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Bishop Robert J. Brennan

# COVID-19 update: How we move forward

Dear Friends,

St. John Paul was known to have said on occasion during his pontificate that suffering releases love. Indeed, the love and Christian charity I have witnessed over and over in central Ohio since arriving here last March has been evident beyond all expectations in these last months. I want to begin by thanking you most sincerely for everything you have done and all you have carried in these unprecedented days. Since writing to you in May, we have been focusing on the return to public worship taking all the measures, individually and collectively, to safeguard the health and safety of all. I asked pastors to make whatever adjustments were necessary to allow for a smooth return while remaining vigilant. In the following weeks, we have all worked hard together to make the experience of gathering for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy welcoming, prayerful and reverent. This has been our first and greatest priority. Allow me publicly to thank and congratulate not only our priests and deacons but, really, all of our parish teams and volunteers who have extended themselves in so many ways.

The experience of being together these last three months has taught us a lot. Reflecting on these can guide us moving forward:

**The Importance of Mass and Holy Communion.** Perhaps the most important lesson through the experience of the suspension and return of



the public celebration of Holy Mass is just how important it is to our lives as Catholics. I will always grieve the necessity of having to take the steps I did for the protection of both individuals and the community. You have inspired me not only by your generous and painful sacrifice but by your joy at being able to return to Mass and approach the Lord in the Sacred Eucharist. You stayed connected through the broadcast of Mass through different media from your own parishes, the Cathedral and other locations. I am glad that this was a help to you especially as you faithfully kept Sunday as the Day of the Lord. But we all appreciate more than ever the need to gather around the banquet of the Lord

and join ourselves to the Sacrifice of Christ with “full, conscious, and active participation” in the Sacred Liturgy. (From “The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” at the Second Vatican Council, 14.)

**The Virus is here for the long haul.** Since we have returned at the end of May, we have seen some spikes in the occurrence of the COVID-19 coronavirus, and while those are going down, we will probably see numbers rise and fall during the foreseeable future. With greater testing and the terrific response of the medical field, we are in a much better position than we were in March. It is also clear that the measures we took early on and our current practices of social distancing, the wearing of face coverings such as masks, and deliberate washing and sanitizing, have been and continue to be effective in mitigating the spread. It is good that we can resume so many aspects of our daily lives even with limitations and vigilance. **Because it remains dangerous for a good number of people to gather in public, the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation has been extended indefinitely in the Diocese of Columbus as in the other dioceses in Ohio.** Likewise, the Cathedral and many parishes will continue to broadcast Masses to connect with those who are yet unable to return. There are a variety of reasons individuals and families may not be ready to assemble for Mass or in other public gatherings for that matter. Some of these involve their own health or that of others with whom they come in contact, the need

to limit contact because of work obligations, and many other personal concerns. It is important to stress in the strongest terms that anyone not feeling well – regardless of whether they believe they have the virus or not – should not come to Mass in charity to others. We need to exercise an overabundance of caution in this respect. This brings me to a delicate balance. If you are well, and if it is possible, I want you to feel welcome at Mass for the reasons stated earlier. Some tell me that they seek to attend Mass one day during the week when the crowds are smaller and the time spent inside the church is a little shorter than on a typical Sunday.

**Beginning this new phase of our reopening, we can unify our practices.** The initial return required latitude and accommodations in some of our practices particularly around the distribution of Holy Communion. We are in the process of returning to normal practices at this point. The Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice will continue to be omitted. While pastors will always try to meet particular needs when possible, the distribution of Holy Communion should ordinarily take place in the context of Mass. We need always to avoid the impression of the reception of Holy Communion as something to be “gotten” and with true reverence and devotion as the culmination of participating in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of

### Send us your questions

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### The Catholic Times remains on biweekly schedule

The *Catholic Times* is switching to a year-round biweekly schedule. The issue dates for the remainder of 2020 are Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 22, Dec. 6 and Dec. 22.



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**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**  
All-Ohio standout Quintell Quinn, a senior running back and line-backer for Columbus St. Francis DeSales, is expected to be one of the top players in the state this season. *CT photo by Ken Snow*

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## Sunday Mass dispensation extended indefinitely

The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation granted by Bishop Robert Brennan, which was to last at least through Sunday, Sept. 13, has been extended indefinitely, in keeping with the indefinite dispensation throughout the rest of the Catholic Conference of Ohio. Those who are in high-risk categories are encouraged to remain home. Those who are not feeling well or who are exhibiting coronavirus-type symptoms are expected to remain home. Churches will observe safe social distancing by marking off pews. Those attending Mass are asked to wear masks in church and to make use of sanitization procedures.

# All diocesan schools opening for start of academic year

By Tim Puet  
Catholic Times Reporter

Classes for the 2020-21 academic year have started or are about to begin at all 42 elementary and 11 secondary schools of the Diocese of Columbus under a variety of formats. Principals said that most of the diocese's 16,400 students were returning to the school buildings that were unexpectedly closed in mid-March because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Learning continued online for the final 2 ½ months of the past school year, but the closings meant traditional end-of-year activities such as spring sports and graduation events at various levels could not take place.

For the reopening of schools, diocesan educators have developed a three-tiered plan: Tier 1 means schools will be fully open, with safety protocols related to the virus in place; Tier 2 involves hybrid learning, with a mixture of in-person and remote instruction; and Tier 3 is full distance learning, with school buildings closed and all instruction provided digitally online or through other methods. Lori Dulin of the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools said all schools in the Diocese of Columbus anticipate opening under a Tier 1 or Tier 2 operating plan.

Students in diocesan schools outside of Franklin County began returning to classrooms on Monday, Aug. 24, with small groups coming in during the first week of school to learn about new health and safety procedures and so teachers could assess students' needs. Regular classes will resume on Monday, Aug. 31. Teachers at those schools took part in orientation and health and safety training during the week of Aug. 17.

Franklin County schools were on the same track, but started a week later, with teacher training during the week of Aug. 24, a "soft opening" week beginning on Monday, Aug. 31 and regular classes resuming on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Cristo Rey Columbus High School, which operates under a different schedule because of its work-study program with area businesses, will begin orientation for first-year students on Monday, Aug. 31, with classes starting for all students on Thursday, Sept. 3.

Most public school districts in Franklin County planned to open the academic year with all classes online. Districts in the diocese's other 22 counties had a variety of opening plans.

"Since our school closure last



**The coronavirus pandemic has resulted in conversion of the campus theater at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School's Cavello Center into a learning space with sufficient social distancing. The space typically is used for large group presentations, luncheons and receptions.**  
Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

March, the goal of the Catholic schools of our diocese has been to allow our students to return to classes as close to normal as permitted by health and safety regulations," said Adam Dufault, diocesan episcopal moderator for education and superintendent of schools.

"I am proud of the tremendous work and hours of preparation done by our administrators and teachers that has allowed us to continue the outstanding Catholic educational experience that our families expect and deserve. All of our schools will continue to be vigilant and proceed cautiously. All have plans to quickly switch to digital learning if it is needed."

Although all diocesan schools are fully open, their methods of providing instruction will vary.

Westerville St. Paul School, the largest elementary school in the diocese, gave parents the option of full remote learning for their children. The school's new principal, Carol Walsh, said about 100 of its 830 students decided to attend classes at home through the Digital Academy program adopted by many diocesan schools. Those students can return to school after the first quarter if they desire. The other 730 students are returning to the school building.

Walsh said a safety and health task force of 19 people, including doctors, nurses, public health officials and school and parent representatives, formed a plan to prepare the school for all health-related scenarios that could take place during the school year, including the possibility that the

school might have to close again.

Social distancing requirements of a 6-foot separation between individuals will result in classrooms having fewer students and more spaces being used for instruction. "We're lucky because we had a huge expansion in 2018 that added a second floor to the school for things like robotics, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math) education, art and music," Walsh said. "We've reconfigured that space so that we now have 71 classrooms. We also had to hire two new teachers and 10 teacher aides for those areas."

The new classroom areas include the cafeteria. Students will eat in their classrooms, with hot and cold meals available. Most students come to the school by bus, and the Westerville, Big Walnut, Columbus and Olentangy districts will run buses to the school, even though Westerville and Columbus school buildings will be closed to start the year. School schedules have been adjusted so students can enter and leave the building in small groups, because distancing requirements will be maintained on buses.

At Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, "students will be 'present' in the classroom five days a week, whether they are in the school building or learning remotely," said principal Mike Winters.

The school's approximately 700 students have been divided into two groups alphabetically. The "Red" group – students with last names beginning with A through K – will be in the building every other Monday and every Tuesday and Thursday and will attend classes

online on Wednesdays and Fridays. The "Blue" group – L through Z – will be in school on Wednesdays, Fridays and every other Monday and at home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"It was a priority to keep families together, so we decided to rotate by last name rather than by class," said Winters, who is in his 20th year as Hartley's principal and his 45th year as an educator in the diocese. "Our house system of grouping students of multiple grades together to strengthen the school's sense of community and to give more students leadership opportunities will continue, with most of its activities on a smaller scale. We also have plans ready for full-distance learning if the virus again makes it necessary to close school."

The school cafeteria and the main gym will be used for lunch. Winters said this year's hot meals will include more student favorites such as pizza and macaroni and cheese. Students also may continue to bring lunches from home.

Newly ordained Father Michael Fulton, parochial vicar at nearby Columbus Christ the King Church, will be the school's chaplain, joining a ministry staff that includes Deacon Frank Sullivan and campus minister Tera Chun. English teacher Rachel Dues will help with retreat programming. Except in the case of holy days of obligation, most of Hartley's monthly all-school Masses will be celebrated twice to include both large groupings of students.

"We are insistent on keeping our Catholic culture, and with a priest available on campus and another person to generate creative ideas for retreats, we are hoping our ministry program grows and is even more effective," Winters said.

"It's exciting to get students back to all of our buildings after this long period when schools were empty," said Kelly Sagan, executive director of Zanesville's Catholic schools. "We're planning to be open five days a week and have enough space to be able to split classes into groups of no more than 17 apiece when necessary. We planned for all three learning options and can easily adapt to the other two if we have to, but preferred a full opening and are able to do so."

Sagan oversees both Bishop Fenwick Elementary School and Bishop Rosecrans High School. Rosecrans

## Be a lifelong learner of Catholic social teaching

This time of year, students of all ages typically start school or college and learn new things. Classes may start with a refresher course. Then the new teaching begins. Of course, next comes the homework assignments and tests, and maybe a quick prayer before the tests.

This time can serve as a reminder that no matter what age, we all have the responsibility to be lifelong learners when it comes to Church teaching. Since my specialty is Catholic social teaching, otherwise known as the social doctrine of the Church, I'm here to help you.

Catholic social teaching is about life and relationships. It's about the importance of human life, the dignity of the human person, and of justice in our relationships with one another as articulated by scripture, the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and more than 2,000 years of Church teaching.

Now this can be quite a bit of content to cover. There are two books I highly recommend that offer the highlights of Catholic social teaching: *The Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Each book is published by the Vatican.

You may have noticed these books are not exactly pamphlets. They might be the size of books you were hoping not to be passed out by your schoolteacher or listed as required reading for a college course. Remember those days? If you are a little crunched for time and looking for shorter Church teaching documents tied to what's happening all

### FAITH IN ACTION

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around us, here are suggested documents by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that can help.

**Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life.** This statement provides a framework for the Church's response to building a culture of life. It promotes a consistent ethic of life and addresses issues such as abortion, the death penalty, euthanasia and assisted suicide.

**Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism.** This letter is in response to the persistence of the evil of racism in our society. It teaches that the antidote to the grave sin of racism is an authentic witness to the inherent dignity of the human person.

**Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice.** The bishops teach that crime is a violation against people and relationships, not solely the law. They urge for a restorative approach that respects human dignity of victim, offender, and community.

**Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope.** Although this letter is nearly 20 years old,

it still serves as a good synopsis of Church teaching on the issue of immigration. The letter highlights the challenges that immigrants face, immigration enforcement, and the separation of families.

**A Place at the Table: A Catholic Recommitment to Overcome Poverty and to Respect the Dignity of All God's Children.** This letter articulates the grave concerns of poverty in our country and around the world. The Church calls us to be in solidarity with the most vulnerable in our midst.

**Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home Bulletin Insert.** For a brief overview of this papal encyclical about care for God's creation (each other and the earth), I recommend you read the USCCB's bulletin insert. Multimedia tools are available. Of course, read the encyclical if you can.

**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility.** This statement provides a concise overview of Catholic social teaching and articulates what a lifelong learner of Catholic social teaching should be, a person who lives out faithful citizenship. It's about how to shape our society by voting, contributing to respectful public dialogue, and participating in other ways of living out our moral obligation to work for the common good.

It's one thing to know about Catholic social teaching. It's another thing to live it out. There will be a test. I hope this reading list can help you prepare for it. And don't forget to pray.

## Tragedies in human medical experimentation

Between 1932 and 1972, a series of highly unethical medical studies were performed on a group of 400 African-Americans by doctors from the U.S. Public Health Service.

Officially referred to as the Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male, the research protocol enrolled 399 impoverished sharecroppers from Macon County, Alabama, all of whom had syphilis, and a control group of 201 others who were free of the disease. The 399 were never told that they had syphilis or that their condition was sexually transmitted, but only that they had "bad blood."

The study began at a time when no effective treatments for syphilis existed, but as penicillin became the standard of care during the mid-1940s, the infected men were not offered the new drug; in fact, it was withheld from them during the next 25 years, to enable researchers to track the progression of their disease.

The outcry that followed the public revelation of these unethical research methods, described in an investigative report in the Washington Star, resulted in the study finally being shut down. By then, there had already been widespread devastation, with 28 participants having died from syphilis, 100 more having perished from related complications, and the subjects having transmitted the disease to at least 40 spouses and 19 of their children.

In May 1997, President Bill Clinton issued a public apology to the victims and their families, stating, "The United States government did something that was wrong — deeply, profoundly, morally wrong." Many afterward questioned how such ethically offensive research could have continued unabated for so many decades.

In the final analysis, the Tuskegee syphilis exper-

### MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

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iments relied upon a defective theory of ethics, still popular today, known as "utilitarianism." Utilitarianism seeks to determine right from wrong by focusing on a calculation of consequences (and so is sometimes also called "consequentialism"), asserting that the best ethical choice is the one that produces "the greatest good for the greatest number" and maximizes "usefulness."

