

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 3, 2023

**Whoever  
wishes  
to come  
after me  
must deny  
himself,  
take up  
his cross,  
and  
follow me.**

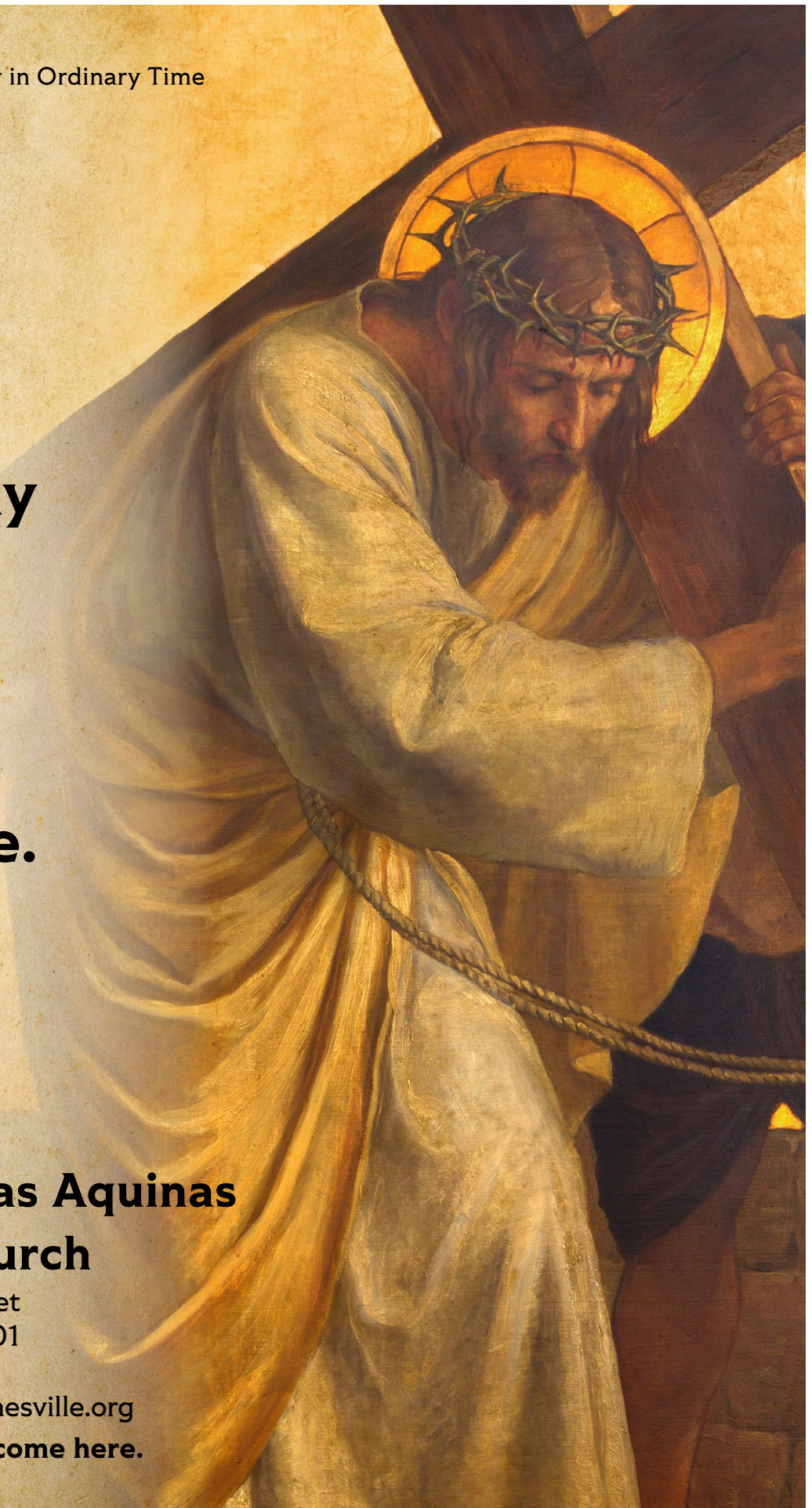
Matthew 16:24

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Friday: Closed

Additional hours by appointment

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, September 3, 2023 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scripture Readings:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;

