#### **WELCOME TO**

# SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH FAMILY

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME
NOVEMBER 9, 2025











### **SAINT BRENDAN PARISH | STB**



#### **SUNDAY MASS**

- Saturday Vigil | 5PM
- Sunday | 8AM | 10AM\* | 12PM\* (Misa en Español)
- \* LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 8:30AM

#### ADORATION

- Monday Thursday | 1:00pm to 6:00pm
- Friday | 9:30AM to 6:00PM
- First Friday | 9:30am to First Saturday Devotion at 7:30am\*
   \*With Rosary Followed by Benediction

#### **CONFESSION**

Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 7:45AM - 8:15AM
 Saturdays | 2:30PM - 4:00PM | NO CONFESSION - MONDAY • NOV. 10

"Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You"—St. Brendan, the Navigator

### **SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH | STOC**



#### **SUNDAY MASS**

- Saturday Vigil | 5PM
- Sunday | 9AM | 11AM | 5PM

DAILY MASS - Tuesday to Friday | 9AM

#### **ADORATION**

- Tuesday Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

#### **CONFESSION**

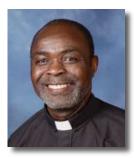
- Saturday | 3PM to 4:30PM
- Other: By Appointment.

"Do small things with great love"—SAINT MOTHER TERESA

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#### MINISTERIO PARA LOS ENFERMOS

Para hacer arreglos para el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos o para recibir la Santa Comunión en casa, por favor contacte la Oficina de la Parroquia.

#### **FUNERAL MASSES AND BURIAL RITES**

To arrange for a funeral Mass, please contact the Parish Office, or ask the funeral director to do so.

#### MISAS PARA FUNERALES Y RITOS DE ENTIERRO

Para hacer arreglos para Misa para funeral, por favor contacte la Oficina de la Parroquia, o pregunte al director de los servicios funerarios.

#### **PARISH NEWSFLASH**

If you would like to receive the weekly St. Teresa Newsflash over email, please let us know at admin@saintteresa.org.

#### To submit a bulletin announcement:

- Due Thursday a week before the target weekend.
- St. Brendan > bulletin@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa > admin@saintteresa.org

#### To submit a Mass announcement or Mass intentions:

- St. Brendan > receptionist@saintbrendan.org
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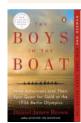
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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- COAT & BLANKET DRIVE Begins NOV. 12 to DEC. 14 See Pg. 9 for drop-off locations.
- YOUNG-AT-HEART SENIORS Wednesday, NOV. 12 10:30AM St. Teresa of Calcutta Guest Speaker Author of A Daughter Remembers: Boys in the Boat. Pg 6 Bus ride available for St. Brendan seniors. See below.
- WOMEN'S GROUP Thursday, NOV 13 6:30PM Potluck and Crafting • St. Brendan Narthex.
- WREATH SALE Pre-order on the weekend of NOV. 15/16
   St. Teresa Knights of Columbus
   See pg. 5 for more info.
- WWCCR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Saturday, NOV 15
   10AM See next column for info to RSVP.
- HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD FOR SALE Weekend of NOV. 15-16 St. Brendan Narthex. Pg. 5.
- WELL-READ MOMS New Ministry Tuesday, NOV. 18 10AM • St. Teresa Commons Room • See pg. 6.
- ROSARY MAKING Thursday, NOV 20 10AM St. Teresa of Calcutta Commons Room. • Pg. 6.
- BBQ & BROTHERS Thursday, NOV 20 6:00PM St. Brendan Narthex.
- ST. BRENDAN GARDEN Work Party on Saturday, NOV. 22 Pg. 6 for more info.
- PIES FOR SALE Weekend of NOV. 22/23 St. Teresa Pg. 5.
- APOLOGETICS MINISTRY Sunday, NOV. 23 4PM St. Brendan Narthex.



