#### September 10, 2023 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them. ~ Matthew 18:20



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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Sunday, September 10 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 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

9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)

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

#### Monday, September 11

Scripture Readings: Col 1:24–2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

No Mass

<u>Tuesday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary</u>

Scripture Readings: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

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

for 🕆 Barbara Kearney-Sheehan

<u>Wednesday, September 13 – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor</u> of the Church

Scripture Readings: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

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

for & Howard Andrews

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

Thursday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Scripture Readings: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

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

#### <u>Friday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows</u>

Scripture Readings: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

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

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

for & Fr. Emmanuel Bertrand, O.P.

<u>Saturday, September 16 – Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</u> Scripture Readings: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

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

<u>Sunday, September 17 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Scripture Readings: Sir 27:30–28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

4:30 p.m. Mass (DY) (Activity Center) for ♥ Tri Nguyen

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

9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Center)

9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)

11:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (Activity Center) for \$\Psi\$ Linda Ann Sentivany

#### **SCAM ALERT:**

Several in the Zanesville area have received emails and text messages from someone pretending to be Fr. Daveor Fr. Ondrey. The messages ask for help and also ask that you not call, as Fr. Dave or Fr. Ondrey is either in a meeting or unavailable. The next message is a request for the purchase of gift cards. PLEASE KNOW THAT FR. YOUNG NOR FR. ONDREY WOULD NEVER SEND A TEXT OR AN EMAIL ASKING FOR FUNDS OF ANY KIND.

#### <u>JOB OPENING - HOUSEKEEPER,</u> 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 up to 20 hours per week. If you are interested in the position, please either submit a résumé to Michael Morris at the parish office at 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 rrodgers@ 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 underway. 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 2nd 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)

Totals unavailable, please see next week's bulletin.

#### **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 5-10 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.

#### THERE'S STILL TIME TO GIVE:

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.



#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Reaching all Knights of Columbus Council #15824, our next meeting will be October 5th. 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.

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN OF FAITH:**

Catholic Women of Faith will meet Monday, September 11th for a Potluck in the St. Nicholas Church Social Hall (Church Basement) at 6:30 p.m. All women ages 16 and up are invited to join us as we continue to forge ahead in a new way seeking to serve our community in faith and friendship.

#### **LAY DOMINICANS:**

"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the whole world on fire (St. Catherine of Siena)." Is God calling you to be a Lay Dominican? Members of the Lay Dominicans are fully incorporated into the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and live out their vocation in the world, and have a special charism to preach for the salvation of souls. Dominican life is flavored by four key areas, called the Four Pillars, which hold up our lives as Dominicans. They are prayer, study, community, and apostolate. Here at Saint Thomas Aquinas, our Chapter is over 100 years old. If you would like more information, contact Melanie Von Gunten at 740-297-5434.

#### **MEN'S PROGRAM:**

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. Any questions? Please contact Brian Novotny at 614-207-3573 or BMN616@Hotmail. com.

#### **BREAKFAST RETURNS:**

Join us Sunday, September 10th at St. Nicholas Church Social Hall (Church Basement) for sausage patties and scrambled eggs, Nancy's fancy potatoes and Kelly's yummy French Toast and pancakes, not to mention our delightful student volunteers who always greet you with a smile. Following the 8:15 a.m. and the 10:45 a.m. Masses! It's free! However, we do accept donations for the support of future breakfasts.

#### **CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Cafeteria Volunteers Needed at Bishop Fenwick School. If you are an approved volunteer for the Catholic Schools of Zanesville, please consider volunteering to help in the cafeteria between the hours of 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to volunteer will need to complete a Protecting God's Children class and have a background check sent to the Diocese of Columbus as a volunteer. Background check forms are available in the school office. All volunteers are greatly appreciated.

#### **54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA:**

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to nine months. Join Catholics across Ohio in praying the 54-Day Rosary Novena beginning Friday, September 15th, for the defeat of this dangerous amendment. Sign up for daily email reminder with Novena Prayers at www.pray54ohio.org.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Calling all St. Thomas Aquinas bakers! You all did such a wonderful job providing cookies, brownies, and sweet treats for our Octoberfest last year, that we are asking you to help supply us with the desserts again this year. The Octoberfest will be on Saturday, September 30th after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The baked goods may be dropped off on Saturday, September 30th starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Activity Center. If you have any questions, please call Jill Phillips at 740-252-1473 or Melanie Von Gunten at 740-297-5434. Thank you so much for your generosity.

#### **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.

NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 16/17	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Brian Hunt	Dave Chupka	Kim Chupka
Sunday, 7:45 a.m.	Abby/Levi Crum	Jim Gable	Brent Mirgon
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	Robinsons Dalton Frame	Sophia Marcum Annette Holstein	Kim Gates

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**ABOUT ISSUE 1



#### What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would endanger the health and safety of women, threaten parental rights, and allow for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Ohioans will vote on November 7, 2023, whether to make this change to the Ohio Constitution.

#### What would Issue 1 do?

#### Put women at risk:

 Health and safety standards in Ohio could be eliminated. Doctors could no longer need to examine a woman or explain the risks of the abortion procedure ahead of time.

#### Threaten parental rights:

• A fifteen-year-old could have an abortion without her parents knowing. Current Ohio law requires parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion. These parental right protections could be removed as they directly conflict with the amendment which would allow all individuals, including minors, to make their own reproductive decisions.

#### Allow for abortions of fully formed babies:

 Abortion would be legal through all 9 months of pregnancy. Physicians at an abortion clinic could use a woman's age or emotional well-being as a reason to perform an abortion in the 3rd trimester.

See "Where Does it Say That?" for specific information.

### Would abortion be illegal in Ohio if Issue 1 does not pass?

If Issue 1 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Ohio until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. This standard was challenged in court and placed on hold, allowing for abortions up to 22 weeks as of September 15, 2023. Current laws that protect the safety of women and parental rights would stay in effect.

### Doesn't Issue 1 simply restore Ohio back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

Issue 1 goes dangerously beyond what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling. It opens the door to remove important health and safety measures that protect women, threatens parental consent and notification of any minor seeking an abortion, and allows for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

### Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Issue 1 fails?

The passing or failure of Issue I will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives when her life is in danger, even if the treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage. In the case of an ectopic pregnancy, the life-affirming option is to surgically remove the mother's fallopian tube in which the embryo has implanted. No law restricts this care in Ohio or any other state in the country.

### How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born. Project Rachel helps those struggling post-abortion. Every woman should be able to depend upon a community for support and the Catholic Church remains committed to woman in need.

Learn more: ohiocathconf.org

### What is the Church doing to protect life and defeat Issue 1?

Each diocese in Ohio is working together, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Issue 1 to women, parents, and life. We are also part of the Protect Women Ohio coalition to let all voters know Issue 1 is harmful for Ohioans

#### What can I do to help defeat Issue 1?

- 1. PRAY & Fast
- 2. EDUCATE Yourself and TELL OTHERS about the dangers of Issue 1
- 3. Register & VOTE NO on Issue 1

#### Where can I learn more?

Read the full text of the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution and learn about the concerning language that puts women at risk, threatens parental rights, and allows for abortions through all nine months of pregnancy:





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