

## **PARENTS: It's That Time Again!**

### **Register Now for CCD & Sacrament Preparation**

**"Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children in the faith, prayer, and all the virtues." (CCC 2252)**

The Church witnesses and honors your sacred duty as the primary educators of your children. In a world of constant noise and distraction, our CCD program aims to form young souls in the truth, virtue, and love of Christ and His Church.

We believe formation is not about simply attending a program—it is about living the Catholic faith. Our Sunday classes help children grow as intentional disciples, rooted in the sacramental life of the Church.

**WHO:** Children in **Kindergarten through 8th Grade**

**WHEN:** Sundays, **9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**, September 14 – May 10

**WHERE:** **Parish Education Center** in the Parish Office

**Cost:** \$30 per Child

#### **Parents—Join Us!**

While your children are in class, we invite you to adult fellowship and formation in the **Aquinas Room**. Grow in faith with fellow parents on the journey.

#### **Interested in Volunteering?**

We welcome faithful volunteers as **catechists or classroom aides**—no experience necessary. Materials and training are provided. Share your love for Christ and His Church!

#### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

Please complete the attached form (one per family).


Return by **September 14** via:

- Parish Office (drop-off or mail)
- Email
- Offertory basket at Mass

**Important:** Include a valid email address. .

#### **Questions or financial concerns?**

Contact **Rob Rodgers**, Director of Faith Formation:

 740-617-6953 | 740-453-3301 ext. 125

[rrodgers@saintthomaszanesville.org](mailto:rrodgers@saintthomaszanesville.org)

All conversations are confidential.

## A Special Note to Parents: Sacrament Preparation Requirements

### First Reconciliation • First Holy Communion • Confirmation

At **Saint Thomas Aquinas Church**, we are committed to preparing children to receive the sacraments with reverence, understanding, and full participation in the life of the Church.

#### Typical Grade Levels for the Sacraments

- **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion** – 2nd Grade
- **Confirmation** 8th Grade

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#### Sacrament Preparation Guidelines

To ensure proper formation, the following expectations apply:

1. **Prior Formation Required:**

Children must complete **at least one full year** of formal Catholic religious instruction **prior to** the year of receiving a sacrament.

- Example: A child receiving **First Holy Communion in 2nd grade** must have completed **1st grade** religious education.
- Likewise, a child receiving **Confirmation in 8th grade** must have completed **7th grade** formation.

2. **Approved Formation Options:**

Prior formation may take place through:

- A Catholic school (e.g., **Bishop Fenwick**)
- An **approved homeschool curriculum** (see below)
- Our **CCD Faith Formation Program** (Sunday mornings)
  - Students should attend at least **50%** of sessions in the prior year
  - Students should attend **all in-person sessions** in the year of sacramental preparation

3. **During the Sacramental Year:**

Children **must be enrolled in:**

- A Catholic school, **or**
- CCD (with full participation in required **monthly sessions** and **additional events** such as retreats or rehearsals)
- **AND** they must be enrolled in the separate **Sacramental Preparation Program**

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#### Registration & Fees

- **Sacrament preparation registration is separate from CCD registration**
- If your child is receiving a sacrament this year, please complete **both forms**
- If not receiving a sacrament, only complete the **CCD form**


A **separate sacramental fee of \$25 per Child** is requested to cover materials, receptions, and retreat costs.

**No family will be denied preparation due to financial hardship.**

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#### Questions or Homeschool Inquiry?

Contact **Rob Rodgers, Director of Religious Education**

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*Note: Homeschooling for sacramental years must be approved no later than **October** of the current school year and must use diocesan-approved curriculum.*

**Saint Thomas Aquinas Church - CCD Registration Form**

📍 144 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, OH 43701

📅 **Registration Deadline: September 14, 2025**

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**FAMILY INFORMATION**

**Father's Name**

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:**

- Home: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cell: \_\_\_\_\_
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**Mother's Name**

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

**Maiden Name (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (if different):** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:**

- Home: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cell: \_\_\_\_\_
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**Children live with: (circle one)**

**Both Parents / Mother / Father / Other:**

**Parish Registered At:**

St. Thomas Aquinas     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Email Address (required – please print clearly):** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Email is our main means of communication. Please provide additional email for non-custodial parent if applicable.*

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT (other than parents)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPECIAL CONCERNS**

(Include medical needs such as allergies, medications, physical impairments, learning needs, etc.)

- **Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Saint Thomas Aquinas Church -Confirmation Registration Form

 *Deadline: September 14, 2025*

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### Candidate Information

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Place of Birth (City/State):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church of Baptism (City/State):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approx. Date of Baptism:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If not baptized at St. Thomas Aquinas, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate must be submitted.*

**Church of First Reconciliation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church of First Holy Communion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Religious Education Background

#### Religious Instruction (2024–2025):

- Bishop Fenwick School
- St. Thomas Aquinas CCD
- Approved Homeschool Curriculum
- No Formal Instruction

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### Candidate Commitment

To be confirmed in **Spring 2026**, candidates must:

- Attend Mass regularly
- Strive to live a faithful Catholic life
- Participate fully in the **Confirmation Preparation Program**

#### Candidate Statement:

“I desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and will strive to fulfill the requirements faithfully.”

**Candidate Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Parent/Guardian Commitment

“I believe my child is ready to prepare for Confirmation. I will support his/her formation and attend the scheduled parent sessions.”

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Confirmation Sponsor Information

*Sponsors must be:*

- At least 16 years old
- Fully initiated Catholics
- Practicing their faith
- **Not the parent of the candidate**
- If from another parish, a **sponsor eligibility letter** from their pastor is required.

**Sponsor's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor's Parish (City/State):** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Confirmation Fee \$25 per candidate (due by **October 31, 2025**)

Helps cover materials, retreats, and sacramental preparation.

Contact **Rob Rodgers**, Director of Faith Formation

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## First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Registration

**Deadline: September 14, 2025**

**CANDIDATE'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:**     /     /     **Last**                   **First**                   **Middle**  
**City/State of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptized?** Yes / No     **Baptized Catholic?** Yes / No

**Church of Baptism (City/State):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approx. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If not baptized at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, a Baptismal Certificate must be submitted. Contact the Parish Office at (740) 453-3301 for assistance.*

### Religious Instruction (2025–26 school year):

Bishop Fenwick School            St. Thomas Sunday CCD

Approved Homeschool            No formal instruction

*Children must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before First Holy Communion.*

**I request my child to receive First Reconciliation this year:** Yes / No

If no, has your child already received First Reconciliation? Yes / No

If yes, **Church Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

If no, **Explanation:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Formation Requirement:

Parents/guardians must attend sacrament classes. Attendance at the Reconciliation session is required for a child to receive First Reconciliation. Attendance at the Communion session is required for First Holy Communion.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you attended sacrament classes within the past two years (2023–24 or 2024–25), sessions may be waived.*

**Name of child (prior attendance):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Sacramental Preparation Fee: \$25

(Due October 31, 2025 – covers both sacraments. Contact Rob Rodgers at (740) 453-3301 Ext. 125 for a confidential waiver if needed. No child will be denied due to financial need.)