For the Tuskegee experiments, the usefulness was the knowledge gained through studying the progression of syphilis in human patients, including what consequences (like blindness, insanity) typically can be expected to occur, at what stages, etc. This basic medical knowledge could end up serving the interests of thousands or millions of other individuals in the future, it was asserted, even as doctors overlooked the litany of sufferings and harms inflicted on an unfortunate few.

A utilitarian approach to justifying scientific research on humans usually implies that we need to "balance" the value of new scientific discoveries against the dignity of human experimental subjects. In this view, the two represent "competing values," and in a world with no moral absolutes, some indi-

viduals may emphasize one set of values while others will give more weight to another. Compromise can then open up a "middle" solution, allowing for some experimentation on humans to be carried out for the good of research, even if it might at times be harmful, debilitating or lethal to its subjects. In any real world setting, this means that those who are most vulnerable — the poor, the weak, the disenfranchised and the sick — become rife for exploitation whenever particular research goals are declared worthy of pursuit.

This utilitarian approach to "balancing values" provides a highly flawed ethical framework that has been used to justify other immoral biomedical research projects like the German medical experiments on prisoners during the Second World War, human embryonic stem cell research, and other forms of exploitative human experimentation.

In each of these, researchers have been motivated by good goals like learning about disease, developing treatments and helping others. Finding treatments and making progress against disease is clearly very praiseworthy. But a good end cannot justify an immoral means. That is where the need for a non-utilitarian ethical understanding becomes paramount. Maintaining immovable negative ethical norms against the abuse of research subjects is key, including norms like: "Do no harm," "do not kill," "always secure informed consent," etc.

The rights of patients to these protections should not be taken as values to be balanced against the goals of research. This risks sweeping away the vi-

## From within the familiar

In physical training, there is much to be gained by training a limited number of key exercises. I think good coaches don't seek to entertain, but rather help people learn, grow and progress with a small set of lifts and movements that have the most potential to help them achieve their goals. People like familiarity, and in the familiar, they gain the courage and strength to move to new heights.

I was re-reading the Gospel of Matthew recently, and though I have read and participated in Bible studies many times, I am amazed how the familiar words moved my heart in a new way. This time, the familiar became a catalyst for something new.

I love how Matthew describes Jesus and the disciples teaching, healing, praying and responding to the actions of Pharisees and Sadducees. The stories are familiar and comforting, but in this reading, I became almost solely focused on how often Jesus went away to pray alone.

From Matthew 14:23, "And after he dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone."

What does it mean when scripture jumps off the

### HOLY AND HEALTHY

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page and into our hearts in a new way? Most of us have been introduced to Lectio Divina in some form — the reading and prayerful reflection of scripture to allow God to work in us, but discerning the meaning in our lives can take time.

I wanted a quick answer, but instead felt called to go up the mountain to pray. For me, this is on our back dock by the pond, or in my favorite chair in the family room, or walking around our yard in the sunshine. Probably much like you, I have lots of "mountains" in which to pray.

In the familiar stories of Matthew, God was trying to teach me something new or to take me to new heights. I began to set aside time to pray, not with my usual routine of Mass readings, the Rosary and

Chaplet, but instead being quiet and listening, asking, waiting and allowing God more time and space to work in me.

I asked for a saint to assist me in praying more from the heart and St. John of the Cross turned up; I found this deep and tender prayer from him that revealed more of what I felt God was trying to teach me.

*O Blessed Jesus, grant me stillness of soul in Thee. Let Thy mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O thou King of gentleness, King of peace. Give me control, control over my words, thoughts and actions. From all irritability, want of meekness, want of gentleness, O dear Lord, deliver me. By thine own deep patience give me patience, stillness of soul in Thee. Make me in this, and in all, more and more like Thee. Amen.*

Our amazing God can break through, crack us open, and pull us closer to him through the words of scripture — and in any other way he desires. May we be watchful for these breakthroughs from within the familiar — as the familiar may be just the catalyst that God uses to move us to new heights.

## Rediscovering Eucharistic amazement

In his 2003 encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (The Church from the Eucharist), Pope St. John Paul II invited Catholics to regain a sense of "Eucharistic amazement." Being "amazed" by the Eucharist is probably not all that common these days. But Holy Mass should be all amazement, all the time. For in the celebration of the Eucharist, John Paul wrote, our time is linked to the time of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, because the Eucharist has a "truly enormous 'capacity,' which embraces all of history as the recipient of the grace of the redemption." In a spirit of Eucharistic amazement, we live history as His-story: God's story.

As bishops, pastors, and catechists use this moment of Eucharistic fasting to rekindle a sense of eucharistic amazement in the Church, they can put a recent "response" from the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith to good use. That August 6 responsum, personally approved by Pope Francis, had to do with Baptism. It also teaches a lesson applicable to the Eucharist.

The question the Congregation had to answer was whether Baptism is validly conferred by saying "In the name of the father and mother, the godfather and godmother, the family, the friends, and in the name of the community, we baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The answer was "No." Why? Because the ancient formula, "I baptize you ..." expresses the bedrock truth the Second Vatican Council inscribed in its Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy: "When anyone baptizes, it is Christ himself who baptizes." To speak of "we" baptizing is to suggest that the Church invents the sacraments rather than her being created by the sacraments. And that, to cite an image from Father Robert Imbelli, is to decapitate the Body of Christ.

Christ is the principle actor in the sacramental drama of Baptism. Christ acts through the baptizer, to be sure. But it really is Christ who acts. Otherwise, Baptism would be merely a welcoming rite rather than the radical reconfiguration of a person to Christ as a

### THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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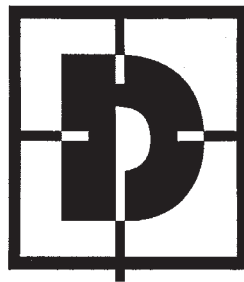
The same principle applies to the Eucharist: If Christ is not the principal actor in the celebration of the Eucharist, then the Mass is a social ritual, the community's celebration of itself.

Vatican II was quite explicit about the Christ-centered reality of the sacraments, so appeals to the Council to support aberrations like "We baptize you ..." falsify the Council. As the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states, "Just as Christ was sent by the Father so he also sent the apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit ... so that they might preach the Gospel ... and proclaim that the Son of God by his death and resurrection had freed us from the power of Satan, and from death, and brought us into the King-

dom of his Father. But he also willed that the work of salvation that they preached should be (manifest) through the sacrifice and the sacraments ... (Thus) Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations ... (which) are performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and his members."

These are basic truths the Church must hear. They should be preached and taught vigorously, and especially now. If they are, the "Sunday normal" to come may be better than the "Sunday normal" that was.

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# Deacon Sullivan aims to serve God and His people

By Tim Puet  
Catholic Times Reporter

Deacon Frank Sullivan says his role can be summed up by looking at the roots of the word “deacon” itself.

“The word is derived from the Greek word *diakonos*, meaning ‘servant,’” he said. “I see my role as a deacon as one of servant leadership. Wherever I minister, I want to be a helper so the people I serve can then serve the Church and each other.”

Deacon Sullivan, 63, was ordained to the diaconate on Feb. 3, 2001, by Bishop James Griffin and has served Lancaster St. Mary Church since his ordination. He has been a teacher since 1993 and chaplain since 2002 at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and also taught at Columbus Bishop Watterson and Lancaster Fisher Catholic high schools.

“What’s given me the greatest satisfaction in nearly 20 years as a deacon is being able to help people notice their own gifts and be able to share those gifts with others. It’s great to be able to encourage people, hear them say, ‘I can do this,’ and see them appreciate what God has given them,” he said.

Deacon Sullivan grew up in Sugar Grove. His parents were the late Frank and Mary Ellen Sullivan, and he has an older brother and three grown children. His father worked for Anchor Hocking Glass in Lancaster, and his mother was a volunteer organist at Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church for more than 20 years.

After graduating from Sugar Grove Berne Union High School in 1975, he attended Muskingum Area Technical College (now Zane State College) in Zanesville for two years and received an associate degree in environmental science, then worked for about a year for Malcolm Pirnie Inc., an environmental consultant in Worthington.

“During that time, I stayed with my sister and brother-in-law on the west side of Columbus,” he said. “I’d take Interstate 270 to work. Every day, I’d see the tower of the Pontifical College Josephinum from the highway and kept thinking, ‘Am I being called to something more?’ I looked into the priesthood and entered the Josephinum as a sophomore because I already had some college schooling. Everything was different there from anything else I’d known, especially studying philosophy.”

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies in 1981 from the Josephinum and decided at that point not to pursue the priesthood. “I felt I needed more companionship, the type that married life can give, but I have great appreciation for my experience at the Josephinum because it helped me grow up,” he said.

“During my senior year, a priest in Jacksonville, Florida, who was a Josephinum graduate was looking for someone who was not planning to continue on to the priesthood and might be interested in coming there to teach religion. Msgr. (Leonard) Fick, the Josephinum’s vice rector, called me in and asked if I was interested in the job. I told him I was and have been a teacher ever since.”

Deacon Sullivan taught religion and coached football and wrestling for three years at Jacksonville Bishop Kenny High School. “I found myself

## ANSWERING GOD’S CALL

*Answering God’s Call profiles the life of a priest, deacon or professed religious sister in the Diocese of Columbus.*

coming back here for Christmas and Easter and summers. Florida was too hot, and I didn’t want to stay inside all the time,” he said. He returned to Ohio in 1984 and was a teacher, head wrestling coach and assistant football coach at Watterson for seven years, and then taught at Fisher Catholic for two years.

During that time, he married his wife, Rebecca, and they had three children – Patrick, 34; Paul, 31; and Mary Ellen, 30. He also earned a Master of Arts degree in theological studies from the University of Dayton in 1990, which took him seven summers of classes to acquire, and he and Rebecca bought the 5-acre plot in Carroll where they live today. He obtained a second master’s degree, this one in educational leadership, from Ohio Dominican University in 2014.

“Deacon Frank Iannarino (now director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate) was theology department chair at Watterson while I was there and was studying to be a deacon himself. That was one of the things that started me thinking of being a deacon,” he said. “Another was the example of Deacon Pete Labita at Columbus Christ the King Church, which Becky and I attended before we moved to Carroll. He was able to combine being a deacon with being a husband and the father of young children. I loved how he preached and conducted himself. He was probably my biggest inspiration.”

Deacon Sullivan taught a summer school class at Hartley in 1993, was hired to teach religion there that fall and has been there ever since. He was an assistant football coach at the school for several years under longtime head coach Dick Geyer. “I learned so much from him about football and life in general,” he said. “Dick and his wife, Mary Ellen, were kind to people and were great motivators.”

He became religion department chair at Hartley in 1996 and held that position for several years until becoming chair of the school’s accreditation process, which makes sure the school maintains professional standards set by the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association. He began his studies for the diaconate in 1997 and was appointed as Hartley’s chaplain following his ordination. “Deacon Iannarino and Bishop Griffin felt it was important to have an ordained member of the clergy at each diocesan high school,” he said.

Deacon Sullivan has been a liturgical master of ceremonies for the three Columbus bishops whom he has served, meaning he is responsible for the proper conduct of major services, and is a master catechist for the diocese, making him eligible to



Deacon Frank Sullivan

teach diocesan certification classes for religious education teachers. He also was one of the first to be trained as a Protecting God’s Children session facilitator, is in charge of post-ordination continuing education for newly ordained deacons, and has worked with readers, altar servers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist at his home parish and other Lancaster churches, in addition to preaching and performing the ministerial functions of a deacon, such as officiating at weddings, baptisms and funerals and teaching RCIA classes at several parishes.

“I’ve always considered myself a deacon not just for St. Mary’s or Hartley, but for the whole diocese,” he said. “I’m always glad to help out where I’m needed, but I’ve also learned to say ‘No’ on occasion.”

Today, along with his duties as chaplain and director of religious education at Hartley, he teaches three classes to the school’s juniors. Two of the classes involve reflecting and applying Christian leadership characteristics, and one is part of the standard diocesan curriculum and is based on the Sacraments and morality. “I like teaching juniors because, by that point in their lives, they have become mature enough that you can have a reasonable discussion with them. You can get them to think,” he said.

“I also think that young people today seem more spiritual, as opposed to being more religious. By that, I mean they’re searching for the presence of God in their lives and are trying to see how to fill that void only God can fill. It’s great to see many of them taking leadership roles, planning Masses and retreats and reflecting on spiritual characteristics and how Jesus displayed them.”

Asked what his advice would be to anyone thinking of becoming a deacon, he said, “Make sure you pray a lot. God will direct you. You might have to take some steps you might not think are associated with being a deacon, but maybe this is the way God is refining you.”

“For a long time, I never thought of the possibility of being a deacon, but I always was willing to serve whatever parish I was a member of. Start doing your *diakonos* work right now. Be a servant. A man doesn’t get ordained as a priest, then start living as a priest. You should be living your vocation before becoming a deacon. If you are, the order of the diaconate becomes a natural extension of the life you already have.”

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tal interests of human subjects in a tide of appeals to societal utility or medical progress. The negative norm, which requires that one should never harm, exploit or destroy human life in the pursuit of laudable research goals, can only be fulfilled in one way: by refusing to violate the norm.

These kinds of negative norms serve the essential role of setting fixed and clear boundaries for ethically acceptable research, strict limits on the pursuit of even the most worthwhile of scientific goals. This helps assure that humans, who are endowed with an absolute value and a unique dignity in themselves, are appropriately protected from any forms of utilitarian reckoning.

# Cloistered Dominican nuns moving to diocese in September

By Tim Puet  
Catholic Times Reporter

The Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, a contemplative religious order with 14 sisters, will be relocating to the Diocese of Columbus from Buffalo, New York, effective Tuesday, Sept. 1. The order will establish a temporary monastery at the former Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark. Options for a permanent monastery for the nuns are being considered.

The nuns have been in Buffalo since 1905. The order's mother prioress, Sister Mary Dominic, OP, said the decision to move was made because the Diocese of Columbus does not have a monastery of contemplative nuns.

"While we have had a long and happy history of ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, the community began to feel called by the Holy Spirit to consider a move to a place in the United States lacking a contemplative monastery of nuns, in response to the call of Pope Francis for contemplative religious to recognize the cloistered life as a work of evangelization among the people of God," Sister Mary Dominic said.

