

Third Sunday of Advent

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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, THURS, FRI 6:30 AM, 8 AM

SAT 8 AM

RECONCILIATION*

WED 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SAT 9 AM

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

614.876.1272

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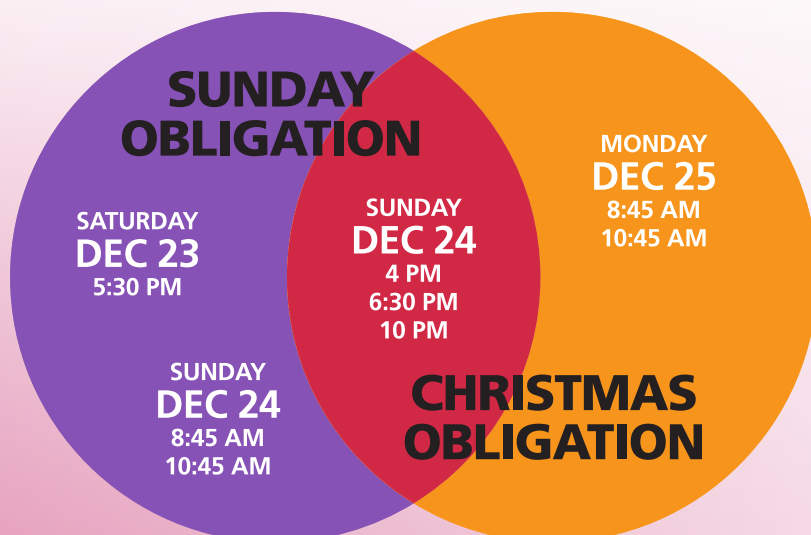
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2022-23 PARISH FINANCIAL IMPACT REPORT INSIDE THE BULLETIN
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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



ATTEND 2 MASSES NEXT WEEKEND!

We have two Mass obligations back-to-back, one from the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** and one from **Christmas Day**. There are multiple combinations of ways to fulfill both obligations. Regardless of which two Masses you choose, you cannot fulfill both obligations in any one Mass.

TO FULFILL YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Attend any Mass Saturday evening through the whole day Sunday (purple or pink sections).

TO FULFILL YOUR CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION

Attend ANOTHER Mass of Christmas (pink or gold sections). You must attend TWO Masses to fulfil the obligation – attending one does NOT count for both.

Attending any Christmas Eve Mass (pink section) would fulfill either your Sunday or Christmas obligation, but you must also attend another Mass (that same evening in the pink section or any other Mass in the purple or gold sections.)

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS DEC 18-24

MON	December 18	"O Adonai"
TUES	December 19	"O Root of Jesse"
WED	December 20	"O Key of David"
THUR	December 21	"O Dawn of the East"
FRI	December 22	"O King of the Nations"
SAT	December 23	"O Emmanuel"
SUN	Fourth Sunday of Advent	

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 18-24

MON	6:30 AM	Robert, Sr & Nancy Kight
	5:30 PM	Robert, Sr & Nancy Kight
TUES	6:30 AM	Donald K Barron
	8:00 AM	Pietro Giuliani
WED	6:30 AM	Catherine Weisenberger
	5:30 PM	Robert, Sr & Nancy Kight
THUR	6:30 AM	Catherine Weisenberger
	8:00 AM	Intention of Father Alexander Salakpi
FRI	6:30 AM	Catherine Weisenberger
	8:00 AM	Bernadette Salakpi
SAT	8:00 AM	Catherine Weisenberger
	5:30 PM	Virginia Cuuk
SUN	8:45 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	10:45 AM	Diosdado M Lawig
	4:00 PM	(Church) For the People of St Brendan Parish
	4:00 PM	(MPR) Louis & Mary Petrozzi
	6:30 PM	(Church) Roger & Mary Ann VerSteeg
	6:30 PM	(MPR) John & Dolores D'Amico
	10:00 PM	Robert Berger

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES	9 AM–10 PM
WED	7 AM–5 PM <i>Holy Hour: 6–7 PM, Confessions available</i>
THUR	9 AM–10 PM
FRI	9 AM–10 PM <i>1st Friday of each month: 9 AM–Saturday 1 PM</i>
SAT	9 AM–1 PM



NOTE: NO ADORATION DECEMBER 23-26

FIRST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our next Perpetual Adoration is Friday, January 5, 9 AM through Saturday, January 6, 1 PM. Adorers are needed, so please sign up at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church 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

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St Brendan School

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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 Jen Rice at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or jrice@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class

Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

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

Navigator News

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

MESSAGE FROM JEN RICE



**Let every heart
prepare Him room!**

There is one Christmas song that makes me pause every time and, if possible, just sit and listen. Mannheim Steamroller's version of *Stille Nacht* is a quiet piano and strings composition with a little bit of vocals and a soft blowing wind of snow in the background.

It stirs my memory and several emotions, but I adore it in Advent as a gentle nudge to stop, rest, and listen.

