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

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Friday: Closed

Additional hours by appointment

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14

Scripture Readings: Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;

Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

4:30 p.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Michael C. Strohl
7:45 a.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for the Living & Deceased
Members of Msgr. Dury Council Knights of Columbus
9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Office)
9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)
11:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) the People of the Parish

Monday, September 15

Scripture Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

No Mass

Tuesday, September 16

Scripture Readings: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Luke 7:11-17

9:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for Brenna Iczkowski

Wednesday, September 17

Scripture Readings: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 7:31-35

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Linda Ann Sentivany
10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)
6:30 p.m. OCIA (St. Nicholas Parish Office)

Thursday, September 18

Scripture Readings: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10; Luke 7:36-50

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

Friday, September 19

Scripture Readings: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Luke 8:1-3

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

Saturday, September 20

Scripture Readings: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8:4-15

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

Sunday, September 21

**Scripture Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13
or Luke 16:10-13**

4:30 p.m. Mass (SO) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Tran Kieu Oauh &
Mary Josephine
7:45 a.m. Mass (SO) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for the People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Office)
9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)
11:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) † Jan Tanner-Thompson

IN SYMPATHY

David Macenko passed away on September 3rd. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

BISHOP FENWICK SCHOOL IS SEEKING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Do you enjoy working with children and supporting Catholic education? Bishop Fenwick School is building our substitute teacher list. This is a wonderful opportunity for retired teachers, aspiring teachers, and qualified individuals who feel called to serve in our Catholic school community! If you or someone you know is interested, please complete our online application or email gmurrell@cducation.org to further discuss substitute requirements. Apply online at <https://www.bishop-fenwick.com/Careers/>

BOOSTER MANIA

Bishop Rosecrans Athletic Boosters will be having their Booster Mania on September 17th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 275 Sunrise Center Drive, at 6:30 p.m. You may purchase your numbers for the next year and enjoy food and drinks, compliments of the Boosters. Any questions, please contact Marvin Paul at 740-819-3429.

AUGUST 2025 BOOSTER MANIA WINNERS

Dena Hardwick.....\$25.00	Chad Greene\$25.00	Trent Dillon.....\$25.00
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Paul Young.....\$25.00	Cheryl Pottmeyer\$25.00	

CALLING ALL BAKERS

We are very grateful for all of you wonderful Bakers, and to all who provide desserts for our parish activities, and the call is going forth once again. We will be having our Annual Oktoberfest at St. Thomas on September 20, and we would gratefully appreciate donations of your delicious baked goods for this event. We will be at St. Thomas parking lot, starting at Noon on the 20th to accept the baked goods, so that we can be ready to serve your delightful baked treats to those attending. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jill Phillips or Melanie Von Gunten.

JOIN US IN SAYING THE ROSARY

We warmly invite you to enrich your spiritual journey by joining us in reciting the Rosary before Mass. This beautiful tradition offers a moment of peace, reflection, and unity as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Eucharist. To make it easy for you to participate, we've provided a simple way to sign up. Go to the website <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4CACAE2BABF94-57251916-stthomas> to choose a time and date that works best for you. Whether you're a seasoned devotee or new to the Rosary, all are welcome. We look forward to praying with you and sharing sacred time together. Thank you for being a part of our faith community, and may the Rosary bring peace and blessings to your heart.

BISHOP ROSECRANS GRANDMA CLUB

The Grandma Club is a warm, welcoming community for all grandmothers connected to Bishop Rosecrans High School — whether you're a proud alumna, the grandmother of a current or former student, or simply a woman who cherishes the Rosecrans tradition. This group celebrates the special role grandmothers play in our families, school, and faith community.

Our Mission is to support the spiritual, academic, and community life of Bishop Rosecrans High School by sharing our time, talents, and traditions with current students, staff, and alumni. What We Do: Hospitality & Volunteering: Help with alumni breakfasts, school Mass receptions, and fundraising events like Shimmer of the Night or the BLOC Party. Encouragement & Support: Write notes of encouragement to students, welcome letters to new families, and birthday or graduation cards to alumni. Legacy Storytelling: Share your memories, school stories, and photos that help preserve our treasured history.

Faith & Fellowship: Gather for prayer intentions, occasional coffee meetups after Mass, and seasonal spiritual reflections.