The Columbus diocese has been without a monastery of cloistered sis-

ters since the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration left their monastery in Portsmouth in 2010 and relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina. They merged with the Poor Clares of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Alabama and moved there in 2016.

Bishop Robert Brennan of Columbus announced on Saturday, Aug. 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption, that the Dominican nuns would be moving to Ohio. "It is a very special occasion on this, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we welcome the Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary to our diocese," he said.

"The root of Dominican spirituality deeply runs through our diocese, dating back to 1808, when the very first Mass was offered in Ohio by a Dominican missionary (Father, later Bishop Edward Fenwick) in Somerset, Ohio. A house of Dominican nuns is a true blessing for any diocese. I am sure the clergy and faithful of the diocese will provide a warm and generous reception, and all will be pleased to contribute to the well-being and support of their community."

Father Stash Dailey, diocesan vicar for religious, said the nuns' move was an extension of ongoing discussions

between the diocese and religious orders. "The diocese engages with religious orders throughout our region, discussing how we can assist them in their charism while also determining how they can assist us in addressing the needs of our diocesan community," he said. "The Dominican sisters bring to our diocese a remarkable opportunity for us to witness the graces and joy that faithfulness to Christ can provide through the contemplative life."

The charism of the Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary is to seek God according to the norms of the purely contemplative life. They maintain their withdrawal from the world by enclosure and silence, work, penance and intercessory prayer for the needs of the people and the salvation of the world. Their hidden life shows that in Christ alone there is true happiness, mysteriously fruitful for the people of God.

The history of Dominican sisters dates from the establishment of a convent by St. Dominic de Guzman, from whom all Dominican orders take their name, in 1206. The Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary will be the fourth order of professed Dominican women religious in the Diocese of Columbus.

This particular order's history in

the United States dates to 1891, when the order arrived at Union City, New Jersey. Its monastery at that location has been vacant since 2008. In Buffalo, sisters from the order first lived in part of a mansion and then built a monastery in stages throughout the 1920s. It was completed in 1929. Two months ago, the order moved from the monastery to a temporary home with the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Its former monastery is under contract for sale to a charter school in Buffalo.

The nuns had wanted to arrange a Mass of Thanksgiving and a reception for their friends in Buffalo before leaving western New York, but Mother Mary Dominic said in a story in *The Buffalo News* that this wasn't possible because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We wish these devoted and holy women of St. Dominic only good things in their new home, and with the assurance that they will remain in our prayers as we ask them to remember the good people of Buffalo always in their own prayers," Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Buffalo, said in announcing their departure.

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the Mass. I know that it is true love that draws you to the Eucharist, but it is important that the Church practice great care in the connection of the Eucharist to the celebration of Mass.

Parishes will continue to provide time for prayer in the church and for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Because extended or perpetual adoration requires commitments that individuals might not be able to make, schedules may need to be changed.

Our Catholic Schools have been working all summer to provide as normal an experience as possible for the opening of the new school year, taking all the measures and precautions (such as providing for social distancing, aggressive sanitizing of the facilities, and the requirement of wearing facial coverings such as masks) necessary to provide for the health and safety of students, teachers and staff. We believe that the return to school is in the best interest of our students and is consistent with the unique mission of Catholic schools. This will look different in each school. Various models are in place at each school to adapt to the changing conditions. Plans have been communicated to the families

and in many cases options are available for parents to choose. I am enormously grateful to our parents, teachers and administrators for their work and commitment.

**Parish Schools of Religion (PSR) and other ministries**, for the most part, will return in a virtual or hybrid format. Many parishes will take a family approach. Part of the reason for this is that children in school become part of a particular group in their classroom, presuming they are maintaining distance from others outside the school or the nuclear family. Gathering weekly for PSR brings children together from different areas into a new group. PSR is no less important than Catholic Schools, though they are structured differently. Along with other practical considerations, we need to look at other ways of catechesis and disciple formation for our young people and families, supporting parents in their role as primary educators of their children. Along the same lines, RCIA, sacramental preparation and youth ministry will likely have to take on virtual and hybrid formats. Pastors, catechetical leaders and youth ministers have been engaged with diocesan offices and Franciscan

University of Steubenville to consider new models. Allow me to thank all our catechetical leaders and parish ministers for all their dedication and hard work.

**Confirmations are in the process of being rescheduled.** It was my hope that by now I would have been in the process of celebrating rescheduled Confirmations postponed from the spring and looking forward to the fall schedule. I miss visiting the parishes. The reality is that we are still living with the COVID-19 coronavirus and the very nature of Confirmation requires close personal contact. My concern is that in order to make up for past postponements, I would need to schedule multiple sessions each week. While I am more than willing to do so, the last thing I want is unknowingly to carry the virus, thus spreading it from one parish to another. It is better, therefore, that I delegate to pastors and parish priests to confirm children who were scheduled to be confirmed in 2020. Thanking you for your patience thus far, I ask your continued patience as parishes will need to schedule these in small groups over a period of time. All these considerations are for the well-being of the young people being

confirmed.

Other parts of parish life and use of parish facilities may continue to need to be limited. The highest priority is the celebration of Mass and the sacraments. After that would be the schools and catechetical formation. While there are many elements of life that make our parishes strong and vibrant, we will need to adapt to what is possible given space and taking the highest care for health and safety.

In these days, I have been struck by the goodness of the people of this diocese. Overwhelmingly, people have been good and generous, taking care for the well-being of one another and finding creative ways to "gather" for prayer and mutual support. I cannot thank you enough. In that same spirit of generosity, let us be united in prayer particularly for those who have died in these months and for those who are currently ill or suffering the many different effects of this pandemic. Know that you are, every day, close to me in prayer and that I humbly acknowledge and appreciate my need of your prayers that I may serve you well. May the Lord in His mercy help and guide us all.

## High school coaches excited to play but concerned about the future

Coaches at diocesan Catholic high schools begin their fall athletic seasons thanking God that there will be a season for their student-athletes, but they worry about what might happen.

"I am not confident with anything past today," Bishop Watterson football coach Brian Kennedy said. "This is a really good example of understanding what you can control and focusing on it."

After all spring sports were cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic that closed schools in mid-March, teams with fall seasons were allowed to return to workouts in June while observing strict safety protocols that continue to include temperature checks, frequent sanitizing, physical distancing and wearing masks while not practicing.

In late July, the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) gave the go-ahead for non-contact sports. And then on Tuesday, Aug. 18, Gov. Mike DeWine approved competition in football, boys and girls soccer and field hockey.

A day before the governor's announcement, St. Charles Preparatory School suspended football and soccer as a precaution but subsequently reinstated both sports three days later. Neither the football nor soccer teams will begin competition until September, which means the Cardinals will sit out the first three weeks of the football regular season.

The OHSAA estimated that 60 schools throughout the state have suspended fall sports, but all schools in the diocese have forged ahead.

St. Charles principal James Lower told families in a letter that he decided to lift the suspension after reviewing the governor's insights and discussing with fellow Central Catholic League school admin-

istrators, parents, teachers, coaches and the school's advisory board the protocols and safety measures in place.

"With that said, the health and safety of our students and their families, as well as effectively resuming school through in-person learning, are and will continue to be St. Charles's primary priorities," Lower said in the letter. "We will lift the competition suspension, yet we reserve the right to reinstate the suspension if the COVID-19 virus begins to show signs of spreading throughout our community."

The St. Charles golf team has been playing in matches and tournaments since early August without any issues, and other diocesan teams in both boys and girls golf and girls tennis have done the same. Girls volleyball, field hockey and boys and girls cross country were scheduled to begin competition against other schools during the final week of August.

As students return to the classroom and athletes in contact sports face opponents from other schools, no one knows whether the seasons will be played to completion. Players and coaches will be following strict guidelines, and spectators will be limited at events.

The OHSAA has shortened the football season from 10 regular-season games to six. A post-season tournament will follow that's open to all teams regardless of record or how many games a school plays before the playoffs.

"I'm happy that under the circumstances everyone is making the playoffs," Bishop Hartley football coach Brad Burchfield said. "I really think that allows the team to get better through the week without the burden of win at all costs."

Schools can opt out of the playoffs and contin-

ue with regular-season games instead. And teams eliminated from the playoffs can choose to resume regular-season play, but they cannot exceed 10 total games or play past Nov. 14. Some coaches believe it would be difficult to play again after losing in the playoffs; others haven't looked that far ahead.

"I've thought a lot about the extra games if we get knocked out of the playoffs," Burchfield said. "I don't really know what we would do. It would depend on the morale of the team and where we were physically."

On game nights, football will look different in several ways. The most obvious will be the limited number of in-person spectators. Parents and families of participants will be the first priority for admission. Marching bands will not travel to away games.

"After all we've been through, we want to play some football games," St. Francis DeSales football coach Ryan Wiggins said. "But we certainly don't know what's going to happen."

The number of players dressed in uniforms for football games will be limited, which impacts only the larger schools, and numerous other restrictions will be in place regarding game management. Officials on the field will not handle the ball except for a first-down measurement, and after each play a team's center will position the ball for the next play after an official marks the spot with an orange bean bag. Officials wearing masks, which are optional, will use electronic hand-held whistles instead of traditional whistles because their mouths will be covered.

"We've tried to follow every protocol to a T," Burchfield said. "We want to get this right. We want to make sure our kids are safe and confident of the safety protocols. We are taking no chances."



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## COLUMBUS BISHOP HARTLEY HAWKS

When Bishop Hartley coach Brad Burchfield says his players want to surpass expectations this season, that's saying a lot.

The Hawks set the bar high during the past decade, annually qualifying for the playoffs and making deep runs that included three state championships, a runner-up finish and seven regional titles. Last year's team fell just short of reaching another state final, losing 24-19 to Trotwood-Madison in a Division III semifinal game to finish with a 12-2 overall record.

"It was a great team," Burchfield said. "We cherish the great wins and the championships, but more important it was a really fun group to be around and coach. These were great players and teammates who loved and laid it all out for their school."

Hartley graduated a slew of good players from the 2019 roster, including University of Minnesota signee Miles Fleming, 2,000-yard rusher Jalan January, Mason Sawyer, George Dunor, Angelo Evans, Kiron Anderson and Kenyon Davis. But Burchfield always finds a way to put an excellent product on the field, and he hopes this year will be no differ-

ent, even though the circumstances are quite different in the COVID-19 environment.

Every team that chooses to participate in the playoffs this year will qualify regardless of its record during the shortened, six-game regular season. And so, a loss or two during the season will have no bearing on making it into the postseason tournament.

The Hawks typically play a stout schedule, and this year's truncated slate of games begins Aug. 28 at home against one of the state's preeminent programs, Cincinnati Moeller. Hartley will face Central Catholic League rivals St. Francis DeSales and Bishop Watterson twice each and St. Charles once.

The Moeller-Hartley matchup will be the first between two of the state's top programs.

"The Moeller game is going to be exciting," Burchfield said. "It's a chance for us to be in a spotlighted game with a lot of attention on it ... similar to a really important playoff game down the road. I think a game like this only helps us."

Hartley's run-oriented offense lost its three leading rushers – January,

Sawyer and Fleming – but returns senior Marcellis Parker, who ran for 396 yards and three touchdowns last season. Junior wide receiver Richard Kenny (5 feet 10, 165 pounds) caught 13 passes for 240 yards and three touchdowns and also rushed for 348 yards and a TD in 2019.

At quarterback, sophomore Peyton Underwood (6-0, 170) and juniors Bryce January (5-10, 165) and Du-Shaun Tucker (5-11, 180) are vying for the starting job. Burchfield said all three will play this season.

Anchoring the offensive and defensive lines will be two-way junior standout Daniel Tooson (6-1, 250).

**Top players:** RB-LB Sumo Kesselly, sr.; RB-LB Marcellis Parker, sr.; LB-OL Tony Thivener, sr.; DL-OL Daniel Tooson, jr.; DB-RB Trey Saunders, jr.; DB-RB Nyal Johnson, jr.; WR-DB Richard Kenny, jr.

**Coach says:** "We are looking forward to this season. This is a great group of kids who are getting better every day. We have great team spirit, and the kids are tough and love Hartley. Expectations are always high, and these kids want to exceed expectations."

### 2020 SCHEDULE

- 8-28 Cincinnati Moeller
- 9-4 Bishop Watterson
- 9-11 at St. Francis DeSales
- 9-18 at St. Charles
- 9-25 at Bishop Watterson
- 10-2 St. Francis DeSales

### 2019 RESULTS (12-2)

- Bishop Hartley 34, Timber Creek Regional (N.J.) 13
- Bishop Hartley 44, Wheelersburg 6
- Bishop Hartley 38, Gahanna 21
- Bishop Hartley 47, Dayton Chaminade-Julienne 26
- Clinton-Massie 24, Bishop Hartley 14
- Bishop Hartley 30, St. Charles 7
- Bishop Hartley 21, Austintown Fitch 14
- Bishop Hartley 39, Bishop Watterson 0
- Bishop Hartley 44, Dayton Belmont 6
- Bishop Hartley 20, St. Francis DeSales 13
- Bishop Hartley 14, London 8 (OHSAA playoffs)
- Bishop Hartley 35, Granville 13 (OHSAA playoffs)
- Bishop Hartley 27, Jonathan Alder 14 (OHSAA playoffs)
- Trotwood-Madison 24, Bishop Hartley 19 (OHSAA playoffs)
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Brad Burchfield (132-28 in 12 seasons at Bishop Hartley and 163-53 overall)

## COLUMBUS ST. FRANCIS DESALES STALLIONS

St. Francis DeSales entered the 2019 season with some uncertainty because of injuries and after the tragic shooting death of incoming freshman Xavier Quinn just a few days before the start of preseason practice.

The Stallions overcame the adversity and went on to post a 9-3 record that included a first-round playoff victory in Division II.

DeSales also was a relatively young team a year ago, and the experience the underclassmen picked up should be a valuable asset going into the shortened 2020 season that begins for the Stallions on Aug. 28 against rival Bishop Watterson.

Quintell Quinn, Xavier's older brother, emerged as one of the top players in the state last season and was named first-team All-Ohio. The highly recruited senior returns this year after rushing for 1,808 yards and 20 touchdowns while also leading the defense from his linebacker spot.

His impact on offense and defense, plus more experience on the offensive and defensive lines, are positives.

Coach Ryan Wiggins said the 6-foot-1, 220-pound Quinn is bigger, stronger and faster this year.

