

**Whoever does not
carry his own cross
and come after me
cannot be my disciple.**

Luke 14:27

September 7, 2025 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Friday: Closed

Additional hours by appointment

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 7

Scripture Readings: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;

Philm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

4:30 p.m. Mass (SO) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for the People of the Parish

7:45 a.m. Mass (SO) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Jn P. Beardsley Jr.

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

11:00 a.m. Mass (SO) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) † Herb & Grace Louise Smith

Monday, September 8

Scripture Readings: Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

No Mass

Tuesday, September 9

Scripture Readings: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

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

Wednesday, September 10

Scripture Readings: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

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

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 11

Scripture Readings: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

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

Friday, September 12

Scripture Readings: 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

9:00 a.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)

for † Ray & Martha Longstreth

Saturday, September 13

Scripture Readings: 1 Tim 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

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

Sunday, September 14

Scripture Readings: Num 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 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
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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

CCD ENROLLMENT UNDERWAY

Registration for religious education classes at Saint Thomas Aquinas is underway. Classes begin September 14th and are held on Sundays through May from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Center for students in Kindergarten (five years old by September 30) through 8th grade. CCD meets the faith formation needs of students in our parish who are attending public schools, non-Catholic private schools, or who are homeschooled – but everyone is welcome! Students in second grade prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, while 8th grade students are prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration forms are available at the church entrance and exit doors or in the Parish Office. You may register all of the children in your family using this one form. You will receive confirmation of enrollment with further details approximately one week prior to our kickoff. Registration for Sacrament Preparation is included in the packet.

OCIA ENROLLMENT UNDERWAY

Saint Nicholas and Saint Thomas Aquinas OCIA classes start September 10th at 6:30 p.m. and end around 8:00 p.m. All Meetings will be held at Saint Nicholas Parish Office, 925 E. Main Street. Registration will take place the first night of class and a schedule is available on the back tables of the church. For more information, please contact Robert Rodgers at rrodgers@saintthomaszanesville.org or 740-453- 3301, ext. 125 or Patty Boggs at pboggs@stnickparish.org or 740-453-0597.

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 <https://www.bishop-fenwick.com/Careers/>.

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 Octoberfest 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 at mdosch1@cducation.org.

STEWARDSHIP <i>(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)</i>	
August 31, 2025	
Mass Collection	\$ 8,266.00
EFT	\$ 0.00
Online/Direct Gifts	\$ 0.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,266.00
YTD Collected	\$ 94,555.66
YTD Budgeted	\$
Surplus	\$ 94,555.66

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

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.	Brian Novotny, Connor Novotny	Linda Baughman	Rose Rath	Kim Chupka
7:45 a.m.	Abby/Levi Crum	Brent Mirgon	Debbie Crum	Mary Baker
11:00 a.m.	Rob Rodgers, Iggy Rodgers, Max Rodgers	Andi Hoffman, Ruth Ann Lynn	Jerry Lynn, Luci Green	Choir

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:



VOCATIONS



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CATHOLIC
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FORMATION



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OUTREACH



Please take the brief survey with the QR code.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN OF FAITH:

The Catholic Women of Faith meeting will be held Monday, September 8th at 5:00 p.m., at St. Nicholas Parish Office.

The Catholic Women of Faith are donating cookies to the Prison Ministry this month. 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. The Catholic Women of Faith assists with our Parish's service projects and social activities, as well as community outreach initiatives offering assistance to those in need. The Catholic Women of Faith meets the second Monday of each month, at 5:00 p.m. with location announced in the Church bulletins.

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 9 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the St. Nicholas Parish Office. Join us as we study the book of First Corinthians, "The Church and The Christian Community." This 11-week study examines St. Paul's letter to the people of Corinth who were challenged with scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, as well as issues related to prosperity versus poverty. Clearly, the struggles faced by the early Christians are in many ways similar to our own. Paul offers wisdom for our own times. The study consists of home study, group sharing and a 30-minute video each week. The workbook is \$30.00. Online access is available for \$7.00. To register or if you have questions, please call the Parish Office.



SAINT PETER CLAVER

Saint of the Day: September 9

Patron Saint of Interracial Justice

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Saint Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhumane that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit.

Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled "supreme villainy" by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

After four years of sickness, which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the black outcasts, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great pomp.

Peter Claver was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

Read the full article: "Saint Peter Claver" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-claver/> (Accessed August 25, 2025).



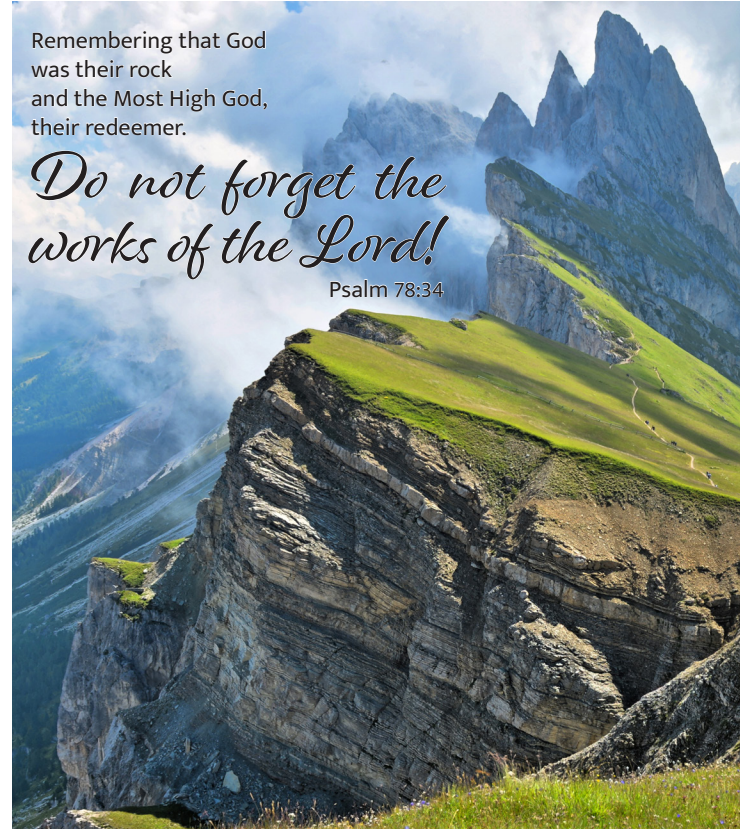
The Appeal
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 2025



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THE APPEAL 2025:

Our parish has raised \$39,600.00 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.



Remembering that God was their rock and the Most High God, their redeemer.

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Psalm 78:34



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Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish Oktoberfest

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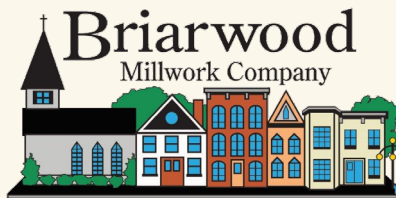
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