Crafts & Comforts: Help assemble care packages, teacher appreciation gifts, or sew items for service projects. If you would like to join, please email Megan Dosch, mdosch1@cdeducation.org

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)</i>	
September 7, 2025	
Mass Collection	\$ 10,019.00
EFT	\$ 0.00
Online/Direct Gifts	\$ 497.14
Total Offertory	\$ 10,516.14
YTD Collected	\$ 105,071.80
YTD Budgeted	\$
Surplus	\$ 105,071.80

CALLING ALL SINGERS

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Choir is looking for new members. We would be very happy to welcome you to our Sunday morning rehearsal at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. We sing music of various periods and styles, while providing a friendly environment to learn and grow in musical ability. If you love to sing, please consider serving the community in this important ministry. If you are interested, please stop by the Choir Loft after Mass, or contact Christopher Urbiel at 740-453-3301, ext. 122, or curbiel@saintthomaszanesville.org.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS DATE CHANGE

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 September 23rd 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.

SEPTEMBER 14	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	CANTORS
4:30 p.m.	Needed	Ann Combs	Karen Lyon	Debbie Apperson
7:45 a.m.	Abby/Levi Crum	Sue Maxwell	Debbie Crum	Mary Baker
11:00 a.m.	Robinsons, Maci Clark	Ruth Ann Lynn	Ed Wolfel, Joy Wolfel	Choir



THE APPEAL 2025

Our parish has raised \$39,900.00 of our \$64,726.28 goal. As we approach reaching our parish goal for the 2025 Appeal, remember that anything above our goal that is collected will be returned 100% directly to our parish to support our own parish projects and ministries. We can accomplish this goal if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Our response to The Appeal is one way to share our blessings with our neighbors and to express our gratitude for all the blessings that our most loving God has bestowed on us.



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Married and engaged couples are invited to the first annual Together in Holiness Marriage Conference on October 4, 2025 from 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church in Gahanna. This one-day Conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64.00/couples and \$5.00/child for onsite childcare. This Conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Columbus. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/columbus or email nancy@forlifeandfamily.org

AUGUST FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We gave out 63 bags of food and spent \$644.24 for the month of August. Thank you for your continued support, your donations are appreciated.

FALL LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2025-2026 Lecture Series will begin with a presentation by Russ Breault, President and Founder of The Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. In his image-focused presentation, "Shroud Encounter," Mr. Breault will cover key findings of the scientific investigation of the Shroud, relate new dating techniques, and explore the Crucifixion and Resurrection based on the Shroud image. The Lecture will be held Monday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please call 614-985-2274 or visit www.pcj.edu/lecture.

WELCOME

This week we welcome Brendan Devine, our new seminarian who will be spending a pastoral year with us. Born in Connecticut, he found the Catholic faith in elementary school and was received into the Church at age seven. Brendan attended Cornell University in New York and Oxford in Great Britain studying Economics and History. He worked for ten years in corporate finance in the oil and gas industry before answering a call to the priesthood. Following two years at a French seminary, Brendan joins us in our parish to discern with the Diocese of Columbus.



SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS

Saint of the Day: September 20
Patron Saints of Korea

Following his baptism at the age of 15, the first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded. Andrew Kim Taegon's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. The two were beheaded. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized. Around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul, Pope Jn Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

Read the full article: "Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-andrew-kim-taegon-paul-chong-hasang-and-companions/> (Accessed September 1, 2025)

PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY



Bishop Fernandes has a desire to hear from as many of the Christian Faithful in the Diocese of Columbus about their perspective on his four priorities of pastoral concern:



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 Sun, March 29th Romans 1:16
 Sun, April 26th Living for Christ

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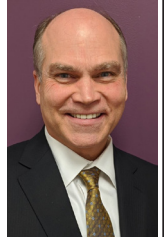
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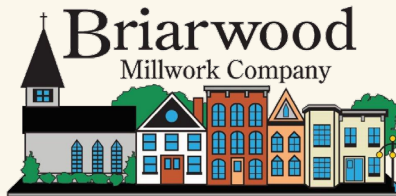
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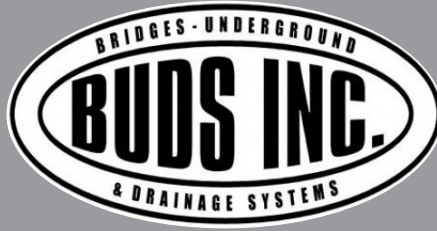
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