"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." ~Mt 22:34-40

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HOLY MASS

SAT 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, THUR, FRI** 6:30 AM, 8 AM SAT 8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WED 6-7 PM (during Adoration) SAT 9 AM

by calling the parish office.



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LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- **MON** Feria II of the Thirtieth Week
- **TUES** Feria III of the Thirtieth Week
- WED Solemnity of All Saints
- THUR All Souls' Day
- FRI Optional Memorial of St. Martin de Porres
- SAT Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo
- SUN Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS OCT 30–NOV 5

MON	6:30 AM	Queen Elizabeth II
	5:30 PM	Hilda Huedepohl & Marie Davidson
TUES	6:30 AM	Jalbuena Family
	8:00 AM	Fernando Polito Guzman
	5:30 PM	Peggy Bechie
WED	7:00 AM	Stanko & McLaughlin Families
	7:00 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
THUR	6:30 AM	For All the Faithful Departed
	8:00 AM	Deceased Priests of the Parish
	6:00 PM	For All the Faithful Departed
FRI	6:30 AM	Catherine Weisenberger
	8:00 AM	Lucille Baggs
SAT	8:00 AM	Michael Boesch
	5:30 PM	Anne L. Rielly
SUN	7:15 AM	Regina Tharp
	8:45 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	10:45 AM	Norbert & Collette Lawse
	5:30 PM	Protection of the Unborn

EUCHARISTIC 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

FIRST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our next Perpetual Adoration is Friday, Nov 3, 9 AM through Saturday, Nov 4, 1 PM. Join in prayer to protect children and parental rights. 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**

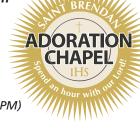
Protecting God's Children Class Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

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

Navigator News

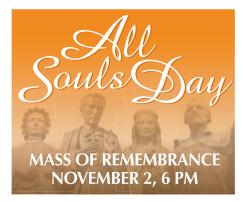
Visit **stbrendan.ccbchurch.com** and create your ParishStaq login to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit **tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids**



A MESSAGE FROM FR STINNETT

The dual feast days of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, coming up this week on Wednesday and Thursday respectively, are a reminder to us of everyone who makes up the Church. All three "states" of the Church are present to us in the liturgy on these days, and our relationship to them is particularly pronounced. The Church can be separated into three different "states," based on the location of each person's baptized soul. The Church here on earth, the one you and I are a part of right now, is called the Church Militant. We are the ones who are fighting the good fight here on earth, choosing for God, growing in love, and moving away from sin and the temptations of the Devil. The Church Penitent, sometimes called the Church Suffering, are the souls in Purgatory, those undergoing their final cleansing from sin and its effects, to prepare them for the perfection of Heaven. It is for the poor souls in Purgatory that we pray for especially on All Souls' Day and throughout the month of November. Finally, the Church Triumphant are all those saints who have reached the perfection of Heaven, have triumphed with and through Jesus over sin and death, and who are at home in the Lord, in perfect communion with the Most Blessed Trinity.

Lumen Gentium, the Constitution on the Church from Vatican II, reminds us that all three states of the Church make up the Body of Christ. Concluding with a quote from 2 Maccabees, the Constitution says, "Fully conscious of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the pilgrim Church from the very first ages of the Christian religion has cultivated with great piety the memory of the dead, and 'because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins," (LG 50). Our prayers on behalf of the Church Suffering aid them in their purification and perfection. Our charity, which we express through our prayers, comes to them and increases their desire for God. St Paul's description of the Church as the Body of Christ is proven true in our own practice of praying for the dead and rejoicing in the victory of the saints. He begins his explanation by saying: "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ" (1 Cor 12:12). The Church, in her three states, is the One Body, and we here on earth, the Church Suffering in Purgatory, and the Church Triumphant in Heaven are the many parts, united under Christ our Head. Paul concludes with these words, words that can be our inspiration to pray for the poor souls this month in particular, taking upon ourselves the sufferings of the purification needed to enter Heaven: "If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor 12:26).



ALL SAINTS' MASS – Nov 1, 7 AM & 7 PM (Vigil Mass: Oct 31, 5:30 PM)

ALL SOULS' MASS – Come celebrate the Feast of All Souls (Mass of Remembrance) November 2, 6 PM. This liturgy is for you who have experienced a loss in the past year, for you who want to pray for the departed souls precious to you, but also for all of us, as members of this great family, to pray for the dead.

