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NOVEMBER 5-11 (See pg 5)

Vote NO Issue 1 Nov. 7 (See pgs 5 & 8)

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

Schedule an appointment for Confession with a priest by calling the parish office.

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*Regular Mass or Confession times may change due to funerals, Feast or Holy Days. Please see our parish calendar inside the bulletin for the weekly schedule.

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

MON Feria II of the Thirty-first weekTUES Feria III of the Thirty-first weekWED Feria IV of the Thirty-first week

THUR Feast of the Dedication of St John Lateran

FRI Memorial of St Leo the GreatSAT Memorial of St Martin of Tours

SUN Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 6-12

MON 6:30 AM Lucille Baggs

5:30 PM Michael Boesch

TUES 6:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 AM Intention of Max Miller

WED 6:30 AM Loretta Ruppert

5:30 PM Giovanna Giuliani

THUR 6:30 AM Intention of Brian Pearl

8:00 AM Intention of Elizabeth Davidson

FRI 6:30 AM Nancy Lair

8:00 AM Intention of Filomena Monaco

SAT 8:00 AM Michael Boesch

5:30 PM Robert Berger

SUN 7:15 AM Patrick Ratusz

8:45 AM For the People of St Brendan Parish

10:45 AM Charles & Madeline Oldani

5:30 PM Jeff Belinski

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



Join us this Wednesday, November 8 at 6 PM in the Church for Anchored in Adoration with elevating music, parishioner testimony of faith from Jamie Young, and our prayer team ready to pray for your intentions.

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 JACOB DORAN

Why do we so often call the Sacrament of the Eucharist "Communion"? I myself say phrases like, "going to Communion" or "time for Communion" when speaking with my kids. It can be easy to use the word without really knowing what I mean by it. By my language, Communion can seem more like an event or "just a part of Mass," rather than a Sacrament. Events happen and are left in the past, but Sacraments have and confer God's own life.



The Church teaches us that it is because in the Sacrament, we are united to Christ to form a single body. The language of this teaching is very important. It is not I alone who am united with Christ, but it is we who are, together, united as a body to Jesus Christ the Head. "...all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him and form but one body in him" (CCC 1329).

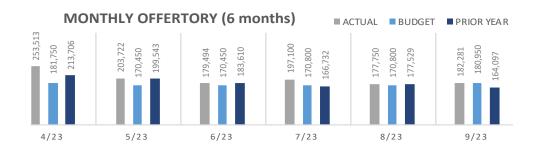
Christ Himself teaches the true meaning of Communion, that we would eat and drink to become more united with Him. "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me" (John 6:56-57). Jesus gives us Communion as a pledge of future glory with Him in Heaven.

Communion also strengthens our bonds with each other. "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). So in receiving Communion, we are united not only with Christ but with each other, all facing towards and obedient to Jesus. So now we see that it is not just about one's own union with Christ, but that we are united with each other as well as the whole communion of Saints already in Heaven.

Receiving Holy Communion is not "just a part of Mass" or a ritual that closes out our time together. It is a Sacramental sign by which our orientation is changed. We are made to be closer to Jesus, closer to each other, and closer to Heaven.

PARISH FINANCIAL DASHBOARD...

St Brendan Parish and School: July, 2023 – September, 2023 Income Statement					
Revenue	Total	Parish	Faith Formation	School	
Offertory and Gifts	571,449	571,449	-	-	
Tuition and Fees	644,309	-	10,990	633,319	
Festival	109,023	109,023	-	-	
ONE Campaign	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenue	1,324,781	680,472	10,990	633,319	
Expenses	Total	Parish	Faith Formation	School	
Salaries and Benefits	918,418	187,889	43,557	686,973	
Program Costs	53,197	24,969	18,797	9,431	
Administrative Costs	82,500	73,310	-	9,190	
Utilites, Maint, Other	47,798	13,011	-	34,787	
Total Expenses	1,101,914	299,179	62,354	740,381	
Net	Total	Parish	Faith Formation	School	
Operating Cash Flow	222,867	381,293	(51,364)	(107,062)	





DEEPENING OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS (WEEK ONE)

Each of us can admit to sometimes going through the motions at Mass. Distracted, tired, or even unsure about what we are praying or why we are praying it. For the next several weeks, we are going to highlight some suggestions to more fully participate in the Mass from Christopher Carstens' book, A Devotional Journey into the Mass. Each week, we will present the spiritual meaning of an element of Mass and how we can fully, actively, and consciously participate in them.