Today, as we begin the third week of Advent, we may feel the pressure to get it all done (especially since we may feel we've been cheated out a week!). There are presents to buy and gatherings to plan and attend, and that tendency to want to do things memorably can overwhelm our common and spiritual sense. "Prepare the way!" and "Make straight the paths!" does not mean only to prepare the way for the presents and straighten up the house!

How are we preparing our hearts? Over and over this season, I have heard the preaching of St Bernard of Clairvaux repeated in devotionals and podcasts about the three comings of Christ. The two we know as visible – the Incarnation and the Second Coming. The other is present and invisible: There is a third coming between these two in which Jesus comes in spirit and power for our rest and consolation. Ah, there it is – the rest and consolation in Advent that comes to us as we prepare our own room for Jesus. Let every heart prepare Him room.

Preparing room means creating space to receive, to listen. I think of that version of *Stille Nacht* with the blowing wind as the voice of the Father. If the noise is too great, I won't hear Him. If the to-do list or chaos is crowding my room, I will not have any space to receive Him and His promise of rest and consolation. All He wants for us this season is for our hearts to open just a little bit more to be loved by Him. That love changes everything for us and for those whom we encounter. We are, as Jesus tells us in John 15:10-11, to remain in His love so that His joy may be in us and our joy may be complete. That is the true Christmas joy – His love. We wait and rest to receive His peace, joy and love into our hearts, which then goes out from us to all around us. So truly, He comes again, within us and through us.

Just a week left. Allow for some silence in your night. Hear the Lord speak to you, love you and give you rest, His precious child. He is coming for you.



In just a week, we will come together to celebrate Christ's birth. In this Year of Eucharistic Revival, we invite you to come closer to Him just as He has come so close to us. Our gift to you is a copy of *Beautiful Eucharist* – a collection of ponderings on the Eucharist by contemporary Catholic writers. Each family will receive a copy Christmas weekend.



HERE ARE QUOTES FROM SOME OF THE WRITERS:

"I believed the Eucharist to be: Jesus Christ, Body, and soul, living within my heart. I did not have profound terminologies to explain the precepts of my faith." (pg 27)

"The Eucharist is not a portion for power or a portal to the perfect life. It is, rather, a balm, a warm hug, an indescribable gift that compels us to in turn, give to those around us."
(pg 30) - Lisa M Hendley

"St. Paul explains that if you are looking for proof that God's love is real, God has already given it."
(pg 68) - Fr Eric Boelscher

"Sacrifice is the language of love...whenever you see the Eucharist, you look upon the reality of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross."
(pg 71) - Fr Eric Boelscher

"What matters is whether or not we say 'yes.' There's no more powerful way to do that than to turn to him in the Eucharist."
(pg 89) - Allen Hunt

"Once again, I want to encourage you to establish the habit of daily prayer into your life. This is a foundational habit that will serve you well for the rest of your life."
(pg 102) - Matt Warner

"We are all seeking clarity, healing, peace & purpose."
(pg 105) - Matt Warner

"So here is my invitation to you: stop by a church for ten minutes each day this week and spend time in the quiet. Sit before Jesus in the tabernacle."
(pg 106) - Matt Warner



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Theresa Grace Davis
Kenan Lusajo Haonga

CONSTRUCTION!

PARISH OFFICE RECEPTION AREA

To improve functionality and security, our parish office reception area will be under construction until Christmas. Look for a sign on the office door with the phone number to call for on-site assistance. We look forward to serving you during this brief renovation.

WORD AMONG US

As our parish Advent gift to you, please take one copy per family of the *Word Among Us, Advent Edition* for daily Mass readings, reflections and inspiring articles. Copies are in the gathering space while they last. Prepare your hearts for the Lord!

MONTHLY EVENTS

ANCHORED IN ADORATION

Second Wednesdays, 6 PM

1ST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

First Fridays, 7 PM

1ST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

First Fridays, 9 AM–Sat, 1 PM

INCENSE AT MASS

Due to possible allergies and smoke sensitivities, we are limiting the use of incense to one Mass per weekend and will advertise that schedule ahead of time. Look for the thurible icon with Mass time listed on the calendar over to the right.

