

REJOICE

A Savior is born!

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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.



**Saint
Brendan**
THE NAVIGATOR

**Regular Mass/Confession times may change
due to special events, funerals or Feast/Holy Days.
Find this week's parish calendar in the bulletin.*

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LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS DEC 24–31

SUN	(Evening) Vigil of Christmas
MON	Nativity of the Lord
TUES	Feast of St Stephen
WED	Feast of St John the Evangelist
THUR	Feast of the Holy Innocents
FRI	Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas
SAT	Sixth Day of the Octave of Christmas
SUN	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 24–31

SUN	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
MON	8:45 AM	For the Stinnett & Breda Families
	10:45 AM	John Flanagan
TUES	6:30 AM	George Hassey
	8:00 AM	Dora & Paul Carter
WED	6:30 AM	George Hassey
	5:30 PM	Tharun Zacharia
THUR	6:30 AM	For the Protection of the Unborn
	8:00 AM	Alberto Santos
FRI	6:30 AM	George Hassey
	8:00 AM	Sandy Barrett
SAT	8:00 AM	Zacharia Jacob
	5:30 PM	Judy Meyer
SUN	7:15 AM	William Lalli
	8:45 AM	Bill Sauer
	10:45 AM	John Anders
	5:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish

NOTE: NO ADORATION DECEMBER 23-26

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES 9 AM–10 PM

WED 7 AM–5 PM

Holy Hour: 6–7 PM, Confessions available

THUR 9 AM–10 PM

FRI 9 AM–10 PM

1st Friday of each month: 9 AM–Saturday 1 PM

SAT 9 AM–1 PM



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

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 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

A MESSAGE FROM FR BOB

"You have nothing to fear... Today in David's city, a Savior has been born."

Dear Parish Family,

This Christmas, we are conscious that we are forever changed by the events of the last few months. As we enter into the Christmas season of goodwill and feasting, the media ensures that we carry the situation in the Holy Land with us. War continues to rage in Ukraine and there are signs of unrest across the world. Christians are persecuted more and more and the thought of Christmas joy is bleak for many.

But what a joy it is to hear those words from Luke's Gospel. They reassure us as we listen to the good news of Christ's birth. The angel's message, spoken down through the ages to each one of us, calls us from our anxiety and conflict and draws us into a sense of quiet wonder, as the glory of God's peace breaks again into our lives.

In the Christmas story, as Christ takes on human flesh for our salvation, we see a little more clearly the powerful hand of God guiding and directing human history. Seeing this, we can all be reassured, for no matter how much our world is turned upside down, God in Jesus remains faithful and true.

When chaos seems to rage all around us, we are reminded that though God has called us, humankind has often chosen not to accept that call, chosen not to listen. And so, the world of God's design was shattered. Human beings chose to live rather in a world of their own making. Isaiah reminds us that for thousands of years people walked in darkness. Sadly, many still do.

But the darkness did not last. It never does. It never can. Even as the world seems to slip into chaos, we are reminded that God the Father breathed forth His Spirit, and sent it to settle on the world, to once again from chaos form and draw together a people chosen to be His own.

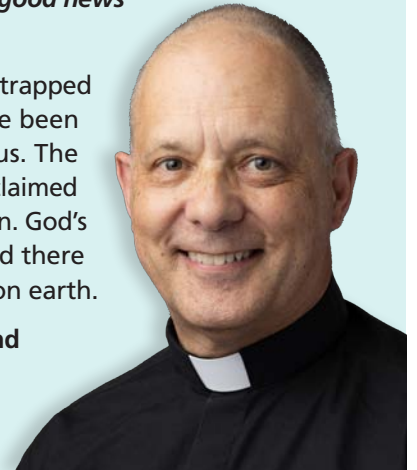
But this time, it was not a people created in the image of God. This time, God chose to take on human flesh so that for all eternity, God's own life might bear a human face. And so it happened. God's creating Word was spoken again. The Spirit was sent to hover this time over a single woman, and through her over every age of humankind. This was the most that God could give. This was the fullness of gift, the fullness of grace. Never again in this life can humanity completely withdraw from the presence of God. God is Incarnate. God has taken on human flesh, and the imprint of the divine presence is to be found in every human face.

God speaks with a human tongue, God touches us with human hands, and God loves us with a sacred heart. It is now we, who are the messengers, who must repeat this Christmas call to one another. Now, once again, with a sense of urgency at the end of a traumatic year, we must summon one another with these words,

"Don't be afraid... I have good news for you. God is with us."