First up: How to Make the Sign of the Cross

Spiritual Meaning: Mystagogy leads the attentive participant from the visible sign to the invisible reality—who is ultimately Jesus—by looking to the roots of sacramental meaning in creation, culture, the Old Testament, Christ and heaven.

Participation: Make the Sign of the Cross thoughtfully, for in it we recall our creation from the hands of the Trinity and along with the entire cosmos, our re-creation today. By this Sign we are nourished with God-given grace, as from the very tree of life in nature's original garden. Like the Chosen People under Moses' outstretched arms along their way to a Promised Land, the Cross is our standard and protection. In the Sign of the Cross, we configure ourselves to Jesus and His Cross. By this sign we are transported to heaven, where we eat the fruit of the tree of life in a restored Garden.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF

Benedict Jerry Yglesias



To the family of Robert Gunderman

LECTOR TRAINING NOVEMBER 12 & 13

Is God nudging at your heart right now to proclaim God's words? We currently are in need of Lector ministers who can do just that and who desire to live out the Gospel message. St Brendan's Lector Ministry invites you to be a part of this vibrant and important ministry of service. If you have ever thought about becoming a Lector, please prayerfully consider participating in the upcoming training sessions to join this meaningful ministry.

Lectors share our Catholic faith story during liturgies and in doing so, bringing the Word of God to life. This is an exciting call and we hope you will consider joining. Also, please attend if you are an existing Lector, to brush up and share your questions and thoughts about improving the Ministry.

We are offering two training sessions – Sunday, November 12 and Monday, November 13 – both at 7 pm in the Church. Please email Pete Terranova at peteterranova@gmail.com to receive materials to read for the sessions and/or to reach out with any questions.

7:00 PM

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COMIN	IUNITY CALE	NDAK
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:45 PM	Family Faith Formation	Multiple Locations
	Monday Small Groups	
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7	Manufa Minister of Faith Charles	Davidson Del Maretino Due A
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 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	Men's Club: Monthly Meeting RCIA	Wellnitz, Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
7:00 PM 7:00 PM		Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr Davidson Rd Mtg Room A
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8	Rescue Project	Davidson ku ivitg koom A
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-7:15 PM	Anchored in Adoration:	Church
	NO Confession	
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
7:00 PM	Young Adult: Men's Small Grp	The Carter Center
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9		
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, NOVEMBER 10	School Dismissal 12:00 PM	Adamatian Chanal
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	Men's Ministry: Stations of the Cross & Reception	Church & Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11		
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
6:30 PM	Veterans Appreciation Reception	School Cafeteria
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12	No Coffee & Donuts	
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
9:45 AM	Family Faith Formation AM	Multiple Locations
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	VINE Night	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
6:45 PM	Family Faith Formation PM	Multiple Locations
6:45 PM	ROOTS	School Gym (MPR)

Lector Training

Church



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

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.

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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SPECIAL ADORATION PRAY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & PARENTAL RIGHTS

Join us on Election Day, November 7 in the Adoration Chapel, 9 AM–9 PM as we pray this special intention – to protect children and parental rights (*No on Issue 1*). Sign up to adore at https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com

VOTE "NO" ON 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 communities.

Note: If mailed, absentee ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election (Nov 6) to be counted. You may also return absentee ballots in person to your county board of elections before the close of the polls, 7:30 PM on Election Day (Nov 7).

NOV 5, LAST DAY FOR EARLY VOTING

To have the Knights of Columbus drive you to early voting, 1-5 PM, Nov 5, contact Chuck Heinlen at 224-612-1557 or chuck436@att.net

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocation Awareness Week is November 5-11. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation. Are you currently discerning a religious life vocation? There are now seven Melchizedek Project Priestly Vocation Discernment Groups meeting in the Columbus diocese: OSU Newman Center, Our Lady of Peace, St Michael, St Patrick, St John Neumann (Sunbury), St Bernadette (Lancaster), and St Francis (Newark). For details visit https://www.vocationscolumbus.org/project

TRAVELING VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

As part of Vocations Awareness Week, 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 at least until Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter on April 21. Scan the QR code or sign up at https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

All are invited to pray the Rosary each week with St Brendan Knights of Columbus immediately following Saturday 8 AM Mass. "Guide to Praying the Rosary" pamphlets are available in the church gathering space if needed.



