

“*Rejoice* in the Lord always;
again, I will say, *Rejoice*

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
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Friday: Closed

Additional hours by appointment

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

4:30 p.m. Mass (SO) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) † Andy Quinn

7:45 a.m. Mass (SO) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for the People of the Parish

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

9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)

11:00 a.m. Mass (BB) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † James Adornetto

6:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)

Monday, December 2

Scripture Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

No Mass

Tuesday, December 3 – Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Scripture Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

9:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Jim Reef

Wednesday, December 4

Scripture Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

9:00 a.m. Mass (BB) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for the Living & Deceased Members of John Morosco Family

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)

6:30 p.m. OCIA (St. Nicholas)

Thursday, December 5

Scripture Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Jeff Booth

Friday, December 6

Scripture Readings: Is 29:17-24 ; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † James Adornetto

Saturday, December 7 – Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Scripture Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

3:30 p.m. Confessions (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)

Sunday, December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

4:30 p.m. Mass (BB) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Ruth Hepburn

7:45 a.m. Mass (BB) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Ralph Dosch

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

9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)

11:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for the People of the Parish

IN SYMPATHY:

Robert Barry passed away on November 13th. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

TRACK COACH NEEDED:

Bishop Rosecrans High School is searching for a Varsity Track & Field Coach. Previous coaching experience is preferred. Applicant must meet the paperwork requirements set forth by the OHSA. If interested, please send resume and cover letter to Athletic Director Seth Thompson at sthompson@cducation.org.

ROSCRANS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS:

It's time again to purchase your Booster Mania tickets for the upcoming year. \$25.00 each or three tickets for \$60.00. January 1 is the first drawing; it makes a good gift. Questions? Please contact Marvin Paul at 740-819-3429.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED:

The Salvation Army Zanesville is looking for Bell Ringers for the Annual Red Kettle Campaign. The holidays are almost here and with the season of giving comes a season of need as well. And to meet that need, the Salvation Army is getting ready to roll out the Red Kettles. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Vanessa at 740-452-8350, ext. 1.

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 back table of 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 9th.

RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH:

Four Students and four adults will be making the trip to Washington, D.C. this January for the annual Right to Life March. It is Bishop Fernandes' hope that all diocesan high schools participate in the three-day event. To offset the costs, the Bishop Rosecrans Students for Life is asking for financial help. If you care to help us with this pilgrimage, donations may be sent to: Bishop Rosecrans Students for Life, Bishop Rosecrans High School, 1040 East Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCIAL EVENT:

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. You will have a chance to win a \$10.00 Gift Certificate just for showing up!

WILD AT HEART MEN'S FORMATION SERIES:

God designed men to seek out adventure. But, somewhere between childhood and the struggles of yesterday, most men lose sight of those dreams. Fear not: bestselling author and counselor John Eldredge is here to teach men that there's a better way to live. Eldredge unpacks man's search for validation, the need for the development of courage in his soul, and the call to live a life of adventure. Using discoveries from his own life along with interviews of other men and backing them with scripture, Eldredge reminds men that although their childhood passions, dreams, and desires may start getting buried under deadlines, pressures, and disappointments, it doesn't have to be this way. In fact, God made men to embrace a life of courage, adventure, and freedom. He created men to take risks and find true purpose and belonging. Please join in the men of the parish on the following times: December 3, 6:30 p.m., December 17, 6:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas. Contact Brian Novotny with any questions at 614-207-3573 or bmn616@hotmail.com.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY DINNER:

Please join us on Saturday, December 7th after the 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Nicholas Church for a free German-style dinner. We will be hosting children's activities and St. Nicholas will make an appearance and be available for photos. Bingo will be played at no cost for cards at a chance to win prizes. All are welcome to attend!

STEWARDSHIP

(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025)

November 24, 2024

Mass Collection	\$	7,482.00
EFT	\$	0.00
Online/Direct Gifts	\$	0.00
Total Offertory	\$	7,482.00
YTD Collected	\$	221,555.09
YTD Budgeted	\$	210,000.00
Surplus	\$	11,555.09

HELP NEEDED:

Can you give 24 hours for your Church with the Knights of Columbus? I know everyone is stretched thin and our time is precious. If you can find 24 hours over the span of a year, the Knights can help you become a better Catholic Man, father and husband. You will be joining a great brotherhood: eight hours in service projects in the church and community, four hours in council functions with your family, four hours planning future events within the Council business meeting, six hours (half an hour a month) reading newsletters and publications from the Knights to grow your faith, one hour a year meeting with an insurance agent to make sure that your family is protected, one hour a year attending Mass together as a council member. If this is something that interest you, please contact Grand Knight Brian Novotny at 614-207-3573 or BMN616@hotmail.com or any Brother Knight and we can get you started on this path.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO GIVE:

Your gift to the 2024 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 \$60,889.20. To date, we have collected \$31,355.00 and pledged \$34,405.00. 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. Thank you for your prayers and for your generous support!