"What was obviously a very, very, very tragic situation, Quintell comes off of all that and has the best year of football he's ever had," Wiggins said. "He's a great running back, a great linebacker, and then he has the best academic year he's ever had. After having all that adversity, that speaks to some of his toughness and resiliency. I'm really proud of him. And so we're excited to see what he will do."

Quinn had help last fall from running back Jaylen Ball, who suffered a season-ending injury midway through the schedule; quarterback Reno Godfrey and lineman Cole Potts. All three graduated, but Wiggins is ready to plug in replacements.

Battling for the quarterback job are sophomore Nicky Pentello (5-9, 170) and junior Whit Hobgood (6-3, 205). At running back, junior Jonathan Thompson (6-1, 210) and freshman Nasir Phillips (5-6, 185) should help take some of the load off Quinn.

Senior wideout Jordan Johnson (6-0, 185) and senior tight end Matthew Stewart (6-2, 185) will be targets in the passing game. Stewart, the son of former DeSales standout and NFL player Matt Stewart, will wear his fa-

ther's retired No. 26 jersey this year.

Owen Kirk (5-10, 220), Billy Cain IV (6-1, 250), Jackson Hartman (5-10, 240), Will Hast (6-4, 230), Josh Martin-Hayden (6-4, 270) and Stewart bring experience to the offensive and defensive lines. Quinn and Jason Velazquez (5-10, 205) are formidable at linebacker. Thompson is a key contributor as hybrid defensive end/linebacker, and Max Shulaw (6-0, 200) will see playing time at linebacker as a freshman.

Johnson (four interceptions in 2019) anchors the secondary. Quinn totaled a team-best 101 tackles, and Velazquez was second behind Quinn with 99 tackles.

**Top players:** RB-LB Quintell Quinn, sr.; WR-DB Jordan Johnson, sr.; TE-DL Matthew Stewart, sr.; WR-LB Jason Velazquez, sr.; RB-LB Jonathan Thompson, jr.; OL-DL Jackson Hartman, sr.; OL-DL Billy Cain IV, sr.

**Coach says:** "We do return guys with some varsity experience. That doesn't necessarily mean that we're better than anybody, but I do think that some of that Friday night lights experience is helpful."

### 2020 SCHEDULE

- 8-28 at Bishop Watterson
- 9-4 at Mansfield Senior
- 9-11 Bishop Hartley
- 9-18 Bishop Watterson
- 9-25 St. Charles
- 10-2 at Bishop Hartley

### 2019 RESULTS (9-3)

- St. Francis DeSales 35, Dayton Carroll 28
- Dublin Jerome 45, St. Francis DeSales 14
- St. Francis DeSales 36, Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin 21
- St. Francis DeSales 35, Kettering Alter 31
- St. Francis DeSales 42, Middletown Bishop Fenwick 22
- St. Francis DeSales 20, Bishop Watterson 16
- St. Francis DeSales 28, Dayton Belmont 7
- St. Francis DeSales 26, St. Charles 14
- St. Francis DeSales 31, Steubenville 18
- Bishop Hartley 20, St. Francis DeSales 13
- St. Francis DeSales 27, Cincinnati Turpin 13 (OHSAA playoffs)
- Harrison 42, St. Francis DeSales 7 (OHSAA playoffs)
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Ryan Wiggins (116-48 in 13 seasons at DeSales and 120-54 overall)

## COLUMBUS BISHOP WATTERSON EAGLES

Bishop Watterson burst out of the gate last season with four consecutive victories before dropping three of its next four games and falling short of making the state playoffs.

But the Eagles' 7-3 overall record was their best since winning a state title in 2010, and this year's team includes a handful of players who have started the past two seasons and provide experience and leadership.

"I am very proud of what the team accomplished last year," Watterson coach Brian Kennedy said. "Last year's seniors experienced some down seasons, but finishing 7-3 and winning four games on the last play of the game provided excitement and, hopefully, some momentum that will carry through to this season."

Watterson showed it could handle tight games, winning one by one point, two by two and one by three.

In the next-to-last game at Dayton Dunbar, quarterback Jacob Hoying threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to tight end Davis Boone with no time remaining to pull out a 31-29 victory. Two weeks before that, Watterson held off Youngstown Ursuline for a 35-34 win after the Irish scored with no time left but failed on the two-

point conversion attempt.

Hoying and Boone both return this season along with wide receivers Andrew Bettendorf and Tyler Young.

"We have several returning players that will be three-year starters," Kennedy said. "The experience and attitude they bring should benefit the entire team."

The 6-foot-2, 195-pound Hoying completed 176 of 315 passes for 1,992 yards and 13 touchdowns with six interceptions last season.

Bettendorf (6-1, 185) and Young (6-0, 171) tied for the team lead in receptions with 39 each in 2019. Bettendorf had three touchdowns receiving and one rushing. Boone (6-3, 225) caught 37 passes for 455 yards and a team-high six touchdowns.

Watterson lost a valuable contributor with the graduation of running back Tommy Bair, the team's leading rusher with 692 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior running back Cam Nickleson (6-0, 201) will play a more prominent role this year after participating in all 10 games in 2019 and rushing for 192 yards and one touchdown on 26 carries.

First-team All-Ohio lineman Mason Graney, offensive lineman-line-

backer Chris Crane and kicker Jonah Fortkamp graduated, but Nick Youell (6-1, 210) is back on the offensive line and at linebacker.

The revised six-game regular-season schedule includes a difficult opener against rival St. Francis DeSales on Aug. 28. That will be the first of two meetings with DeSales and Bishop Hartley. Watterson will play home games on the new artificial turf field behind the school.

"Playing DeSales and Hartley twice is a challenge, but our kids are excited for the opportunity," Kennedy said. "DeSales week one is different. I think we will all find out very quickly what we've got and what we need to improve upon because of the level of competition we are going to see each week."

**Top players:** QB Jacob Hoying, sr.; TE Davis Boone, sr.; RB-CB Cam Nickleson, sr.; OL-LB Nick Youell, sr.; WR Andrew Bettendorf, sr.; WR-DB Tyler Young, sr.

**Coach says:** "We are extremely thankful that there is going to be a 2020 season. Our guys have done everything we have asked with the new rules and restrictions and will continue to do so. The kids need this. I feel

### 2020 SCHEDULE

- 8-28 St. Francis DeSales
- 9-4 at Bishop Hartley
- 9-11 at Teays Valley
- 9-18 at St. Francis DeSales
- 9-25 Bishop Hartley
- 10-2 St. Charles

### 2019 RESULTS (7-3)

- Bishop Watterson 24, Lancaster 22
- Bishop Watterson 31, Maria Stein Marion Local 7
- Bishop Watterson 24, Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit 21
- Bishop Watterson 41, Dayton Carroll 28
- Dayton Chaminade-Julienne 28, Bishop Watterson 7
- St. Francis DeSales 20, Bishop Watterson 16
- Bishop Watterson 35, Youngstown Ursuline 34
- Bishop Hartley 39, Bishop Watterson 0
- Bishop Watterson 31, Dayton Dunbar 29
- Bishop Watterson 17, St. Charles 3
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Brian Kennedy (14-16 in three seasons at Watterson and overall)

terrible for the winter and spring athletes that were affected by the shutdown."

## COLUMBUS BISHOP READY SILVER KNIGHTS

Joel Cutler begins his second season at Bishop Ready after returning to the school from a coaching stint at Upper Arlington, and his 2020 roster features skill players who could be difference-makers.

Athletic 6-foot-3, 183-pound senior quarterback Darius Parham is back to lead the offense. He's also a talented basketball player.

"He has really improved his passing mechanics and his ability to read the secondary," Cutler said. "I think people will be wowed by his ability."

Like Parham, senior wide receiver PJ Daniels (6-1, 185) is also a standout on the basketball court. Other potential passing targets include senior wide receiver Andrew Schulze (5-9, 160) and senior tight end Cole Matthews (6-3, 220).

The big challenge facing the Silver Knights on offense is replacing graduated running back Jack Foley, who totaled more than 1,000 yards last season.

Cutler would like to get the ball in the hands of highly recruited senior flanker Tyrese Hudson (5-10, 160), who has attracted the attention

of multiple colleges, including Big Ten schools. He'll do his fair share of running the ball along with sophomore tailback Brian Fitzsimmons (5-10, 190).

"They'll split the duties," Cutler said. "They're both coming along."

Senior Cael Dent (6-2, 275) and junior Devon Malone (6-0, 260) will lead the offensive line and also play up front on defense.

Ready's defense will include senior Jacob Metz (5-9, 220) and junior Connor Moore (5-8, 168) at inside linebacker; Daniels and Matthews at outside linebacker; senior JeJuan McGowan (5-9, 185) at defensive end; and Hudson, Parham, Schulze, junior J'sun Gardner (5-9, 135), junior Sage Tilley (5-11, 160), senior Jalen Bailey (5-8, 130) and senior strong safety Aiden Aiello (5-7, 140) in the secondary.

Aiello led the defense in tackles last year.

"He's just an excellent tackler," Cutler said. "It's fun watching him out there. He's smart and very physical."

Last season, Ready finished with a

5-5 record, but three of the five losses came against playoff qualifiers, including two state semifinalists. The Silver Knights beat one playoff team, Grandview Heights, in their season finale.

This season, the Silver Knights' six-game schedule is filled with opponents from the Mid-State League. Their final game of the regular season, at Bexley, could be moved from Friday, Oct. 2 to Thursday, Oct. 1, Cutler said.

Home games will be played at Fortress Obetz in south Columbus for the second straight year.

**Top players:** WR-DB Tyrese Hudson, sr.; QB-DB Darius Parham, sr.; OL-DL Cael Dent, sr.; WR-LB PJ Daniels, sr.; TE-LB Cole Matthews, sr.; FB-LB Jacob Metz, sr.; DB Aiden Aiello, sr.; FB-LB JeJuan McGowan, sr.

**Coach says:** "The best part of our team has been the leadership on and off the field. I have not had to do a lot of policing. The guys know when they haven't had a good practice and they're not afraid to call each other out."

### 2020 SCHEDULE

- 8-28 Liberty Union
- 9-4 at Buckeye Valley
- 9-11 Columbus Academy
- 9-18 at Harvest Prep
- 9-25 Whitehall
- 10-1 or 10-2 at Bexley

### 2019 RESULTS (5-5)

- Bishop Ready 24, Genoa Area 7
- West Jefferson 55, Bishop Ready 24
- St. Charles 19, Bishop Ready 7
- Bishop Ready 35, Liberty Union 14
- Bishop Ready 28, Buckeye Valley 21
- Columbus Academy 35, Bishop Ready 14
- Harvest Prep 21, Bishop Ready 15
- Whitehall 20, Bishop Ready 10
- Bishop Ready 35, Bexley 14
- Bishop Ready 27, Grandview Heights 14
- Conference: Mid-State League Ohio Division
- Coach: Joel Cutler (24-10 in three seasons at Ready and 54-32 overall)

## COLUMBUS ST. CHARLES CARDINALS

The start of St. Charles Preparatory School's season will be delayed, but better late than no football at all.

On Aug. 17, the school announced that it was suspending football and soccer in 2020. Three days later, the administration reversed its decision and reinstated the season for both sports.

St. Charles' first football game won't be until Sept. 18, three weeks after other teams throughout the state begin play. The Cardinals will open against Bishop Hartley and also face St. Francis DeSales and Bishop Watterson in Central Catholic League games before the start of the playoffs the second week of October.

"We're excited especially for our seniors to have games scheduled," third-year St. Charles coach Deke Hocker said.

If the Cardinals are eliminated from the playoffs early (all teams qualify this year regardless of how many games they've played), they will have the option, as will all other schools in the state, to resume the season and play more games. However, no team will be allowed more than 10 regular-season games, and none can be played past Nov. 14.

St. Charles would like to start the

season the way it did last year, when the Cardinals bolted out of the gate, winning their first three games and four of their first five. But then St. Charles lost its last five to finish below .500 for the sixth straight year.

The Cardinals were competitive in their losses, with four of those by 14 points or fewer. But they struggled to put points on the scoreboard, reaching double digits only once in six of their last seven games. And two of their major contributors on offense, running back Luke Eversole and wide receiver Roland Rowe, graduated. Eversole rushed for 1,362 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2019.

Hocker hopes that St. Charles can generate more offense in this year's abbreviated season with a more balanced attack than last year, when the Cardinals relied on Eversole running the ball.

"It's trying to take care of the football and don't have timely turnovers," Hocker said. "Those hurt us last year down the stretch, and also we gave up some big plays."

A running-back-by-committee approach this year will include senior Alex Herzberg, junior Fred Nimely and senior Liam Smith. At quarter-

back, senior Carter Bryant, a backup last year, and junior Arthur Stankowski are competing for the job.

Seniors Isaiah Yarngo and John Protz are among the wide receivers who will contribute, and the offensive line will be dominated by sophomores and juniors "with not a lot of Friday night lights experience," Hocker said. Seniors George Cottrell and Leule Mesfin and sophomore Ryan Carretta are the most experienced linemen. JD Epler also returns after suffering a season-ending knee injury last fall in week four.

Several offensive linemen will also play on the defensive side of the ball, where St. Charles had more success last year, holding five opponents to 17 points or fewer.

"We were in position to win a lot more games, and a big part of that was our defense," Hocker said.

Bryant returns at defensive end, and the linebacker corps includes Herzberg, junior Denim Craig and Nimely. Protz will be one of the cornerbacks, and Yarngo and junior Derek James will play safety.

**Top players:** QB-DE Carter Bryant, sr.; WR-DB John Protz, sr.; RB-LB Alex Herzberg, sr.; OL-DL George

### 2020 SCHEDULE

- Sept. 18 Bishop Hartley
- Sept. 25 at St. Francis DeSales
- Oct. 2 at Bishop Watterson

### 2019 RESULTS (4-6)

- St. Charles 28, Dublin Scioto 21
- St. Charles 19, Columbus Eastmoor Academy 16
- St. Charles 19, Bishop Ready 7
- Bishop Fenwick 16, St. Charles 0
- St. Charles 45, Dayton Carroll 14
- Bishop Hartley 30, St. Charles 7
- Lucas 20, St. Charles 8
- St. Francis DeSales 26, St. Charles 14
- Youngstown Chaney 14, St. Charles 7
- Bishop Watterson 17, St. Charles 3
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Deke Hocker (8-12 in two seasons at St. Charles and overall)

Cottrell, sr.; OL-DL JD Epler, jr.; OL-DL Leule Mesfin, sr.; WR-S Isaiah Yarngo, sr.