Each month, our home and facility-bound seniors receive the *Word Among Us* which contains the daily readings, reflections and guide to Mass. Many follow along watching a streamed Mass or use them at the Communion services we hold onsite. In 2021, your generosity surpassed our goal of distributing these

for one year and provided two! Your \$20 gift will provide a year plus Advent and Lent supplements. To give online, please visit https://tinyurl.com/Adopt-Senior or scan the QR code. A card will be signed with your name, or you can donate and sign your own after Masses the weekend of November 11 & 12.



The books and cards will go into 250 care packages for Advent. We also need donations of large print word search books (no other puzzle books), lip balm, lotion, and individually packaged snacks/cookies. These may be placed in the marked boxes in the church gathering space. The care packages will be assembled by our school children as their service project. Thank you for your generosity! Questions? Contact Jamie Young at jyoung@stbrendans.net

REMEMBRANCE & GRATITUDE

We started off the month of November remembering our loved ones last week during All Souls' Mass of Remembrance and will continue to pray for them. We would also like to focus this month on how grateful we are and find ways to share our blessings with others...



FOOD DRIVE

St Brendan's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive begins this weekend, Nov 4 & 5 and runs through Nov 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: Spaghetti/Boxed Pasta, Sauce/Tomato Products, Rice/Boxed Meals (ie: Hamburger Helper), Condiments (Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo, etc), Personal Care Items (Shampoo, Body Wash, Lotion, Deodorant, etc). All donations will be delivered to the Hilliard Food Pantry for distribution to families in need. If you would like to learn more about St Vincent de Paul, please contact Heather Carrier at heathercsvdp@gmail.com

MASSES OF GRATITUDE – NOV 18 & 19

The parish staff would like to thank our incredible congregation for their abundant charitable work and gifts this past year. Join us in celebrating some exciting news with catered receptions after every Mass on the weekend of November 18 & 19. In this month of gratitude, we are most thankful for YOU!

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!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for grief support from fellow parishioners? Join us Thursday, November 16 at La Chatelaine in Dublin at 1 PM for our luncheon gathering. Our next Grief Support Workshop is Sunday, November 26, 7 PM in Wellnitz Rm 1. Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – NOV 17

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



LUNCH - NOV 13, MONDAY, 12 PM

Lunch at Der Dutchman in Plain City. RSVP Larryhanchin@yahoo.com or 614-264-6925

DINNER THEATRE - DEC 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, November 6! RSVP to Larry Hanchin at 614-264-6925 or email Larryhanchin@yahoo.com. Checks or cash only can be sent to Larry Hanchin at: 6948 Post Reserve Blvd, Dublin, OH 43016 (Make checks out to St Brendan Seniors NOW)



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

We invite all women of the parish to attend a beautiful night of prayer and reflection on December 7 at 6:30 PM, to fill our hearts with hope for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We welcome Sister Ana Chiara, DLJC to speak with us about the hope and peace that comes from our relationship with Jesus. A catered dinner will be served. Sign up to be a table hostess to provide linens, decorations, and place settings for your table as you invite women to join you and leave a few spots open for guests. Come as a guest and be welcomed at one of the many decorated tables. Cost is \$10 per person. Table hosts as well as all guests should register and pay by visiting our women's ministry page at www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups Questions? Contact Jen at irice@stbrendans.net

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

- Middle School Small Groups are this week, November 5 & 6
- Continued Growth Family Sessions are next week, November 12 & 13
- Middle School Small Groups will occur again on November 19 & 20
- Sacrament Preparation's next Family Session is Monday, November 27

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. You can email faithformation@stbrendans.net

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation date has been announced! It will be Friday, April 26, 2024 at 4 PM and 7:30 PM.

