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Call 740-453-3301 and press 5 at the prompt to leave a message; a volunteer will return your call.

**Emergency Anointing:** In a medical emergency, call the Parish Office and at the prompt, press 4. This automatically routes your call to our Sacramental Emergency Line. For non-emergencies, call the office to schedule an anointing.

**Prayer Line:** Call any one of the following numbers; your request will be passed along to the entire team.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

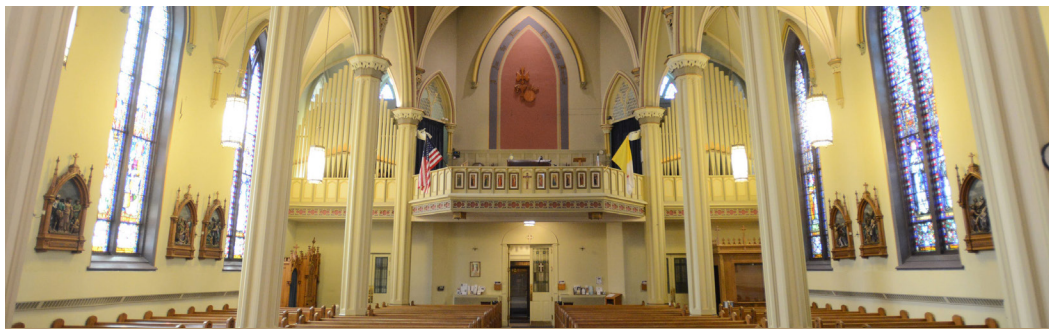
Monday-Thursday:

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

Friday: Closed

Additional hours by appointment

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 31 – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

**Scripture Readings:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;  
 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

4:30 p.m. Mass (SO) (Activity Center) for † Charles & Virginia Lynn  
 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 the Living & Deceased Members of  
 Bob & Coni Allen Family

**Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

**Scripture Readings:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday**

8:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (St. Nicholas)

**Tuesday, January 2 – Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,****Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28

**Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday**

9:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Betty Jean Hooper

**Wednesday, January 3**

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Jn 2:29–3:6; PS 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

9:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Jim Hillis  
 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

**Thursday, January 4 – Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

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

**Friday, January 5 – Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

9:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Evelyn Nader-Winters

**Saturday, January 6**

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38  
 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

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

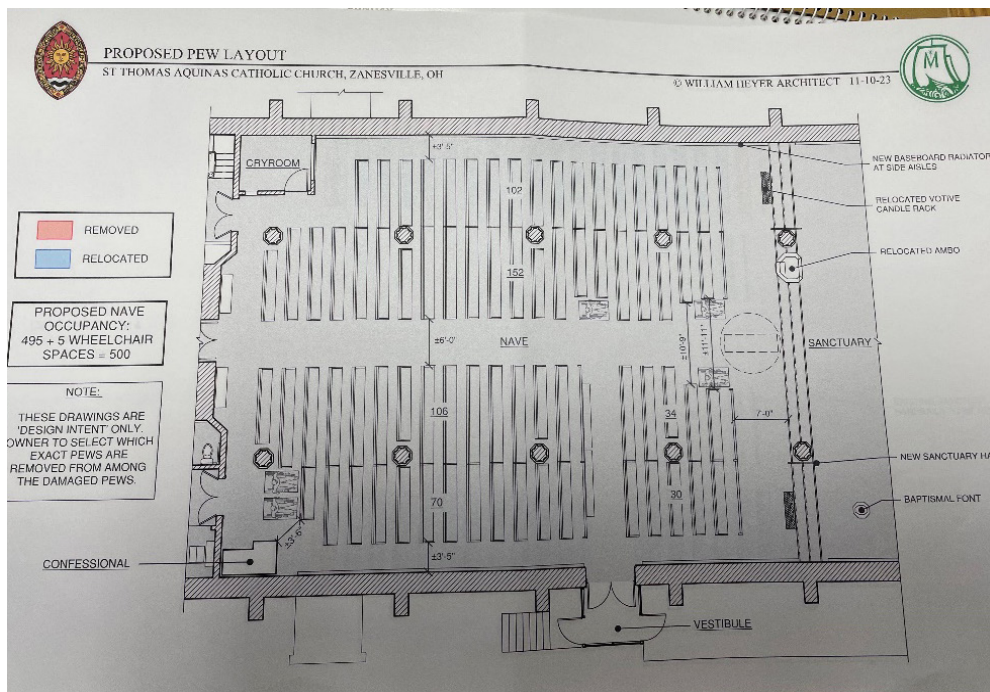
**Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany of the Lord**