#### YOUNG-AT-HEART SENIORS

For those who have read the book "The Boys in the Boat" (by Daniel James Brown) or watched the recent movie (produced & directed by George Clooney) or joined us on our tour of the UW Shell House a couple years ago, the event in

November will be very interesting as we learn more about the nine University of Washington rowers who won the Gold medal in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, much to the dismay of Adolf Hitler. Judy Rantz Willman, daughter of Joe Rantz, will be giving her presentation: "A Daughter Remembers, The Boys in the Boat" at St Teresa of Calcutta on Wednesday, NOV. 12, at 10:30AM. Please bring a potluck dish to share for the lunch afterwards.

St. Brendan seniors, please contact Donna (206-335-4469) if you're planning to attend this presentation and, especially, if you would like to reserve a seat on the St. Brendan bus for the ride to St. Teresa of Calcutta. Please be at the St. Brendan Narthex by 9:45AM.

THANKS to all who helped in any way with the recent Bake Sale. About 1/3 of the money raised will be used to pay for this presentation.



GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS.

DIOS BUENDIGA A NUESTROS

VETERANOS.



#### WWCCR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 15, 2025 MASS WITH FATHER JIM NORTHROP

10:00AM - Praise & Worship

10:30AM - Mass with Fr. Jim Northrop.

11:30AM - Testimonies

11:45AM - Fr. Jim Northrop Presentation.

12:30PM - Potluck (Please bring main dish or salad to share).

RSVP to <a href="mailto:theresa@wwccr.org">theresa@wwccr.org</a> or by calling 206-364-2272.

#### PARISH FAMILY WOMEN'S GROUP

The fall season with the Women's Group continues with a POTLUCK DINNER & a night of CRAFTING on Thursday, NOV. 13, from 6:30PM to 8PM in the St. Brendan Narthex. No experience needed, and all supplies will be provided. You're welcome to invite a friend or family for a wonderful evening. We hope you all can join us.

**Upcoming** - Cookie Exchange in December at St. Teresa!

#### **BBQ & BROTHERS**

Come and join us on **Thursday, NOV. 20 at 6PM in the St. Brendan Narthex**. Guest Speaker, Deacon Leon Garcia-Martinez, will be sharing with us his insights on *SPIRITUAL COMBAT*. Main course will be provided. Desserts are always welcome.

### PRAYER AND READINGS

#### **READINGS OF THE WEEK**

# Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome NOVEMBER 9, 2025

THE WATERS OF THE RIVER GLADDEN THE CITY OF GOD,
THE HOLY DWELLING OF THE MOST HIGH. (PSALM 46)

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 • Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 • 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 • Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Wis 1:1-7 • Ps 139:1b-10 • Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9 • Ps 34:2-3, 16-19 • Lk 17:7-10 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11 • Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 • Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1 • Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175 • Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9 • Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 • Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 • Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 • Lk 18:1-8

#### **LET US PRAY FOR...**

#### The Sick

God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care. When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction. When they are in pain, ease their suffering. When they despair, give them hope. May they experience your healing presence in the comfort of a caregiver's calm gaze and tender touch. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

Khloe Araujo • Marguerite Capps • Beth Compton • Joan Dedman • Gini ("Jeanie") Harmon • Daniel Heidrich • Norman Hradec • Esmeralda Marin • Rocio Robles Ornelas • Barbara Schielmann • Cassie Smith • Lorena Villasenor • Sarah Watson • Shirley Wichert.

#### The Deceased

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Casilda Abreu • Fr. Jay DeFolco • Rosimari Dominguez • Brian Espinal • Steven Espinal • Alan Jesus Gutierrez Torres • Maribel Asuncion Lara • Eleazer Meshesha • Elsa Nah • Aurelio Pena • Fran Rairdin • Carmen Ramirez • Julia Rodriguez • Maritza Rosario • Barbara Ruger • Aproniano Salmasan • Doreen Salzano • David Tolossa • Peter VanDong Ngo

"DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE TEMPLE

OF GOD, AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD

DWELLS IN YOU? "-1 COR 3:16

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY
O SACRAMENT DIVINE
ALL PRAISE AND
ALL THANKSGIVING
BE EVERY MOMENT THINE

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

### Sunday, November 9

STB

8:00AM Mary Sims 10:00AM Olga Ocampo 12:00PM Daniela Silva

#### STOC

9:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish 11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

#### Monday, November 10

STB - Marguerite Capps

STOC - NO MASS

#### Tuesday, November 11

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM + Jack Gazda

#### Wednesday, November 12

STB - 8:30AM + Bienvenido Octavo

STOC - 9:00AM + Maria Leong Dos Remedios

#### Thursday, November 13

STB - 8:30AM Marian Uy

STOC - 9:00AM James Ninomiya

#### Friday, November 14

STB - 8:30AM Christian Galvan

STOC - 9:00AM + Teresinha Maria Dos Remedios

# Saturday, November 15

STB

8:30AM + Julia Matthewson 5:00PM + Francis McMonigle

STOC - 5:00PM For Saint Teresa Parish

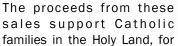
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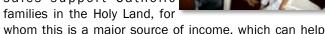
To submit a Mass intention, contact the parish office at the following email address

- St. Brendan receptionist@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa of Calcutta admin@saintteresa.org

#### **HOLY LAND WOOD CARVINGS FOR SALE**

We are having olive wood carvings available to purchase after all Masses at St. Brendan on NOV. 15-16.







them stay in their homeland. More than 75 families in Bethlehem hand carved these beautiful and unique items: Nativities, Crucifixes, Rosaries, and Statues. The Christian population in the Holy Land has dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the past two decades - this sale is a way to support them to stay there.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

#### PIES FOR SALE

Just in time for Thanksgiving! American Heritage Girls from our parish will be selling delicious Willamette Valley Pie Company pies after ALL Masses at St. Teresa on the



weekend of November 22-23. All proceeds go to support our Catholic troop's activities.

These pies are delicious! They are made with all natural non-GMO ingredients and farm fresh fruit.

Please bring cash, but we can also accept Venmo. We will have Dutch Caramel Apple, Marionberry, Cherry Church, a 4-pie vegan variety pack and NEW this year, Cheesecakes! Each 9" pie is \$20.



# REMINDER FOR THOSE SEEKING THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For this Parish and the other Parishes in the Eastside Deanery, the fastest and most reliable way to request a Priest is by calling the number listed below.

#### 425-655-3200

You will be connected immediately to a Lay Minister who will get the necessary information, and then contact the On-Call Priest.

Please make note of this special number somewhere convenient so that you will be able to find it quickly.

#### ST. TERESA'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLIDAY WREATH SALE





#### Spread Holiday Cheer with a Fresh Evergreen Wreath

- Presale orders taken after each Mass on November 15–16 or link below. Last date to order is November 17th.
- Order anytime online using the QR codes on our posters throughout the parish. Payment options: cash, check, or card.
- Wreaths will be available in the St. Teresa Social Hall after Thanksgiving during normal parish hours.
- A portion of proceeds benefit Heartbeat for Wounded Warriors Christmas.
- Two sizes: 30-inch = \$40.

36-inch = \$55





#### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: Taryn Beard-Killeri • Kay Bodmer Grasseschi • Megan Carlin • Madeline Castro Dempsey • Claire Cook • Dalia Davis Elledge • Eustorgia Felipe • Alexis Fuller • Lauren Green • Taylor Haug • Mildred Hranek • Rhianna Kofmehl • Yohaly Lucas • Lauryn Manning • Shannon Meek • Avika Nash • Bethany Nicasio • Michaela Sheehan • Shelby Teter • Alex Tolossa • MaryKate White Benshoof.

