

# Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

February 5, 2017/Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

Last weekend I announced in this column that we had lost Cassie Spiker, and that I'd keep you all aware of the funeral arrangements. In fact, the family scheduled the funeral before any of you could even read the bulletin. Many got word all the same, by word of mouth or by media, and even if you didn't get the news in time, you can still assist the family, and Cassie herself, with your prayers.

I'd like to draw attention, once again, to the announcement a few pages south of here about the need for a Festival Coordinator. Or an organizing team, it needn't be just one person. This is the third appearance of the announcement, and so far, no takers. Of course, I understand that not everyone is in a position to do that work. Not everyone has the knack of organization, for one thing, and many people simply couldn't because of little ones, an overly-demanding work schedule, or other causes. But there must be someone, or a couple, or a team of several couples, who would be good at this and could step up? I met the Festival Planning Committee last Tuesday and it was decided that if we don't have any volunteers for this position by the end of the month, we will have to cancel this year's festival. The amount of work that goes into the planning and organizing of a festival, and the amount of time it would take the outgoing organizers to train the new team, would require about that much time. And if it happens that we cancel the festival for this year, I think we all know the festival will never be coming back. That's just the way things go: it's the principle of entropy in a human key. I hope that doesn't happen, because it would quite clearly affect the parish's ability to pay tuition subsidies to Bishop Fenwick School. We haven't been making a lot on festivals in comparison with the Gus Macker days, but we've the past several years we've been netting \$19K, and every little bit helps. Please think about it.

Lent begins March 1st. It's late this year (last year, in comparison, it began February 10th). The beginning of Lent is obviously reckoned according to Easter (40 days before). And here's a bit of fun knowledge: Easter (in the Latin Church) is reckoned by cosmic time: it's always the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. That's why Easter is not the same date from year to year, and why the date can even vary in date close to a month. This is in keeping with Jewish ways of reckoning feasts, as well as a reminder the fact that God's ways aren't our ways, and time belongs to God, and our clocks and calendars are a convention and artifice.

Anyhow, remember that Lent will be upon us soon, and think of some worthy ways of practicing self-denial during the holy season. Remember that fasting is required for all Catholics 18 to 60, and abstinence from meat is obligatory for all Catholics over 14. More on these in future issues.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP** All parishioners should participate fully in parish life (*this especially means worshipping at Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation*), be registered here, and contribute to the support the parish to the extent possible. We often get requests for recommendations and permissions for parishioners to serve as godparents and sponsors. If we don't know you, we can't give that testimony on your behalf. You may have been baptized here (or gone to Catholic schools) but you need to be currently practicing and registered in your local parish (children are obviously registered with their parents; adults need to make their own arrangements). The Church requires that baptisms and marriages be celebrated in one's own parish. If one is not an active parishioner, problems could arise at those important times.

**Baptisms** Usually 1st and 3rd Sundays. Contact the pastor to schedule. First-time parents please also schedule a "pre-Jordan" preparation class—offered the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 7:15 p.m. in the parish center.

**Weddings** Active parishioners contact the parish office no later than six months prior to the desired wedding date. Marriage preparation normally includes several meetings with a priest, several meetings with a mentor couple of the parish, a weekend of conferences offered by the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life, NFP training, and FOCCUS diagnostic. *If someone in your family is planning to get married*, please encourage them to speak to their pastor. The marriages of Catholics (whether or not they're marrying other Catholics) need to be conformable with Church law, and that requires that they receive suitable catechesis in preparation for marriage, and marry according to a certain rite.

**Eucharistic exposition** Wednesdays following the noon Mass until 7:00 p.m. Benediction. For information, and to volunteer to take hours of adoration, contact Regina Cano at (614) 582-8588.

**Knights of Columbus** Contact Trinidad Cano at (740) 819-8002. The K of C offer a hot breakfast every 4th Sunday following morning Masses, and lead the Rosary after the 11:00 Mass on 5th Sundays.

**Choir** We're always in need of more voices in the choir. Contact the parish office or the choir director Mrs. Adams. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays, after Benediction.

**Funeral luncheons** Contact Mary Margaret Murphy at (740) 452-4454.

**Rental information** To reserve Rosary Hall or Activity Center (i.e. the school gym) contact Mary Ann Ewart at [maewart@gmail.com](mailto:maewart@gmail.com) or (740) 319-2449.

**Pregnancy counseling** Heartbeat Family Center/Pregnancy Distress: (740) 450-5437, [www.heartbeats.org](http://www.heartbeats.org).

**Rosary Altar Society** Contact Lori Gnau at (740) 453-8501

**Prayer requests** (740) 453-8397, (740) 297-7164, (740) 588-0314, or (740) 704-3136

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## MASS INTENTIONS

*It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.*  
cf. 2 Maccabees, 12.



