVP. Sessions began September 16, but join in anytime!

TUESDAY MORNINGS – THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Review Dr Tim Gray's video presentations of St Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching followed by small group discussion and prayer. Study is now in progress, but join in anytime.

PIZZA, PIES, AND GUYS

Join Men's Faith Sharing, Knights of Columbus, and Men's Club on October 28. Tailgating begins at 6:30 PM and watch the OSU vs Wisconsin game in the Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND RECEPTION

Bring your family and join Men's Faith Sharing, the Knights of Columbus, and the Men's Club for a special Stations of the Cross at 7 PM in the Church with a reception to follow in the Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms Oct 20 & Nov 10.

Questions? Grant Rice: ricekris8813@att.net

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SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS THIS WEEKEND

Join in supporting the Diocesan Vocations Office and Josephinum to assist young men in the discernment and formation process to increase the number of Priests! Give to the Knights of Columbus *Support Our Seminarians* collection this weekend, Sept 23-24. Use the envelopes at the end of the pews, drop your donation in the baskets after Mass, scan the QR code, visit <https://ppay.co/JsUuO5LvvNw> or you can mail your donation to: Knights of Columbus SOS Collection, St Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard, OH 43026



Seniors NOW  **ANCHORED IN FAITH**
NAVIGATING OUR WAY

All seniors 65+ are invited to join us!

OCTOBER 6 AT 8 AM – 1st Friday Mass followed by Breakfast at Bob Evans, 5160 Tuttle Pkwy. No RSVP required.

OCTOBER 9, MONDAY AT 12 PM – Beer Barrel Pizza & Grille, 7482 SR 161, Plain City. RSVP Larry at Larryhanchin@yahoo.com or 614-264-6925

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP–SEPT 24

Looking for grief support from fellow parishioners? Our next Grief Support Workshop is this Sunday, September 24 at 7 PM in Wellnitz, Room 1. Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com



2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Run, girl, run! Do most days feel like a sprint or a leisurely walk? Join other women of faith to run the race St Paul describes in 2 Timothy, and what it means to endure through our struggles and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

"Run to the Father; Embracing Your Race" overnight retreat is

November 11-12, at The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein where you can re-energize, reflect, rest, and focus on your relationship with HIM to keep running toward the finish line. Cost is \$125 and includes a private room with bathroom, three meals, snacks and drinks. Early Bird Discount of \$5 if you register and pay by October 18. You may also add Friday night to your stay for an additional \$70 to enjoy the scenic grounds. Visit www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups to register and pay. Questions? Contact Chris Hauck at chrishauck0522@gmail.com

FIRST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER–OCT 6

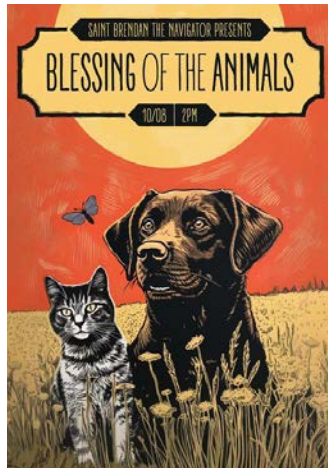
To help us to continue to focus on the Eucharistic, our deacons will lead First Friday Evening Prayer in the Adoration Chapel the first Friday of each month. Join us next Friday, October 6 at 7 PM. Come ready to pray!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of the animals at 2 PM Sunday, October 8. Please bring your animal friends in for a ceremony conducted by Deacon Jim Morris at the St Francis grotto located just south of Wellnitz Hall on St Brendan's outdoor campus.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER FOR PETS

Good St Francis, you loved all of God's creatures. To you they were your brothers and sisters. Help us to follow your example of treating every living thing with kindness. St Francis, Patron Saint of animals, watch over our pets and keep our companions safe and healthy. Amen.



