

BAPTISMS

All Baptism inquiries must begin by filling out a Baptism form on our website at www.stmatthew.net/baptism. Mandatory preparation sessions are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE

Marriage preparation must begin at least 6 months before a desired wedding date. All inquiries begin on the Parish website at www.stmatthew.net/marriage where you register for a Theology of Marriage Session.

ANOIDTING & VISITATION OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to be anointed at church or your home before your procedure and to arrange for visits afterwards. Please notify the parish staff regarding any aged or ill who are confined.

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Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

PARISH REGISTRATION

The 3rd Sunday of the month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Undercroft of the Church. Sign up for a registration session at www.stmatthew.net/new-parishioners.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Announcements must be submitted to Hillarie Michaels by email to hmichaels@stmatthew.net by 12:00 noon on Monday.



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As a community of believers who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ, we celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, proclaim the saving message of Christ, and share the love of the Lord, especially with the least, the poor, and the suffering.

MASSES

Weekends

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday – 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 noon & 5:00 p.m.

Holy Days

Please consult the bulletin or website.

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday, 6:30 & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday – 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 7:00-7:30 a.m.

Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Sunday 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 – *Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Lk 10:25-37*

6:30 a.m. Daniel Smith/Bob & Suzan Jones

8:30 a.m. Joseph Phong/Hue Vu

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 – *Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42*

6:30 a.m. Carol Dawson

8:30 a.m. Molly Ulrich/Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 – *Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4*

6:30 a.m. Fr. O./Ed & Yolanda Holliday

8:30 a.m. Maria Mach Pham/Hue Vu

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 – *Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13*

6:30 a.m. Jerome Hatem/Couden Family

8:30 a.m. Viola Lombardo/George & Anita Lombardo

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 – *Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26*

6:30 a.m. Grace & Francis Conroy/Rovnak Family

8:30 a.m. Jack Frencho/Bob & Lorraine Curtin

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – *Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28*

8:30 a.m. Pat Hennessey/Erin Wade

5:00 p.m. William Kuhn/Geraldine Frueh

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 – *2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19*

8:00 a.m. Jeanette O'Sullivan/Hinna Family

10:00 a.m. Intentions of John & Kelly Whittaker/Jonni Masters

12:00 p.m. Mario Vaccaro/Vaccaro Family

5:00 p.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/
Fr. Theodore K. Sill

STEWARDSHIP

2019-2020 Through	September 29, 2019	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,115.00	\$589,610.00
Contributions	\$56,623.63	\$537,585.98
Surplus (Shortage)	\$14,508.63	(\$ 52,024.02)

Note: Saint Matthew's fiscal year is July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Contributions include offertory and mortgage payment donations.

DISCIPLESHP

How can I begin my Journey? It's as simple as 1-2-3:

1. Participate *1 hour* per week in community prayer (Sunday Mass).
2. Devote *1 hour* per week volunteering in a parish ministry.
3. Contribute *1 hour* of weekly income (2.5%) for financial support.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 12:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 5:00 P.M.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	NUMBERS IN BRACKETS DENOTE IN-HOME GROUP				
	Max Maksimoski (rmaksimo@stmatthew.net – 614-607-4799)				
	Sue Ritter Angel Rice Anne Marie Saarie Eileen Negutt Joan Hess Thom Saarie	Kathy Martin Corinne Miller Susan Eyerman (2) Susan Mulligan Bob Oros Molina Oros	Cheryl Harmon Michelle Lantz Jen Lawrence Sohmer Lawrence Carol Ann Lombardi Marilyn Jenkins Olga Magyar Nick Miller	Heather McKay April Vaccaro Barbara Stein Brooke Warren Tom Mignery Rosemary Whitt	Jeannine Kern Max Maksimoski Linda Harvey Molly Maloof Denise Maksimoski Gina Sergio
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SERVERS	Aubree Aaron Luke Aaron Lauren Blausey Jack Burgan Andrea Millenbaugh Colleen Millenbaugh	John Booker Gabby Chalfant Isabella Chalfant Emma Figliola Nicholas Kuhns Lily Wiegung	Will Blake Sophie Calendo Logan Geig Abhilash Iruthaya Mia Lantz Lauren Whitlatch	Ross Gibson Jack Jordan Kate Jordan Rosie Letzelter Alysa Li Luke Voelker	Gabrielle Annesi Andrea Barrera Cole Beatty Natalie Ference Jack Price Anna Sergio

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SAINT MATTHEW SCHOOL NEWS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Friends Across Time (4Wn)
9:15-10:15 a.m. – St. Anthony Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

All School Mass – 8:30 a.m.
8th Grade DC Trip Meeting – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES IN MUSIC MINISTRY

HANDBELL CHOIR – The bell choir season has begun with rehearsals on Tuesdays in the practice room behind the choir loft. Anyone interested or with questions, please contact Dawn Shining, Director of Music, at dshining@stmatthew.net or 614-532-0627.