DECEMBER INCENSE SCHEDULE

- Sunday, Dec 17 – 10:45 AM Mass
- Sunday, Dec 24 – 10 PM Mass
- Sunday, Dec 31 – 10:45 AM Mass

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:45 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup	Wellnitz, Mtg Rm 1 (w/ Patio)
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

NO SCHOOL, CHRISTMAS BREAK: DEC 21, 2023–JAN 2, 2024

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
1:00 PM	Grief Support Lunch	La Chatelaine, Dublin
7:00 PM	SVdP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz, Mtg Rm 1 (w/ Patio)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

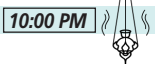
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

NO SATURDAY CONFESSION / NO ADORATION DEC 23-26

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession canceled	
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE: NO 7:15 AM OR 5:30 PM MASS



8:45, 10:45 AM	Sunday Masses	Church
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Church will close after 10:45 AM Mass & reopens at 2 PM to prepare for Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM	Vigil Mass, Christmas Eve	Church
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass, Christmas Eve	School Gym (MPR)
6:30 PM	Vigil Mass, Christmas Eve	Church
6:30 PM	Vigil Mass, Christmas Eve	School Gym (MPR)
10:00 PM	Vigil Mass, Christmas Eve	Church



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

Heather Ayers	Doris Kopac
Richard Blaha	Frank Kreber
Bill Brake	Jill Markey
Chris Carrino	Joe Martin
Linda Clark	Luna Reilly McDonald
Patricia Crane	Kaden Morris
Tom Crane	Becky Moyer
Dick Crumley	Lorraine Nemchik
Dan DiCesare	Michelle Spencer
Ben Diepenbrock	Tom Speroni
Connie Feliks	Pamela Theado
Mary Jo Flickinger	Mitzie Toth
Mary Frick	Kevin Yarman
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

... we 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 and make your request. Try to "Invite ONE back" to Mass this Christmas! Find an invitation at www.stbrendans.net/advent-events

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ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC 23, 5:30 PM Vigil

- No Adoration OR Confession
Saturday, Dec 23

DEC 24, 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass

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

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES, DEC 24

4 PM – Church & School Gym

6:30 PM – Church & School Gym

10 PM – Church

- No 5:30 PM Sunday Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES, 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 Tuesday, Dec 26

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES, DEC 31

Follow usual Sunday Mass schedule.

- No POD Nursery, Children's Liturgy of the Word or Coffee & Donuts

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES, JAN 1

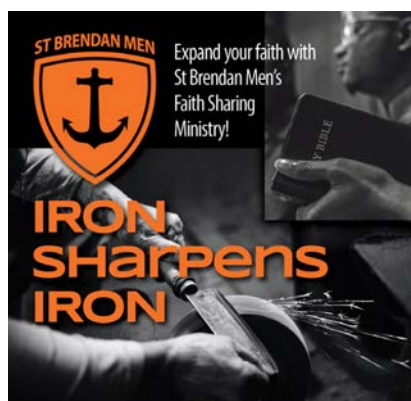
9 AM, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother (NOT a Holy Day of obligation)

- No 6:30 AM or 5:30 PM Masses
- Parish office is closed Jan 1 & 2
- No Adoration on Tuesday, Jan 2

A FESTIVE COFFEE AND DONUTS THIS WEEKEND!

The St Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry invites you to an extra welcoming Coffee and Donuts this Sunday after the 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses. We hope to see you in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms for a Christmas festive time including hot cocoa, holiday decor, coloring and puzzle activities for kids and ministry members on hand to help advise how to utilize the *Invite ONE Back* greeting cards to invite a loved one back to Mass with you this Christmas. Cards will be available at Coffee & Donuts, and an electronic version to text or email is online at www.stbrendans.net/advent-events

MEN'S FAITH SHARING



MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

The book *Beautiful Eucharist* will guide a 5-week journey about the source and summit of our lives as Catholics. Then, explore season 2 of *The Chosen* from a Catholic perspective. Join us on Saturdays at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms beginning January 13 for fellowship (breakfast is provided), a video, small group discussion and prayer. No RSVP needed for either study.

PIZZA, PIES AND GUYS!

Join the men of the parish on Saturday, January 20 for an NCCA-themed night of college basketball! We'll start at 6:30 PM and take in a game on the big screens in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms! Pizzas and pies will be served! Questions? Contact Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net

MEN'S MINISTRY VIRTUAL ROSARY

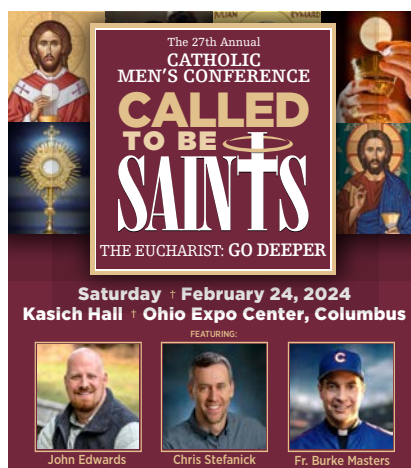
February 17, 7:30 AM join us on Zoom as we pray a Rosary together for the success of the Women's Conference! Also, join Catholic Men's Ministry to pray a virtual Rosary at 6:30 AM on the first Wednesday of each month. Visit www.catholicmensministry.com

ST BRENDAN MEN'S CLUB

The St Brendan Men's Club provides fellowship through spiritual, social, and fund-raising. Activities include monthly meetings and a variety of events. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. If interested in joining the Men's Club, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mens-club> and click the "join" button or contact Dale Bruggeman at dgbrugg@gmail.com