Never again need we be trapped in the darkness. We have been promised – God is with us. The good news has been proclaimed – the Savior has been born. God's favor does rest on us, and there is the promise of peace on earth.

Wishing you a blessed and holy Christmas season!
Fr Bob



SUNDAY OBLIGATION

SAT 5:30PM CHURCH
SUN 8:45AM CHURCH
SUN 10:45AM CHURCH

EITHER BUT NOT BOTH

SUN 4:00PM CHURCH
SUN 4:00PM GYM
SUN 6:30PM CHURCH
SUN 6:30PM GYM
SUN 10:00PM CHURCH (INCENSE)

CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION

MON 8:45AM CHURCH
MON 10:45AM CHURCH

ATTEND 2 MASSES THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend, both a Sunday Obligation and Christmas Obligation need to be fulfilled. No single Mass can count for both of our obligations as Catholics this Christmas.

TO FULFILL YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION – Attend any Mass Saturday evening through all day Sunday.

TO FULFILL YOUR CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION – Attend ANOTHER Mass of Christmas. You must attend TWO Masses to fulfil the obligation – attending one does NOT count for both.

Attending any Christmas Eve Mass would fulfill either your Sunday or Christmas obligation, but you must also attend another Mass, that same evening, or any other Mass listed on the graphic to the left.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Annalaya Malavari Roberts
Daphne Clara Smith



MARRIAGE BANNS

December 30, 2023

Saul Pici Nieves and
Maria Guzman Rodriguez

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 allergies and/or 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 to the right.

DECEMBER INCENSE SCHEDULE

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

CONSTRUCTION

PARISH OFFICE RECEPTION AREA

To improve functionality and security, our parish office reception area will be under construction. 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Diocesan Collection: Diocesan Charities / Parish office closed

8:45 AM	Daily Mass, Christmas Day	Church
10:45 AM	Daily Mass, Christmas Day	Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Parish office closed

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration: Confessions Available	Church
7:00 PM	Young Adult: Men's Small Group	The Carter Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

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 29

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 30

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
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10:45 AM



CHRISTMAS DAY, NEW YEAR'S & SOLEMNITY OF MARY

CHRISTMAS DAY – MON, 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 – SUNDAY, DEC 31

Follow usual Sunday Mass schedule.

- No POD Nursery or Coffee & Donuts

NEW YEAR'S DAY – MONDAY, JAN 1

9 AM, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- Not a Holy Day of Obligation
- No 6:30 AM or 5:30 PM Masses
- Parish office is closed Jan 1
- No Adoration on Tuesday, Jan 2



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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Groom/DiBlasio Family
Gregory Smith
Gregory Smith
Beverly Annibaldi
Beverly Annibaldi
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Jane Cozzarelli
Byorth Family
Florence Magalski
Robert & Milena Hendrix
Mary Kaminski & Family
Mary Eskay
Mary Eskay
Mary Eskay
Sandy & Dave Walker
Sandy & Dave Walker
Lela Lalli
Lela Lalli
Lela Lalli
Rosemary Kubera
Linda & Don Clark
Kathleen Parker
Kathleen Parker
Rosaleen Matthews
Peggy & Moe Modecki
Peggy & Moe Modecki
Joseph & Sally Rielly
Joseph & Sally Rielly
Thomas Rubright
Bernard & Catherine D'Ambrosi
Bernard & Catherine D'Ambrosi
Bernard & Catherine D'Ambrosi
Stacia Hentz
Stacia Hentz
Stacia Hentz
Jim & Pat Connell
Jim & Pat Connell
Rod & Mary Anderson
Rod & Mary Anderson
The Paoni Family
Janet, Jim & Laura, Joanne & Steve, John & Teri
Janet, Jim & Laura, Joanne & Steve, John & Teri
The Biggins, Clayton & Kaylor children
The Biggins, Clayton & Kaylor children
Their Family
Their Family
Christin LeMaster
Christin LeMaster
Christin LeMaster

