

*Between us and you a great chasm is established
to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go
from our side to yours or from your side to ours.*

Luke 16:26



September 28, 2025 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 28

**Scripture Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Timothy 6:11-16;
Luke 16:19-31**

4:30 p.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)
for † Anthony Tran D. Huag

7:45 a.m. Mass (DY) (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 (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)
† Charles & Anna Morosco-Labaki

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

Monday, September 29

**Scripture Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab;
Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; John 1:47-51**

No Mass at St. Thomas or St. Nicholas

Tuesday, September 30

Scripture Readings: Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 9:51-56

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)
for † Alan & Cheri Zecicikey

Wednesday, October 1

Scripture Readings: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Luke 9:57-62

No Mass at St. Thomas

10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)

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

Thursday, October 2

**Scripture Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Matthew 18:1-5, 10**

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

Friday, October 3

Scripture Readings: Baruch 1:15-22; Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Luke 10:13-16
No Mass at St. Thomas

Saturday, October 4

Scripture Readings: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37; Luke 10:17-24

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

Sunday, October 5

**Scripture Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10**

4:30 p.m. Mass (SUB) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)
for the deceased souls of the Nguyan Family

7:45 a.m. Mass (SUB) (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 (SUB) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)
† Ron & Grayce Welsch

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

St. Nicholas and St. Thomas eighth graders who wish to be Confirmed on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, should attend the Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, October 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas Church Rosary Hall. Parents must also attend. Registration for Confirmation will take place at this retreat. Please enter the church basement using the door on the alley.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St. Nicholas and St. Thomas second graders who wish to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 9, 2026, should attend the First Communion Retreat on Sunday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas Church Rosary Hall. Parents must also attend. Registration for First Holy Communion will take place at this retreat. Please enter the church basement using the door on the alley.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Due to priest vacations, we will not have Mass on Monday, September 29th at either Church.

Tuesday, September 30th Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas Only.

Wednesday, October 1st Mass will be celebrated at St. Nicholas Only.

Thursday, October 2nd Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas Only.

Friday, October 3rd Mass will be celebrated at St. Nicholas Only.

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/>.

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED:

Bishop Fenwick is looking for Middle School Boys & Girls Basketball Coaches! This is an exciting opportunity to mentor young athletes, build skills, and share the love of the game. Please contact Seth Thompson at 740-452-7504 or sthompson@cducation.org.

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)</i>	
September 21, 2025	
Mass Collection	\$ 8,567.00
EFT	\$ 0.00
Online/Direct Gifts	\$ 0.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,567.00
YTD Collected	\$ 127,926.80
YTD Budgeted	\$ 132,000.00
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LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY:

October 5th is Life Chain Sunday. We will line the streets of Maple Avenue to pray for an end to abortion. This will be our 23rd Annual Life Chain. We will meet, park, and pick up our signs at Heartbeats of Zanesville, 2447 Maple Avenue, at 2:15 p.m. and begin the chain of prayer from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

If unable to stand for that length of time, please bring a chair. This Life Chain is National and is sponsored by Muskingum Valley Right To Life. Any questions, please call Laura at 740-221-9997. Please join us for an hour of prayer. Thank You!

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/60B0C4CACAE2BBAF94-57251916-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.

OCTOBER 5	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	CANTORS
4:30 p.m.	Mike Morris	Amy Morris	Janet Pompei	Debbie Apperson
7:45 a.m.	Abby/Levi Crum	Sue Maxwell	Brent Mirgon	Mary Baker
11:00 a.m.	Paul Hoffman, Sierra Dailey, Maci Clark, Andrew Stark	Kim Gates	Tim Perry, JeffLinser	Choir

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.

GUARDIANS OF THE EUCHARIST:

We are seeking Guardians of the Eucharist at Bishop Rosecrans High School. On Mondays and Fridays throughout the school year, we are looking for adorers to sit with the Eucharist in the Bishop Rosecrans Chapel. Students will rotate into the chapel throughout the day for Adoration. Your only responsibility as a Guardian is to make sure the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone during your one-hour time slot. To be considered for a Guardian, you will need to complete Protecting God’s Children class and have a background check with fingerprints taken (paid for by the Parish). Times are flexible and you do not have to commit to the same time each week or even commit every week. The students of Bishop Rosecrans and Bishop Fenwick need you to ensure that this vital program continues! Please contact the Parish Office at 740-453-3301 to register.