### Sunday, February 5

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5:00pm (Sat.) People of the parish  
7:00am Pope Francis  
9:00am Dec members K of C Msgr. Dury Council  
11:00am Tom Quinn (+)

### Monday, February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (M)  
8:00am Cecil Mary Soller (+)  
12Noon Dan & Barbara Creagan Family

### Tuesday, February 7

Feria  
8:00am James T. Fegan (+)  
12Noon David and Jason Honeywell

### Wednesday, February 8

Feria  
8:00am Souls in Purgatory  
12Noon Jim Hofer (+)

### Thursday, February 9

Feria  
8:00am Louis Francis Thanh (+)  
12Noon Bob & Bette Mattingly (+)

### Friday, February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin (M)  
8:00am Souls in Purgatory  
12Noon Barbara Phillis (+)

### Saturday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes (Opt. M)  
9:00am Tom Quinn (+)

### Sunday, February 12

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5:00pm (Sat.) Bob & Bette Mattingly (+)  
7:00am Carolyn Awalt (+)  
9:00am People of the parish  
11:00am Mary Louise Young (+)

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, February 5

CCD after 9:00 a.m. Mass  
NO RCIA MEETING  
Coffee & doughnuts following 9 & 11 a.m. Masses

### Monday, February 6

7:00 p.m. Scouts (Parish Center)

### Tuesday, February 7

2:00 p.m. Bible Study with Fr. Luke (Gospel of John)  
6:00 p.m. Rosary for Life (church)  
7:00 p.m. Catechism (Rosary Hall)

### Wednesday, February 8

Eucharistic exposition following noon Mass  
7:00 p.m. Benediction  
7:10 p.m. Choir rehearsal (church)

### Thursday, February 9

6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Parish Center)

### Sunday, February 11

CCD, RCIA, after 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Coffee & doughnuts following 9 & 11 a.m. Masses

## Parish Finances

### Weekend of Jan 29

Main collection total..... \$7,021.88\*  
[Total other collections ..... 192.00]  
Weekly Budget..... 11,538.00  
This week's deficit..... - 4,516.12

### **Thank you!**

*\* This figure includes envelope and loose amounts. It does not include automatic electronic donations.*

### Upcoming special collections

This weekend	The Catholic Times
Feb 19	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Mar 5	Black and Indian Missions
Mar 26	Catholic Relief Services

**Please remember  
Saint Thomas Aquinas Church  
in your will.**

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## THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE NEED HELP.

We need a festival coordinator whose primary role is to work with supply vendors to coordinate orders and with the parish office to pay vendors, maintain an expense worksheet, and coordinate set-up and take-down. The position also requires being on-site during the week of the festival to supervise set-up and delivery of supplies. **Having a parish festival will be impossible** without a volunteer to fill this position. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Amy Nern at amy.nern@cerner.com.

## From the Principal of Bishop Rosecrans High School

Bishop Rosecrans High School's annual grand fundraiser, the Bishops' Ball and Auction, will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017. We rely on donations to help make this event a great success. The theme this year is "Four Seasons." We depend on the added support of our friends and the school and business communities who supply us with auction items. In order to make our auction a success again this year, we are asking you to help us by donating goods or services to be auctioned at this event.

If you have something or see something that you think would be a good auction item, please consider purchasing it for donation to our school auction. If you would prefer to make a tax-deductible cash donation, you have the option of applying it directly to the proceeds of the auction or request that the school purchase an item on your behalf.

We currently have the following auction items: a football signed by Jim Tressel; a Mary Ann Bucci Northside Beach print; various Michael Kors and Vera Bradley handbags; gift cards; various winter-themed items. Students are preparing House gift baskets for the grand auction. All proceeds from the evening directly benefit the students through added resources and programs that we are able to provide for them. We want to have a record breaking year for our auction. Please help us to achieve this goal. You can send donations directly to me at the high school.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of Bishop Rosecrans High School and the legacy that we leave to our community.

—Ms. Jennifer Mallett, Principal, Bishop Rosecrans High School

**Addendum:** Parishioners wishing to support the auction are asked to purchase gifts (\$20 value) for auctioning. They should be wrapped and delivered either to BRHS or to St. Thomas Church the weekend immediately preceding the auction, i.e., March 18/19. School representatives will be here to collect them at Masses that weekend.