IN MEMORY OF

Sue Groom
Karen Lea Smith
Courtney Lea Smith
Alfred Schoeppner
Florence Schoeppner
Enio Annibaldi
Vera Annibaldi
Ann Kinney
Robert Byorth
Frank W Magalski
Carolyn Cramb
Michael Kaminski
Lynn Eskay
Deceased members of Eskay Family
Deceased members of Walsh Family
Schoeppner Family
Walker Family
William Lalli
Albiero Lalli Family
Dominic Policaro Family
Larry & Doris Kubera
Peter, Inez, Gino Pinetta
Gregory Luken Parker
Robert Sr, Alma Luken & Robert, Jr
James Matthews (2)
Leon & Margaret Kuniewicz
Edward & Betty Modecki
Joseph & Ann Rielly
John & Helen Hammer
Michele (Micki) Rubright
Bernard D'Ambrosi, Sr
Thomas Brautigan
Andrene Brautigan
Dian Hentz
Edith & Vernon J Hentz, Sr
Bettye & Frances Deutschmann
Bernard Connell
Marie Connell
Anderson & Krasevec Families
Catherine Anderson
Emilia Therese Paoni
Our Dad, Jim Biggins
Our Mom, June Biggins
Our Pappa, Jim Biggins
Our Gramma, June Biggins
Otis & Josephine Skinner
Clarence & Florence Devore
Milo LeMaster
Guy Marcelain
Jacob Henry Murray

REQUEST MADE BY

Toni Della Flora
Toni Della Flora
Toni Della Flora
Carol Berger & Children
Carol Berger
Steve, Barbara & Syd Horn
Mari Guernica
Rita McCloskey
Rita McCloskey
Rita McCloskey
Rita McCloskey
Rita McCloskey
Edith Eugenio
Edith Eugenio
Kevin & Sue Ganger
Kevin & Sue Ganger
Gary & Mary Lou DiPillo
Gary & Mary Lou DiPillo
Carol Richardson
Carol Richardson
Carol Richardson
Margaret Seipel
Joyce & Dick Nagel
Joyce & Dick Nagel
Kay Connelly
Timothy O'Reilly
Timothy O'Reilly
Timothy O'Reilly
Mary Nungesser
Frances Hatfield
Judy & Bruce Colley
Lisa Workman
Lisa Workman
Melanie Martin
Melanie Martin
Jason Martin
Jason Martin
Cindy Liberati
James & Liz Ruble
Al & Lori Crock
Al & Lori Crock
Al & Lori Crock
Stacy Meloun
Brian & Brendan Lush
Barbara VerSteeg
Karen Mustard
Karen Mustard
Valerie Scheel
Valerie Scheel
Valerie Scheel
Bill Barrett

IN MEMORY OF

George & Olga Della Flora
Dino & Mary Pezzot
Robert & Martha McCullough
Robert J Berger
Berger & Guthrie Families
Lee Colbert, Robert & Betty Galbraith, Don & Monie Horn
Deceased members of Guernica-Hoge Family
Frances
Carol McLean
Tony
Nance
Auntie Boyd
Valencia Family
Eugenio Family
John & Bridget Ganger
Frank & Agnes Dury
Mae & Larry DiPillo
Marguerite & Victor Dutko
Daniel Richardson
Joseph & Catherine Olzanski
Anne, Frank & Paul Richardson
Richard Seipel (2)
Bob & Pat Nagel (2)
Marion & Luetta Ruppert (2)
Dave Connelly
Mr & Mrs Luke Reilly
Mr & Mrs Arnold Fischer, Nancy Fischer & Mary Fischer
Rick Hodges, Larry Watts, Bill Warren & Dale Stewart
Eric Nungesser
Charles Hatfield
Betty & James E Cates, Jr
Durians Workman (2)
Margaret Workman (2)
Janice Morgan
Margaret Burget
Jane Martin
Frances Stopar
John Thomas
Byron Ruble
Ron Crock
Betty Crock
Dale Hampshire
Bob Winans
John & Alice Toft
Roger & Maryann VerSteeg
Norbert & Coletta Lause
Connie Calvelage (sister)
Dolores & John G D'Amico
Florence & Chester Scheel
Irma & Antonio Morlani
Sandy Barrett

REQUEST MADE BY

Valerie Scheel
Valerie Scheel
Valerie Scheel
Renee Grieshop
Kerry Beckwith
Kerry Beckwith
Elizabeth Sedgwick
Elizabeth Sedgwick
Megan Isenbarger
Father Stinnett
Father Stinnett
Father Stinnett
Matthew Smith
Patrick & Annette Ryan
Patrick & Annette Ryan
Patrick & Annette Ryan
Patrick & Annette Ryan
Dean Ashbrook
Amber Goecke
Tim & Michelle Schnurr
Tim & Michelle Schnurr
Martha Tanner
Lauren Porembski
Ann Tharp
Kimberly Coldren
Kimberly Coldren
Kimberly Coldren
Nancy Schroeder
The Burdick Family
Megan Amaya
Michele Lichwa
Michele Lichwa
Michele Lichwa
Sara Kostelac
Sandra Carlson
Judi Volpe
Susan Wright
Kathleen Herath
Kathleen Herath
Shalini Pineda
Suzanne Lister
Mary Nungesser
Christin Lemaster
Christin Lemaster
Christin LeMaster
Pamela Davis
Pamela Davis
Randy & Anna Crawford
Randy & Anna Crawford
Bill Barrett