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH THE KNIGHTS

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



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Catholic Men's Conference (*The Eucharist: Go Deeper*) takes place at Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center on February 24, 2024 -Three amazing speakers, light breakfast, lunch, Adoration, Reconciliation and Holy Mass offered by Bishop Earl Fernandes. Help us surpass our goal to have 100 men of the parish attend! Register via the QR code or at www.CatholicMensMinistry.com



IMPACT



REPORT

ST BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

FROM THE PASTOR

FR BOB PENHALLURICK, KHS

As we come to the end of another liturgical year, I am happy to share with you this year's spiritual and financial Impact Report. The details you find herein are but a snapshot of the wonderful vitality and spirituality of our parish. We have been able to accomplish much again this year thanks to you and your willingness to generously give. Every year we trust in God's goodness and the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our midst to grow and deepen our parish ministries. We may not always see the fruits of what we have planted but the seeds are there, and I am confident that they will grow to become a great harvest.

In the coming year we plan to continue to strengthen the ministries we have and to deepen our faith journey together. Your time, talent and treasure is what will make this possible and we hope that you will continue to partner with us on our journey to heaven. Saint Brendan parish stands out in the community not only because we are a large, thriving parish with a big footprint but also because we are known for our generosity and welcoming approach to ministry. Together we can be a beacon of hope to those who "walk in darkness" so that they also hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.



With my thanks and prayers,
Fr Bob

FROM PAROCHIAL VICAR,
FR JACOB STINNETT

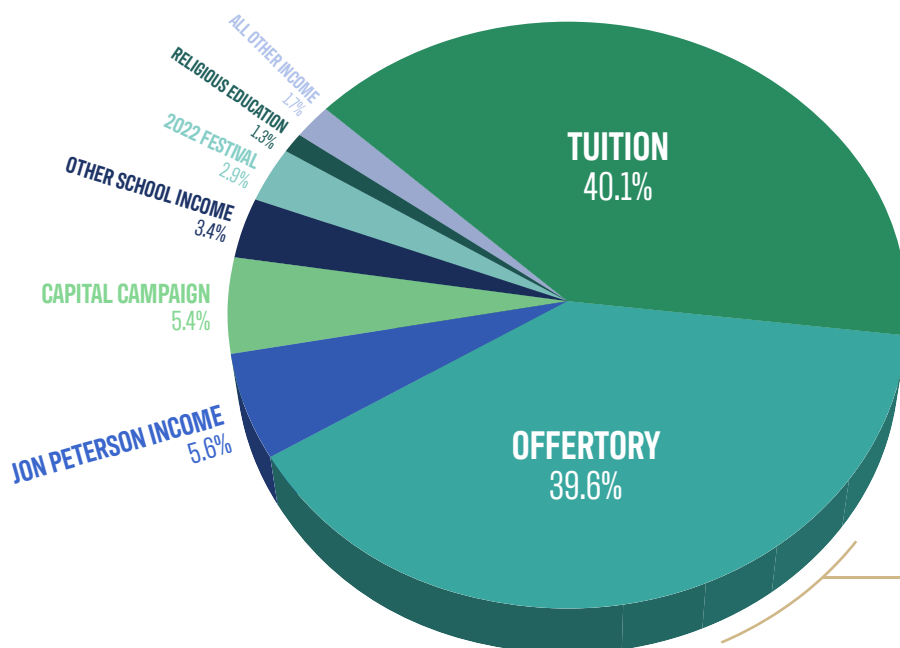
I feel very blessed to be assigned to St Brendan the Navigator. Through the support of Fr Bob, Fr Weldit, and the staff, I've been able to acclimate very quickly to my new home and minister to an incredibly welcoming congregation. It's inspiring to witness so many families present and active in our parish.

Our RCIA enrollment is a wonderfully Biblical 'twelve' this year. We have two catechumens (who have not been baptized) and ten candidates (who were baptized in other Christian faiths). With an average age of 26.5 in the program, we have an encouragingly young flock. I'm also pleased to be meeting with six couples who are at various stages of formation for Holy Matrimony.

Since we have three full-time priests, we are now able to offer Mass twice a day during the week. At the end of July, we added a 6:30AM daily Mass on weekdays in the Adoration Chapel. We are pleased to celebrate with a regular crowd of 20 attendees Monday through Thursday—and a full chapel on Fridays when we're blessed with area high schoolers who stick around for doughnuts with Fr Weldit and myself.

With the diligence of Mr Daniel Bogrette, the new middle school religion teacher, we have dedicated time each month for the middle school to partake in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The students have given positive feedback, and can be seen reading Scripture, praying the Rosary or just talking to Jesus on the altar.

In the new year, I look forward to continuing my God-given vocation as I grow closer to the families across our campus and minister to the needs of this vibrant parish.