Congratulations to: Mike & Robbi Ann (Buendia) GRAY on the birth of their daughter, Pax Buendia • Cody & Rebecca HARBURN on the birth of their daughter, Faelynn Irene • West and Larissa JOHNSON on the birth of their son, Alexander Lucas • Rhianna and Nick KOFMEL on the birth of their son, Giovanni William • Erik & Allison REISINGER on the birth of their twin daughters, Valerie Jean & Lorraine Olivia •

We ask that God bless you and bring you much joy as you raise your little one. If you are expecting a baby and would like your church family to pray for you, please contact Colleen Danforth at <a href="mailto:rdhcoll@aol.com">rdhcoll@aol.com</a>.

### PARISH NEWS



#### WELL-READ MOMS

Do you love literature? Please join us on this new and exciting ministry every third Tuesday of the month at 10AM in the St. Teresa Commons Room. The group follows the structure of Well-Read Mom, a national organization, but, despite the name, our group is open to all adults, not just moms or women.

Well-Read Mom accompanies us in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. It can be a challenge to make time to read in a world that never stops. Developing and maintaining the ability for deep reading is not something we can take for granted. Millions of Americans won't read a single book this year, but if you join us, you won't be one of them.

**Our first meeting is at 10AM on Tuesday, NOV. 18.** Our focus that day will be poetry, so no advance reading is required for that session. For subsequent meetings, we will be reading one book per month.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

 The date of the November Business Meeting is being changed to Thursday, NOV.

#### 13 at 7PM.

 What does it mean to be a Knight? It means a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, and a life worth living. Join 2 million Catholic men on a mission. To learn more, go to <a href="https://www.kofc.org">www.kofc.org</a>, look for a Knight in a blue vest, or contact Grand Knight Joe Osmialowski at 248-343-9021.

#### **ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY**



The Rosary Making Ministry will have its first meeting this Thursday, NOV. 20 in the St. Teresa of Calcutta Commons Room. We meet every third Thursday of the month at 10AM through May (except December). Join us and learn how to make rosaries.

#### ST. BRENDAN GARDENS

Our final all-parish work party will be on **Saturday AM, NOV. 22** (Please note change of date from the 15th). Goal is to clean up fallen leaves on



the church grounds, especially along the street and in the playfield/playground areas. We are in need of trucks, trailers, and many volunteers. Please bring gloves and whatever tools you might need. We pray to God that the weather cooperates this time. Lunch will be provided. Any questions? Contact Anneliese (425-770-2103).



#### **FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS, TEENS, & CHILDREN**



The Faith Formation Programs for Adults, Teens and Children are starting up again in mid-September.

**The Disciples Club Program** is for all children in Grades 1st - 6th. • The

Confirmation and OCIC Programs are for teens and young adults ages 13 through 17 years old. • The OCIA Program is for adults 18 and older, who wish to become Catholic and Catholic adults seeking Sacraments.

Registrations for all programs have begun. Watch the registration forms and posters in the church and in the coming weekly bulletins. Let's all work together to have great participation in these important education programs. Questions? Please contact Mark Sizemore at 425-483-9400 (ext. 2648) <a href="mailto:childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org">childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org</a>.

**OCIA** 



**OCIA (ESPAÑOL)** 



OCIC



# ST. BRENDAN OVERNIGHT ADORATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

#### Second Saturday of the Month:

Women's Overnight Adoration—7PM to 6AM (Sunday)

#### Third Saturday of the Month:

- Children/Teen's Evening Adoration—6:30PM to 8:30PM
- Men's Overnight Adoration—8:30PM to 6AM (Sunday)

#### Segundo sábado del mes:

Adoración nocturna de las mujeres—7PM a 6AM (domingo)

#### Tercer sábado del mes:

- Adoración nocturna de los niños/adolescentes—6:30PM a 8:30PM
- Adoración nocturna de los hombres—8:30PM a 6:00AM (domingo)

# STB - EL GRUPO DE ORACION VEN A MI (STB - COME TO ME PRAYER GROUP)

El Grupo de Oracion Ven a Mi en Espanol los invita todos los **viernes de 7pm a 9pm** a reflexionar la palabra de Dios, a Orar y Alabar a Dios, hay Evangelizacion de Jovenes y Niños. Nos reunimos dentro de la Parroquia.