**Coach says:** "We're just going to keep practicing and take it one day at a time until we get closer to that first game. There's a lot that can happen between now and then."

## NEWARK CATHOLIC GREEN WAVE

After back-to-back seasons with uncharacteristic 3-7 records, Newark Catholic returned to form last year, finishing 9-4 and winning two Division VII state playoff games before losing to Harvest Prep in the regional finals.

"With our strong tradition, we usually anticipate a deep run in the playoffs," said Ryan Aiello, in his third season as coach of the Green Wave. "We're not where we want to be yet, but last year, we took long strides in the right direction. We finished 7-3 in the regular season and won the Licking County League Cardinal Division, which was a great accomplishment. If we can handle our business the way we should this year, we can take another giant step."

Newark Catholic's expectation of success comes from its history, one of the richest in all of Ohio high school football. The Green Wave has won eight state championships, finished as state runner-up six other times and made 35 playoff appearances. That number will increase to 36 in this

COVID-shortened season because the Ohio High School Athletic Association has opened the postseason to every team that wants to participate, but Aiello is looking for more than a "one-and-done" year.

"Our tradition helps bring players out. This year, we have a 55-man roster, and that's huge for Division VII, especially since we've got only 87 boys in the school," he said. "Great support systems are a part of that. I'm just one small piece of the puzzle."

Last year's Newark Catholic quarterback, Matt Carlisle, was named to the Ohio Prep Sports Writers Association's All-Ohio first team. Carlisle will be a walk-on at Youngstown State this season. "It was very tough losing him, but we have a good replacement in Cole Canter," Aiello said. "Cole had some playing time last year while Matt was injured, and he did a good job. I have a lot of faith in him."

"They're different types of quarterbacks. Matt was aggressive and physical, while Cole is more of a

pocket-type passer, so there will be a different type of feel to the progression of our offense.

"On the other hand, this is the first time in several years that our offensive schemes will be the same as those of the previous year. We'll run mostly a wing-T or spread offense and variations of those."

**Top players:** QB-DB Cole Canter, jr.; DL-RB Drew Hess, sr.; OL-DL Dave Roshon, sr.; WR-DB Tyson Mummey, sr.; WR-DB Ryan Poly, sr.; OL-DL Paul Jewett, sr.; OL-DL Ethan Wendt, sr.; OL-DL James Claggett, sr.

**Coach says:** "Eliminating mistakes early in the season will be a key to how we do. We had too many penalties and turnovers last season. With the experience we have coming back, if we focus on our execution and don't commit critical errors, we could go a long way. The virus has been tough on everyone. Our players have done a tremendous job focusing on the present and getting physically and mentally prepared."

### 2020 SCHEDULE

- 8-28 at Johnstown-Monroe
- 9-5 Hebron Lakewood
- 9-11 at Heath
- 9-19 Johnstown Northridge
- 9-25 at Licking Heights
- 10-2 Utica

### 2019 RESULTS (9-4)

- Newark Catholic 7, Edon 3
- Columbus Academy 21, Newark Catholic 13
- Paint Valley 33, Newark Catholic 21
- Newark Catholic 21, Watkins Memorial 0
- Newark Catholic 24, Licking Heights 21
- Newark Catholic 56, Utica 6
- Newark Catholic 21, Johnstown-Monroe 10
- Licking Valley 42, Newark Catholic 14
- Newark Catholic 41, Heath 16
- Newark Catholic 35, Northridge 14
- Newark Catholic 35, Reedsville Eastern 7 (OHSAA playoffs)
- Newark Catholic 40, Shadyside 0 (OHSAA playoffs)
- Harvest Prep 22, Newark Catholic 15 (OHSAA playoffs)
- Conference: Licking County League
- Coach: Ryan Aiello (12-11 in two seasons at Newark Catholic and overall)

## LANCASTER FISHER CATHOLIC IRISH

Lancaster Fisher Catholic's Luke Thimmes is in his first season as a head coach, but he has plenty of familiarity with his players.

Thimmes, a 1997 Fisher graduate, has been the school's defensive coordinator for the past five seasons. He replaces Doug Miller, who accepted a position as offensive quality control coach at Alderson Broaddus University in West Virginia. Miller led the Irish in 2019 to an 8-3 record, his best in three seasons at Fisher, and a state playoff berth.

Fisher lost 37-0 to state Division VII semifinalist Harvest Prep last year in the first game of the postseason and is assured of a third straight playoff berth because of the Ohio High School Athletic Association's decision to allow every team into postseason play, unless it opts out, for this season only.

"Obviously, the biggest difference between being a head coach and an assistant is that you're more responsible. You have to oversee everything and wear an awful lot more hats," Thimmes said.

"One good thing about the shortened season the OHSAA ordered for this year is that it limits us to league games, so we won't have to take long bus trips to a couple games we would have played if we had a full schedule. That helps a lot when you have 20 players and only four seniors."

Last year, the Irish had a surprise with the arrival of senior running back Trey Fabrocini, a transfer from Colorado. Fabrocini made his only Ohio high school season a memorable one by gaining 1,422 yards, scoring 25 touchdowns and being selected to the state prep sportswriters' All-Ohio Division VII first team.

"Taking Trey's position this year will be junior Jack Tencza," Thimmes said. "He was Trey's backup last year and is a big, tough kid in the same mold as Trey. Colton Yeager is our quarterback. He's a senior who played defensive end last year and has been very productive in practice. He replaces Kaden Starcher, who was third-team All-Ohio, rushed for 911 yards and passed for 905 and will be playing at Ohio Wesleyan this year."

**Top players:** QB-DB Colton Yeager, sr.; RB-LB Jack Tencza, jr.; RB-LB Kavanaugh Frank, jr.; OL-DL Waylon Yeager, jr.; RB-LB Alex Smith, sr.; OL-DL Jonothan Crook, jr.; OL-DL Anthony Preece, jr.; OL-DL James Bryant, sr.

**Coach says:** "We open up with Berne Union, our traditional rival, and two weeks later we play Worthington Christian, usually the best team in the Mid-State League Cardinal Division. So we get our biggest tests early, and both on the road. It's the oldest cliché in the book, but for a school our size, staying away from turnovers is the key to a successful season.

"Dealing with COVID-19 put all of us in a new situation. Things change all the time and you can take nothing for granted. I've been preaching mental toughness as a key to getting through this. I don't think there's any bigger opponent you can fight than the virus. This is the most adversarial thing my players ever have gone through, and I think you can say the same for most of us adults."

### 2020 SCHEDULE

- 8-28 at Sugar Grove Berne Union
- 9-4 Grove City Christian
- 9-11 at Worthington Christian
- 9-19 Fairfield Christian
- 9-25 at Bishop Rosecrans
- 10-3 Hemlock Miller

### 2019 RESULTS (8-3)

- Fisher Catholic 28, TCC 14
- Fisher Catholic 55, Crestline 14
- Fisher Catholic 55, Portsmouth Notre Dame 6
- Fisher Catholic 43, Sugar Grove Berne Union 0
- Fisher Catholic 41, Grove City Christian 0
- Worthington Christian 31, Fisher Catholic 21
- Fisher Catholic 59, Fairfield Christian 7
- Lucas 55, Fisher Catholic 21
- Fisher Catholic 64, Morral Ridgedale 0
- Fisher Catholic 62, Troy Christian 32
- Harvest Prep 37, Fisher Catholic 7 (OHSAA playoffs)
- Conference: Mid-State League Cardinal
- Coach: Luke Thimmes (first year at Fisher Catholic and overall)

## ZANESVILLE BISHOP ROSECRANS BISHOPS

Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans is making a somewhat unexpected return to 11-man football this year after a successful season playing the eight-man version of the sport in 2019.

"Our goal always was to go back to 11-man, possibly as soon as next year," first-year head coach Chris Zemba said.

"We had an eight-man schedule ready and were set to play it this year, but the Mid-State League (MSL) approached us and asked if we would be able to go back to 11-man.

"We were able to accept the MSL's offer because we have enough players this year to make 11-man work. There's still only 17 on the roster, and that's not enough for a full intrasquad scrimmage, but it's sufficient that we can return to the standard version of the game.

"We had only 13 last year, so we had to go to eight-man or not play at all. It was the right move because it kept the program going, and we had a pretty good year, going 5-3."

Seven of last year's players were seniors. The other six came back and

make up the core of the team.

"Tommy Bernath is a grinder, a hard-nosed kid at running back and linebacker who's 140 pounds and plays his heart out," Zemba said. "Ethan Phillips plays center and defensive end and is a great leader on and off the field. He leads by his actions, and the younger players follow him." At 220 pounds, he's also the only player for the Bishops weighing more than 190.

"Our quarterback, Tom Spohn, is probably the best athlete on the team. He's a leader, and he's done well in any sport he's played. Malakai Clark at receiver and linebacker is only a sophomore and never takes a play off.

"Rex Hankinson at wide receiver and cornerback is a well-rounded player with a great mental approach. Wherever you put him, he works hard. Weston Hartman is very athletic and coachable. His biggest problem is being too hard on himself. I have to remind him that if he messes up on one play, to forget about it and go on to the next.

"It's my first year as a head coach, but I've coached at the elementary and middle school levels for about 12 years and know most of these kids pretty well," Zemba said. "Some of them I coached back in third or fourth grade." He said he and his wife, who works part-time at the school, are both Rosecrans graduates and met as students there.

**Top players:** RB-LB Tommy Bernath, jr.; C-DE Ethan Phillips, sr.; QB-WR-CB Tom Spohn, sr.; WR-TE-LB Malakai Clark, soph.; WR-CB Rex Hankinson, jr.; Weston Hartman, soph.

**Coach says:** "We'll be as competitive as anybody. I consider it a blessing to be a coach because most of these kids won't play the game after high school but will go on to be husbands and fathers. I can teach them values through football. Every game brings a life lesson. Because of the virus, we didn't know who were going to play or if we were going to play. Now we know. We're realistic. We just want to get the first game in and go one game at a time."

### 2020 SCHEDULE

- 8-28 Hemlock Miller
- 9-4 Open
- 9-11 Sugar Grove Berne Union
- 9-18 at Grove City Christian
- 9-25 Fisher Catholic
- 10-2 at Fairfield Christian

### 2019 RESULTS (5-3)

- Bishop Rosecrans 64, Sandusky St. Mary 19
- Toledo Christian 54, Bishop Rosecrans 42
- Bishop Rosecrans 60, Ashtabula St. John 8
- Holgate 54, Bishop Rosecrans 18
- Bishop Rosecrans 53, Ashtabula St. John 0
- Holgate 50, Bishop Rosecrans 42
- Bishop Rosecrans 42, Sandusky St. Mary 14
- Bishop Rosecrans 66, Toledo Christian 24
- Conference: Mid-State League Cardinal
- Coach: Chris Zemba (first year at Bishop Rosecrans and overall)

## PORTSMOUTH NOTRE DAME TITANS

A winless 2019 football season doesn't seem to have dampened the enthusiasm of members of this year's Portsmouth Notre Dame team.

The Titans' roster for the coming season has 31 players. Notre Dame athletic director and assistant coach Bob Boldman said that's the largest turnout for the team in his five years at the school. The head coach is Bob Ashley, who is in the ninth year of his second term in the position. He also had an earlier six-year stint at Notre Dame.

"At a small school like ours, we know things generally run in cycles, and you're going to have good years and bad years," Boldman said. "We have a strong core of seven seniors coming back, most of whom have been starting since they were freshmen.

"They rededicated themselves to motivating the younger kids and turning this thing around. They had a great offseason of weightlifting and responded well to the COVID situation. They got bigger, stronger and faster and showed how resilient they

are."

This year's captains are running back Logan Emmett, lineman Ethan Kammer and Caleb Nichols, who returns at quarterback after sitting out half of the 2019 season because of an elbow tear he sustained while playing baseball in the spring of that year. He returned for the second half as a receiver, with Jake McGuire at quarterback.

"Emnett is the anchor of our offense," Boldman said. "He's a great athlete who had a tremendous year in the weight room. He's 5-foot-11 and 190 pounds but runs like he's 6-2 and 220. Kammer is a great leader in the middle of the line. We ask a lot of him as far as helping the younger kids understand our formations, and he's always taken on that role with enthusiasm.

"Nichols loves to play and accepted a different role when he came back last year. He was a big help as a receiver. Jake McGuire has switched back to receiver from quarterback. He's a versatile, all-around athlete who did a good job stepping up to

take Caleb's place. Having Caleb and Jake both able to throw and run gives us an extra dimension."

**Top players:** RB-LB Logan Emmett, sr.; QB-LB Caleb Nichols, sr.; OL-LB Ethan Kammer, sr.; WR-DB Jake McGuire, sr.; RB-DB Austin Vaughters, sr.; OL-LB Jake Cole, sr.; RB-DB Beau Hobbs, jr.; OL-DL Jarren Edgington, jr.; WR-DB Matt Boldman, jr.; RB-DB Dylan Seison, soph.; QB-DB Wyatt Webb, soph.; TE-DE Carter Campbell, soph.; OL-DE Dominic Sparks, soph.; TE-LB Gavin Hart, fresh.

**Coach says:** "I'm tremendously proud of how our team met the challenge of the COVID pandemic," Boldman said. "From March to June, we had Zoom meetings regularly and put together structured workouts for players who had to stay at home and for those who could get to the weight room. After June, we started bringing everybody in, in pods of nine. These guys, especially the seniors, aren't bothered by last year's record and are going into the year with a winning attitude."

### 2020 SCHEDULE

- 8-28 at Portsmouth West
- 9-4 at McDermott Northwest
- 9-12 Franklin Furnace Green
- 9-18 at Beaver Eastern
- 9-25 Willow Wood Symmes Valley
- 10-2 Sciotoville East
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### 2019 RESULTS (0-10)

- Racine Southern 34, Notre Dame 6
- Monroeville 41, Notre Dame 0
- Fisher Catholic 55, Notre Dame 6
- Fayetteville-Perry 31, Notre Dame 14
- Greenup County (Ky.) 45, Notre Dame 0
- McDermott Northwest 41, Notre Dame 12
- Franklin Furnace Green 28, Notre Dame 22
- Beaver Eastern 41, Notre Dame 0
- Willow Wood Symmes Valley 33, Notre Dame 0
- Sciotoville East 12, Notre Dame 7
- Conference: Southern Ohio Conference Division I
- Coach: Bob Ashley (66-76 overall in 14 seasons at Notre Dame and 90-104 overall)

## TUSCARAWAS CENTRAL CATHOLIC SAINTS

New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic (TCC) will have to step things up in a hurry. The Saints open their season at West Lafayette Ridgewood, which won 12 straight games last year before losing to Iron-ton in the state Division V regional finals. And the Saints' home opener is against Lore City Buckeye Trail, which finished 7-3 last year.

