



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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### ***MASS:***

***Wednesday 9:00 a.m.***

***Sunday 9:00 a.m.***

### ***Parish Pastoral Council:***

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## *An Unimaginable Loss*

The text that came over my wife's phone from a teacher friend was terse and almost beyond comprehension. "Please pray for one of my fourth graders. His father was killed in an auto accident this morning."

Life can be so grand. It can also be unbearably cruel. I can't begin to imagine the pain in that household when the news arrived that a father and husband had been lost in an instant.

Our hearts go out to that wife, to any siblings, and most especially to that fourth grader. It is a situation impossible to digest from afar; what it must be like to experience firsthand is beyond my imagination.

My mind turned to what my life was like in the fourth grade. I would have been almost ten in that 1959-60 school year; my life was sheltered and fairly serene aside from the usual childhood neighborhood bullies. My parents were older than the parents of most classmates, but everyday life was the same, filled with a father who worked and a mother who ran the domestic side of our lives.

I never missed a meal; we had heat in the winter, clothes to wear, caring teachers to get us through each school day. I cannot imagine what it would have been like in my innocence to be told one morning that my father or mother had lost their life. My folks lived until I was almost 30, and even then the pain of loss was deep. Losing one of them at ten...how could you go on day to day?

There can only be one way. That family, that school would need to wrap their arms around that child and his mother and be there every step of the way in the years to come, as I hope and pray they will be.

There is no good answer to why a loving God allows such tragedies to occur in this life. Theologians and thinkers have debated such questions for centuries without coming much closer to any answers that make sense — and surely no answers that take away the pain of the loss. If we are fortunate enough to meet God in the next life, we may at last understand why humanity has had to suffer in so many ways.

In the meantime, what can we do? Pray that children and spouses who suffer crushing losses like this may find solace, however God in His mercy may provide it for them.

— Lou Jacquet

## *St. Christine Sets 2/8 Winterfest*

St. Christine Parish will hold its annual Winter Fest 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday February 8 in the parish center. The donation is \$40 or \$300 for a table of eight.

The meal and event, prepared by the eighth grade Confirmation class of the parish, benefits the Dorothy Day House. Tickets: Call the parish office at 330-792-3829. Only 80 tickets will be sold.

Menu: Regional cuisines of Italy; assorted olives, peppers, cheeses and meats; Tuscan Minestrone Soup; Roman Salad of Field Greens, Artichokes, and Olives; Veal Parmigiana, Homemade Gnocchi, Broccoli; Sicilian Cassata Cake; Various selected wines, beer, soft drink, coffee.

## *Charities Awareness Month*

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown. Did you know that you do not have to be Catholic to receive assistance from Catholic Charities? We help all people in need regardless of their faith or lack of faith as our resources allow. To learn more, visit [ccdoy.org](http://ccdoy.org)

## *2025 Mass Book Open*

St. Brendan's 2025 Mass Book is now open and Masses are available as soon as February. All parishioners requesting Masses for a deceased loved one are limited to ONE SUNDAY MASS and ONE WEEKDAY MASS. There are 104 Masses to be celebrated, but several are for all parishioners.

To request a Mass, call Jackie Niznik, parish office manager, 330-792-3875 (Monday- Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) at the rectory, or drop your written request with your name and phone number into the collection basket.

### **Sunday, February 9**

**9:00 a.m.** Josh Frenzel by a Family Friend

### **Wednesday, February 12**

**9:00 a.m.** Paul Robinson by Ivana Luka-Unger

### **Sunday, February 16**

**9:00 a.m.** No Name Submitted

### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

**Mike Mraz, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas**

### **Pray for the Faithful Departed**

**Rose Marie Mains, Julie McLain Hall**



## *Altar/Rosary 2024 Christmas Party*



**St. Brendan's Altar/Rosary Society held its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 8 at St. Christine's Parish Hall. Some 75 folks enjoyed Chef Christopher Bonacci's chicken cordon bleu buffet meal, while a musical ensemble from Ursuline High School provided background music. The guests included members of St. Brendan, St. Christine and Mother of Sorrows parishes. Photos courtesy of Sharon Pasquale and Deborah Zalovcik**



## *Sunday's Scriptures: Depart From Me, I Am A Sinner*

The readings for today's Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time are from Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11.

There are moments in our lives that change us forever. We suddenly see ourselves differently and recognize that we must change. We call this experience a conversion.

In our first reading, Isaiah has a vision. He sees the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, surrounded by Seraphs crying out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! ...at the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke."

Isaiah recognizes that he is in the presence of the Lord God, and realizes his unworthiness: "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips; yet I have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

When confronted with the majesty and holiness of God, he has a conversion and realizes that he is unclean. An angel comes to him and touches his lips with a burning ember; for the rest of his life God will speak to the people of Israel through the mouth of Isaiah the prophet.

In our gospel, Jesus gets into the boat of Simon Peter and asks him to set out into deep water and lower his nets. Simon tells Jesus that they have worked all night and caught nothing. Yet in obedience and respect he lowers the nets. They catch such a huge number of fish that the nets begin to tear and the boats begin to sink. When Simon Peter sees this, he falls to his knees and says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

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The effect of this miracle is not just happiness and gratitude. Like Isaiah, Simon Peter recognizes the holiness of Jesus and, by comparison, his own unworthiness and sinfulness. He experiences the difference between grace and sin. He has a profound conversion. His life takes on a lifelong change. Simon the fisherman becomes Peter the apostle, who will gather men for Christ.

Has this happened to us? Is Jesus our Lord? Have we experienced our sinfulness and allowed God to work in our lives? As the prayer says, "Lord, I surrender my life to you. Jesus, you take over."

## *A/R Drive-Thru Dinner Set*

St. Brendan's Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a Drive-Thru Dinner by Chef Christopher Bonacci on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m.-noon, or until sold out. Menu: Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, dessert. Free-will offering. Sharon Pasquale is the A/R president.

## *Prayer to SS. Cyril/Methodius*

"O God, who enlightened the Slavic peoples through the brothers, saints Cyril and Methodius, grant that our hearts may grasp the words of your teaching, and perfect us as a people of one accord in true faith and right confession. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever."

Feast Day: February 14; 9th century

### **Your Sacrificial Offering**

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For February 2025 **\$29,440.00**

#### **Week of February 2, 2025**

Sunday Collection	\$3,359.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$20.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$5,539.00

**1 week total \$5,539 .00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00**

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**Mass 9 a.m.**

**2/2-100**



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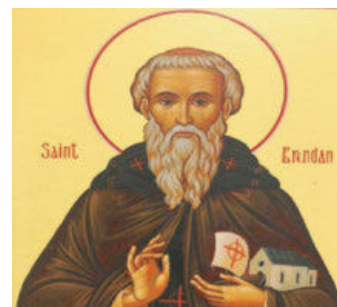
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*Wednesday 9:00am*





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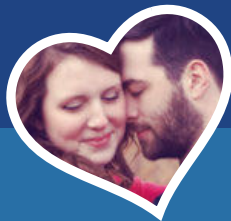
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