

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FR. MICHAEL SAYS.....

This Wednesday is the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the great thinkers, writers, and saints of our Church.

St. Thomas' family sent him to study at a Benedictine monastery when he was young, hoping that he would enter the order and eventually become the abbot. The Benedictines were a respected community with a long history.

Instead, Thomas joined the Dominicans, a fairly new community dedicated to preaching. At one point, his family kept him prisoner for over a year to try to dissuade him. They did not succeed. He spent years studying theology in Paris and Cologne before beginning to teach and write.

His most famous work, the *Summa Theologiae*, was actually never finished. He stopped working on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

St. Thomas's feast day always falls during National Catholic Schools Week. As the patron of students, let's ask him to pray for our local Catholic schools and everyone associated with them.

One regular parish event that you may not be aware of is **Bosco Boys - a weekly event for young men led by Deacon Peter**.

Every Monday at 6:30pm, young men in high school and college gather in Blessed Sacrament for a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration. They pray the rosary together during this time.

Afterwards, they eat a meal in lower Sargus Hall (a meal usually prepared by Deacon Peter himself!) and then spend time playing games or sports outside, weather permitting.

All of this is about growing in holiness, hearing God's voice, and supporting each other.

I would encourage any men of our parishes who are in high school or college to give it a try but also would ask everyone to pray for the young people of our

*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the week of
Jan. 18th, 2026*

(BLS)

Adult Envelopes	\$6,249.00
Children's Envelopes	\$22.00
Candles	\$253.05
Poinsettias	\$1,200.00
SVdP	\$570.00
Improvement Fund	\$665.00
Loose	\$189.00

(OLL)

Adult Envelopes	\$1,373.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$53.00
SVdP	\$15.00
Improvement Fund	\$110.00
Loose	\$40.00

parishes, that they may listen to God's voice and follow where He calls them.

PARISH SECRETARY OPENING:

Full-time. Monday thru Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm
Qualifications: practicing Roman Catholic; (preferably a member of our Wintersville parishes); excellent interpersonal communication skills; skilled in Microsoft Word, Excel and QuickBooks; familiar with social media inputting, and ability to honor and maintain strict confidentiality.

Prior experience in administrative / secretarial work preferred. Email resume to wintersvilleparishes.org.
Full job description and salary (based on experience) will be provided during the interview.

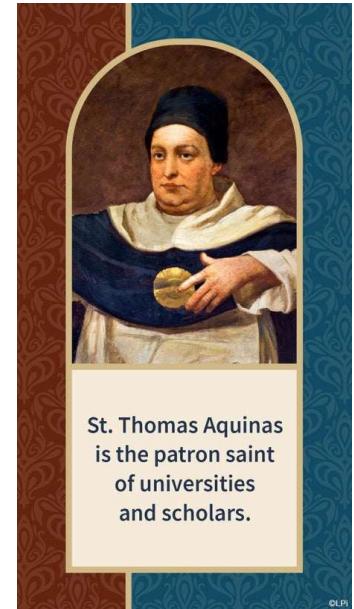
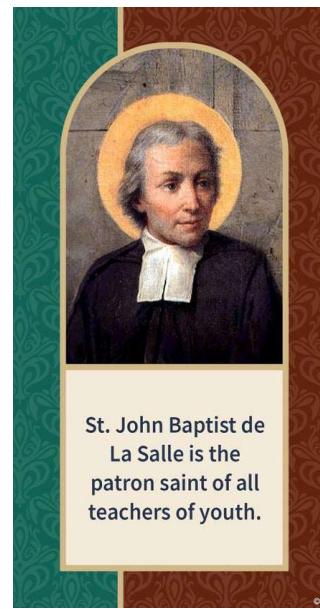
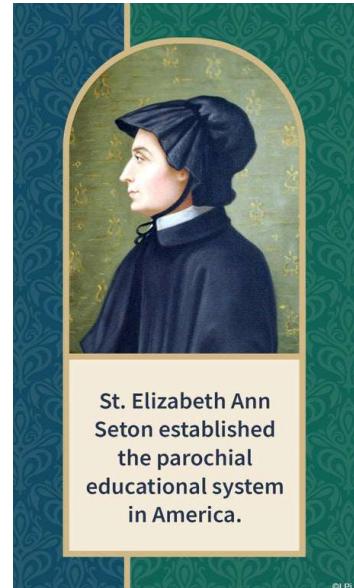
MEMORIAL DONATIONS: We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to Blessed Sacrament Church:

In memory of Roger Wells: from the Vukelic family; M / M Todd Morelli; Pamela Longmeir; Connie Blackburn & Heritage Village Apts; Ron Gaylord; Maria Settepenella & M / M Joe Zamberlan
A donation was also made **in memory of Frances Sohovich** from Denise Todoroff.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Jan. 24	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jean Morelli (Mary Mastroianni)
4:30pm	(BLS)	
Sun	Jan. 25	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Vito D'Aurora (D'Aurora family)
8:00am	(BLS)	
9:30am	(OLL)	Living & deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
11:00am	(BLS)	Ida Camerlango (Norouzi family)
Mon.	Jan. 26	Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
8:00am	(BLS)	Frances Sohovich (Sean Beresford & Carolyn DeVito)
Tues.	Jan. 27	Weekday Joe Snider
8:00am	(BLS)	(BLS Funeral Luncheon Ministry)
Wed.	Jan. 28	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Dr. of the Church
8:00am	(BLS)	Larry Trushel (Payne family)
5:30pm	(BLS)	Adoration & Prayer
Thurs	Jan. 29	Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Geno M. Morelli {Anniv} (Family)
5:15pm	(BLS)	Lynne Ros (Shirley & John Bray)
Fri.	Jan. 30	Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Ella Salancy (Bruce & Toni Dondzila)
Sat.	Jan. 31	St. John Bosco, Priest
8:00am	(BLS)	Mercy Morado (Michael & Susan Waldstein)
Sat.	Jan. 31	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm	(BLS)	John DiBenedetto (Kathy & Rob)
Sun.	Feb. 1	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	(BLS)	Nino Camerlango (Norouzi family)
9:30am	(OLL)	John Wayne Gates (Vicki & Rick Brozka)
11:00am	(BLS)	Living & deceased members of our Wintersville parishes

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



**Remember in your prayers the intentions
of our Holy Father, Pope Leo**

JANUARY

(For Prayer with the Word of God)

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be
nourishment for our lives and a source of hope
in our communities, helping us to build a
more fraternal and missionary Church.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

January 31st & February 1st

Saturday 1/31 **4:30pm**

Lector: Joe Zoric

EMOCH: Tony Corella

Altar servers: Johnny Ross

Sunday 2/1 **8:00am**

Lector: Toni Dondzila

EMOHC: Bill DiMichele

Altar servers: Symingtons

(OLL) **9:30am**

Lector: Mary Anne Cordier

Altar servers: (Volunteer)

11:00am

Lector: Steve Kuruc

EMOHC: Cindy Gregor

Altar servers: Banners, Inversos & Felix Velez

If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS



IN THE HOSPITAL: as of Thurs., Jan. 22nd:

No one as of the above date

BULLETIN MEMORIALS: 3 memorials will expire at the end of January. The dates are circled in the lower right-hand corner. If you wish to renew them, please contact the parish office before the end of the month. If you do not, the space will become available in February.

OLL CWC NEWS: Our annual **SUPER BOWL SOUP SALE** will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 8, after the 9:30am mass**. The following soups will be available: Bean, Chicken Noodle, Chili (regular and spicy), Green Pepper, Sausage and Wedding.

The cost is \$7.00 per quart and there will be **NO PRE-SALES!**

The 50 / 50 winner for the month of December was Cloey King. Congratulations!

FYI: A parish accountability group for Catholic men who are struggling with pornography is available at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Wintersville. The leader of the group will interview each man who wishes to attend.

If you would like to attend, please email blessedsacrament7pillars@gmail.com.

SARRIS EASTER CANDY SALE: BJKM Elementary school is raising funds for a much-needed playground for our ever-growing Pre-school classes. If you are thinking of purchasing any Easter candy this year, won't you please consider purchasing from us as this fundraiser will see 25% of your total purchase cost returned to our school for this project. 25%!!!

All you need to do is:

Go online to Sarriscandiesfundraising.com

Click on "Shop now" (it's in bold gray letters)

A pop-up will appear asking "Supporting an online fundraiser?" Yes!

In the box, enter the BJKM ID # 10-0706

Begin looking at all the many delicious items they offer for purchase and make your selections. (You do not have to enter a student's name for the sale)

When you are finished, you may check out and have the order sent directly to your home!

You do not have to do anything else. How great and easy is that! We will automatically receive the 25% credit for the sale! **Thank you so much for supporting our Catholic school for this worthwhile project!!**



WE STILL NEED UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION:

We are receiving contributions from people who are not officially registered in our parishes. While we greatly appreciate your generosity, if you plan on staying with us, you really need to register so we can record your contributions. ALSO, we have heard recently that some parishioners have moved in the area - we would also appreciate you letting the office know your new address.. We like to keep our information as updated as possible so please, give us a call soon. 740-264-0868. Also, if you no longer have a land line in your home and rely only on cell phones, and, if you would share your email address, that would be great too.

2026 DIOCESAN MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL:

Saturday, March 7, at St. Stephen Church in Caldwell, OH., from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

Cost is \$25.00 per registration plus a \$3.00 online surcharge. Lunch is included.

The day will feature personal testimonies from Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Timothy Shannon.

Register online at www.athenscatholic.org/steubenville-mens-day. More information, including the full schedule is available on the website. You may also contact Ron DuBois at 740-457-6011 or by email at ronduboisjr@gmail.com.