

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 | SOLEMNITY OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

When the Son of  
Man comes in his

*glory,*

and all the angels  
with him, he  
will sit upon his  
glorious throne

*Matthew 25:31*



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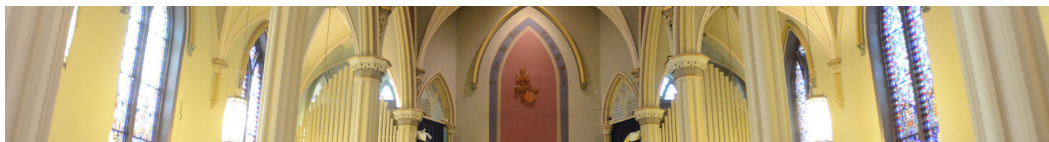
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**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

**Monday, November 27**

**Scripture Readings:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

**NO MASS**

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

**Tuesday, November 28**

**Scripture Readings:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for Living & Deceased Members of the Kurokawa Family

**Wednesday, November 29**

**Scripture Readings:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

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

for † Fred & Mary Ann Baker

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

**Thursday, November 30 – Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**

**Scripture Readings:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Andy Quinn

**Friday, December 1**

**Scripture Readings:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

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

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for Michael Marcum I

**Saturday, December 2**

**Scripture Readings:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

10:00 a.m. Advent Wreath Making (Activity Center)

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

**Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent**

**Scripture Readings:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

4:30 p.m. Mass (SO) (Activity Center) for † Peter John & Ameilia Morosco Family

7:45 a.m. Mass (SO) (Activity Center) for † Tom & Mary Pieczynski

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

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

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

6:00 p.m. Net Nights (Activity Center)



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**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION UPDATE:**

We are pleased to announce that St. Thomas Aquinas Parish has applied for and been awarded grants from the Catholic Foundation. The grants are \$5,000.00 for the St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry and \$5,000.00 for the NET Nights Teen Ministry Program. Thanks to the Catholic Foundation for their help in funding these two very important ministries.



### ROOF REPAIR UPDATE:

This week, we began the installation of a “trolley system” in the attic of the church. The steel C channels that will be used to reinforce the structural support, weigh between 70 and 350 pounds each. A system is necessary to be able to transport and handle the C channels during installation. That is the reason for the “Trolley System” which is shown in the pictures this week. A crane will lift the C channels to the doghouse on the roof. At that point, the trolley system will be used for transport and placement.

### 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.

## STEWARDSHIP

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

### November 20, 2023

Mass Collection	\$ 5,876.00
EFT	\$ 0.00
Online/Direct Gifts	\$ 0.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,876.00
YTD Collected	\$ 188,951.30
YTD Budgeted	\$ 201,922.98
Deficit	-\$ 12,971.68

### IN SYMPATHY:

Stephen Wisecarver passed away on November 15th. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

### 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 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.

# 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.



NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 2/3	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Brian Hunt, Robinsons	Ann Combs	Janet Pompei
Sunday, 7:45 a.m.	Abby/Levi Crum	Ed Bucknam, Brent Mirgon	Debbie Crum
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	David Thornton, Dalton Frame	Sophia Marcum	Luci Green

**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.

**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](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org). Scholarships, student and missionary discounts available. Contact Heather Stasel at [hstasel@stfrancisparish.net](mailto: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 [foley513@gmail.com](mailto:foley513@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.

**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.



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Sun, November 5, 2023	Crucified	Sun, March 3, 2024	Living Stones
Sun, December 3, 2023	New Creations	Sun, April 7, 2024	Salvation
Sun January 14, 2024	Love One Another	Sun, May 5, 2024	Living for Christ



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# *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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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