**Sadie Corry Pilgrimage to Carey, Ohio  
Wednesday, May 3. Mark your calendar!  
Watch the bulletin for further details.**

## MASS READINGS

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Introit: Psalm 95; Communion verse: Psalm 107)

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10  
Psalm: Psalm 112  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 2: 1-5  
Gospel: Mt. 5: 13-16

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

### February 4-5

#### 5:00 P.M.

Lector Amy Morris  
EMHC Mike Morris

#### 7:00 A.M.

Lector Sue Maxwell  
EMHC Carol Griffin  
Servers Kaitlyn Dosch

#### 9:00 A.M.

Lector Joe Steiger  
EMHC Martha Newsom  
Servers Larissa and Lexanne Lynch

#### 11:00 A.M.

Lector Trinidad Cano  
EMHC Sharla Rose Kenily, Jerry Lynn, Bernie Kuhn,  
Melanie Von Gunten  
Servers Tai Labish, Emil Valent, Hannah Johnson

## The Catholic Times

For a Catholic perspective, the *Catholic Times* weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from around our diocese, our country, and the world. Sign up today for, or continue receiving the *Catholic Times* for another year, by placing your *Catholic Times* envelope with a minimum donation of only \$17 (parish rate) into the regular Mass collection. This donation helps your parish to provide *Catholic Times* to you and many of our parishioners. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. If you are on "electronic" donation, you can still receive *Catholic Times* – simply place your donation in an envelope marked "*Catholic Times*" and drop it into the Sunday collection basket some time during the month of February. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic household to receive the *Catholic Times*.

**HEY LADIES, INTERESTED IN A CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB JUST FOR WOMEN?** If interested, contact Mary Baker at marytbaker@hotmail.com.

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Free transportation is available to the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference. The Catholic Foundation has arranged for a bus. If interested, contact Mary Baker by phone at (740) 297-5851 or by email at marytbaker@hotmail.com.



The Midwest's Largest Annual Gathering for Men of Faith

**FEBRUARY 25, 2017**  
CARDINAL HALL  
**OHIO EXPO CENTER**

**CONFERENCE FEATURES**  
SATURDAY 8:00am - 3:00pm  
Registration Opens at 7:00am

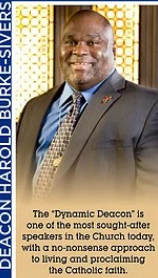
Adoration (Starting at 6:00am)  
Breakfast & Lunch Provided  
Fellowship  
Nationally Acclaimed Speakers  
Reconciliation Service  
Choral and Musical Performances  
Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell  
Vendors and Faith Outreach  
Emceed by Doug Lessells

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT  
[www.CATHOLICMENSMINISTRY.com](http://www.CATHOLICMENSMINISTRY.com)

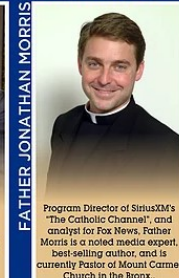
And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land.

- Ezekiel 22:30

## FEATURED SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS



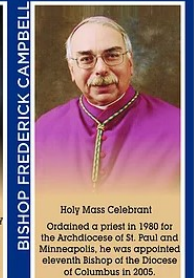
DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS



FATHER JONATHAN MORRIS



STEVE BOLLMAN



BISHOP FREDERICK CAMPBELL

For More Information and to Register, Visit [CatholicMensMinistry.com](http://CatholicMensMinistry.com) or call 614-395-8415

**FEBRUARY 16, 2017 | 8AM-5PM | OHIO EXPO CENTER**

*Celebrating 10 years!*

We invite you to join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference at the Ohio Expo Center in the Cardinal Building where thousands of women gather together to pray, reflect, and are inspired.

Our mission is to provide opportunities for women to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, to grow in their vocations of their dignity as Catholic women, and to strengthen their commitment to be a disciple of Christ.

Pre-registration conference fees are \$100 adults, \$25 children, and complimentary for religious sisters.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 2017 Catholic Women's Conference!

**Directions**

The Cardinal Building at the Ohio Expo Center is located at 717 East 7th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211. Follow the signs for parking.

From the South  
Take 571 South to 17th Avenue East 111.  
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From the West  
Take 570 East to 171 North. Take 1671 North to 17th Avenue East 111.  
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**Frequent Questions**

Can I attend this event if I am not Catholic?  
Yes, for the entire conference.

Where is my ticket?  
Online registration is preferred for the ease of printing and attending your ticket is available before the conference. Your ticket also acts as your name tag and seat assignment. With both online and mail-in registration, your ticket is available for you to print at home. Please bring your ticket with you to the conference to ensure lines and save your time. Bringing your printed ticket allows you to check your ticket at the door and simply find a seat. Disprinted tickets will not be available to you for as long as you have your ticket.

Is my registration fee refundable?  
Registration fees are non-refundable because they are transferable. You may change your ticket information at any time by clicking "change ticket position" on your confirmation email.

Is this event alcohol-free?  
Yes, the conference is a 100% women within the Catholic Diocese and for that reason we are alcohol-free.

Are there any dietary restrictions?  
A vegetarian lunch is included in your registration. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available. To view our full menu please click on your options for an accommodation.

Can I bring a friend or child?  
Yes, tickets for preschool to 18 years old are \$40 per person. Children under 18 are not permitted.

Can I bring my baby?  
Yes, please bring your baby. A stroller area for babies will be provided.

