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

740-453-8397

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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, October 4 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

4:30 p.m. Mass (CT) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for the People of the Parish
7:45 a.m. Mass (CT) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for the Living & Deceased
Members of Knights of Columbus Council 505
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) for † Floyd & Jenny Denton

Monday, October 5

Scripture Readings: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9, 10c ; Lk 10:25-37
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 6

Scripture Readings: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42

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

Wednesday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

Scripture Readings: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

9:00 a.m. Mass (CT) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Cecil & Jean Baughman
10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (St. Thomas Aquinas Church)

Thursday, October 8

Scripture Readings: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13

9:00 a.m. Mass (CT) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Daphne Cheatham
Noon Mass (DA) (Genesis Hospital Chapel)

Friday, October 9

Scripture Readings: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26

9:00 a.m. Mass (DA) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Michael Tanner

Saturday, October 10

Scripture Readings: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28

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

Sunday, October 11 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

4:30 p.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for † Mary Coates
7:45 a.m. Mass (DY) (St. Thomas Aquinas Church) for the Living & Deceased
Members of Henry Kuhn Family
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) for the People of the Parish
5:00 p.m. Catalyst Nights (Bishop Rosecrans High School)

**THANK YOU, TOM!**

Mr. Tom Barone has announced his retirement from the position of President of the Finance Council at Saint Thomas Aquinas. Tom and his wife Jan have been members of Saint Thomas since 1979, and Tom has served the church with his time and talent in many, many roles over the past 47 years. Please join us in thanking both Tom and Jan for their faith and dedication to the parish!

PARKING LOT CLOSED

As part of a parking lot improvement project, the downtown Park National Bank parking lots will not be accessible October 10th-12th and October 17th-18th. Please plan accordingly for Mass.

BOOSTER MANIA

Bishop Rosecrans Athletic Boosters will be having their Booster Mania on October 7, at the Knights of Columbus Hall (Sunrise Center) at 6:30pm. 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

THE APPEAL 2026

Our parish has raised \$33,500.36 of our \$68,115.40 goal. As we approach reaching our parish goal for The 2026 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.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN OF FAITH MEETING**

Please join us for our Euchre Party, faith, fellowship, friendship, and refreshments at our monthly meeting on October 19th, at St. Nicholas Social Hall, beginning at 6 p.m. All women ages 16 and older are invited to attend. Please call/text Peggy, 740-607-5833, for more information.

GIVING MADE EASY

Electronic giving at St. Thomas Aquinas: Supporting our parish has never been easier. Electronic giving provides a convenient, secure, and consistent way to share your gifts with the church, even when you are away from home, traveling, or unable to attend Mass. By setting up a recurring electronic contribution, you help ensure that our parish can continue its mission of worship, education, outreach, and service. Regular giving allows the parish to better plan for ministry needs and maintain the many programs and services that benefit our faith community.

Electronic giving also offers many advantages for parishioners:

- Simple and secure online transactions
- The ability to give anytime, anywhere
- Consistent support for the parish, even during vacations or inclement weather
- Easy recordkeeping for tax purposes
- The option to adjust or update your contribution at any time

Every gift, no matter the size, helps strengthen our parish and supports the work of Christ through St. Thomas Church. If you have not yet enrolled in electronic giving, we invite you to consider this convenient stewardship option.

For more information or assistance in setting up electronic giving, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of our parish family.

STEWARDSHIP

(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)

September 27

Mass Collection	\$	14,281.00
EFT	\$	0.00
Online/Direct Gifts	\$	0.00
Total Offertory	\$	14,281.00
YTD Collected	\$	132,529.02
YTD Budgeted	\$	149,999,981.98
Surplus/Deficit	\$	- \$17,470.96

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 a 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.