Vengan a mi y yo los aliviare. -Mateo 11:28

#### **EVANGELIZATION**

#### By Brigette Blair

#### CHRIS STEFANICK (YOUTUBE)

- How to Face Suffering Without Losing Hope | Dave VanVickle
- The Good News About Death—Souls, Purgatory, and the Power of Prayer
- How God Used a "Nobody" to Convert 10 Million People at Guadalupe
- Pope John Paul II Used Faith to Fight Tyranny of Communism in Poland
- What To Do While You Wait for God's Timing

#### **FORMED**

- Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well
- Can Social Media Bring People to Christ? with John Donahue
- What Catholics Believe About Sports: Faith, Competition & Virtue Explained
- True Reformers
- Practicing Catholic Podcast

#### **BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMON (YOUTUBE)**

- Why We Pray for All Souls
- Are You Revolving Around God—Or God Around You? Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon

#### **ASCENSION PRESENTS**

- The Most Heartbreaking Flight of My Life (w/ Jeff Cavins)
- How to Get Better Friends (w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz)
- How Being a Christian Will Affect Your Life (w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz)
- What's the Priest Really Thinking During My Confession? (w/ Fr. Mark-Mary Ames)
- Fr. Mike Schmitz Reacts to The Chosen

#### FR. MIKE SCHMITZ HOMILIES

- "After This" | All Souls Day (Fr. Mike's Homily) #allsoulsday
- "I Got Nothin" | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- "Moments of Consequence" | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **THE CATHOLIC PARENT—FORMED**

#### FOR KIDS-FORMED

- Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer
- God's Princesses
- Zack and Yalla
- Brother Francis (English & Español)
- Littlest Saints
- The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello
- Christine in Action
- Drawing Closer to God
- Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids
- Chalk and Block: What Every Child Needs to Know About God
- Catholic All Year at Home with Kendra Tierney

### **GROWING IN FAITH**

#### WHY DID JESUS GET ANGRY?

#### By Zoltan Abraham

The Mosaic Law prescribed various sacrifices that the Israelites had to offer to atone for sin and to mark various life events. All sacrifices had to be performed at the Temple in Jerusalem by members of the priesthood. Most of the sacrifices involved the ritual killing of an animal, whose meat would then either be burned at the altar or later consumed by the priests.

The rules mandated that the sacrificial animal had to be without blemish in order to be worthy of the Temple sacrifice. In order to ensure that the animals fit the requirements, the priests arranged for animals to be raised specifically for these rituals. Pilgrims coming to the Temple from different parts of the Jewish world could not bring their own animals. They had to purchase the appropriate sacrificial animals at the Temple.

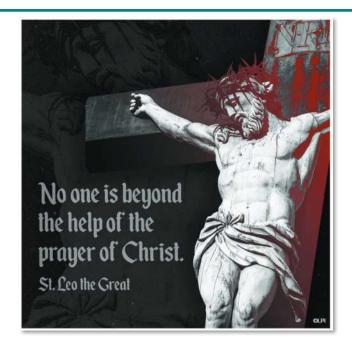
Another complication was that the Roman coins in circulation bore pagan images, which were considered idolatrous. Thus, they were not accepted at the Temple as payment. Instead, the pilgrims had to exchange their money for Temple coins when they arrived and then they had to use the Temple coins to purchase the sacrificial animals.

That is where the abuse came in. The Temple administration could charge whatever exchange rate they wanted for the money changing service. They could then also charge whatever they wanted for the animals to be sacrificed. They set exorbitant rates, which fleeced the pilgrims twice. On their end, the pilgrims had no choice, since these rituals had to be performed in order to fulfill the law.

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, we see that Jesus is angered that the Temple administration is taking advantage of the faith and good will of the believers. He cleanses the Temple and puts an end to the sacrilege. When challenged as to what authority he has to do so, he talks about himself as the Temple. But why does he do so?