During the month of November, the names of our deceased parishioners and those who have had funerals at St Brendan in the last year are inscribed on banners that hang behind the altar. Blank banners will be in the gathering space for you to write the names of your own deceased loved ones. Let us remember all the souls of the faithful departed in prayer.

BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR THE REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST (PART 4)

COME & SEE

THE EUCHARIST

A fourth way to defend the Catholic understanding of the Eucharist is to appeal to St Paul's teaching on the Eucharist in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord."

One incurs the "guilt of blood" only if the victim is present in person. As in, someone shooting at a real live human being versus a picture of someone. If someone fires a gun at a picture of a person, that someone is not guilty of the person's blood. But, if someone shoots a real human being, then that person is guilty of the other person's blood.

Paul says that we are guilty of Jesus' blood if we unworthily partake of the Eucharist. Therefore, Paul must view the Eucharist to be Jesus present in person and not a mere symbol of Jesus.

From Catholic Answers Magazine. A to Z of Apologetics. EUCHARIST – The body and blood of Jesus under the species of bread and wine. Karlo Broussard 1/5/2019

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

The St Brendan conference of SVDP has been helping the less fortunate in Hilliard for decades. Your generous contributions help share financial and spiritual support with local families in distress. Please consider leaving a donation in the 5th Sunday collection this weekend, Oct 28/29,

use the QR code to give online OR mail your contribution (to the attention of St Vincent De Paul) to the church office: 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, Ohio 43026





CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Kyle Francis Good Quinn An Good Catherine Morgan Ramirez



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR Anne L. Rielly

LECTOR TRAINING NOV 12 & 13

Would you like to proclaim the Old and New Testament readings at Mass? Attend our Lector training sessions on either Sunday, November 12 or Monday, November 13 at 7-8 PM in the Church. Lectors also read the General Intercessions if a deacon is not present and at the 7:15 AM Sunday Mass, they proclaim the Responsorial Psalm after the Old Testament reading. Questions? Contact Deacon Jim at **deaconmorris@stbrendans.net**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
9:00 AM	Catholic Way Bible Study	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Confirmation Family Session	School Gym (MPR)
6:00 PM	First Reconciliation and	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
0.001101	Eucharist Family Session	
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31		
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
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass, Solemnity of All Saints	Church
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS' DAY	
7:00 AM	Mass, Solemnity of All Saints' Day	Church
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:45 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup	Wellnitz, Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration, Confessions Available	
7:00 PM	Mass, Solemnity of All Saints' Day	Church
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2	FEAST OF ALL SOULS' DAY	
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
10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making	Wellnitz, Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
	for the Homeless	
6:00 PM	All Souls' Mass of Remembrance	
7:00 PM	Women's Scripture Studies PM	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	Church & Sunny St Café, Dublin
9:00 AM-12:00 AM	Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	First Friday Evening Prayer	Adoration Chapel
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club	The Carter Center
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4		
Midnight (11/3) – 1:00 PM	Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
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	K of C Craft Show	School Gym (MPR) / Cafeteria
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Meeting	The Carter Center
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5		
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	•••	Adoration Chapel
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	•	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	Baptismal Preparation Class	Wellnitz, Mtg Rms 1 & 2
6:30 PM	VINE Night	Outdoor Wellnitz Parking Lot
6:45 pm	Family Faith Formation Sm Grps	Multiple Locations
6:45 PM	ASPEN	Cafeteria
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts Akela Parent Mtg	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr



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...

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Betsy M Borchers
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Ben Diepenbrock
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Aaron Grieshop			
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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.

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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TRUNK-OR-TREAT RECAP

St Brendan's annual Trunk-or-Treat could not have been any more perfect! The campus was blessed with beautiful weather and a sprawling sea of smiling faces. We can hardly begin to express our gratitude to the amazing volunteers, the creative trunk hosts, and the diligent staff who combined to provide an incredible event for our parish community. We're especially thankful for our generous prize sponsors:

> Texas Roadhouse (Niklaus Family) McDonalds (Holowicki Family) Hydrate Me Spa

Vote NO

CALL TO ACTION: WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE ABORTION AMENDMENT

Join us this Sunday, October 29, 7-8:30 PM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms for an important conversation with the Greater Columbus Right to Life President, Beth Vanderkooi, who will discuss the proposed abortion amendment on the ballot.