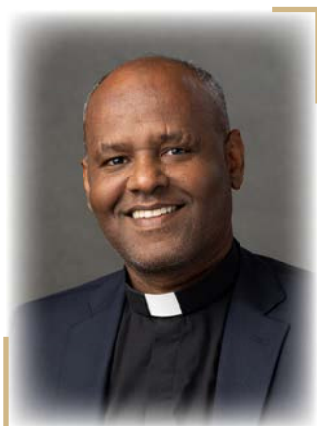


St Brendan was blessed to outperform our offertory budget by nearly **16%**. This reliable (and much needed) generosity allowed us to outstrip inflation, navigate inclement weather misfortunes in the gathering space, and ultimately arrive in the black. At the conclusion of fiscal year 2022-23, our office was able to disburse a gift of **\$5,816** to the Hilliard Food Pantry to mitigate their own disaster expenses caused by a devastating fire.

We received grants from the Catholic Foundation totaling **\$21,000** including a **\$10,000** upgrade to campus security.

INCOME (07.01.22 – 06.30.23)

\$6,344,930



FROM PAROCHIAL VICAR, FR WELDIT ABAY

It has been ten months since I came to St. Brendan. If God wants to bless you, He sends you to the blessed. Therefore, I am spiritually immersed in this blessed diocese, blessed parish, blessed faithful, blessed staff, and blessed Eritrean community. I'm fortunate to serve alongside Fr Bob and Fr Stinnett — I remember fondly my time with Fr Brown — and I give thanks to God for the priestly mission he's placed before me.

I similarly wish to express my gratitude to The Catholic Foundation. Through a generous grant of **\$5,000** this year, my faith community was able to procure supplies, vestments, and liturgical materials vital to proper celebration of the Mass.

This year is a great blessing, especially for the Eritrean Catholic faithful. There is nothing greater than people enjoying their faith and spirituality through their culture, language and liturgy. They deepen their love with God's love and grow closer through Him. When I see them together at the Eucharistic table as children of God, I see the love of God in them, and I give thanks to Him. This year is also a year of new experiences for me, enjoying the heartbeat of the church with two liturgies and gaining great knowledge from my studies of the Latin liturgy. I have many people of faith around me on this journey, and through their love I experience God's love because God has placed His love in people.

FROM BUSINESS MANAGER, TOM KOLLAR

Capital improvements are a large part of maintaining such a significant parish. And every year, our staff navigates the curveballs that life throws at us in an efficient and effective manner. Though, all of this is really made possible by the incredible generosity of our parishioners, driven to maintain our school, worship, and gathering spaces.

Through careful planning, St Brendan's campus endeavoured to repair, replace, and renovate to the tune of **\$490,755** over the last year. Some of the larger expenses included asphalt repairs, classroom flooring and lighting, and our choir/organ updates.

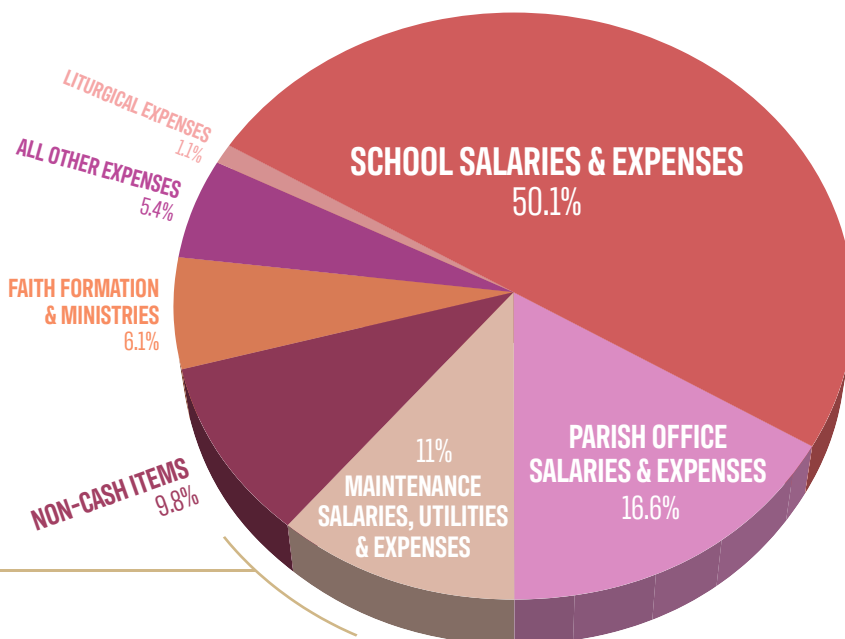
As we look ahead, the projects of tomorrow include sealing the parking lot, renovating the lighting and electrical, and removing the floor transition "bump" in the sanctuary.

With your support and patience, our team will continue to keep the facilities and grounds in tip-top shape.