**Scripture Readings:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

4:30 p.m. Mass (DY) (Activity Center) for † Jim Rushay  
 7:45 a.m. Mass (DY) (Activity Center) for † Susan Spiker-Bugglin  
 9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Office)  
 9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)  
 11:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

**BAPTISM PREP CLASS:**

Families seeking to get their children Baptized will need to attend a Baptism Prep Class. The class will only be held if someone is preregistered. Please do not show up without preregistering for the class. The next scheduled Baptism Class will be held January 30th and March 12th at 7:00 p.m. The meetings typically last 1.5 hours and will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Office. To register, please contact the St. Nicholas Parish Office at 740-453-0597.



## ROOF REPAIR UPDATE

As part of the roof repair and renovation of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, there are changes coming to our pews and pew layout. The pews are being refreshed and restored and this is being done at a warehouse in Marne, Ohio. That part of the project is about 30% complete. An example of a restored pew is now in the Activity Center. Pew layout is also part of the renovation. In the past, the pews were flush against the north and south walls of the church. The new layout will create aisles next to these walls that are 3 feet, 6 inches in width. This will allow for better flow during Communion and easier access for seating. Also, a larger space is being created between the altar platform and the modesty panels. The distance is being expanded from 4 feet to 7 feet. Again, this allows for much better flow during Communion and reduces the chance of an accident. We expect the church to be able to seat 500 people when reopened.



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Teen Ministry Program. Thanks to the Catholic Foundation for their help in funding these two very important ministries.

## 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

## ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY:

The St. Thomas Food Pantry has served over 700 families this year in meeting their need. Thank you to all St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners who have donated to this critical ministry as we continue to meet the needs of those in Muskingum County. St. Thomas makes free, nonperishable food products available to the needy, both Catholic and non-Catholic.

## 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 December 14, 2023, we have collected \$54,515.79 and pledged \$58,731.29. Thank you to all those families that have made a gift or pledge. If we continue to make our pledge payments, we will be getting a refund back of \$970. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. The refund will be applied to our roof project.

## 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.

# STEWARDSHIP

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

Numbers unavailable.  
Please see next week's bulletin.

## FATAL FIRE GOFUNDME:

Last week, a young student from St. Pius X and his grandmother were killed in a housefire in Blacklick. His two sisters (also students) survived. A GoFundMe account has been set up by the parish/school for those who would like to help the family. Here is the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-the-berry-samba-family>.

## LITERATURE PROFESSOR

**OPENING:**

The Pontifical College Josephinum seminary is seeking to hire a full-time Assistant Professor of Literature in the College of Liberal Arts (rank negotiable), beginning in fall 2024. An ideal candidate will possess a completed doctorate (PhD) in literature or an associated area and exhibit a strong commitment to Catholic higher education and to the mission of the Josephinum to form men for the ordained priesthood. Read more about the position and its necessary qualifications at [www.pcj.edu/jobopportunity](http://www.pcj.edu/jobopportunity).

## ST. THOMAS VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you for generously volunteering your time at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Your willingness to give your time and service is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all that you do for this Parish!

## 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.jpjihealingcenter.org](http://www.jpjihealingcenter.org). Scholarships, student and missionary discounts available. Contact Heather Stasel at [hstasel@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:hstasel@stfrancisparish.net) for more information.



## Baby Shower for Jesus



Place your gifts of blankets, clothing, diapers, wipes, toiletries, etc. at the Creche (or other marked location) through February 4th. All items will be donated to Heartbeats, a life affirming ministry where every human heart is protected.

## *Christmas Flower Memorial 2023*

Our beautiful Christmas poinsettias were purchased in honor of or in memory of the following:

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**Thursday, January 18, 2024**  
**at 1:30 p.m.**

MASS AT THE SAINT JOHN PAUL II  
NATIONAL SHRINE  
WITH BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES

**Friday, January 19, 2024**  
**from 8:00–9:00 a.m.**

MASS CLOSING THE  
PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE MARCH  
The Basilica of the National Shrine of the  
Immaculate Conception  
PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT & HOMILIST  
BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES

**Friday, January 19, 2024**  
**at 12:00 p.m.**

MEET AT THE MARCH

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**  
**at 10:00 a.m.**

MASS AT THE  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW  
WITH  
BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES

**SCHOOL GROUPS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

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