DEFEAT ISSUE 1 PRAYER VIGIL – NOV 1

Join the Respect Life Ministry for a prayer vigil taking place at the Franklin County Board of Elections at 1700 Morse Road in Columbus on November 1, 8 AM–12 PM. For details or to arrange transportation, contact Tim Reno at **tireno04@gmail.com** / 614-312-7388 or Chuck Heinlen at **chuck436@att.net** / 224-612-1557. You may come anytime and pray for the defeat of Issue 1, but to let us know we have all time slots covered, please sign up at **https://tinyurl.com/signup-2-pray**

HELP DEFEAT ISSUE 1

SPECIAL PRAYER/ADORATION – NOV 3, 4, 7 FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER FOCUS: CHILDREN & PARENTAL RIGHTS

Join us next week as we pray to protect children and parental rights (*No on Issue 1*) during First Friday Prayer, November 3, 7 PM and First Friday Perpetual Adoration, Friday, November 3, 9 AM through Saturday, November 4, 1 PM in the Adoration Chapel. Please also pray this intention on Election Day, November 7 in the Adoration Chapel, 9 AM–9 PM. Sign up to adore at https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com

VOTE NO ON ISSUES 1 & 2 – NOV 7

ISSUE 1 – The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety, Issue 1, would enshrine the "right" to abortion in the Ohio Constitution, endangering the health and safety of women, threatening parental rights, and allowing for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Learn more at: **www.ohiocathconf.org/protect** VOTE NO on Issue 1 to protect women, families and children.

ISSUE 2 – To Commercialize, Regulate, Legalize, and Tax the Adult Use of Cannabis, Issue 2, would legalize recreational marijuana in Ohio while threatening public health and endangering children and communities. Learn more at: **www.protectohiofamilies.com** VOTE NO on Issue 2 to protect workers, children and our communities.

Make sure to mail your absentee ballot to your local board of elections by November 6. Or, go to your board of elections to vote early in-person up until November 5.

NEED A RIDE TO GO VOTE?

The St Brendan Knights of Columbus are available to drive voters for early voting. To schedule, contact Chuck at 224-612-1557 or **chuck436@att.net**

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE STARTS NOV 4

St Brendan's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive begins the weekend of November 4/5 and runs through November 18/19. The familiar trailer will be located outside the church for your donations after Masses. Any regular Thanksgiving "Fixin's" or items listed on the Green Bin are greatly desired. Some of the highest need items are: **Canned Fruit (all varieties), Canned Corn, Canned Meats, and Chunky Soups**. All items donated will be delivered to the Hilliard Food Pantry for distribution to families in need. To learn more about St Vincent de Paul, please contact Heather Carrier at **heathercsvdp@gmail.com**



Get all your Christmas shopping done early! For more information: stbcraftshow@gmail.com / www.stbrendans.net/craft-show

WOMEN'S RETREAT – STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

The overnight retreat at The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein is Nov 11-12. Cost is \$125 and includes a private room with bathroom, three meals, snacks and drinks. Add Friday night to your stay for an additional \$70. Visit **www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups** to register and pay. Questions? Contact Chris at **chrishauck0522@gmail.com**

MEN'S MINISTRY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join Men's Faith Sharing, Knights of Columbus, and Men's Club at a special Stations of the Cross. Bring your family with you on Friday, November 10 at 7 PM. Spend time in prayer followed by social time!

SPORTS REGISTRATION IS CLOSING SOON!

This is the last weekend to register for 2024 St Brendan Winter Sports (Basketball or Cheer) so register now at **www.stbrendans.net/athletics**

BLOOD DRIVE – NOV 17

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, Nov 17, 1-7 PM in Davidson Road Meeting Room B. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment. Questions? Email Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov



NOVEMBER 3, FRIDAY, 8 AM – 1st Friday Mass followed by Breakfast at Sunny Street Cafe, 7042 Hospital Drive, Dublin. No RSVP required.