IN MEMORY OF

Lillian & Jesse Trombetti
Joseph D'Amico
Jean Bower; Guy, Mary Jane, Jim Susi
Jason Grieshop
Michael Sullivan
Susan Sullivan
Deceased members of Chervenak Family (2)
Deceased members of Mathewson Family (2)
Isenbarger, Moening & Stolly Families
William Breda
Msgr George Schlegel
Gabrielle Handy
Barbara S Smith
RoseMarie Hainsey
Samuel Hainsey
Nancy Ryan
Dennis Ryan
Barbara Ashbrook
Sue Crosby
Ron Schnurr
Connie Schnurr
Brandon Tanner
Donna Duckworth Yoder
Regina Tharp
Jonathan Coldren
Larry & Helen Weingart & Robert Lyman
Bob Bickis, Jr
Jeff Romer
Julia Ann Burdick
Family members who have passed this year
Wayne Lichwa
Paul Tepe
Tom & Vivian Lichwa
James McCurdy
Wayne Carlson & Judy Sebastiano
Peter Volpe
Deceased of Wright, Kenney & Zolkowski Family
Mike & Gerry Hennessy
David & Jackie Herath
Special intention for the health of our parents (2)
Bolan Family (3)
Eric Nungesser
Milo LeMaster
Guy Marcelain
Jacob Henry Murray
Patrick Davis
All deceased members of our families
John & Norma Crawford
Bernard & Gaynelle Petrella
Michael Barrett



American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

BLOOD DRIVE – JAN 12

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Friday, January 12, 1-7 PM in Davidson Road Meeting Room B. Please give the gift of life by scheduling an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Questions? Contact Jeff Lehr at 614-315-7466 or email Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

St Brendan Young Adults Group meets the first Wednesday of each month (next one is Jan 3) with Adoration at 6 PM followed by a talk and social time in Wellnitz at 7 PM. Men's Small group meets 7-9 PM the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (last one this year is December 27, 2023.) Contact kaylastucke@gmail.com with questions. Also, third Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM the Young Catholic Professionals hold monthly events. For details or to register, visit www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org

SIGN UP FOR TRAVELING 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 by scanning the QR code or at <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public>



A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU!

We come together this week 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. Find the books out in the Church Gathering Area.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – JAN 8

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

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 Rd Meeting Rooms beginning January 13 for fellowship (breakfast is provided), a video, small group discussion and prayer. No RSVP needed for either study.



Journey with the
Bridgettine Sisters

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

2023 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

We will be preparing annual Giving Statements in mid-January. To ensure that your donations appear on this year's statements, we ask that you make sure your contributions are received in the parish office by the end of the 2023 calendar year. If you have any questions, please contact us at accounting@stbrendans.net. The Parish Office Staff would like to thank you for your continued financial support. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation will be on Christmas break until our Family Session on January 14 and 15. During this time, continue your at-home Family Meetings and Martha submissions.

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. Thank you!

FIRST RECONCILIATION – If your child was unable to join the group First Reconciliation service, he or she can attend regular Confessions on Wednesdays or Saturdays. You can also call into the parish office and set up an individual Confession with any of the priests. Please let us know once this has been completed, and we will put together your child's certificate and gift.

FIRST EUCHARIST – If you have not picked up a First Eucharist Nourish box yet, please contact Maggie (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 NEEDED

The Pod Nursery is now open for 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses and Faith Formation but we 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! Sign up by scanning 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 at bromaker@stbrendans.net with questions or view a video that explains how easy it is to dramatically reduce tuition costs for our school families by visiting www.stbrendans.net/stewardship

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 JPii Healing Center in January 2024. This event will sell out so add a calendar reminder and plan accordingly! Visit jpiihealingcenter.org/events/ to buy tickets now.

J.O.I.N. NEEDS YOUR HELP

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ODU HOSTS ST THOMAS AQUINAS LECTURE

Ohio Dominican University's lecture "Thomas Aquinas: What is Truth in the Modern World" takes place Jan 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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