Can I receive Catholic Catechesis/Enrichment here?  
Yes, complete the 11,000 form and provide the 11,000 application for the Sacrament of Anointing for us to be approved by the Office of Religious Education.

Is there a minimum age to attend?  
Yes, we welcome women of all ages. Parents should read the speakers' biographies and see their descriptions.

*Be strong & courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.* - Joshua 1:9

**10 YEARS**  
COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
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If you have any further questions, please call our office at 614-395-1262 or go to [www.ColumbusCatholicWomen.com](http://www.ColumbusCatholicWomen.com).

**JEFF CAVINS**

Jeff is recognized both nationally and internationally as an exciting public speaker and Bible teacher. He is the creator of the popular Great Adventure Bible Series published by Ascension Press.

**MAGNUS MACFARLANE-BARRON**

Magnus is the founder and CEO of Mary's Meals, a global movement to provide the most effective help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty. He was named one of 2016's "Top 10 Heroes" by CNN headquarters for his work.

**KERRI CAWZEL**

Kerri has devoted her life to working with youth - first as a teacher, and then as a consultant for Pregnancy Counseling Center. She speaks on the Sanctuary of Life to help spread a preventative message of hope, love, and truth.

**REV. FR. MATTHIAS THIELEN**

Spiritual Director and Instructor of Theology, Fr. Thielen serves on the faculty at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

**Master of Ceremonies BROOKE TAYLOR**

For nearly a decade, Brooke was the co-host of the "Family Friendly Morning Show" in Cleveland. She is the founder of "The Moon Squad," a ministry of women from all walks of life, blogging, hosting retreats and more building a sisterhood of believers for Christ.

**Music by TAYLOR TRIPPOI**

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Taylor shares her musical talent to help you experience the profound love of Christ.

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**10 YEARS**  
COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
Online Registration is available at [www.ColumbusCatholicWomen.com](http://www.ColumbusCatholicWomen.com)

**Mail-in Registration**

Early Bird & Group registration before January 22 are available - ONLINE ONLY.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Family \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Fee # Attending  
I (Individual) \_\_\_\_\_  
I (Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
I (Religious Sister) \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch (please check one (1) per person)  
 Turkey Salad  Salad w/ Chicken  
 Veggie Salad  Veggie Salad  
 GF Veggie Salad  GF Salad w/ Chicken  
 Check for longtable lunch for the Men  Children Free

Please Note:  
Tickets will be mailed to you as soon as they are picked up at the door on the day of the conference.  
Complete and mail this form to:  
Catholic Women's Conference, 202 Clark Dr., Columbus, OH 43217  
Make checks payable to:  
Columbus Catholic Women's Conference

## Project Pass-It-On

February is the month that St. Thomas Aquinas collects money and non-perishable food for the pantry at Eastside Community Ministry (ECM). ECM depends on donations to help the needy of our community. Please bring food items anytime in February and place them in the boxes at the back of the church. Checks can be made out to ECM and will be used to buy food in bulk at discount prices.

Thanks in advance for your support!

## Our parish subscribes to FORMED—use it!

Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and sign in using our parish password: DHDYBY

Problems? E-mail Kandy Longstreth : [kanlongs@gmail.com](mailto:kanlongs@gmail.com)



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## Bishop Fenwick School

139 N. Fifth Street  
1030 East Main Street  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701  
740-454-9731

February 1, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

As a parent of Bishop Fenwick Pre-School, I would like to invite you to attend our Family Information Night on February 23, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Bishop Fenwick School has a long tradition in Catholic education and we are extremely fortunate to have such a supportive parish behind us. Our school strives for academic excellence while providing a nurturing environment for all of our learners. Bishop Fenwick School provides a safe environment, technology that is available to all students and a low student to teacher ratio. Most importantly, we are able to teach our Catholic faith to our students every day!

More recent facts about Bishop Fenwick that you may not know are:

- A full-time intervention staff available for all learners. We serve students that may need speech therapy, occupational therapy, academic tutoring and reading intervention.
- Our students consistently score above the national averages on standardized tests and our students are prepared to enter Bishop Rosecrans High School.
- Eighth graders are able to take both Algebra I and Spanish I for high school credit.
- Our school is open from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm for working families.

It is my hope that you will take a few minutes and come visit Bishop Fenwick School. Our teachers and staff will be available to take you on a tour, discuss educational options or just answer any questions that you may have. By visiting Bishop Fenwick School, you will be able to see first-hand what extraordinary educational opportunities your child might have if they attend.

Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns before February 23, 2017. You can reach us at 740-454-9731 or email: [ksagan@cdeeducation.org](mailto:ksagan@cdeeducation.org). I look forward to meeting you on February 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Blessings and Prayers,

Kelly Sagan

Principal, Bishop Fenwick School