The Old Testament Temple and its practices existed to prefigure the coming of Christ, who is God Incarnate. God became one of us to live among us and to offer himself up as a sacrifice on the Cross in place of us. Christ is both the High Priest and the sacrifice. His own body is the Temple of the sacrifice. The many sacrifices of the Old Testament period pointed toward the sacrifice Christ made for us, which is one sacrifice sufficient for all humanity, for all eternity.

We do not need any new sacrifices offered for us. We just have to accept the sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross, which he undertook for us, and allow him to remake and reorient our lives with his grace. As we gather to worship as a community, we should always bear in mind that each Mass is a participation in the sacrifice of Christ. When we are at Mass, we mystically travel back in time and are at the foot of the Cross. We mystically witness Christ dying upon the Cross for us. We should act at Mass accordingly. Just as Christ cleansed the



Temple of things that did not belong, we too should make sure that whatever we bring to Mass, whether in our hearts or in our attire, belongs there.

In the Second Reading, we also see that the Apostle Paul describes our bodies as the temple of God, where the Holy Spirit comes to dwell. His words highlight the integral connection between our soul and our body. The human body is not merely an earthly vessel that will be put aside later, like a rental car we might use while visiting a faraway city. No, our body is an essential part of who we are individually. True, our body will succumb to death. But as Catholics we believe that our bodies will be resurrected when Christ returns and will be reunited with our souls. We will receive a perfected version of the corruptible body we have now and, if we are admitted, we will live body and soul in Christ's heavenly realm for all eternity.

Thus, what we do with our bodies matters greatly - how we dress, how we take care of ourselves, how we comport ourselves. Everything we do with our bodies should reflect and reinforce the spiritual relationship we have with God. A good question to ask ourselves is how we have been honoring God with our bodies so far in our lives and how we can honor him more greatly as the rest of our earthly journey unfolds.

The First Reading also shows us a vision beyond our earthly sojourn. After his Second Coming, Christ will remake the world, perfecting it, removing all that causes suffering, sorrow, and death. If we accept the saving love of Christ in this life, we too will live in that blessed realm, in unending, infinite joy.

If you would like to read more of Zoltan's writings, you can find them at <a href="https://www.zoltanabraham.com">www.zoltanabraham.com</a>.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We need your help again! Our pantry that we share with St. Teresa parish is running low on food and cleaning supplies. We are also preparing meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas for our neighbors. Please donate some of the following items in the hamper in the Narthex at either church:

NEED: Canned fruit • canned chicken or tuna • peanut butter • jam/jelly • saltine crackers • spaghetti sauce • noodles • canned pumpkin • evaporated milk • brown sugar • gravy mix • cranberry sauce • dressing mix • green beans • shampoo • bar soap • laundry soap • dish soap • toilet paper.

We also have a family that needs a used clothes dryer if you know of one. Thank you for your generosity, ~Margie Inghram, 425-486-8953

#### PREPARES MINISTRY AT ST. BRENDAN AND ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



Supports families in need by providing diapers and clothing for children from birth to school age. We are located in the lower Brendan House and are open on Tuesdays from 9AM to 11AM. If

you are in a housing or food crisis or in need of other immediate assistance, please call the State of Washington Services at 2-1-1 for help-it's FREE; they are open 24/7 and multilingual. If you would like to make a financial donation to PREPARES, please write St. Teresa Prepares on the check. Please contact Lori Wirtz (loriwirtz@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you for your support! NEED: Diapers: Size - 4T and 5T • Diaper Wipes



#### PARISH FAMILY OUTREACH AND SERVICE

Fairwind - Brittany Park | John McGuinness | johnmcg@gmail.com

Kids of the World | Ken Fabrizio | kenfabrizio4@gmail.com

#### **Knights of Columbus**

- STB Joe Osmialowski | 248-343-9021
- STOC Joe Bussman I bussman5@msn.com

#### Ministry to the Homebound

STOC - Contact admin@saintteresa.org

Prepares (Pregnancy Support) | Lori Wirtz loriwirtz@gmail.com

Respect Life | Colleen Danforth - rdhcoll@aol.com

#### St. Vincent de Paul

- STB Margie Inghram | 425-486-8953
- STOC Marion Scichilone | bpgourmet@yahoo.com