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. Register now using discount code BRENHILL24 at https://tinyurl.com/register-CYSC

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN - NOV 18

The next PGC session at St Brendan is Saturday, Nov 18 at 9 AM-12 PM in Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A. Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGC



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, 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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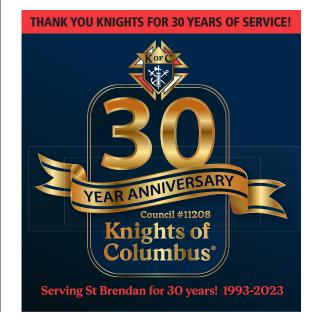
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THREE THINGS TO TELL YOUR PRO-CHOICE FRIENDS & TWO OBJECTIONS

BY BOB WURZELBACHER, DIRECTOR OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

Q: How do I talk to my pro-choice friends about the dangers of the proposed amendment on the November ballot?

A: When Ohioans hear the November ballot includes an initiative to protect "reproductive rights," the majority of them will be in support of it. However, once they understand what the amendment really says and that it will instill a right to abortion with virtually no restrictions up until birth, the vast majority will *not* support it. We don't have to convince others to support life from conception in order to defeat this initiative; we only have to explain the truth of the language.

While there are many dangers of this amendment, I want to boil it down to three simple points you can share with your pro-choice family and friends.

- The amendment will take away parental notification laws.
 The amendment specifically uses the words "any individual" with no reference to age. This language is deliberate, to ensure that any laws requiring parental notification can be soon struck down as unconstitutional for restricting the rights of anyone, of any age, to access abortion.
- 2. This amendment will take away typical safety laws. By specifically indicating that no law can place a "burden" on access to abortion (and not even the more traditional "undue burden"), typical safety standards will soon be eliminated. Examples of things legally considered a "burden" to abortion access include requirements such as an in-person visit and ultrasound to determine location of pregnancy before receiving a chemical abortion, ambulatory privileges for abortionists to care for a woman in an emergency, or requiring an actual licensed physician to perform the abortion. Using "burden" in Ohio's constitution threatens any safety laws for women.
- 3. Although the amendment specifically says abortion may be prohibited after viability, it adds that it may not be prohibited if "necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health." Health has already been defined in law related to abortion to include "emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age." We aren't talking only about danger to the woman's physical health; we are talking about virtually any reason, up until birth.

Now, say your pro-choice family and friends engage you in a discussion about the amendment. These are two of the most common objections you will hear and how you can respond.

OBJECTION 1 – "I have heard of doctors who have complained they were afraid to do treatment on women with ectopic pregnancy or miscarriage because they thought it could be against the law."

This is nothing more than fear-mongering. Care for ectopic pregnancy has always been legal and protected regardless of restrictions put on abortion. All abortion-restricting laws are fully aware of defining abortion to not include care for miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy. The Ohio Revised Code (2919.11) defines abortion as "the purposeful termination of a human pregnancy with an intention other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus or embryo." Clearly, miscarriage care does not fall under that definition. Even the Heartbeat Bill in Ohio, which was in place for a short time and is currently not in effect, specifically defines the exception of ectopic pregnancy in ORC 2919.191 saying that the law's restrictions "apply only to intrauterine pregnancies, i.e., only when implantation is in the uterus, not in the fallopian tubes, as occurs in an ectopic or tubal pregnancy." No doctor would be confused about that language.

OBJECTION 2 - "What if the mother's life is at stake?"

First of all, what everyone needs to know is that when the mother's life is at stake during a pregnancy, the safest thing to do for both mother and child is ALWAYS to deliver the baby alive to take care of the mother and do what is necessary to save the life of the child, or provide comfort care if the baby is too premature. It is NEVER safer for the mother to have someone dismember the child first, and then forcibly remove it, which is what an abortion at that stage would do. Nonetheless, as far as the law is concerned, all abortion-restricting laws in Ohio have an exception for both "to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to avoid a serious risk of the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function" (ORC 2919.16).

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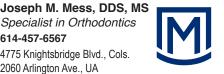
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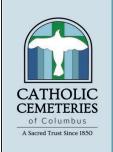
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