"Ridgewood has everyone coming back and looks to be a powerhouse again," said TCC coach Casey Cummings, in his ninth year at the school. "I'm anticipating Buckeye Trail will be pretty strong again, so we'll know pretty early where we stand.

"If (quarterback) Tobias Grossi and (running back) Ryan Dick stay healthy, we could be a real handful by the end of this short six-game season.

"We don't have to be anxious about making the playoffs because they'll be open this year to anyone who wants to enter. I can see us going into the playoffs at 3-3 and being a pretty scary team to play against.

"Ryan (Dick) is just a good, all-

around football player," Cummings said. "He's a four-year starter and will probably have 30 or 35 touches a game at tailback or wide receiver." Last year, he caught 33 passes for 411 yards and ran for 210 yards in 66 carries as the second option to a pair of second-team All-Ohio players - quarterback Alex Price and wide receiver Bradyn Nussbaum.

"Grossi's a big, left-handed thrower with the potential to be one of the best quarterbacks I've ever seen. We had Price last year, so he (Grossi) hasn't gotten his chance until now,

"Leading our defense is Ben Martin, a three-year starter who's a transfer from Dover and an excellent two-way player. Jaret Tinlin, a senior at 298 pounds, is a strong anchor for our defensive line."

Cummings is working with a roster of 35 players, which is unusually large for the school. Eighteen of them are transfers, mostly from other area schools.

"They come here for different reasons, some because they want a Catholic education and some because

they get more of a chance to play at a small school. We'll do all we can to make them better."

**Top players:** RB-LB Ryan Dick, sr.; WR-DB Ben Martin, sr.; QB-LB Tobias Grossi, sr.; RB-LB Thayne Mahaffey, soph.; CB-WR Chase Ciekanski, soph.; WR-DB Joey Pruni, sr.; LB Cade Renicker, sr.; DT-RB Marcus Steve, jr.; WR-DB Jacob Renicker, jr.; G-NG Jaret Tinlin, sr.; T Carlo Serafini, sr.; G Luke Fredericks, jr.; C-NG Jackson Bambeck, sr.

**Coach says:** "Without any scrimmages, it's really hard to tell how your team will react. We are talented and deep. The key will be to continue to get better and gain momentum going into the playoffs.

"We came in during June with all the protocols in place and got through phase one. It was a little tedious, but we handled it. Once we get to phase two, it felt things were pretty much normal. We were anxious to get started, so we had a scrimmage with Minerva a week before the season opened. It's all a little different this year, but it's still football."

### 2020 SCHEDULE

- 8-28 at West Lafayette Ridgewood
- 9-5 Lore City Buckeye Trail
- 9-11 at Newcomerstown
- 9-19 East Canton
- 9-25 Malvern
- 10-2 at Strasburg-Franklin

### 2019 RESULTS (4-6)

- Fisher Catholic 28, Tuscarawas Central Catholic 14
- TCC 41, Grove City Christian 7
- TCC 26, Caldwell 6
- Dresden Tri-Valley 46, TCC 14
- West Lafayette Ridgewood 61, TCC 21
- Magnolia Sandy Valley 49, TCC 0
- TCC 43, East Canton 39
- Lore City Buckeye Trail 32, TCC 7
- Malvern 42, TCC 27
- TCC 47, Strasburg-Franklin 13
- Conference: Inter-Valley Conference North
- Coach: Casey Cummings (37-45 in eight seasons at TCC and overall)

## 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

**Embrace the cross, Church's difficult teachings**

**Jeremiah 20:7-9**  
**Ps. 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9**  
**Romans 12:1-2**  
**Matthew 16:21-27**

Aren't there times when you think that Jesus should have permitted the Pope to change some inconvenient teachings of our Catholic Church? If we can throw out that tough way of living, we will certainly get more followers. It will not be so hard to be a Catholic, and we will not be so embarrassed when others offer a more user-friendly form of religion. The pope I am talking about is not Pope Francis. Rather, I am talking about Pope Peter.

If only Jesus had listened to Peter's advice on what we could be teaching, we would not have to follow such an impossible way of life! When Jesus first started talking about the cross, Pope Peter should have insisted that He think a bit more about how that would sound in Hollywood and on Wall Street and in our pulpits and in the letters and statements of subsequent popes and bishops. No cross, and Jesus too! Could it be any better than that?

But wait: No cross, no glory. Death has to precede resurrection. Struggle and difficulty reveal capacity for commitment, perseverance and truth.

We live in a world full of temptations. The most insidious of the temptations is to think as the world thinks and to believe we are right, more righteous than the Church, more responsible to "the real world" than those who present the "hard teachings" of our faith. These days, when we see that all of our leaders have clay feet, it is easy to dismiss such teachings because the leaders themselves have failed to follow them.

Take any teaching of the Catholic Church that others ridicule or that you yourself want to reject. Take it out of the equation. What do you have left? Another set of teachings that have difficulties. Get rid of those too. Why not just follow Pope Peter's advice to Je-

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Father Timothy Hayes

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sus? Get rid of just one teaching, the cross, and all the rest fall. Of course, then, you will also have to give up the hope of glory.

Here's the deal: We have to eat the whole enchilada. The Church offers teachings, some very difficult and counter-cultural, but as part of a whole vision of the world, a vision that is God's vision and not our own. We are invited to think as God thinks.

Why does the Church challenge certain popular efforts to address problems that we all face? It is not because we are opposed to the quest to eradicate illness or social troubles. Rather, it is because we want to be sure to fight the greater disease that afflicts our spirit: the failure to respect human dignity, safeguarding human life from start to finish, and the principles that God Himself has written into human nature. If we ignore these or if we agree with those who ridicule the Catholic Church for guiding us through nuanced teaching about difficult matters, we are lost.

There is a cost to being a follower of Christ. There is a price that is very personal for the privilege of being Catholic and having the consolation of knowing the truth.

Jeremiah experienced the Word of God with delight when he received it, but had to admit that he had been duped and he let himself be duped. Paul saw what was happening to those who followed Christ and invited his fellow Christians in Rome to accept it and to cooperate with the grace that gets us through the tough times, offering up themselves in the manner of Christ. Jesus' disciples learned the hard way that He was a Messiah very different from what they expected.

and morals. ... Parents are confronted with the challenge of responding to this matter. But there is a dilemma: The parents are aware of their own past behavior and they feel somewhat hypocritical in disciplining or criticizing their children for the mistakes they have also made. In earlier times, what

## 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

**Ezekiel 33:7-9**  
**Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**  
**Romans 13:8-10**  
**Matthew 18:15-20**

Picture this scene: A son or daughter chooses to behave in way that is contrary to the teachings of Catholic faith

used to happen was straightforward. With the help of Grandma and Grandpa, and a host of other relatives and friends, and indeed everyone else in the neighborhood, the child received punishment, appropriate discipline and counsel. The parents swallowed their pride and taught the right way to

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS		
8/31-9/5	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Psalm 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Luke 5:33-39	1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Psalm 45:11-12,14-17 Luke 6:20-26
1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Psalm 119:97-102 Luke 4:16-30	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	1 Corinthians 4:6b-15 Psalm 145:17-21 Luke 6:1-5	1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13 Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14b,23-24 Luke 6:27-38
1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 Psalm 145:8-14 Luke 4:31-37	<b>9/7-9/12</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	1 Corinthians 9: 16-19,22b-27 Psalm 84:3-6,8,12 Luke 6:39-42
1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Psalm 33:12-15,20-21 Luke 4:38-44	1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Psalm 5:5-6,7,12 Luke 6:6-11	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Psalm 116:12-13,17-18 Luke 6:43-49
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## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF AUG. 30 & SEPT. 6, 2020

**SUNDAY MASS**

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com) and diocesan website, [www.columbuscatholic.org](http://www.columbuscatholic.org).

10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7

p.m., and midnight).

Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WILB radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties.

**DAILY MASS**

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City, Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

12:05 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m.

Saturdays, Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com) and diocesan website, [www.columbuscatholic.org](http://www.columbuscatholic.org). (Saturdays on radio only),

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We pray Weeks II and III, Seasonal Prayer, Liturgy of the Hours.

Jesus taught them that the suffering He would undergo and the cross were part of the plan and that they had to join Him in that suffering to reach the salvation He offers.

Our world needs witnesses. What we have to offer is better in the long

run than anything else. But it requires perseverance, a stubborn clinging to hope. Jeremiah, Paul and Jesus invite us to stay the course. Let us offer all we are as a living sacrifice, as worship of the Living God, for the sake of the world.

## Living faith requires connection with a community of believers

used to happen was straightforward. With the help of Grandma and Grandpa, and a host of other relatives and friends, and indeed everyone else in the neighborhood, the child received punishment, appropriate discipline and counsel. The parents swallowed their pride and taught the right way to

behave, even if they had not followed such advice themselves.

What happens nowadays, however, is often far from this approach. Adults who are responsible for the children

# Quo Vadis retreat keeps growing

The Quo Vadis retreat sponsored by the diocesan Vocations Office continues to grow. More than 30 young men of high school age attended this year's event, which took place at the Pontifical College Josephinum for the first time after two years at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark.

The retreat, led by seminarians, was about discernment and served as the first college visit for many of its participants as they look to what God might be calling them to do in their lives. It included talks on topics such as the fatherhood of the priest, discerning a call, the life of prayer, the saints, and many other subjects. Talks were given by Bishop Robert Brennan, visiting priests and the seminarians.

Small-group discussion followed the talks, and there was time for games and

for hiking through the woods that are in the back of the Josephinum property. Participants joined the seminarians in chanting the Divine Office throughout the day, in spending time in Eucharistic Adoration and in daily celebration of Mass. On the final evening, there was a candlelit rosary procession from the college chapel to the Grotto of Our Lady on the western end of the Josephinum grounds. The retreat concluded with a closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan.

Anyone discerning a call to the priesthood is invited to contact the diocesan vocations director, Father Bill Hahn, at [whahn@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:whahn@columbuscatholic.org) or (614) 221-5565 for more information. They also are invited to visit [www.seekholiness.com](http://www.seekholiness.com) and [www.faceforwardcolumbus.com](http://www.faceforwardcolumbus.com).

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may simply choose to overlook what is happening; they may feel powerless to do anything about it. Society and family and friends may be living examples of the counter-story. How are our children to learn what is right in such a confusing world?

Ezekiel speaks from a situation that is similar to the one in which we find ourselves. As a priest among the exiles in Babylon, he is unable to perform his priestly duties the way he would if he were in Jerusalem at the Temple. God gives him another job — to be Israel's "watchman." The Word of the Lord explains how to do this: tell them the right way to act, and you have done your job.

The Church has always had its dissenters. Members — or those who claim to be members — who do not follow the teachings and norms of the Church have always given trouble to the Christian community. Even Jesus had His detractors and He knew the score. Matthew's account tells us what Jesus said to do in such cases: try to speak the truth in love one-to-one, bring a helper along to make sure the message is clearly spoken and understood, and then, if it still is not resolved, call in the leadership of the community. If that does not work, go back to the beginning and start anew with the basics of the Gospel. That's how you treat Gentiles and tax collectors if you are a Christian community.

We are at a time in the life of the Church where we need to get back to basics. The power to bind and loose is not just a leadership gift; it is a gift

in which we all share. The power to gather two or three together is something we are meant to try at home.

Faith is real. In fact, it is more real than anything else we experience. Faith puts us directly in touch with God. It is "the proximate means of union with God," as St. John of the Cross puts it.

Because it is real, it is also eminently practical. It helps us get through life in this world whatever we may experience.

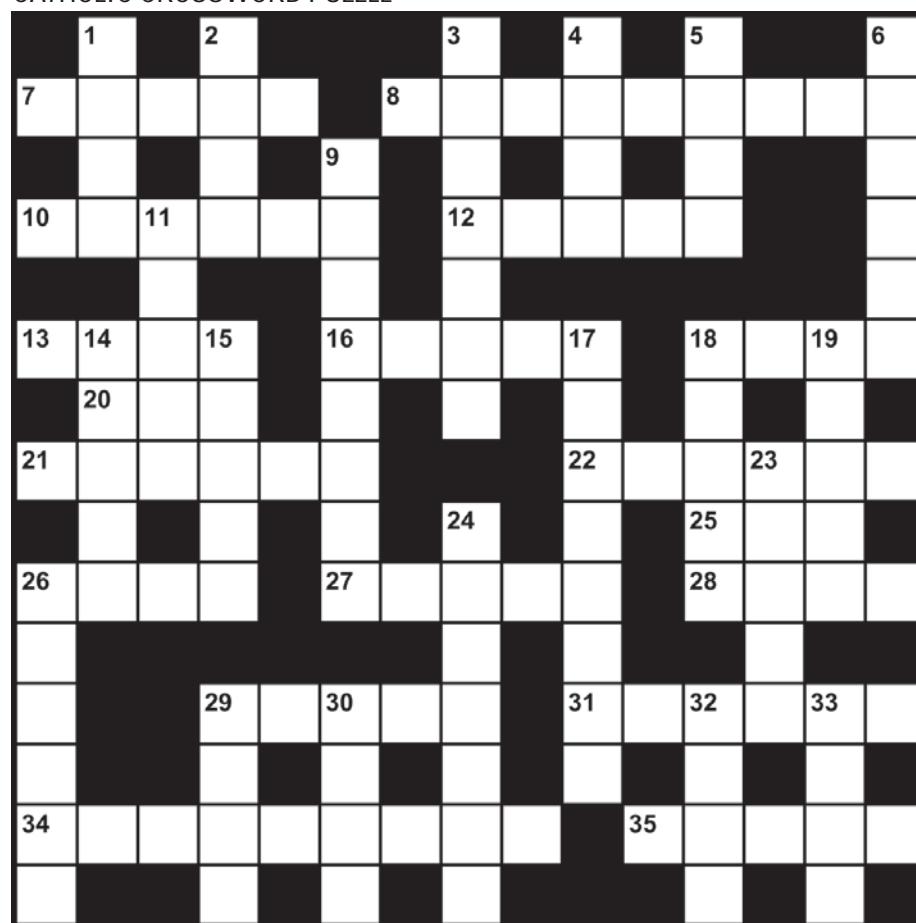
We can see this when we face heavy burdens and losses, times of trial and suffering. People of faith often ask: "How do people without faith get through this?" Faith enables us to get in touch with resources deep in our spirits. Faith also offers us practical wisdom for daily life and its ups and downs.

