





#### **LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS NOV 27-DEC 3**

MON Feria II of the 34th WeekTUES Feria III of the 34th WeekWED Feria IV of the 34th Week

THUR Feast of St. Andrew

FRI Feria VI of the 34th Week

SAT First Saturday in Honor of Our Lady

**SUN** First Sunday of Advent

#### MASS INTENTIONS NOV 27-DEC 3

MON 6:30 AM Martha, from the Eritrean Community

5:30 PM James Nealon Jr

TUES 6:30 AM Steve Ireland

8:00 AM Courtney Lea Smith

WED 6:30 AM Donald Eckstein

5:30 PM Fern & Edward Coldren

THUR 6:30 AM Sister Regina Coldren

8:00 AM Robert & Catherine Eckstein

FRI 6:30 AM St Brendan Families

8:00 AM Steve Ireland

SAT 8:00 AM Robert & Catherine Eckstein

5:30 PM Emily Gasiorek

**SUN** 7:15 AM For the People of St Brendan Parish

8:45 AM For the Eugenio Family

10:45 AM For the Protection of the Unborn

5:30 PM Charles Destefani

#### **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

SAT 9 AM-1 PM



#### FIRST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our next Perpetual Adoration is Friday, December 1, 9 AM through Saturday, December 2, 8 AM (ends early this coming month due to First Reconciliation). Adorers are still needed, so please sign up at https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com

#### FIRST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

Our deacons lead First Friday Evening Prayer in the Adoration Chapel the first Friday of each month. The next one is Friday, December 1 at 7 PM. Please join us and come ready to pray!

# 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

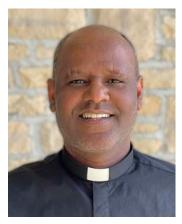
#### **POD Nursery**

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 WELDIT



In today's humanistic culture, society is losing sight of life's grand purpose, the mission established by God and given to us by His Son, Jesus Christ. Far too many are living in the "now," trapped by the worldly pitfalls that surround them. In their pursuit of wealth, business success, entertainment, and immodest relationships, they've strayed further from authentic fulfillment. While some may consistently succeed in attaining their earthly goals, many testify experiencing a lingering emptiness. Our culture needs to assess whether their personal motivations

have placed them on a path to true purpose and satisfaction.

The real meaning of life, both now and in eternity, is found in the restoration of our relationship with God. This restoration is only possible through God's Son, Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to God (Romans 5:10). Jesus gives Himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because He loves us. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through His humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). Salvation and eternal life are gifts from God when we trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. Christ makes us new creations, and we begin the journey of growing closer to Him and learning to rely on Him through His Body and Blood. God wants us to know the meaning of life. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). A "full" life is one that is meaningful and devoid of aimless wandering.

Just as love gives birth to life, the Eucharist gives birth to life-giving love. We may remember what Jesus said when He spoke about life. "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10). He is not talking about the short physical life in this world, but about the divine and eternal life in union with Him. He tells us that He is the true life and the Way, saying, "I am the way and the life" (John 14:16). Jesus Christ says that the food this life needs is the Eucharist. "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. I am the bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in your souls." Just as there is a parallel between food and being fed, so there is a parallel between the Eucharist that feeds us. Just as food combines with our body to give us temporary life, so when we are nourished by the Holy Communion, we find peace, rest, and joy and we get eternal life. Living a Eucharistic Life is about being transformed by the presence of Christ to become His very life for the world.

Likewise, in the Second Vatican Council on the Church Proclamation, Lumen Gentium: the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, No. 26 speaks of our participation in the Eucharist, "when we partake of the Eucharist table, we are the recipients who are transformed into it."

The Eucharist is the gift of our life received through the life of Christ on the cross. Through our full participation in the Eucharist in our daily lives, we become blessed and for the blessing of others, the life of Jesus is revealed in us; we become thankful, our days are blessed, and the grace of God flows around us.



## HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION TO THE FULLEST

#### **Spiritual Meaning:**

"Active participation" in the Mass finds its pinnacle in the worthy reception of the Eucharist. It is the best way to participate in Jesus' saving work. Receiving the Eucharist to its fullest requires a desire to be transformed by what we eat and drink – Jesus – so that He can live in us. Humility and docility are needed.

#### **Participation:**

Hear Jesus' words to St Augustine: "You shall not change me, like the food of your flesh, into yourself, but you shall be changed into me." Imitate the faithful, humble centurion when we say, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Pray St Ignatius' prayer of surrender and union with God upon returning to the pew:

Receive, Lord, my entire freedom.
Accept the whole of my memory,
my intellect and my will. Whatever
I have or possess, it was You who
gave it to me; I restore it to You in
full, and I surrender it completely to
the guidance of Your will. Give me
only love of You together with Your
grace, and I am rich enough and ask
for nothing more. Amen

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MILLIONTH COAT DONATED THROUGH "COATS FOR KIDS" PROGRAM!

Our St Brendan Knights of Columbus Council has been donating to the *Coats for Kids* program for over 10 years. Each year, with your help, our council donates 12 dozen coats to needy children in and around Central Ohio. We can be proud that we played a significant part in reaching one million coats donated by councils across the country. You can help donate more coats this year by making a contribution to the Christmas Giving Tree. (See pg 7 for details)



#### CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Henry Jeffrey Perkins Calvin Michael Perkins Henry Thomas Ryan



#### MARRIAGE BANNS

December 1, 2023

Keenan Griffin & Chidiebere Aninweze

#### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

#### **ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, DEC 3**

#### **CHRISTINGLE EVENT**

**DEC 3. 2-3:30 PM** – Workshop & Service in the Davidson Road **Meeting Rooms & Church** 

#### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

DEC 7, 5:30 PM - Vigil Mass **DEC 8, 7 AM & 7 PM – Mass** 

#### **ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

DEC 7, 6:30 PM - Women's Event

#### **PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

**DEC 11, 7-9 PM** – Church

## **ANCHORED IN ADORATION**

DEC 13, 6 PM - Church

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DEC 23, 5:30 PM Sat Vigil DEC 24, 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass

No Sunday 7:15 AM Mass. Church closes after the 10:45 AM Mass and reopens at 2 PM to prepare for Christmas Eve Masses.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, DEC 24**

- 4 PM Church & School Gym
- 6:30 PM Church & School Gym
- 10 PM Church

No 5:30 PM Sunday Mass

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS, DEC 25**

- 8:45 AM Church (livestreamed)
- 10:45 AM Church (livestreamed) No 6:30 AM or 5:30 PM Masses. Parish office is closed Dec 25 & 26. No Adoration Tues, Dec 26.

<b>COMMUNITY CALENDAR</b>					
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27					
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel			
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church			
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church			
6:00 PM	Confirmation Family Session	Multipurpose Room			
6:00 PM	First Reconciliation & Eucharist Family Session	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B			
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28					
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	Davidson Rd Mtg Room A			
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29					
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			
6:30 PM	VINE Formation	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr			
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Mtg Room A			
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30					
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel			
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church			
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel			
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1					
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel			
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church			
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	,			
9:00 AM-12:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel			
5:30 PM-7:30 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club Christmas Party	OFF-SITE			
7:00 PM	First Friday Evening Prayer	Adoration Chapel			
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 9 AM CONFESSIONS CANCELLED				
Midnight (12/1)-8:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel			
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Wellnitz Mtg Rooms 1& 2			
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church			
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church			
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Meeting	The Carter Center			
10:00 AM	First Reconciliation	Church			
2.00 DM	NA A C.T. Claudatura a a Daurtu .	OFF CITE: Harristanda Danasana			

2:00 PM M.A.S.T. Christmas Party OFF-SITE: Hayden's Reserve Community Clubhouse

10:45 AM

& Church

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Church

#### **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE DONATIONS DUE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM 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 12:00 PM **Baptisms** 12:00 PM **Baptismal Preparation Class** Wellnitz Mtg Rooms 1& 2 2:00 PM Parish Event: Christingle Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B

Workshop & Service 6:30 PM **VINE Night** Multipurpose Room Family Faith Formation Sm Grps Multiple Locations 6:45 PM

Cafeteria 6:45 PM **ASPEN Small Group** 

7:00 PM **Cub Scouts Akela Meeting** 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...

#### THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

**Heather Avers** Kim Jadwin Richard Blaha **Doris Kopac** Bill Brake Frank Kreber Betsy M Borchers Jill Markey Chris Carrino Joe Martin Luna Reilly McDonald Linda Clark Patricia Crane Kaden Morris Tom Crane **Becky Moyer** Lorraine Nemchik Dick Crumley Ben Diepenbrock Michelle Spencer Connie Feliks Tom Speroni Mary Jo Flickinger Pamela Theado Mary Frick Mitzie Toth Lois Hanf Marilyn Wiggins

#### **ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

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

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All seniors 65+ are invited to join us!

#### **DECEMBER 1, 8 AM**

First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at First Watch, 3800 Fishinger Rd. No RSVP needed.

#### **DECEMBER 11, MONDAY, 12 PM**

Christmas Potluck – In the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Entrée and drinks are provided. Last name that begin with A–D, bring dessert and E–Z, bring a side dish. RSVP by Dec 7 to Larry at Larryhanchin@yahoo.com or 614-264-6925

#### M.A.S.T. CHRISTMAS PARTY!

If you're a mature single (45 years and up) and want to find others on a similar road, we invite you to join the MAST group for their annual Christmas party and find out more about our social/service group. MAST stands for Mature Active Singles Together and has been a ministry at St Brendan since 2008. Our Christmas party this year will be at Hayden's Reserve Community Clubhouse from 2-4 PM on December 2. RSVP to Chris at chrishauck0522@gmail.com to let us know if you are attending and for the specific location/address of the event.

### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Looking for grief support from other parishioners? Our next Grief Support Workshop is this Sunday, November 26, 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall, Room 1. Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

#### **ADOPT-A-SENIOR**

Each month, our home and facility-bound seniors receive the *Word Among Us* which contains the daily readings, reflections and guide to Mass. Your \$20 gift will provide a year of booklets, plus Advent and Lent supplements. Give online at https://tinyurl.com/Adopt-Senior or scan the QR code. You may also drop a check off at the parish office or in the collection basket with AAS (Adopt a Senior) written on it. A card will be signed with your name on it. The books and cards will go into 250 care packages. Items needed for Care Packages:

- · Large print word search books (no others)
- Lip Balm or Lotions (small sizes)
- Individually packaged snacks, cookies, crackers
  Place items in the marked boxes in the church
  gathering area by Nov 27 so our

school children can assemble the care packages as their service project.
Thank you! Questions? Contact
Jamie at jyoung@stbrendans.net



#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2023 PARISH REPORT

Vincentian Spirituality is the seeking to bear witness to the love of Christ through prayer, meditation on the Scriptures, the teaching of the Church, through our daily lives, and in our relationship with those in need.

There are currently 41 full members and 24 associate members of St Brendan's St Vincent de Paul Society. From Oct 1, 2022-Sept 30, 2023, members responded to 179 calls for assistance. Parishioners' monetary and "in kind" donations enabled St Vincent de Paul Society to continue works of mercy and helped alleviate suffering for the needy in our community and in the neediest parts of the diocese.

#### **WORKS OF MERCY**

Total Dollars Spent: \$62,725.01 Total Volunteer Hours: 1,404

#### FEED THE HUNGRY/GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

- St Lawrence Haven: \$2,000
- Sandwich Supplies: \$6,793.59 to make over 15,000 sandwiches
- Hilliard Food Pantry: Over 3,000 pounds from our Green Bin
- 2022 Thanksgiving Food Drive: 3,654 pounds to Hilliard Food Pantry

#### SHELTER THE HOMELESS/CLOTHE THE NAKED

- Rent, Utility, Clothing and Car Expenses: \$42,631.42
- St Stephen the Martyr, SVDP Funeral Fund & other: \$10,100
- Collaboration with Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs: \$1,200
- St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Donation Drive: over 300 parishioners donated clothes/household items filling 3 trailers and a box truck
- Blessing Bags in collaboration with St Brendan students, prepared and distributed 460 bags with toiletries, bus passes and notes of encouragement to the homeless.