SECONDARY COLLECTIONS

Parish families stepped up to support 20 add'l initiatives through the parish office or PushPay with gifts totaling **\$80,528!** This inspiring number includes gifts of **\$8,200** to the Women's Care Center and **\$5,879** for Hurricane Ian Relief. And the true charity is so much sweeter as this doesn't include collections or gifts facilitated directly through the recipient organizations. This total also doesn't include BAA, ONE, or Emmaus Road. The generosity of St Brendan was echoed far and wide in fiscal year 22-23! **Thank You!**



EXPENSES (07.01.22 – 06.30.23)

\$5,595,806



FROM DIR. OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS, JACOB DORAN

In September, we launched our third year of Family Faith Formation. We're ministering to **325** children and **190** families. We also debuted a "pathway" model this year. Depending on whether a family is new to the program, preparing for a sacrament, or continuing their faith journey, our families are learning about the Gospel message, the statements of the Creed, prayer, the Saints, and the Sacraments. The comment I hear most often from parents is that it feels like they are "knocking the rust off" their Catholic education.

We are also preparing about **115** children to celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist and another **115** for Confirmation. Most of this preparation is happening at home through parents, who are the primary educators of the faith. We are overjoyed to support parents as they walk with their children through these "stages and all the important moments of Christian life" as the Sacraments are described in the Catechism. This is happening in Family Faith Formation and our Parish School.

FROM HIGH SCHOOL MINISTER, KARA DAY

The Vine high school youth ministry program continues to flourish here at St Brendan. In the 22-23 school year **245** high schoolers attended the Vine, and already this school year (23-24) we have had **243** attend, so are on track to surpass last year with new teens attending for the first time every single week. We have a **91%** retention rate in teens coming back after their first time.

The Vine is impacting the city at large by reaching teens from **27** different high schools and **19%** of the teens attending the Vine were not raised Catholic. This is due to our **59** high school leaders who are in our High School Missionary Formation program where they learn how to share Jesus with their friends. The teens in this program are set up to be life-long missionary disciples who do not fall away from their faith. Our most recent stats show that **94%** of them are still practicing during college, dramatically above the national average.

We had a wonderful Vine Fall Retreat, and we look forward to both our Cranks Creek Winter Mission Trip and Vine Spring Retreat. God continues to bless our youth ministry each day.



FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTER,
AVERY COLMAN

This year, our middle school ministry, The Roots, served roughly **120 middle schoolers**. By providing the children of our faith community with a place to have fun, build relationships with their peers, and encounter Jesus, we have consistently seen **80 kids** returning week after week.

With the help of our **8 Core Team members**, we have been able to provide an opportunity for each child to be known and prayed for by name.

We look forward to next year as we continue to nurture the love of Christ growing in our middle schoolers, expand our Core Team, and reach additional youth.



FROM DIR. OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP,
JEN RICE

This past year I was humbled to lead discipleship teams who made a strong impact on prayer, formation, and service in the parish. Our 'Care & Consolation' team supported **48 families** in their time of bereavement through planning and presence at the funerals of loved ones as well as grief support thereafter. **250** homebound or retirement center residents were visited weekly to receive the Eucharist as well as care packages at Christmas. We are actively ministering in **17** independent, assisted living, and nursing facilities.

The 'Missionary Discipleship' team brought the Rescue Project to St Brendan this year thanks in large part to a grant from the Catholic Foundation. **230** participants across three groups were equipped with this experience, then were sent out to spread the message of who Jesus is and His mission. **190** women and men experienced *The Chosen* in small groups to understand and grow their love for Jesus in this Eucharistic Year. Furthermore, Adoration hours have increased to **four days per week** with First Friday perpetual Adoration **each month**. Respect Life Ministry raised a record amount of awareness and money to support pro-life initiatives, care of mothers, end of life care, and those with special needs.

FROM DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT,
BEN ROMAKER

Whether I've been behind a camera, in front of the congregation, writing letters, or designing this Impact Report, I've enjoyed wearing a variety of hats this past year in service to the parish and to my God. Under my 'Development' hat which I acquired in April, our congregation pledged an incredible **\$312,982** towards The Appeal. I cannot overstate my gratitude for the generosity of our parishioners and the experienced guidance of our Appeal Chairman, Kevin Quinn.

As I was excited to share at our first ever **Masses of Gratitude** this year, we paid off the remaining balance of our loan for the ONE Campaign. A beautiful vision of a unified campus was made into a reality, and **we're debt-free to the diocese!**

2023 also saw the realization of the '**Real Presence, Real Future**' restructuring throughout the diocese. St Brendan and St Margaret of Cortona were blessed to experience minimal upheaval. Announced as the only example of **collaborative** parishes throughout the diocese, our two parishes will make a concerted effort to provide a nourishing Catholic community in our region for years to come. I joined the St Margaret staff in April, and have been boosting their signal and growing their preschool program. Enrollment has ballooned to **29** children for next year as new classrooms and teachers are being added.

Increased participation in the **Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund** is my priority in the near term. There is simply no method more efficient in supporting this campus and its school families. I'm confident this time next year I'll be reporting triumphant results and uplifting stories. Please join me in praying for the wellbeing of our parish!



