



HE SAID, "MASTER, YOU GAVE
ME FIVE TALENTS.
SEE, I HAVE MADE FIVE MORE."
HIS MASTER SAID TO HIM,

*"Well done, my good
and faithful servant."*

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NOVEMBER 19, 2023 | THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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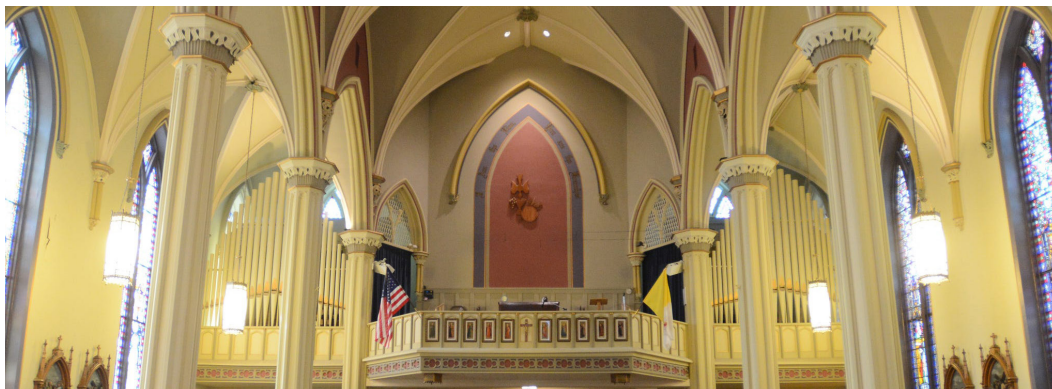
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8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Additional hours by appointment

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6;

Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

4:30 p.m. Mass (SO) (Activity Center) for † Thomas & Margaret Paul

7:45 a.m. Mass (SO) (Activity Center) for † Pop & Mimi Wolfe

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

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

Monday, November 20

Scripture Readings: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

NO MASS

6:30 p.m. RCIA (St. Nicholas Parish Office)

Tuesday, November 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Scripture Readings: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10

9:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Cheri Bintz Zecicikey

Wednesday, November 22 – St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Scripture Readings: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28

9:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Teresa Hemmer

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

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day

Scripture Readings: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (St. Nicholas) for † Freddie Horn

Friday, November 24 – St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Scripture Readings: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (Activity Center) for † Pauline Hinnelspach

Saturday, November 25

Scripture Readings: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

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

Sunday, November 26 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Scripture Readings: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

4:30 p.m. Mass (DY) (Activity Center) for † Cecil & Jean Baughman

7:45 a.m. Mass (DY) (Activity Center) for † Ed Bowman


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

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

IN SYMPATHY:

Margaret “Kathy” Mathews passed away on November 9th. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:
Thanksgiving is a traditional time to count our own blessings and share what we have with others less fortunate. Help feed those who come to our door seeking assistance by donating nonperishable food items to stock our parish food pantry. Pull-tops are appreciated, as many homeless do not have can openers; donations of hand-crank openers welcome. The cupboards are bare in many areas, so all food items are needed. Some items our pantry is in need of: Dry Milk, Cereal, Fruit, Hot Chocolate, and individual Coffee (no K-Cups). Bring your items to Mass on the weekend of November 25th/26th or to the Parish Office, Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

 **ANGEL TREE:**
Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of thousands of children around the country each year. Please consider adopting a child this holiday season. Pick a tag on the Christmas tree in the Activity Center and shop for the desired items listed on the tag. Once you have purchased the items, please return the gifts unwrapped with the tag to the Salvation Army, 515 Putnam Avenue, Zanesville by December 11th.

BISHOP ROSECRANS HOLIDAY BAZAAR:
Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Bishop Rosecrans High School, 1040 E. Main Street, Zanesville, vendors will be set up all throughout the school. There is something for everyone on your Christmas List. FREE ADMISSION. Gift Card Raffle, Raffle with donations from our Vendors, Concessions, including homemade soup. Kick off the Christmas Season with us. For more information, contact 740-260-2519.

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. As of November 1, 2023, we have collected \$51,834.50 and pledged \$56,930.00. We are only **\$831.29 away from our goal**. Thank you to all those families who 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.

HANDBELL FESTIVAL:
Treat yourself to an interdenominational Handbell Festival on November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 516 Shinnick Street, Zanesville. It is right next to St. Thomas Church. The concert is free; a freewill offering will be taken up.