#### **VISIT THE SICK/COMFORT THE AFFLICTED**

Visits and Gifts for the needy, and through the Christmas Giving Tree

In addition, parishioners contributed \$7,724.37 during this past *Fifth Sunday Collection* for St Vincent de Paul. This will be helpful as we enter a time of year where there is typically an increase in requests for assistance. *SVDP members would like to thank*St Brendan parishioners for your continued generous support!

## ST BRENDAN WOMEN, SMALL GROUP STUDY



As we finish the first season of *The Chosen*, we will take a break and start anew on January 4 with a continued focus on Jesus in the Eucharist. *Dwell: A Study on the Eucharist*, is a *Blessed Is She* offering. Learn how to invite Him in and discover true satisfaction through narrative reflections, Church teaching, Scripture, and wisdom from the Saints. The *Dwell* study book explores five different aspects of how Jesus changes our lives when we give Him space to become part of it.

He is a lover, nourisher, unifier, healer, and grace for us. Allow Him into your deepest places and unlock a life filled with peace and joy!

The study runs Thursday mornings and evenings, January 4-February 8. Register by December 15 at **www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups** or for questions, contact Jen at **jrice@stbrendans.net** 

#### **INCENSE AT MASS – WHY & WHEN IT'S USED**

The purpose of incensing and the symbolic value of the smoke is that of purification and sanctification. The smoke symbolizes the prayers of the faithful drifting up to heaven: the Psalmist prays, "Let my prayer come like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice" (Psalm 141). Incense creates the ambiance of heaven. The Book of Revelation describes it as: "Another angel came in holding a censer of gold. He took his place at the altar of incense and was given large amounts of incense to deposit on the altar of gold in front of the throne, together with the prayers of all God's holy ones." The usage of incense also adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to the Mass. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell remind us of the transcendence of the Mass which links heaven with earth, and allow us to enter into the presence of God.

We are aware that incense at Mass may become uncomfortable for some parishioners due to allergies and smoke sensitivities. Therefore, we will be limiting its use to one Mass per weekend and will advertise that schedule ahead of time. Look for the thurible\* icon (see below) with Mass time listed on our bulletin weekly parish calendars.

#### **DECEMBER MASS INCENSE SCHEDULE**

- 10:45 AM Mass Sunday, Dec 3, 17 & 31
- 5:30 PM Mass Sunday, Dec 10
- 10 PM Mass Sunday, Dec 24

\*A thurible is the metal censer suspended from chains, where incense is burned during Mass.



### **HOLY LAND CARVINGS SALE**

Holy Land Carvings represent the Christian wood carvers of Bethlehem that rely on tourism to support their families. Your purchases will help to enable Christians to stay present in the Holy Land. Choose from beautiful carvings, such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues, and Pictures of the Last Supper, all available this weekend, November 25 and 26, in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms after all Masses (no Coffee & Donuts this Sunday). For more information, visit www.holylandcarvings.com



#### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

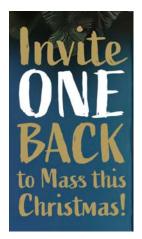
The Giving Trees are now up in the Church Gathering Space! Please take a tag and follow the instructions. Your donations will go to a variety of causes. For more information, see the poster in the Gathering Space. If you prefer online shopping, please visit our Amazon Wishlist by visiting https://tinyurl.com/giving-tree-23 or scan the QR code below. Make your purchase online and it will be delivered directly to our Giving Tree volunteer, Marge Cogan. Your donations will help support the St Francis Evangelization Center Christmas Store in McArthur, OH. Please return all purchased Giving Tree items by December 3 and place them by the trees in the church lobby. Questions?