In the daily struggles, realize that you can apply Gospel principles for yourself: talk to the one who troubles you, get another person to help you, then draw in the community. The point is, never give up. You will find a way. Realize that your decisions — the "binding and loosing" — have an effect. We are the agents of Heaven because we belong to Christ.

Living faith requires connection. Although it may have been possible to live faith in isolation in the past, it is no longer possible to do so. Where two or three are gathered, is what Jesus says.

The Psalm invites us to respond when God speaks to us today: "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

## CATHOLIC CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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### ACROSS

- 7 Catholic United States Chief Justice Taney
- 8 She taught with her husband Aquila
- 10 Epistle
- 12 \_\_\_ Sinai
- 13 Opposite or absence of good
- 16 Focal place of the Mass
- 18 Easter requirement
- 20 "... \_\_\_, holy, catholic and apostolic..."
- 21 Beatific \_\_\_
- 22 Hail Mary or Grace before meals
- 25 Commandment number
- 26 OT prophetic bk.
- 27 A fallen angel
- 28 "What God \_\_\_ joined together..."
- 29 Medieval concept that was never an official teaching of the Church
- 31 The day of the Resurrection
- 34 Pertaining to the bishops
- 35 Mary appeared here in Ireland

### DOWN

- 1 "\_\_\_ let us adore him..."
- 2 Direction from the Jordan to Bethlehem
- 3 Honorific title for a bishop
- 4 Son of Rebekah and Isaac
- 5 Brought by a wise man
- 6 Holy Thursday that begins the Triduum
- 9 Conferred Holy Orders
- 11 4D and his brother
- 14 "A \_\_\_ of one crying out in the desert!" (Lk 3:4)
- 15 Catholic Oscar-winning actress, Vivien \_\_\_
- 17 Turned away from sin
- 18 \_\_\_ of the firstborn (plague)
- 19 Council of \_\_\_
- 23 What you do not use in unleavened bread
- 24 Sinful
- 26 Biblical instrument
- 29 The \_\_\_ Supper
- 30 Celestial body used in dating Easter
- 32 Evil deeds
- 33 OT book

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ST. MARY GERMAN VILLAGE

St. Mary Church in German Village is accepting applications for a full-time accounting position. The accountant works closely with the School Principal for school financial matters and Pastoral Administrator for parish financial matters to ensure financial records are accurate and up to date. The accountant will provide accounting support for the school office and parish office. This position performs various duties in the area of cash disbursements and cash receipts, including the processing of checks and electronic items. The accountant will record accounting transactions in QuickBooks and will assist in account analysis. Knowledge of Quickbooks software and Microsoft software applications (Microsoft Word, Microsoft Outlook, Excel, and PowerPoint). Typing, data entry and 10-key calculator required.

Four-year Accounting degree is preferred. Experience may be exchanged for degree. A minimum of three years accounting experience and keyboard and computer experience is required. Normal office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The position may require additional work time when the need arises.

Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" program. Compensation is commensurate with experience and ability. We offer paid time off and a full complement of benefits. Send cover letter, resume and three references to: Deacon Roger Minner, Pastoral Administrator, at [rminner@stmarychurchgv.org](mailto:rminner@stmarychurchgv.org)

## Sr. Mary Petra Flavin, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Petra Flavin, OP, 95, who died Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Mohnn Health Care Center, was celebrated on Thursday, Aug. 13 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Mary Ellen Flavin on Feb. 4, 1925 in Pittsburgh to Peter and Helen (Sheehan) Flavin.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1955, a Master of Arts degree in guidance and counseling from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 1965 and a certificate in administration from Ohio State University.

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1945 and made her profession of vows on July 9, 1947.

She was principal of Columbus St. Thomas School from 1967 until her retirement in 2000 and was a teacher at Columbus Christ the King School during the 1954-55 academic year.

She also taught at schools in Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York. She was a resident of the Mohun center from 2015 until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, John; and sisters, Sister Dolores Flavin, OP, and Patricia Burke. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

# PRAY FOR OUR DEAD



**ALBRECHT, Richard E., 95, Aug. 4**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**BARTOLI, Rose A. (Nocera), 85, July 10**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**BILL, Richard "DB," 79, Aug. 9**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**CAMPBELL, Jeanne H. (Humbarger), 98, Aug. 3**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**CANTWELL, Michael N., 84, Aug. 12**  
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

**CENTOFANTI, Anthony P. "Tony," 82, Aug. 14**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**CLUGSTON, Diane (DeBois), 65, Aug. 15**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**COOK, James L., 92, Aug. 13**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**COUNCELL, Bert G., 88, Aug. 15**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**CROWE, Mary (Ewing), 73, Aug. 9**  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark

**DUDLEY, Mary L. (Boehm), 87, Aug. 9**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**ENSLLEN, Patricia (McCullough), 74, July 29**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**FISCHIO, Vincent "Jim," 87, July 9**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**FRALEY, Shirley J. (Thompson), 83, Aug. 16**  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**GLASSTETTER, Anne (Campagna), 86, Aug. 9**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**GROSSMAN, Jeffrey J., 58, July 28**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

**HALL, Brian T., 70, Aug. 15**  
St. Peter Church, Zanesville

**HARRIS, Charles E, Jr., 66, Aug. 6**  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

**LEOGRANDE, Victor, 90, Aug. 17**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**McGOVERN, Kevin P., 87, Aug. 19**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**McMILLAN, Dorothy (Weiland), 95, Aug. 1**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**MENDUNI, Carmine L., 72, Aug. 13**  
St. Michael Church, Worthington

**MILLER, Melba E., 94, Aug. 9**  
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

**MORRIS, Angelarose M. (Valentino), 83, Aug. 7**  
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

**OLSEN, Eleanor (Beightler), 100, Aug. 16**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

**PRINCE, Bryan K., 61, Aug. 11**  
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

**ROSTAD, Donald, 85, July 16**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**SHARRER, James R., 73, Aug. 5**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Columbus

**VIGUE, Pauline L. (Ferguson), 96, Aug. 13**  
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

**WATERMAN, Joan (Graupp), 90, Aug. 14**  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

**YOUNG, Neil D., 78, Aug. 15**  
St. Joseph Church, Plain City

**ZERWICK, John H., 93, Aug. 10**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

## Dominican sisters welcome discerners online

Single Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 45 are invited to an online discernment retreat with the Dominican Sisters of Peace from Friday to Sunday, Sept. 11 to 13.

Participants will be able to meet and talk with sisters and women in

formation, as well as other women who are discerning their own call to religious life.

To view the retreat flyer, visit [www.OPPeace.org](http://www.OPPeace.org) or contact Sister Bea at (614) 400-1255 or [btiboldi@oppeace.org](mailto:btiboldi@oppeace.org).



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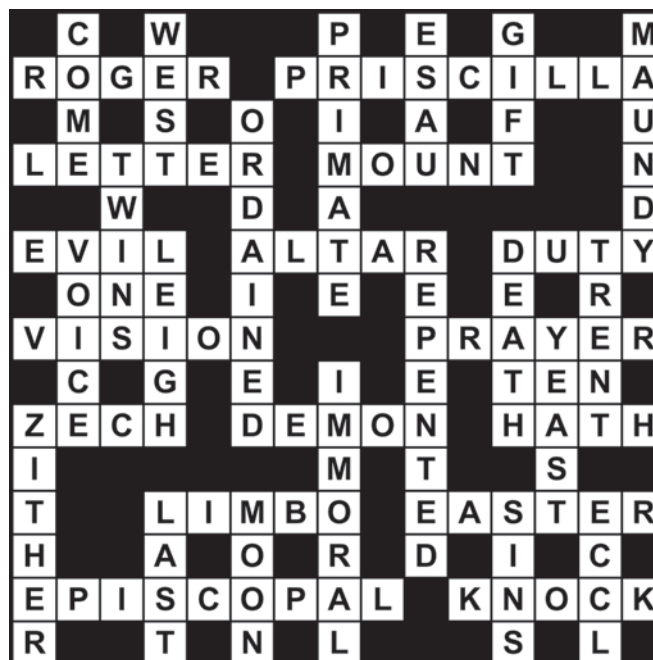
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**SCHOOLS, continued from Page 3**

and the building that houses Fenwick students in kindergarten through eighth grade are next to each other and across the street from Zanesville St. Nicholas Church. Preschool students are in the former St. Thomas Aquinas School, next to the church of the same name.

Sagan said expected enrollment at Fenwick this academic year is 254 students, representing an increase from last year's total. Anticipated enrollment at Rosecrans is 104 students, which Sagan said was about the same as last year. She said 37 students have enrolled in ninth grade, representing the school's largest group of freshmen in many years.

Fenwick students will eat in their classrooms, while those at Rosecrans will eat in the school auditorium, where there is enough room to practice social distancing. If Rosecrans students want a hot lunch, they must go next door to Fenwick to purchase it, and then return to Rosecrans.

All diocesan schools are requiring the wearing of facial coverings as much as possible and have added hand-washing and hand-sanitizing equipment.

The Zanesville schools and many others are having one-way hall traffic, keeping lockers closed, prohibiting field trips and large-group student events, staggering dismissals limiting the number of visitors and volunteers, and requiring students to have their own supplies. At Fenwick, students are remaining in the same room throughout the day as much as possible.

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School will maintain a five-day schedule and has reconfigured classrooms and converted the gymnasium, library and other common areas into learning spaces to allow its 570 students to spread out.

"We'd like to think we have it all figured out, but we don't, and I don't know any school that has," said principal James Lower. "But I feel we have a plan that we've shown our parents ... so that they are comfortable."

"Human interaction is very important – to be able to see each other and

talk to each other, even if it's not about academics. We're able to learn from each other. Kids are encouraged when they are around other people and their peers are asking the same questions they are asking and having a teacher 6 feet away to go to," Lower said.

St. Charles is part of the Ohio Association of Independent Schools, a statewide group of 45 private schools serving 15,000 students. The association's executive director, Dan Dodd, said most of those schools plan to be open five days a week.

"The independent school experience is predicated on the students being there five days a week," he said. "Certainly our schools are going to accommodate parents who want to opt for something else initially, but it's really important, with smaller class sizes and interactions that students have with teachers, to be in class every day."

Columbus St. James the Less School principal Samary Cecchetti said a Tier 2 plan has been set up for her school because it doesn't have enough space to keep its 485 students at the proper physical distance.

They will be divided into two groups. One group will attend classes at school on Mondays and Tuesdays and take part in remote learning the rest of the week. The other group will be in school on Thursdays and Fridays and work from home or another location on the other days of the week. Wednesdays will be set aside for cleaning in the school. The split will allow for classes of about 15 students each – two classes per grade – on each in-school learning day.

"We have many large families, and the most difficult thing about setting up the groups was making sure all the students in one family could go to school on the same days," Cecchetti said. She said about 85 percent of the school's students are from Latino families, and most are bilingual.

"Enrollment has been very steady here," she said. "There's some movement in the population of the neighborhood, but we get as many moving out as moving in."

"We're just about full and get phone

calls all the time from families who want to send their children to school here, so we know people are pleased with what we're doing."

"The first week of school is going to be very interesting. We're all going to be on a learning curve, and I just ask parents to be patient as we all adapt to a different way of doing things. It's going to be a challenge, but I'm confident that we will provide the best instruction and the safest environment we can."

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Parish has a large campus and will use all of it to enable approximately 550 students to attend its school every day. Kathleen O'Reilly, who will be entering her 20th year as the school's principal, said about 35 students will be learning from home, with the rest returning to the school building.

Instruction at St. Brigid will take place in classrooms, meeting rooms and two large conference areas. Seventh-graders will meet in one of those areas and eighth-graders in the other. Each student will be assigned to a pod led by a teacher.

Students will remain in their classrooms for most of the day, with the exception of physical education classes and recess. Teachers will move among classroom pods if they are teaching specific content areas.

"We took all summer to decide how

we could best make use of the space we have," O'Reilly said. "It's time for the children to come back."

"Most parents want their children to return to school, and we've been careful to minimize risks and give parents the confidence to safely send their children to school."

Newark St. Francis de Sales Church and School opened a faith and family center and an addition to the school in February, well ahead of schedule. School principal Sally Mummey said having the extra space is a blessing.

"We have a new, much larger cafeteria and can split up our lunches there," she said. "There also are two extra classrooms, a large gym, conference and meeting areas we can use as needed."

"We anticipate enrollment of about 235 students. That's a fairly small population for a large campus, so we can utilize the space in a way that's safe for everyone."

"Our teachers also did a great job getting everything ready throughout the summer. They pulled out all the large furniture they could do without and removed all our large computers, replacing them with Chromebooks."

"We will be opening on Thursday, Aug. 27 with Bishop (Robert) Brennan and Adam Dufault on hand," Mummey said. "We can't wait to show them what we've done."



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## Local news and events

# Catholic Social Services receives CARES grant

## Sisters lead Marian procession

Catholic Social Services has received a grant to provide emergency utility bill assistance for Franklin County residents facing hardship because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program is funded through a grant from the federal government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the city of Columbus and is for people who meet certain eligibility criteria. It is limited to expenses associated with COVID-19 related hardships and is designed to help stem the ripple effects resulting from loss of utility service. Requests may include more than one utility. The grants will be paid directly to the utility company and not the applicant.

Recipients of the federal aid must have an income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, based on household income for the past 30 days. The poverty level is \$2,127 monthly for a one-person household and \$4,367 per month for a four-person. Aid recipients also need to provide proof that they are behind on their utility payments because of COVID-19 and be able to provide necessary documentation of financial need from one or more utility companies.

Aid applicants do not need to be enrolled in a Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) program and do not need to have received a disconnect notice to be eligible for assistance.