OCTOBER 10 & 11	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	CANTORS
4:30 p.m.	Brian Novotny Connor Novotny	Dave Chupka	Kim Chupka	Debbie Apperson
7:45 a.m.	Paul Hoffman	Brent Mirgon	Brent Mirgon	Mary Baker
11:00 a.m.	Rob Rodgers Iggy Rodgers Max Rodgers	Ruth Ann Lynn Josh Diziatkowicz	Jerry Lynn Choir Loft: Tim Perry	Debbie Apperson/ Choir



K OF C BREAKFAST

Please join us on October 4th for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast. Breakfast will be held after the 7:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses in Rosary Hall. Donations are appreciated!

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 November 17th at 6:30 p.m. The meetings typically last 1.5 hours and will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Office. To register, please contact the Parish Office at 740-453-3301.

FALL LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2026-2027 Lecture Series will begin with a presentation by Mary Rice Hasson, JD, and Kate O'Beirne, Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC. Hasson will present "The Human Person and Gender Ideology: What's Next and What Does it Mean for the Church?" on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please visit pcj.edu/lecture. About the lecture: For more than a decade, gender ideology has driven sweeping changes to U.S. law, culture, and social norms, challenging parental rights and religious freedom and harming the vulnerable. At stake is the truth about the human person, and the future of humanity. Recent polls and legal victories raise questions about what's next. Has the truth won? Have we changed direction as a country? What does this all mean for the Church and for ordinary Catholics? This talk takes stock of where we are and what the future may hold.



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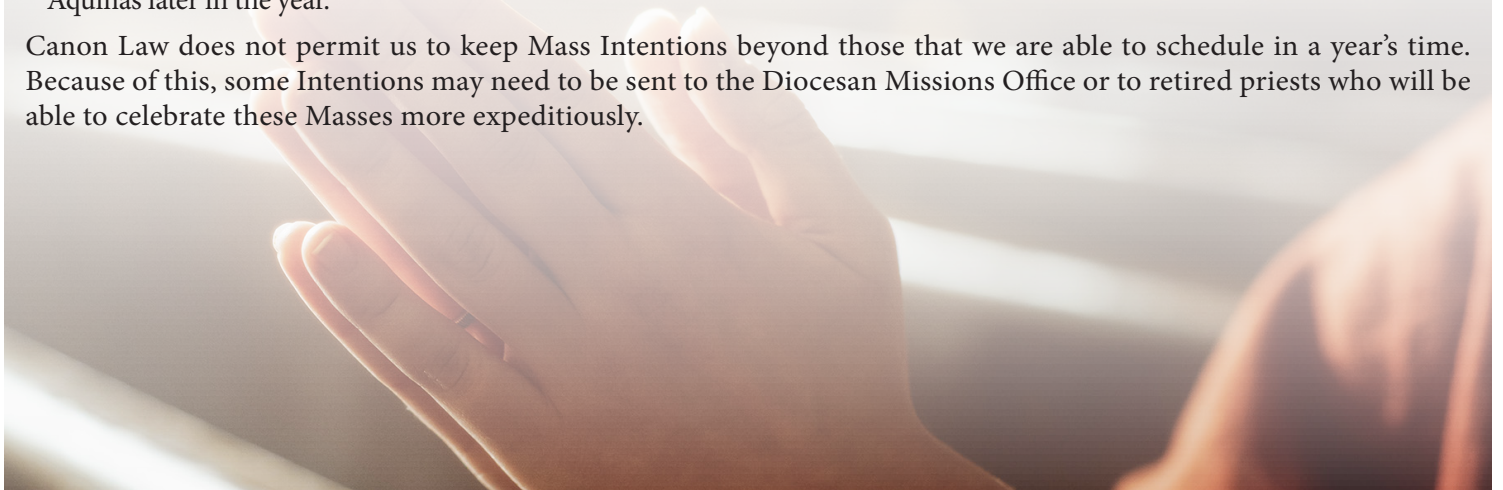
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2027 MASS INTENTION GUIDELINES

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. As the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life,” the Mass has a power beyond that of our personal prayers. When a priest celebrates Mass, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that intention. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons. For example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a special wedding anniversary or birthday), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. At Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, there are many requests for Mass Intentions. To accommodate these requests in a reasonable manner, the following is our policy:

- We accept Intentions for only one calendar year at a time. Requests for the calendar year open the last Monday in October of the year prior. **Beginning October 26, 2026, we will accept Mass Intentions for January-December 2027. Please complete the Mass Intention Request Form for all requests.** You may submit your request in one of three ways:
 - **Place your completed request form in the offertory basket. You may place your form in the basket the weekend prior (October 24/October 25) to ensure it is received that Monday morning.**
 - Stop by the parish office October 26 or thereafter to place your request in person.
 - Call the parish office October 26 or thereafter to place your request via phone.
- Requests will be honored on a **first-come, first-served** basis in the order in which they are received. Mass Intention requests received throughout the year will be considered serious obligations and every effort will be made to schedule them as soon as possible; however, we cannot guarantee that Mass requests will be celebrated immediately.
- At this time, we will accept **no more than 4 (four) Intentions per registered household per year;** and of those four, **no more than 2 (two) Sunday Intentions.** A Sunday Intention is defined as either the Saturday Vigil Mass or the two Sunday morning Masses. We pledge to fulfill these Intentions here at Saint Thomas during the 2027 year. Additional Intentions can be sent to retired diocesan priests or the Diocesan Missions Office to be fulfilled or may be available here at Saint Thomas Aquinas later in the year.
- A \$10.00 stipend as determined by Diocesan policy is to accompany each Mass request. Checks may be made payable to “Saint Thomas Aquinas Church.” Please put the words “Mass Intention” in the memo portion of the check. Cash is also accepted, but we suggest that cash be limited to in-person or offertory basket submissions and not be sent through the mail.
- Please note the following:
 - Only one Intention per Mass may be scheduled.
 - One Mass every Sunday and Holy Day is required to be reserved for the Intentions of our parishioners known as “Pro Populo” (For the People) as required by Canon Law and Diocesan statute.
 - Mass Intentions may be scheduled for individuals, married couples or entire families.
 - Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the primary request, the next closest date and time will be scheduled. If we must move a request to a different date and/or time, we will notify you of the change. Please print your phone number and/or email address CLEARLY. Extenuating circumstances may at times require us to cancel a Mass. If an Intention is scheduled, we will notify you and try to find another date for the originally scheduled Intention to be celebrated. If no date is available, we will send the Intention to a retired priest or the Missions Office.

Canon Law does not permit us to keep Mass Intentions beyond those that we are able to schedule in a year’s time. Because of this, some Intentions may need to be sent to the Diocesan Missions Office or to retired priests who will be able to celebrate these Masses more expeditiously.



2027 MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM – PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

If my requested date is not available, I prefer you to select a Mass (please check one)

☐ on the same day of the week as requested (i.e., Tuesday, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.)

OR

☐ on the closest date available, regardless of the day of week or time of Mass.**FIRST REQUEST:**

Intention:	Circle One: Living Deceased Living/Deceased Members of the Family
Requested Date:	Requested Mass Time:

SECOND REQUEST:

Intention:	Circle One: Living Deceased Living/Deceased Members of the Family
Requested Date:	Requested Mass Time:

THIRD REQUEST:

Intention:	Circle One: Living Deceased Living/Deceased Members of the Family
Requested Date:	Requested Mass Time:

FOURTH REQUEST:

Intention:	Circle One: Living Deceased Living/Deceased Members of the Family
Requested Date:	Requested Mass Time:

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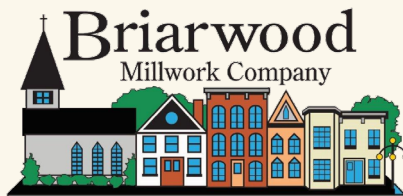
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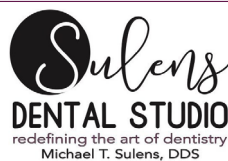
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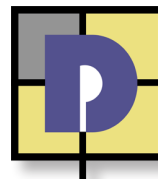
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