THANK YOU, MEN'S CLUB

We're very grateful for our St Brendan Men's Club who generously donated their time and talent to install a louvered pergola in our entrance plaza. This addition to our outdoor space adds a place to better reflect, pray and admire one of the beautiful areas on our campus.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY COOKIE BAKING

KAIROS is a Christian prison ministry at St Brendan. Baking cookies for this ministry is a way for you to reach out to incarcerated men and women with Christ's love. Thank you for your generosity!

- Baggies with cookie baking instructions will be passed out/available in the Church Gathering Space after all Masses September 30 and October 1.
- Cookies will be collected at all Masses on October 7/8 and 14/15 or bring your cookies and leave them in the special KAIROS container in the Church Gathering Space until Tuesday, October 17.

For questions or home pick up, contact Tim Reno at tireno04@gmail.com

HELP US LIVESTREAM!

The St Brendan Livestream Ministry operates the web cameras for the 10:45 AM Mass each Sunday and select special liturgies (Easter, Christmas, Confirmation, First Communion) during the year to connect with those who are shut-in, ill and unable to attend Mass in person.

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY IS CURRENTLY SEEKING ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS

All training necessary on the livestream software and camera operation will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Pat Hamrock at pat.hamrock@att.net or 614-961-2117



COME & SEE – THE EUCHARIST

As we offer theological background and stories about the Eucharist as our source and summit, knowing more can lead to better understanding and the knowledge taking root. Sometimes, though, we need action to help us to go deeper. In fact, many people appreciate the meaning, but ask for practical advice on how to act. We learn to ride a bike by doing, not just reading about it. And the more we do, the more it becomes deeply rooted in our routines with the ability to change us over time.

This year, we have an opportunity to deepen our faith by adding or modifying an action related to the Eucharist. Your challenge is to choose just one to try this month, then perhaps try another next month. It's not like choosing a new diet each month – all of these choices are good for your soul!

- Stop in during Adoration hours on your way to or from work or school to spend a moment in the rest of Jesus' presence. Even 15 minutes can make a difference in your day.
- Choose a daily Mass to attend this month (or each week). We have offerings for the early risers to the just-got-off-work crowds.
- Read the Sunday readings before you come to Mass so you are moving to the next level of understanding when you hear them proclaimed.
- Before you receive the Eucharist, ask the Lord for something you need that day or week. Healing? Perseverance? Joy? Jesus will work in us no matter what, but He tells us to ask for what we need! (Luke 11:9-13)
- After you receive the Eucharist, close your eyes and continue the prayer, truly allowing the power of Jesus to move through you. Savor it – this is no ordinary moment of consumption!

Have a suggestion or story of the Eucharist in your life? We would love to share it here! Contact Jennifer Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



SACRAMENT PREPARATION

PARENT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 24 & 25

Sacrament registration for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation opens soon. Look for an email from either Family Faith Formation or St Brendan School about how to register. There will be a parent-only sacrament meeting Sunday Sept 24, 6:45 PM in the Church and Monday, Sept 25, 6:45 PM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Please come to one of the two meetings. All parents will receive their at-home family resource for sacrament preparation at this meeting. If you are unable to attend, email Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

We had a wonderful kickoff for Family Faith Formation! See the column to the right or check out our social media platforms for some photo highlights. We could still use a few more volunteers:

Middle School Mentors meet with a small group of middle school students 10 times per year. **Family Coaches** facilitate a table of faith formation parents 8 times per year. Scan the QR code to volunteer or visit www.stbrendans.net/family-formation-volunteers



OUR FALL SESSIONS HAVE BEGUN...

THE CONTINUED GROWTH, SEEK & ROOT PATHWAYS for family faith formation meet Sundays at 9:45 AM or 6:45 PM and Mondays, 6:30 PM. Details available at www.stbrendans.net/familyfaithformation

THE ROOTS for middle-schoolers meets 6:45-8:30 PM in the Gym every 2nd Sunday of the month. Keep updated on Instagram at [@stb_theroots](https://www.instagram.com/stb_theroots), contact Avery Colman at acolman@stbrendans.net or visit www.stbrendans.net/the-roots

THE VINE high school group meets every Sunday at 6:30 PM in the Gym (or Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms on 2nd Sundays.) Follow their group on Instagram at [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine), contact Kara Day at kday@stbrendans.net or visit www.stbrendans.net/the-vine

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (for children ages 4-9) has begun during 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses in the Adoration Chapel.