Anyone receiving CARES aid must have a picture identification, copies of a utility bill, proof of residency at the address on the bill (if it is in someone else's name), proof that their emergency is COVID-related, 30 days' proof of income for all household members 18 and older, verification of payment of a reconnection fee (if required) and proof of a residual balance from any previous utility account.

### Cathedral concerts announced

The 2020-21 season of organ concerts at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., will begin with an appearance by at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14 by Noah Klein, winner of the 2020-20 American Guild of Organists/Quimby regional competition for young organists. Klein is gaining a reputation as one of the most talented organists of his generation. This recital will be co-sponsored by the Columbus chapter of the American Guild of Organists.



**Members of the Sisters of Mary Morning Star recently spent several weeks on retreat at St. Therese's Retreat Center in Columbus. On Saturday, Aug. 15, the Feast of the Assumption, they led a public Marian procession around the grounds of the center and the adjacent Villas at St. Therese and Mother Angeline McCrory Manor. The Sisters of Mary Morning Star, a non-cloistered contemplative order founded in Spain in 2014, have a motherhouse in Bergara, Spain, and 250 sisters worldwide, including 17 in the United States at convents in Ghent, Minnesota, and Monona, Wisconsin. The four main aspects of their charism are prayer, charity, the search for truth and manual work.**

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The rest of the schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m., Amanda Mole, the winner of several international events, including first prize at the eighth Musashino-Tokyo organ competition in 2017.

Sunday, Oct. 18, at 3 p.m., Nicole Simental, the cathedral's principal organist, winner of the fourth international Goedicke organ competition at the Moscow Conservatory and a candidate for a Doctor of Music degree in organ performance at Indiana University.

Monday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m., the Cathedral Choir, with Dr. Richard Fitzgerald conducting and Simental as organist, presents Faure's *Requiem* in the context of a liturgy for the Feast of All Souls.

Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m., the cathedral's annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, with the choir and the Cathedral Brass presenting Advent and Christmas-themed works by various composers, mixed with familiar carols.

Sunday, Jan. 17 at 3 p.m., Anne Laver, second-place finisher in the American Guild of Organists' national young artist competition in organ performance.

Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m., Isabelle Demers, head of the organ department at Baylor University.

Friday, April 2 at 8 p.m., the cathedral's annual Good Friday Tenebrae service featuring the Cathedral Schola, highlighted by Tallis' *Lamentations of Jeremiah*. The service is designed to re-create the sense of betrayal, abandonment and agony related to Good Friday.

Sunday, April 11 at 3 p.m., organist Yun Kim and flutist Angela Massey. Kim is widely hailed for her vibrant performances and is passionate about presenting engaging programs of diverse musical styles. Massey maintains an active career nationwide as a solo artist, chamber artist, orchestral musician and instructor and is a member of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and the Sarasota Orchestra.

The schedule is subject to change, depending on the continuing impact of the coronavirus pandemic. More information is available at [www.cathedralmusic.org](http://www.cathedralmusic.org).

### Catholic Men's Luncheon Club September meeting canceled

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

meeting scheduled for Friday, Sept. 4 at Columbus St. Patrick Church has been canceled because of the continued restrictions resulting from the coronavirus pandemic.

### Gahanna student receives scholarship from Foresters

Cassandra Kirkland, a student at Gahanna St. Matthew Catholic School in Gahanna, will receive a \$250 scholarship from the Catholic Order of Foresters, a fraternal benefit life insurance society based in Naperville, Illinois.

The order annually awards 125 \$250 tuition assistance awards to members attending a Catholic kindergarten, elementary or high school. Student members may apply once every year they are enrolled in a Catholic school, whether or not they received aid the previous year. Eligibility to apply is immediate upon becoming a member.

### Cristo Rey High School's garden party goes virtual

The annual garden party fundraiser for Columbus Cristo Rey High School will be a virtual event this year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

It will take place online from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, with Ohio State and Indiana Pacers basketball legend Clark Kellogg as host, entertainment by Columbus neo-funk group MojoFlo, and Cristo Rey students talking about their experiences with the school's unique work-study program.

Tickets are \$175 apiece and sponsorships are available. More information is available from Cristo Rey advancement coordinator Nicole Wright at [nwright@crstoreycolumbus.org](mailto:nwright@crstoreycolumbus.org) or (614) 223-9261 or at [www.cristoreycolumbus.org](http://www.cristoreycolumbus.org).

### Ohio Dominican announces fall preview days schedule

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) will host preview days from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 26, Oct. 24 and Nov. 14, all Saturdays, at the Bishop Griffin Center on the university's campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Featured areas of study on those days will be: Sept. 26, special programs, mathematics and natural sciences; Oct. 24, education and social and behavioral science; and Nov. 14,

# Pontifical College Josephinum chapel gets air conditioning

For the first time since the Pontifical College Josephinum moved to its current north Columbus location in 1931, seminarians entering St. Turibius Chapel will be greeted by the comfortable climate and nearly inaudible hum of air conditioning. The long-awaited change has been made possible through private philanthropy.

The chapel, located on the second floor of the main building, has been subject to heat and humidity for nearly nine decades, limiting its availability for events during many months of the year. The extensive use of fans has provided some relief, but never succeeded in opening the college's primary worship space year-round.

"The generosity of this gift is astounding," said Father Steven Beseau, the Josephinum's rector/president. "We are deeply grateful for and extremely humbled by this commitment to the Church and the Josephinum."

Because the seminary is self-sustaining – independent of any diocese and receiving no funding from Rome – the generosity of benefactors enables the Josephinum to continue educating men for the priesthood.

Father Beseau said air conditioning the chapel will have a profound effect on seminary life. "Many of our alumni have shared with me their memories of sweating through liturgies, fanning themselves with Mass programs and straining to hear the Scripture readings over the whirl of electric fans," he said. "Making the chapel a more comfortable, quiet environment will enable them to focus more on what is taking place in the sanctuary as well as in their hearts, and to give prayer their full attention."

Michael Fry, a member of the Jose-



**One of two 15-ton condensing units for the new air conditioning system in the Pontifical College Josephinum's St. Turibius Chapel is lifted by crane before being hoisted through the balcony of the college's bell tower. Photo courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum**

phinum's Class of 1985 and current alumni liaison, spent many hours in the chapel when he was a seminarian in the early 1980s. "I was drawn there to be with the Blessed Sacrament, to sit in the back pew and meditate and to get lost in the mural by Gerhard Lamers," he said. "There was an added 'perk' in the warmer months – sweat dripping from my hands. At the time, I embraced it. But now that I am older, it feels as though the summer days are much hotter than they used to be. The air conditioning will be greatly appreciated, not only by our seminarians but also by our alumni and visitors."

St. Turibius Chapel is the largest

of four chapels at the college and was designed by St. Louis architect Francis A. Ludewig. It is named for St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, a Spanish nobleman, lawyer and law professor who was ordained at age 40 and appointed Archbishop of Lima, Peru. St. Turibius founded the first seminary in the Western Hemisphere and worked to secure the rights of the Peruvian native people. He died in 1606 at age 68.

The chapel was animated by a mural painted around 1936 by Lamers and stained-glass windows by Emil Frei. The chapel was renovated four times between 1936 and 1989. In 2016, a focused fundraising effort supported a historic restoration and renovation to restore early elements of the chapel, particularly the mural, and to better accommodate liturgical celebrations.

The chapel's age and architectural structure presented some obstacles for renovation planners and contractors.

"The challenge, as with any older structure, was to find a (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) system that will not change the appearance of the chapel," said Gary Shotts, the college's director of plant operations. "The goal was to utilize innovative technology to preserve the beauty of the traditional architecture. The system we selected eliminates the need for conventional ductwork. All of the mechanicals will be hidden; the only visible elements are the discharge air supply diffusers in the ceiling, which were chosen to blend in with the lighting system currently in place."

The project began in late June with installation of the power source and subpanel, which required watertight conduit to be run up the side of the building. By early July, a section of

the balcony midway up the bell tower was removed temporarily to allow equipment and cooling system components to pass into the tower.

Six small air handlers were lifted into the tower and placed above the chapel barrel, hung from the building's steel and wood support structure. Secondary drain pans under each unit will avert drain issues from condensation and prevent damage to the surrounding wooden structure. As an added precaution, a safety switch on each pan will shut down the system if any drainage problem arises. Two 15-ton condensing units were lifted by crane and hoisted through the tower balcony on July 29.

The system will be nearly soundless, preventing disruption to events and having no adverse effect on acoustics. "The diffusers are a low decibel configuration that will keep air volume noise at a minimum while the system is running," Shotts said. "Coupled with variable speed fans, the system can operate at lower speeds when occupied for events or scheduled to be off through an automation interface."

Father Michael Lumpe, a 2004 Josephinum alumnus and vice rector of the school's college of liberal arts, agrees that air conditioning is a long-overdue improvement to the chapel.

"I remember my days as a seminarian, when I and my brother seminarians were praying in the excessive heat and humidity of that chapel with temperatures that at times were in the mid-to-upper 90s," he said. "Since our major liturgies and similar gatherings take place in St. Turibius Chapel, this most welcome improvement is truly a blessing. We give abundant thanks to those who made it possible."

## Seminarians return for start of classes at Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum started in-person classes as scheduled on Thursday, Aug. 27. New students arrived for orientation on Saturday, Aug. 22, with the rest of the college's students returning by Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Before seminarians were permitted on campus for the fall semester, all were required to be tested for the COVID-19 virus 10 days before their return. To reduce the risk of acquiring COVID-19 through off-campus travel, seminarians are required to remain on campus for Thanksgiving break. Finals week will be Dec. 14-18.

Father Steven Beseau, the Josephinum's rector/president, said the seminary has worked closely with health officials to provide a safe, healthy return to campus for the seminary's

133rd consecutive year.

"We have taken extraordinary precautions that allow us to function as a private household in order to keep our students and faculty healthy," Father Beseau said. "We have rearranged our classrooms to accommodate safe social distancing between seminarians and our faculty. Our sacred liturgies will be open only to residents of the campus, visiting bishops and visiting directors of vocations."

"The success of our return to campus has depended upon having and keeping healthy seminarians. During the summer, we were in regular communication with every seminarian, and we encouraged them to maintain prudent health habits throughout the summer."

The seminary's opening Mass, celebrated on Aug. 25 in St. Turibius Chapel, was limited this year to residents who had been living at the Josephinum for the previous two weeks under self-quarantine.

A livestream of the Mass was offered to accommodate alumni, parents, and members of the Josephinum community who wished to join virtually.

Three new priest members have joined the Josephinum faculty for the current academic year.

Father Brett Brannen, a priest of the Diocese of Savannah, Georgia, oversees the Josephinum's spiritual formation program and is spiritual director for its school of theology. Father Brannen is perhaps best known for his book *To Save a Thousand Souls*;

*A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood.*

Father Dylan James, a priest of the Diocese of Plymouth, England, will teach moral theology and be a part of the formation team. For the past 14 years, he has been a pastor in several English parishes. For 13 of those years, he taught at St. John's Seminary in Womersley and provided moral theology formation from 2014 to 2020.

Father Victor Moratin, CPM, a priest of the Fathers of Mercy, will be dean of men for the college of liberal arts. Most recently, he was parochial vicar at St. Helen Church in Glasgow, Kentucky, and was active in Hispanic ministry. He will continue to serve as student master for his religious community during his time at the Josephinum.

## Novena is an 86-year tradition at St. Mary Magdalene Church

In February 1934, Father Raymond Sellman of the Vincentian order came to Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church to preach a mission.

During that visit, Father Raymond Bauschard, who was pastor of the church from the parish's founding in 1928 until 1968, learned about the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

He began the novena at the church in May 1928, scheduling two services for Monday of each week. It has continued uninterrupted on Mondays ever

since. During World War II, the novena prayers were said 10 times a day because of the large crowds they drew.

Father Patrick Toner, the parish's current pastor, has added Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet to the novena prayers after the 8:15 a.m. Monday Mass, under the heading of "Spending Time with Mary and Her Son, Jesus." The novena also is part of the parish's 7 p.m. Mass on Mondays.

The history of St. Mary Magdalene

Church reflects the blessings that have come from the novena. Father Toner believes it will continue to bless the future of the parish.

It has become a tradition to provide the children of St. Mary Magdalene School with a Miraculous Medal and share the story of St. Catherine Labouré, to whom Mary appeared in 1830 in France and displayed herself in the way she is shown on the medal.

Father Toner often has said that a rich devotional life is the source of a passionate faith.



**An image of the Miraculous Medal that was displayed at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church for many years before being removed during a restoration. Father Patrick Toner, pastor, said plans to restore it are being made. Photo courtesy St. Mary Magdalene Church**

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business and arts and letters.

During preview days, students will be able to tour campus, explore majors, discuss available financial aid options, learn about student clubs and honors programs, meet with professors in their field of interest, talk with ODU students and have a complimentary box lunch.

All attendees will be required to wear masks and practice safe distancing throughout the event.

High school students and their families can register for a preview day by visiting [ohiodominican.edu/Preview](http://ohiodominican.edu/Preview). Students unable to attend any of the preview days are invited to schedule

a virtual or private visit to campus at [ohiodominican.edu/Visit](http://ohiodominican.edu/Visit) or by calling the university's undergraduate admissions office at (614) 251-4500.

### Gilchrist Brothers Scholarship recipients announced

Beau Boyden and Morgan Rowan, students at Walsh University in North Canton, have been selected as the first recipients of the university's Gilchrist Brothers Scholarship.

Boyden, a graduate of Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, is a junior at the university and is majoring in computer science, with an empha-

sis on programming.

Rowan, a senior at Walsh, is majoring in psychology and professional education.

The scholarship was established by friends of Michael and Brian Gilchrist, who were Walsh basketball players and graduates of the university and died in 2010 and 2013, respectively. They were baptized at Columbus St. Dominic Church and attended Columbus St. Mary of the Springs Montessori preschool, Columbus St. Catharine School and Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School.

Supporters are attempting to raise \$30,000 to fully endow the scholar-

ship, allowing students to be helped immediately.

This year's goal of \$6,500 has been surpassed, with several generous anonymous donors offering to match donations dollar for dollar to a maximum of \$3,250.

The scholarships were awarded by video at a Zoom event on Wednesday, Aug. 19. The scholarship committee hopes to resume its fundraising golf outing next year. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Bent Tree Golf Club in Sunbury.

More information is available at [www.walsh.edu/gilchrist](http://www.walsh.edu/gilchrist).



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