NOVEMBER 13, MONDAY, 12 PM – Lunch at Der Dutchman in Plain City. RSVP to Larry at Larryhanchin@yahoo.com or 614-264-6925

DECEMBER 14, THURSDAY, 8:30 AM – This "Funbus" trip to La Comedia Dinner Theatre, Springboro, Ohio includes a buffet luncheon and the musical "Miracle on 34th Street." Tickets are \$58 for Seniors NOW members and are also open to friends and parishioners. 54 tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. All money must be in by Monday, Nov 6. For reservations, contact Larry at 614-264-6925 or Larryhanchin@yahoo.com. Checks or cash only sent to Larry Hanchin at 6948 Post Reserve Blvd, Dublin, OH 43016 (Make checks out to St Brendan Seniors NOW)

Knights of Columbus Council 11208 invites you to a VETERANS RECEPTION NOVEMBER 11, 6:30-9 PM

VETERANS RECEPTION MAKE SURE TO RSVP BY NOVEMBER 4!

The St Brendan Knights of Columbus Council 11208 invites all military veterans to a reception held in their honor on Saturday, November 11, 6:30-9 PM in the St Brendan School Cafeteria. Food and drinks will be provided by the Knights. RSVP by November 4 to Fred Kerner at 614-947-7733 or **joc93@yahoo.com**

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



SACRAMENT PREPARATION

This Monday, October 30, 6 PM-7:30 PM is the first at-church family session for all faith formation families preparing to celebrate a sacrament. Confirmation families will meet in the School Gym and Reconcilation families will meet in the Davidson Meeting Rooms. This session is for children in grades K-8 and parents. We look forward to seeing you there! If you missed the parent meeting and have not yet picked up a sacrament preparation box, contact Jacob at **jdoran@stbrendans.net**

FALL FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

- The Roots for middle-schoolers meets 6:45-8:30 PM in the Gym every 2nd Sunday of the month. See "Support The Roots" info to the right
- *Aspen* is The Roots' small group ministry for 7th and 8th graders who journey through games, meals, sharing, and prayer together.
- Middle School *Small Groups*, grades 6-8 meet in small groups 10 times throughout the year on Sunday or Monday nights, 6:45-8 PM.

THE VINE is our high school youth group that meets every Sunday at 6:30 PM. Follow **@stbvine** on Instagram or email **kday@stbrendans.net**

2024 CATHOLIC SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

St Brendan is offering a \$100 campership for the first 100 parishioners to register for CSYC's 2024 summer camp at Damascus. Sessions are available for Middle School (entering grades 6-8) and High School (entering grades 9-12). Registration began on Wednesday, October 25. Use discount code **BRENHILL24** at https://tinyurl.com/register-CYSC



2024 PRESCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is available for children aged 3-5 next fall and seeking a safe, fun, and nurturing preschool education. As the official feeder school of St Brendan, the St Margaret of Cortona Preschool will be adding full-day programs and St Brendan shuttle services beginning in 2024. As space will be limited, St Brendan families can pre-register (now until December 1) to reserve a spot for their child by visiting https://form.jotform.com/232775708817064

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ST CHARLES OPEN HOUSE

Attention: prospective St Charles Cardinals and families - our Open House is Sunday, November 5, 1 PM. Presentation by Principal Jim Lower, tours of campus and speak to members of our many teams, clubs, and organizations. Refreshments served. Register at **stcharlesprep.org/admissions**

BISHOP WATTERSON OPEN HOUSE

Save the date for Bishop Watterson's Open House! Sunday, November 19 from 1-3 PM, 99 East Cooke Road, Columbus. Register now to attend an information session with our principal, Deacon Chris Campbell. For details visit **bishopwatterson.com**

MELCHIZEDEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

This vocation discernment group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at St Michael the Archangel Church, 5750 N High St in Worthington. Dinner and discussion at 6 PM in the Upper Meeting Room. Questions? Contact Fr Bill at whahn@columbuscatholic.org

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- One Sunday night with the core team to build fellowship
- Minister to middle schoolers
- Dinner provided both nights!