**Mt 16:21-27**

4:30 p.m. Mass (DY) (Activity Center) for † Mary Ann McDonald

7:45 a.m. Mass (DY) (Activity Center) for † Larry & Judy Weiner

11:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

**Monday, September 4, 2023**

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13;

**Lk 4:16-30**

Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

7:15 a.m. Mass at Genesis Hospital (Chapel)

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

for † Joseph T. Johnston

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

**Scripture Readings:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

for † Theresa Hemmer

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

(Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**

**Scripture Readings:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

50th Wedding Anniversary for Paul & Andy Hoffman

**Friday, September 8, 2023 – Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Scripture Readings:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;

**Mt 1:1-16, 18-23**

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

for † Mary Margaret Murphy

**Saturday, September 9, 2023 – Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

**Scripture Readings:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Activity Center)

**Sunday, September 10, 2023 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scripture Readings:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

4:30 p.m. Mass (SO) (Activity Center) for † John & Peg Mattingly

7:45 a.m. Mass (SO) (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (Activity Center) for † Michael Strohl

### **JOB OPENING – HOUSEKEEPER, SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH:**

There is a job opening at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish for a Housekeeper beginning ASAP. Duties will include housekeeping responsibilities in the rectory, altar linens for use in the church and other light duties in the Parish Office, church and Activity Center. The position is hourly and will ideally be structured for seven hours per day for four days per week, but this schedule can be adjusted to meet the needs of an applicant. If you are interested in the position, please either submit a résumé to Michael Morris at the Parish Office at [mmorris@saintthomaszanesville.org](mailto:mmorris@saintthomaszanesville.org) or call the Parish Office at 740-453-3301, ext. 121.

### **RCIA ENROLLMENT UNDERWAY**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will start up again in October. Should you know anyone who desires to enter the Catholic Church, or deepen their existing knowledge of the faith, please contact Rob Rodgers at [rrogers@saintthomaszanesville.org](mailto:rrogers@saintthomaszanesville.org) for more information, or text him at 740-617-6953. Watch the bulletins and the church doors for more information and registration forms. All are welcome to attend the Sessions – these evenings can provide an excellent learning opportunity for all.

### **CCD ENROLLMENT UNDERWAY:**

Registration for religious education classes at Saint Thomas Aquinas is under way. Classes begin September 17th and are held on Sundays through the first of May from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Parish Center for students in Kindergarten (five years old by September 30) through 8th grade. CCD meets the faith formation needs of students in our parish who are attending public schools, non-Catholic private schools, or who are homeschooled – but everyone is welcome! Students in second grade prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, while 8th grade students are prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration forms are available at church entrance and exit doors or in the Parish Office. You may register all of the children in your family using this one form. You will receive confirmation of enrollment with further details approximately one week prior to our kickoff. Registration for Sacrament Preparation is included in the packet.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)

**August 27, 2023**

Mass Collection	\$ 5,736.00
EFT	\$ 0.00
Online/Direct Gifts	\$ 0.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,736.00
YTD Collected	\$ 75,405.16
YTD Budgeted	\$ –
Deficit	\$ –

### **FOOD PANTRY:**

St. Thomas Aquinas has received an abundance of families needing support from our Food Pantry. The need has grown significantly this year due to increased cost of living expenses. St. Thomas is typically serving five to ten families per week requesting food boxes. Due to the increased needs, our pantry is in need of restocking. We currently need dry milk, jelly, spaghetti, bottled water, toilet paper, toothbrushes, mac & cheese, canned hams and coffee singles. Your donations are greatly appreciated during this time of need. Donations can be dropped off during Mass in the Activity Center or the Parish Office Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Reaching all Knights of Columbus Council #15824, our next meeting will be September 7th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m and meeting will start at 7:15 p.m. If there are any men interested in wanting to know more about the Knights of Columbus, you are welcome and encouraged to join us. See what we are about and what we do for our community and church. If you have questions, please contact Benny Myers at 740-647-3086 or visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>.