ST BRENDAN WOMEN

WOMEN'S THURSDAY SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Beginning January 4, we continue to focus on Jesus in the Eucharist as we explore *Dwell: A Study on the Eucharist* (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 aspects of how Jesus changes our lives when we give Him space to become part of it and runs Thursday mornings/evenings, Jan 4-Feb 8. Register at www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups by this Sunday, Dec 17. Questions? Contact Jen at jrice@stbrendans.net



WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Beginning January 8, join us for the *Catholic Way Bible Study's* 5-week series on the *Book of Daniel*. Deported into exile as a youth, Daniel stands as the example of steadfast faithfulness in the face of great danger. Explore how to live "in" the world but not "of" the world, as Daniel did. New to Bible studies and wondering whether to try one? Watch as the leader of CWBS explains "Why Study Scripture"

by visiting their website at <https://cwbs.org/> (view the 2nd video.) The group will meet in Wellnitz Hall on Mondays, 9-11 AM, January 8 through February 5. There are weekly questions to answer that deepen our faith and knowledge. If interested, RSVP to Patsy Bunnell at dpbunnell@yahoo.com by January 5. Questions? Contact Patsy or Rhonda at hamrockr@gmail.com



A MORNING OF REFLECTION

January 13, 10 AM-12 PM, come and experience the beautiful hospitality and joy of the Bridgettine Sisters at their convent for a morning of reflection with other St Brendan women! Optional Mass at Holy Family Church at 9 AM then meet at the Bridgettine Convent, 40 N Grubb Street in Columbus for breakfast (including the Sisters' baked goods!), reflections by Father Stash Dailey and one of our dear leaders, prayer and song with the Sisters! Carpooling will be available. Cost is \$10. Register at www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2024 Catholic Women's Conference will take place Saturday, February 17 and features speakers Heather Khym, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Fr John Burns, Claire Dwyer, Fr Timothy Anastos. The Emcee is our very own Director of Missionary Discipleship, Jen Rice! Also, the glove of St Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration at the Women's Conference this year! The Early Bird discount extends through January 1. Register via the QR code or at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com



MATURE ACTIVE SINGLES TOGETHER (MAST)

MAST is for singles over 45 years old who are legally separated, divorced, widowed or have never married. Meet other singles who are on a similar path as you for day trips, sports events, hikes, meals and working service events at the parish or join our monthly book club. Questions? Contact Chris at chrishauck0522@gmail.com or to join our book club, contact Cynthia at Cynthiaejensen@gmail.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry members knit and crochet prayer shawls for the homebound, grieving, and ill, which are crafted with love and prayer for anyone in need of a spiritual hug. Their next meeting will be Saturday, January 6, 9-11 AM in the Carter Center. Feel free to take a prayer shawl (in the bottom cabinet drawer in the Adoration Chapel) for yourself or someone in need. To join their ministry, contact Kathy Endrizzi at kendriz@aol.com

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for grief support from other parishioners? Our next group luncheon is at 1 PM on Thursday, December 21 at La Chatelaine in Dublin. Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

This is a parish-based outreach that exists to affirm, support, encourage, and assist women in response to their needs during the childbearing years. Members meet monthly for social activities and playgroups, to share information on childbirth, infertility, infant loss and parenting skills. Questions? Contact Kelly Hansen at kashansen06@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING

The Cleaning Ministry could use your help Mondays at 9 AM cleaning windows, pews, altar, sweeping and general house cleaning (nothing heavy) in the Church and Adoration Chapel. Help an hour a week or even once a month. Just show up and ask for Julie Johnson or email juljohnson57@yahoo.com

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Ms Kim teaches the young (and the young at heart!) how to draw Nativity story scenes. Enjoy Advent with the whole family in a story of God's love for us at formed.org

VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

Sign your family up for a week with our Traveling Vocations Crucifix and help to promote religious vocations! After your week ends, bring it back to the marked cabinet in the Adoration Chapel by 10:45 AM (on the following Sunday) for the next family. Sign up via the QR code or <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public>



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family faith formation



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

CONTINUED GROWTH FAMILY SESSIONS – Family Faith Formation is on Christmas break until our Family Session on January 14 and 15. We wish you all a Merry Christmas!

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION – If your child has not attended a retreat experience yet, please contact us for alternatives at other parishes and let us know once your child has completed their retreat. Please send in any information you may have left off your registration form as soon as possible. We will contact families with any missing information.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – If your child was unable to join the group First Reconciliation service, they can attend regular Confession on Wednesdays or Saturdays, as well as Monday night's Advent Penance Service. You can also call into the parish office and set up an individual Confession with any of the priests.

FIRST EUCHARIST – If you have not picked up a First Eucharist Nourish box yet, please contact Maggie at magra@stbrendans.net to schedule a time to get your box from the church, or for St Brendan schoolchildren, have it sent home via backpack.