STEWARDSHIP	
(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)	
November 13, 2023	
Mass Collection	\$ 7,400.00
EFT	\$ 5,471.00
Online/Direct Gifts	\$ 0.00
Total Offertory	\$ 12,871.00
YTD Collected	\$ 183,075.30
YTD Budgeted	\$ 192,307.60
Deficit	-\$ 9,232.30

CEMETERY UPDATE:
Effective January 1st, cemetery pricing will increase. Grave plots and cremation plots will increase from \$700.00 to \$1,000.00 for parishioners and \$1,200.00 for non-parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office for a complete list of prices effective January 1st. To purchase your plot before the price increases, please contact the Parish Office at 740-453-3301 to set up an appointment.





ROOF REPAIR UPDATE

Work on the church continues in the attic, in the main sanctuary and in Rosary Hall. Additional flooring support is being added due to the fact that weight is being added from the installation of the steel C Channels in the attic. The C Channels will weigh between 75 and 350 pounds each depending upon its location. The picture provides a perspective on the number of shoring towers and scaffolding currently in place in the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SOCIAL NIGHTS:

Knights of Columbus Council 505 is having Social Night every Friday evening. A Euchre Tournament will be played from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There is no entry fee, and the winner wins a \$10.00 Gift Certificate to the K of C Hall. If you don't play Euchre, no problem, other games can be played based on interest. Or, just come to enjoy the fellowship and a good meal. There are weekly specials from the kitchen.

UNDONE WOMEN'S

CONFERENCE:

Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the Undone Women's Conference where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity. Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters and friends. This is a weekend you won't want to miss! *Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart* will be held at St. Francis de Sales in Newark on January 25, 26 and 27. This event is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience at www.jpilhealingcenter.org. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts available. Contact Heather Stasel at hstasel@stfrancisparish.net for more information.

CATHOLIC MEN'S

LUNCHEON:

Join us Friday, December 1 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring his Excellency Bishop Earl Fernandes, Bishop of the Columbus Diocese, who will present his annual address to the Luncheon Club. The December luncheon is sponsored by The Catholic Foundation. Started in 1984, the Catholic Foundation has provided over \$200 million in funding for organizations throughout the Columbus Diocese and beyond. More information about the Catholic Foundation is available at <https://catholic-foundation.org/>. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, please contact Pat Foley at foleyp513@gmail.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! There is no luncheon in January, but plan on attending our luncheon on Friday, February 2, 2024, when Bishop Fernandes will return to present the Catholic Man of the Year Award.

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm at St. Nicholas

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas; several priests will join us to individually hear confessions.



MEN'S RETREAT DECEMBER 1-2

The Truth Will Set You Free

Men of God, join us as we seek the richness of God's love and mercy in our lives and to build the Kingdom of God here on earth.

(Retreat begins 7:00 p.m. Friday)

Where: Presentation Ministries'
Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center
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- Guest Rooms available
 - Meals provided
- Take time to enjoy our trails, rock formations and wooded hillsides

Cost: A Donation

Pray and "Do whatever He tells You."
For more information and to preregister,
go to www.presentationministries.com
or call 513-373-2397.



Advent Wreath Making

Saturday, December 2 @ 10 am in the Activity Center



REGISTRATION & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 26!

Includes wreath frame, evergreen, bows, candle holder, & waterproof tape.
Refreshments included, too! Bring your own candles, pruners, berries &
pinecones if desired. Families welcome!

WREATHS BLESSED AT THE 4:30 P.M. VIGIL MASS ON December 2nd

COMPLETE THIS FORM & RETURN IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 26TH

Place registration and payment in envelope marked "Advent Wreath Making Class"

Name _____ Phone # _____

\$10 PER ADVENT WREATH

Payment must accompany registration. Make checks payable to Saint Thomas Aquinas Church; write "Advent Wreath" in memo portion of check.



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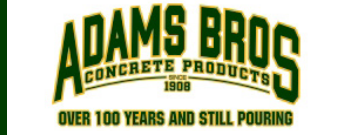
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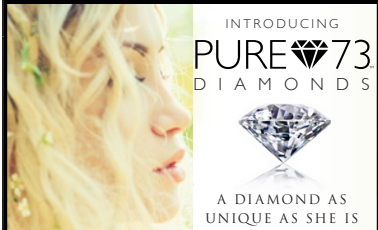
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