THE APPEAL 2025:

Our parish has raised \$36,928.00 and pledged \$41,200.00 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.



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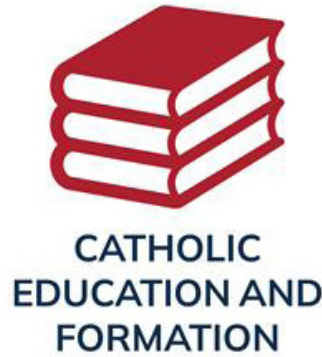
on October 5th
after the 7:45 am Mass
& 11 am Mass



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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.



Please take the brief survey with the QR code.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON:

Join us Friday, October 3rd at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father William Hahn, Vicar General of the Diocese and Director of Priestly Life and Vocations. Father Hahn will speak about the current state of vocations for the Columbus Diocese. St. Gabriel Radio is sponsoring the October luncheon. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at dkilano@aol.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Hahn's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon on Friday, November 7, 2025 will feature the annual address to the CMLC by the Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus. Please mark your calendar.

STEWARDSHIP*Reflection on Luke 16:19-31*

In this cautionary tale, it is instructive that we remember the poor man – we even know his name – but the rich man is nameless and forgotten. We also notice that the poor man never speaks in the story – probably because in life no one ever listened to him – while the rich man, no doubt expecting people to listen to him when alive, is quite articulate in his pleas, first for relief and then for a warning for his family.

Perhaps the most sobering aspect of this tale is that the rich man raised his eyes and saw Lazarus only when it was too late to redeem himself. Like the wealthy revelers of ancient Israel we heard described in the first reading, this rich man in the story is not condemned because he is rich; rather he finds himself in the horrors of Hades because he never saw Lazarus, even though he lived out his miserable existence just outside his gate.

What are we called to see? Every person as a child of God and a gift from God. Every treasure we have and every ability and skill we develop as gifts from God. Every human encounter as an opportunity to steward our treasures and gifts. Every face at our gate as the face of Christ, remembering the ultimate judgment that whatever we do or don't do for the least, we do or don't do for Christ.

**SAINT JEROME***Saint of the Day: September 30**Patron Saint of Librarians, Scholars and Translators*

Jerome was above all a Scripture scholar, translating most of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. Jerome also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop, and pope.

Saint Jerome is particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. It is not the most critical edition of the Bible, but its acceptance by the Church was fortunate. The Council of Trent called for a new and corrected edition of the Vulgate, and declared it the authentic text to be used in the Church.

In order to be able to do such work, Saint Jerome prepared himself well. He was a master of Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Chaldaic. He began his studies at his birthplace, Stridon in Dalmatia. After his preliminary education, he went to Rome, and thence to Trier, Germany, where the scholar was very much in evidence. He spent several years in each place, always trying to find the very best teachers. He once served as private secretary to Pope Damasus.

After these preparatory studies, he traveled extensively in Palestine, marking each spot of Christ's life with an outpouring of devotion. Mystic that he was, he spent five years in the desert of Chalcis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance, and study. Finally, he settled in Bethlehem, where he lived in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. Jerome died in Bethlehem, and the remains of his body now lie buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

Read the full article: "Saint Jerome" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-jerome/> (Accessed September 15, 2025).



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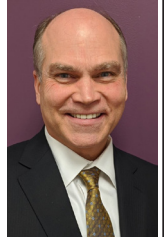
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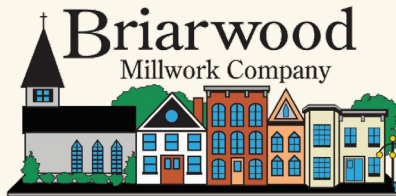
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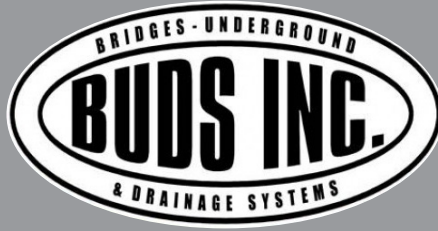
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