#### NEW! CHRISTINGLE EVENT

Join us for a new Advent tradition brought to you by Father Bob's own tradition! Bring your family and friends to the Christingle Event on December 3, 2-3:30 PM. The Christingle is a special symbol full of meaning around the Christmas story. Craft one with us and learn about its meaning from 2-2:45 PM while you enjoy refreshments and community in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Then, come into the church to participate in a service full of music, prayer and preparation

for Jesus' birth. Scan the QR code to register your family or visit stbrendans.net/advent-events Volunteers are needed! Sign up at: https://bit.ly/3QHgexo



## **INVITE ONE BACK TO MASS**

Contact Rhonda at 614-313-2066

Do you know any family members, neighbors or friends who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith? What would happen if each of us invited just one person to attend Mass with us? This Christmas, we are asking each of our parish family members to "Invite ONE back" to Mass with them. To aid your efforts, we have created a special invitation greeting card which is available in the church gathering area for you to take home. Pre-holiday gatherings offer an opportunity to share this invitation! An electronic version, which may be emailed, is available now by visiting www.stbrendans.net/advent-events





# ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

# family faith formation 5

#### **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Sacrament Preparation's next Family Session is Monday, Nov 27. Middle School Small Groups will meet Dec 3 and 4. Please let us know if you need to miss one of the at-church Family Sessions or if you still need to pick up an at-home box by emailing faithformation@stbrendans.net

#### **SACRAMENTS**

CONFIRMATION – Our Confirmation date will be Friday, April 26, 2024 at 4 PM & 7:30 PM. Sponsor Letters of Good Standing and Confirmation names are due December 1. Please email them to Maggie Agra at magra@stbrendans.net

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Our First Reconciliation service is on Saturday, December 2, 10 AM in the church.

#### POD NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are in search of a coordinator for our POD Nursery to schedule volunteers who care for children during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses on Sundays as well as during our Family Faith Formation programs. If interested, contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

#### TRAVELING VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

We have a special Traveling Vocations Crucifix that will spend a week with families in the parish. It includes prayer resources for families to pray and discuss vocations, how God is calling each of us in a special way to serve Him and His Church, and to live out the call to holiness that is for everyone. Sign up your family for a week in ParishStaq and commit to receive the Vocations Crucifix during that time. After your week ends, drop it off in the specially marked cabinet in the Adoration Chapel by 10:45 AM on Sunday so the next family who signed up can retrieve it. We would like to get enough families to have the

Vocations Crucifix passed among parish families until Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21. Sign up by visiting https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public or scan the QR.



## PRE-REGISTER FOR PRESCHOOL

Pre-registration is available for children aged 3-5 next fall at St Margaret of Cortona Preschool. St Brendan shuttle services and full-day programs are being added in 2024! Pre-register until Dec 1 at https://form.jotform.com/232775708817064

## POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Christmas Poinsettias for the altar contributions are \$10 per poinsettia and can be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

Make checks payable to St Brendan the Navigator Church and mail

with form to: 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026 – OR – drop off form and checks at the parish office. You can also request poinsettias by filling out and paying through our online form by scanning the QR code or at https://tinyurl.com/2023-poinsettias



The memorials will appear in our Christmas bulletin and in the coresponding online bulletin at www.stbrendans.net/bulletin There will also be some paper copies available in the Gathering Space. Forms must be turned in by hand, mailed in to the office or filled out online no later than December 8.

#### PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR:

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#### **BWHS HONOR ROLL**

Congratulations to these St Brendan parishioners who are Bishop Watterson High School students and attained honor roll with a 3.7 or higher grade point average for the 1st quarter:

NAME	GRADE	NAME	GRADE
Laura Adams	10	Katelyn H	ite 10
Tyler Altier	12	Oliver Hol	owicki 9
Rachael Anders	on 10	Margaret	Kane 11
Christopher Bai	r 12	Benjamin	Lamielle 9
Isaac Bergman	9	Grace May	yhan 10
Nyankiir Biar	9	Jake McCa	ann 12
Benjamin Boyle	12	Zack McCa	ann 9
Michael Boyle	9	Max Mela	ragno 12
Reese Boyle	11	Brendan N	Aeloun 12
Althea Callipare	e 9	Claire Mill	er 9
Kaitlyn Casper	12	Andrew O	'Connor 12
Mackenzie Casp	oer 12	Evan O'Le	ary 9
Ava Crane	12	Lana Pete	rs 12
Lillian Crane	9	Micayla Se	erna 9
Andrew DeMas	simo 9	John Spen	icer 12
Joseph DiPalma	12	Logan Sto	rts 12
Luke Fivecoat	10	Jason Tho	mas 12
Riley Goad	10	Jackson W	ard 9
Sophie Hamroc	k 11	Lotis Dyla	n Wert 10
Elizabeth Hanse	en 9	Julia Yode	r 9
Caden Harey	10	Carol Rek	ow 12
<b>Bridget Hayes</b>	12	Layla Hoying 10	
		Amber Re	gan 11

#### **BISHOP READY HONOR ROLL**

Congratulations to these St Brendan parishioners who are Bishop Ready High School students and attained Honor Roll status for the 1st quarter:

**Earning 1st Honors** – Freshman: Jenna Wolf; Sophomore: Katherine Sanders

Earning 2nd Honors – Junior: Emma Rieder;

Seniors: Nathan Bennett, Samuel Carlino, and Ellie Jelinek

On Distinction List – Sophomore: Owen Clevinger;

Senior: Dylan Minerd

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November 26, 2023

Written by
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## The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Mt 25:31-46

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

The paradoxical ways we have come to understand Jesus can give us spiritual whiplash. He is both a tender and caring shepherd of sheep and one who sends strong rams and goats to the eternal fire; the executed human and divine man who came into full resurrected glory. He is God incarnate into human history and born in a manger; the servant-leader; the one who is both God and man. This is the beauty of what we call the Paschal Mystery - that the Son of God came into the world and by his life, death, and resurrection he has reconciled us to the Father, and has re-deemed us. He saves us from the death of sin. As Catholics we are comfortable with paradox: We are inhabitants of a kingdom of God that is already (here) but not yet (fully realized); we are both an Easter people and we live in a world of Good Fridays. So when Jesus says in today's Gospel that whatever we do to the least of people, we do to Christ himself and we will reap our actions in the fullness of that kingdom, we understand that he is a king unlike any other king. He cares not for pomp and circumstance, but wants to ensure that all - even the least among us - are given his gifts to share. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe cele-brates that we have a king who cares more for us than anyone on earth could ever care for us, and we are blessed to be able to love and serve him in return.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the midst of our busy lives, it is no secret that our thoughts can easily be preoccupied with things other than prayer or our relationship with God. Perhaps we struggle with maintaining a daily prayer practice. So when we pause to take stock of our lives – where our attention is focused during the day-to-day – it's easy to see that God is sometimes "off to the side." Perhaps we take everything we have been given for granted, or maybe we are just not sure how to make him the most important aspect of our lives. Just like cultivating a friendship takes active effort, so does our relationship with God. Just as watering a plant near its center allows the water to spread throughout the surrounding area, to its roots and the soil – thus making it fruitful and full – putting Jesus Christ, our king, at the center of our lives means that his goodness flows into everything else we say and do. Our lives and our hearts will grow in goodness and bear rich fruit.

**INVITATION** Challenge yourself this week to subvert expectations and keep God first. Show Christ is Lord over your life by prioritizing your faith and building up your priorities around him. Make a daily appointment in your calendar for prayer and look for opportunities to put Christ at the center, or heart, of your daily life.

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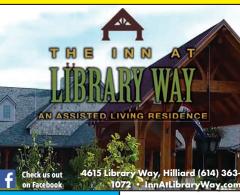
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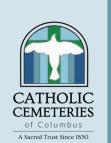
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