Hey, Parents - did you know that your children are eligible and welcome to participate in all St. Brendan CYO sports programs simply by being

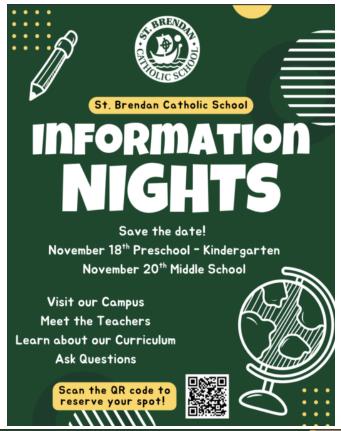
registered parishioners at St. Brendan or St. Teresa? For more information on CYO and the programs offered at St. Brendan, please reach out to Ena Demeter at ena322@yahoo.com.

#### CYO BASKETBALL

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade Basketball registration is OPEN Practices will be 1x/week in the St. Brendan Gym beginning in December; games will begin in January through the Mill Creek YMCA. Register with the steps below:

- 1. Visit Seattle CYO Website: <a href="https://www.teamsideline.com/">https://www.teamsideline.com/</a> sites/seattlecvo/current-programs
- 2. Select the red Enroll box, next to the basketball image.
- 3. Select '4-8 Basketball 2025-2026' from the dropdown menu in the Program field.
- 4. Under the Offering field, select 'St. Brendan K-3rd Grade.'
- 5. Continue to complete registration & pay.
- Coaches & Assistants please register on the Team Sideline website above as a Volunteer.
- Practice Schedules for Kindergarten 3rd Grade have not been created. Practices are typically 1x/week and are held after school is out.
- ? Questions? Contact CYO Basketball Coordinator Krista Torrey, kristatorrey@gmail.com.
- Financial Assistance is available to help with registration fees, please contact CYOad@saintbrendan.org for details.

## ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL CORNER







We invite you to make a gift to the Fund for St. Brendan School, *Forward in Faith*, where your gift is an act of faith and commitment to shape the future for the students at St. Brendan Catholic School.

Every contribution empowers the students to grow academically, deepen their spiritual lives, and develop into faithful leaders with purpose.

Make a gift online at https://givebutter.com/ForwardinFaith2025-2026 or scan the QR code.





#### ONLINE PARISHIONER STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES & ONLINE GIVING

Over the past few weeks, we've invited you to reflect on God's blessings and respond with a spirit of generosity. We are deeply grateful to all who have made a stewardship commitment—your support is a powerful witness to faith in action. Because of your gifts, our parish continues to thrive. We're able to offer vibrant liturgies, faith formation for all ages, outreach to those in need, and a welcoming community where people can encounter Jesus Christ. If you haven't yet made your commitment, there's still time. Every gift matters, and together, we make a lasting impact. Thank you for being part of this mission. Please make your pledge today by going online at or completing the commitment card in the pew. Thank you.

Every person's finances and family situation is different. Jesus makes it clear that it matters not how much one gives, but that it is planned, calculated, at least somewhat sacrificial (see Luke 24:1-4), and not simply from what is "leftover" at the end of the month.

We propose the tithe (10%) as the ideal every family can consider working towards. This means taking steps to give 5% to one's parish and 5% to other charities, or causes you have personal passion for.

You can give online at parish.saintbrendan.org (STB) or at https://pushpay.com/g/

saintteresacalcutta (STOC) or scan the following QR codes with your phone's camera, It's quick, secure, convenient, and easy. Your support helps sustain our parish family. If you need help with online giving, please call the Parish Office at 425-483-9400 (STB) or 425-806-8096 (STOC)









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