POD NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are still in search of a new coordinator for our POD Nursery to keep up with scheduling volunteers who watch over and care for parishioners' children during 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses on Sunday as well as during Family Faith Formation programs. If interested, please contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

ROOTS/VINE KICKOFF HIGHLIGHTS...



HAPPENING AROUND OUR DIOCESE...

ODU FALL LECTURE SERIES EVENT – SEPT 28

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies will host the second of four lectures focusing on the university's theme for the 2023-24 academic year: *Truths we have learned*. ODU Associate Professor of Education, Dr Marlissa Stauffer, presents "Considering How Changing Ideas on Truth Impacts Students" at 3:30 PM on Thursday, Sept 28. The free event is open to the public and will take place in Sansbury Hall in the Colonial Room located on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road in Columbus.

MOMMIES MATTER FALL FUNDRAISER

Join us for entertainment, fun, food, beverages, a silent auction, and live entertainment from 2-Time World Magic Award-Winning Escape Artist Michael Griffin! The event will take place Thursday, October 5 at 5:30 PM at Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center in Powell. Get ready to enjoy an evening of moving testimonies from Mommies in our program, and the opportunity to participate in our online silent auction. Purchase tickets today at www.tiny.cc/fallfundraiser23

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER MASS FOR LIFE

Do YOU want to do something locally to make an impact for the moms and babies of our community? Come join His Excellency, Earl K. Fernandes and Women's Care Center in celebrating a Mass for Life in honor of families and the protection of life ahead of our upcoming elections. Please join us after Mass for Exposition, a Rosary, and Benediction followed by pizza-to-go! The Mass will be held at St Catharine Parish, 500 S Gould Road, Columbus, OH 43209.



September 24, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

Written by
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Today's readings should bring us great joy. They are a reminder that our Lord may have high standards, but he is also "generous in forgiving" and "near to all who call upon him." In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Some work all day while others arrive at the last hour. However, all are paid the same. Similarly, we can all receive God's heavenly reward – whether we are faithful Catholics since birth or converts in our final hour. This parable may evoke mixed feelings for those who see themselves as the laborers who have toiled all day and wonder why their reward is not greater. But rather than making us jealous, this parable should make us rejoice: How wonderful that everyone has the opportunity for everlasting life with the Lord! And what great comfort to know that if we falter and lose our way, it is never too late to return to God.

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Sometimes, knowing that we are the recipients of God's bountiful mercy, we can be tempted to lead a life focused mostly on worldly pleasures. To paraphrase St. Augustine: Make me holy Lord ... just not yet! Of course we know this isn't the right attitude or approach to life, but it's certainly tempting. Let's return to the message of the Gospel for a moment. Yes, the Lord is generous in giving all the workers the same wage. But perhaps equally as important is that we are called to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, and what an honor and privilege that is! Serving in the Lord's kingdom here on earth is not drudgery; it is life-giving and fills us with God's love and grace. Let us recall the words of St. Paul in today's Letter to the Philippians. Although he longs to "depart this life and be with Christ," he knows that staying here on earth means "fruitful labor for me." Let us also strive to keep our eyes on the Lord and labor in his field for as long as we are able.

PRAY The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that the Lord works in ways we can't understand: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Let us ask God this week for the fortitude to reorient our thoughts and ways to his will, not ours, so as to "conduct [ourselves] in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

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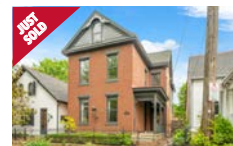
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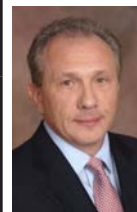


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