For more information visit stbrendans.net/the-roots or email acolman@stbrendans.net



A PILGRIMAGE TRAVELER'S STORY BY LORI CROCK



I had the blessing of going on a pilgrimage recently to Fatima, Portugal, Lourdes, France and Bugos, Barcelona and Monserrat, Spain. As I was praying about what to write about, the Holy Spirit gave me the word "childlike" as my theme. I wasn't sure what that meant, but as I prayed and started writing, it become clear.

First though, a pilgrimage refers to a journey and this can be done alone or with others. I was with a group of 40 women and men from the parish and we were blessed to be led by two priests. The experience of a pilgrimage with others of various ages and backgrounds is truly one of the gifts of the pilgrimage.

Back to childlikeness... I really felt like the Lord wanted me to just be open and receive like a little child as we visited the holy places – especially the places where Our Lady appeared to children. My desire was to be open to whatever was presented before me – to explore, discover, reflect, share and to give thanks with openness and childlike joy.

In Fatima, it was a visit to the humble homes of the three children of Fatima whom Our Lady appeared to and we saw the fields where they kept their sheep. As I prayed, I tried to imagine what it must be like for the children when Our Lady visited them. They were surprised, but not afraid. They were truthful in sharing with the authorities as their stories never changed. I was struck that Lucia and Jacinta could both hear and see Our Lady, but the youngest, Francisco, could only see her. He had to keep asking his sister and cousin, "What did the Lady say?" How hard that must have been! Our Father knows us so much better than we know ourselves - perhaps Francisco would have been frightened hearing her voice. Our Lady revealed herself as the "Immaculate Conception" and they did not know what that meant. Her name and her message were for the adults of that time and for us. Thanks be to God that the children brought us her message of love, repentance and faithfulness to prayer, especially the Rosary.

Six men from our group (Jim Cogan, Michael Hermosillo, Donald Linehan, Martin Mitchell, John Todd and Michael Vedra) had the privilege of carrying the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the candlelight Rosary procession one evening. I felt like a child running alongside them, praying and appreciating the beautiful presentation of Our Lady and the joy of the pilgrims. It was an extremely emotional event for the men, and for many of us pilgrims, as we united our hearts as one with Our Lady of Fatima.

In Lourdes, again, was a feeling of childlikeness. That was so easy as we moved between three basilicas to pray, to celebrate Mass daily in private chapels with our pastor and to give thanks. It was powerful to pray the Rosary in different languages with people from around the world, to pray at the Grotto where Our Lady spoke to St Bernadette, to wash in the miraculous waters, to touch the Grotto rocks, and to see the spring still bubbling up from the ground where St Bernadette scratched at the earth and washed in the muddy waters in response Our Lady's promptings.

I was so emotional as I entered the baths to formally lift my intentions to Our Lady and to wash in the miraculous waters. I had brought so many intentions with me and I was at peace that Our Lady lovingly carried each one to her Son. The nightly candlelit Rosary processions were a magnificent display of faith by pilgrims from around the world. I felt so free going before the Father giving thanks, praising and worshipping alongside others who love Jesus through Mary. The daily afternoon procession of the sick, in which hundreds of people in wheelchairs moved around the square with the assistance of so many volunteers, touched our hearts and it reminded me of the childlike qualities of humility, hope and trust that led them to make the difficult journey to Lourdes.

Finally, we made a visit to the Black Madonna in Monserrat, Spain. This was a special gift. I'd heard of the Black Madonna, but didn't know the story. The statue of Our Lady was discovered in a cave and placed in a small church. Many miracles have been attributed to praying before the statue that was found in the mountains. The Benedictine Monks build the sanctuary around the statue of Our Lady. The mountainous area of Monserrat, near Barcelona, Spain, is an amazing display of rock formations and beautiful valleys where clouds shift in and out throughout the day. As we entered into the serene mountain sanctuary, I was excited to explore. The moment before the statue of Our Lady brought tears of joy and peace as I gazed upon her beautiful black and gold countenance with wonder and awe.

When a pilgrimage ends, it is bittersweet. It's wonderful to be back home. Now there is time for reflection, sharing stories with others and pondering the spiritual messages that we received. Whether your pilgrimage is abroad, or you go to your local parish church for a Holy Hour, I pray that you are blessed with a childlike spirit of wonder and awe at the glorious gift of our faith and the endless riches of our Church and communion with the saints and our brothers and sisters in Christ.







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