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Your gift to the 2023 Appeal is vital to the success of this diocesan-wide campaign and can benefit our parish. We are off to a good start toward our parish goal of \$57,761.29. To date, we have collected \$40,550.00 and pledged \$54,360.00. We are only **\$3,401.29 away from our goal**. Thank you to all those families that have made a gift or pledge. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift will help continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Please pray for the success of the Appeal and remember, no amount of giving is too small.

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*That Man is You!* is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for food, fellowship and faith September 23rd at 7:30 a.m. at the Saint Thomas Parish Office. All men are welcome. Learn more at [tmiy.org](http://tmiy.org). Any questions? Please contact Brian Novotny at 614-207-3573 or [BMN616@Hotmail.com](mailto:BMN616@Hotmail.com).





### TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

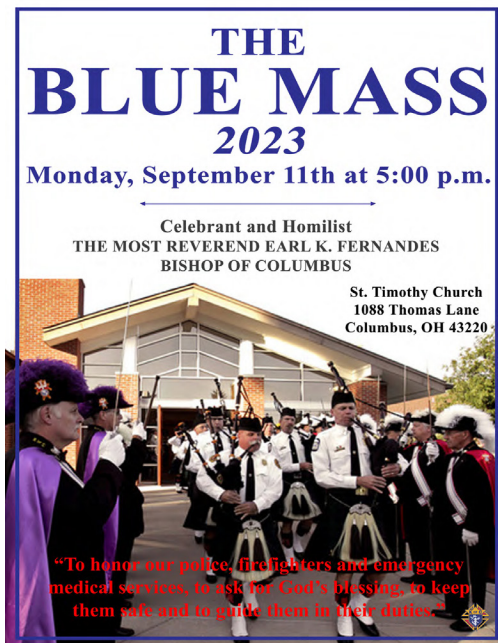
Join us as we study “Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom,” from Ascension Press, Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Nicholas Parish Office beginning Tuesday, September 12th. This 20-week course studies the adventures of the apostles, who were chosen to spread “Christ to the World.” Please call the office at 740-453-0597, ext. 14 to preregister. \$36.00 covers the study guide.

### EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:

St. Nicholas Church Eucharistic Exposition is Friday, October 6th (First Friday). Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and will end at 3:00 p.m. Benediction will begin at 2:50 p.m.

### BOOSTER MANIA:

Bishop Rosecrans Athletic Boosters will be having their Booster Mania on September 13th at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 6:30 p.m. You may purchase your numbers for the next year and enjoy food and drinks compliments of the Boosters. Any questions, please contact Marvin Paul at 740-819-3429.



### BLUE MASS:

Monday, September 11th at 5:00 p.m. St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus, OH 43220. St. Timothy Church and St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 will host The Blue Mass on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The Blue Mass is an opportunity to honor and pray for all active, retired and deceased police, firefighters, and emergency medical services. In addition, it is an occasion to remember the 2,973 who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. All active and retired police, fire, and emergency medical services in the greater Columbus area, and their families are invited. The Celebrant and Homilist for The Blue Mass will be The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus. The livestream link for the 2023 Blue Mass is <https://www.sttimchurch.org/livestream-mass>. Let us all join together to honor our police, firefighters, and emergency medical services, to ask for God's blessing, to keep them safe, and to guide them in their duties.

NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 9/10	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Brian Hunt	Ann Combs	Martha Newsom
Sunday, 7:45 a.m.	Abby/Levi Crum	Ed Bucknam Brent Mirgon	Debbie Crum
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	Paul Hoffman Andrew Stark	Ruth Ann Lynn Jerry Lynn	Tim Perry





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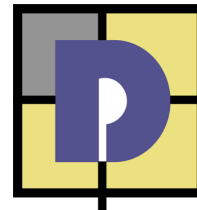
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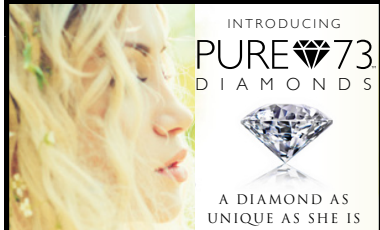
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