DECEMBER 7/8	ALTAR SERVER	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	CANTOR
4:30 p.m.	Mike Morris	Linda Baughman	Janet Pompei	Debbie Apperson
7:45 a.m.	Abby/Levi Crum	Brent Mirgon	Brent Mirgon	Christopher Urbiel
11:00 a.m.	Paul Hoffman, Andrew Stark	Andi Hoffman	Becky Joseph, Jenny Snode	Joe Nezbeth/Choir

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN OF FAITH:

The Catholic Women of Faith will meet on **Monday, December 2nd at 5:00 p.m.**, in the St. Nicholas Social Hall. We welcome all women of St. Nicholas and St. Thomas Parishes, ages 16 and older, to join us in fellowship as we provide Catholic enrichment in our churches and community through education and activities.

HELPING PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HURRICANES**HELENE AND MILTON:**

The Diocese of Columbus encourages any parishioner interested in sending financial aid to assist in the latest hurricane response to reach out to Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA). Visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>.

Where will my donation go? CCUSA distributes **100%** of funds received *directly* to Catholic Charities agencies in disaster-stricken communities to care for our affected neighbors.

Can I give in ways other than online? Yes. Checks may be mailed to CCUSA, 2050 Ballenger Avenue, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314. Contact us for other tax-deductible ways to give by emailing: donations@catholiccharitiesusa.org or by calling 800-919-9338.

Why give to Catholic Charities USA? CCUSA is the official domestic relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. In addition to providing financial support directly to communities affected by natural disasters, CCUSA has a long history of assisting in the rapid mobilization of Catholic Charities agency staff across the U.S. In doing so, they not only meet the immediate needs, they also provide critical, longterm support to communities as they rebuild.

How can I learn more about your efforts? Visit our website at <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/> for more information about the most recent efforts of CCUSA and local Catholic Charities agencies.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY:**

You're invited to join Father Sullivan on a Eucharistic Miracle tour of Italy in November of 2025. Join us for the Jubilee year in Rome to enter the Vatican through the Holy Doors. General audience with the Pope is planned as well as the home of St. Padre Pio, St. Francis of Assisi, Naples, and the final resting place of St. Carlos Acutis. We will also visit Orvieto the site of the Eucharistic miracle where a consecrated host began to bleed. This land-only program will be from November 3-15. If you need assistance with flight planning, you can contact the group coordinator, Amy Morris. Please see flyers available in the vestibule in the church. This promises to be a faith-affirming trip with Mass celebrated daily. Please join us!

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 auction and raffles only add to the list.

MAJOR RELICS OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS:

The major first-class relics of St. Thomas Aquinas (which includes the relic of his skull) will be available for public veneration at St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215, on December 7-8, 2024. This is the first time that St. Thomas' major relics will tour the United States, through an arrangement between the Dominican Province of Toulouse, France and the Dominican Province of St. Joseph (Eastern U.S.A.). The relic tour is in commemoration of the Triple Jubilee of St. Thomas Aquinas: the 700th anniversary of his canonization in 2023, the 750th anniversary of his death in 2024, and the 800th anniversary of his birth in 2025.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON:

Please join us on Friday, December 6 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father David Johnstone. Father Johnstone is Parochial Vicar at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Worthington, and Chaplain at St. Francis DeSales High School. Father Johnstone was one of five newly ordained priests in the diocese, and he will share his unique story. The Serra Clubs of Columbus are sponsoring the December luncheon. You can get more information about the Serra Clubs of Columbus at www.serracolumbus.org. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact David Kilanowski at dkilano@aol.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Father Johnstone presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! There will be no meeting in January 2025. Our next meeting will be on February 7, 2025, and will feature Jon Weaver from Catholic in Recovery which is a nonprofit organization that seeks to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments (including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction, codependency and the impact on family, and general fear, control, and anxiety). Please mark your calendar to attend.

Advent Penance Service

Sunday, December 1st at 6:00 pm at St. Thomas

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



CHRISTMAS Schedule

December 1: Advent Penance Service at 6 p.m.

December 9: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.



December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 5 p.m. & 9 p.m. with Carol Prelude at 8:30 p.m.

December 25: Christmas Day Mass 9 a.m.
No Adoration

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass 9 a.m. No Adoration



January 4: The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil Mass
4:30 p.m.

January 5: The Epiphany of the Lord Mass
7:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.



Please Join us for

Breakfast

on December 15th
after the 7:45 am Mass
& 11 am Mass



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Sun, April 6, 2025

Sun, May 4, 2025



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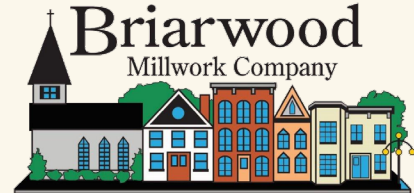
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