POD NURSERY HELP IS NEEDED!

The Pod Nursery is now open for 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses and Faith Formation but are still in need of several more adult and teen volunteers (adults must be *Protecting God's Children* compliant.) Thanks for your help with this important ministry! To sign up, scan the QR code or contact our Pod Nursery Coordinator, Andrea McClymont, at andrea.r.mcclymont@gmail.com



2024 CSYC CAMP REGISTRATION

St Brendan is offering a \$100 campership for the first 100 parishioners for CSYC's 2024 summer camp. Register (using discount code **BREHILL24**) at <https://tinyurl.com/register-CYSC>

EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As we approach the end of the year, we're asking parishioners to help grow our Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund which allows us to turn our tax dollars into financial aid for our school. Contact Ben Romaker from our parish office with any questions at bromaker@stbrendans.net or view a video that explains just how easy it is to dramatically reduce tuition costs for our school families by visiting www.stbrendans.net/stewardship

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” Such simple words from today’s second reading. And yet it is not always easy to put them into practice. It is difficult to rejoice if we or people we love are hurting. It can be hard to pray when life is pulling us in a thousand different directions. But on this Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, we are asked to focus on a truth that can make both rejoicing and praying easier: Jesus entered humanity in flesh and blood to save us from our sins. This truth means that even if we don’t feel like there is much gladness or joy in our lives today, we can rejoice in the knowledge that we all have the chance to spend eternity in a place where pain, disappointment and suffering will be no more. With our eyes focused on that prize, praying can become a natural part of our days.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, I can make everything so complicated. I want to create charts and checklists to ensure that I am doing everything just right. But St. Paul’s words today make me realize that living well is really not that complicated. He writes: “Retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.” That’s it! Of course, while this is not complicated, it does require us to make prayerful, faithful efforts toward this end – and it is an end for which God has given us his grace, the help of the Church, and the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ. This includes St. Paul, who prays for us, “May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” This is what is good in these dark days of Advent: the light of Christ is coming into our world. The Gospel says that John the Baptist testified to this truth – to the light. We can too! Let us continue to pray, to rejoice and to give thanks for God’s gifts, especially the gift of his Son.

ST BRENDAN YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Group meets the first Wednesday of each month (next one: Jan 3, 2024) with Adoration at 6 PM followed by a talk and social time in Wellnitz at 7 PM. Small groups meet 7-9 PM the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (last one this year is Dec 27, 2023.) Questions? Contact kaylastucke@gmail.com. Also, on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM the Young Catholic Professionals hold a monthly event. Visit www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org

HAPPENING AROUND OUR DIOCESE...

ST CHARLES HOSTING WOMEN’S AUDITIONS

St Charles Preparatory School Drama Dept will hold women’s auditions for *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* on Wed and Thurs, Jan 3 & 4, 4 PM at the St Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad St (only need to attend one of the two days.) Auditions are open to all area high school women in Central Ohio. Production Dates: Feb 29-March 3, 2024. Questions? Contact Doug Montgomery, at dmontgomery@scprep.org

UNDONE: FREEDOM FOR THE FEMININE HEART

St Francis de Sales proudly hosts *Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart* conference in partnership with the JPPI Healing Center in January 2024. This event will sell out so add a calendar reminder and plan accordingly! Visit jppihealingcenter.org/events/ to buy tickets now.

J.O.I.N. NEEDS YOUR HELP

JOIN (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs) is often a “stop-gap” for our neighbors who live paycheck to paycheck. Basic supplies like toilet paper, soap, shampoo, conditioner, multi-purpose cleaning solutions, dish soap and laundry soap are items that people request at JOIN daily. Meeting these most basic needs, when you don’t have them, is a huge relief. If you would like to donate an item or two, it would be a gift to the neighbors we serve at JOIN. Please drop items in the green bin in St Brendan church gathering space or call Lisa Keita at 614-241-2530, or email lkeita@columbuscatholic.org to find out more.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARIAN SHRINES

Join Fr Dave and fellow Catholics June 15-28, 2024, on a trip to Fatima, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Cathedral of Burgos, Lourdes, Grotto of Massabielle, Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia, views of Antoni Gaudi’s Mila House (UNESCO), the Columbus Monument and Parc de Montjuic, the mountain village of Montserrat, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, The Basilica of Sacré Coeur de Montmartre, and more! For info and pricing visit stfrancisparish.net/pilgrimage

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Ohio Dominican University’s lecture “Thomas Aquinas: What is Truth in the Modern World” takes place January 25, 11 AM, with presenter Fr Justin Brophy, OP, PhD. The free lecture takes place in the Matesich Theatre, inside Erskine Hall on ODU’s main campus, 1216 Sunbury Rd, Columbus, 43219. More information available at ohiodominican.edu

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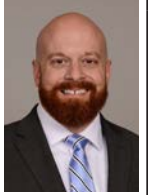
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