FUNERAL CHOIR – For any parishioners interested in singing and who are retired or with a flexible schedule during the day, the Parish Funeral Choir might be for you! The time commitment involves the day of the funeral only and to attend funerals as often as your personal schedule allows. For more information or to get on the contact list, please email Dawn Shining, Director of Music, at dshining@stmatthew.net.

ADULT CHOIR – The adult choir season will resume today, **Sunday, October 6** at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and run through Pentecost Sunday on May 31, 2020. Rehearsals will be held during the week on the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month, with additional rehearsal time on Sunday mornings from 9:20 a.m. until the start of Mass. The choir sings at every 10:00 a.m. Mass, as well as special liturgies on Christmas and during Holy Week. For any questions or more information, please contact Dawn Shining, Director of Music, at dshining@stmatthew.net or 614-532-0627.

TEEN CHOIR – The Parish Teen Choir sings on the 4th Sunday of each month at the 12:00 p.m. Mass. All interested middle school and high school students are welcome. Please contact Dawn Shining, Director of Music, at dshining@stmatthew.net or 614-471-0212, ext. 1117, for details.

IN OUR PARISH

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE – Our 60th Anniversary celebration continues with a Community Open House next Saturday, October 12 from **1:00-3:00 p.m.** All parishioners, family, and friends are invited to join us for tours of the church and light refreshments. Come and learn about the architecture, artwork, vestments and vessels used at Mass and more. For more information, visit our parish website at www.stmatthew.net or contact Jennifer Cabe at jcabe@stmatthew.net or Pat Martin at comehome@stmatthew.net.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH – This weekend, the Church celebrates Respect Life Sunday, kicking off Respect Life Month. Each week will highlight a different topic related to our fundamental belief in the dignity of the human person. Please read and reflect on the bulletin inserts and prayerfully consider how you can help us work toward a true culture of life in our country. Check out the new Facebook group, St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Parish Respect Life Ministry, for updates!

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE – We are excited to announce that we are now able to accept weekly offertory and special envelope donations, in addition to Charitable Works donations, through our new online giving system! We are grateful for the ongoing support of our mission and ministry from St. Matthew Parishioners, and we are pleased to be able to offer this user-friendly system, which allows individuals to control all aspects of how and when they give. For detailed information about how to take advantage of online giving, please see our website: www.stmatthew.net/giving.

BOOK OF THE DECEASED – Throughout October, we remember loved ones who have died. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones in the Remembrance Book, located in the Gathering Space in the Church and they will be remembered on the Feast of All Souls on **Saturday, November 2 at 8:30 a.m.**

VISITING MINISTRY – Saint Matthew Parish has numerous care facilities for the elderly within its boundaries. In these care centers as well as in private homes, there are numerous parishioners who could enjoy a visitor every once in a while. When I go to visit or to take Communion, these elderly are so appreciative. Please consider becoming a part of our Visiting Ministry and sharing a half hour of your time each week or every other week with someone who is lonely. If you are interested, please contact Carol Ann Lombardi at 614-478-4328 or ezcalomba@gmail.com.

EXULT! PRAISE AND WORSHIP ADORATION – St. Matthew will be hosting an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Praise and Worship each second Saturday of the month. Come and join us in the worship space **Saturday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome!

FALL 2019 DIVORCECARE GROUP – Find help and healing from the hurt of divorce. DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. A 13-week video series that includes several accounts from individuals on how divorce affected their lives. The program contains material from many acclaimed counselors, doctors and clergy on dealing with divorce and its recovery. It began **Wednesday, September 18** and runs through **Wednesday, December 18**. The sessions are from **7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room. There is a one-time charge of \$30.00, which includes the workbook. For more information, contact Mike Workman at 614-517-8408.

IN-HOME EMHC NEEDED – We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to minister to the homebound on Sundays. Recently, two assisted living facilities have opened in our parish area, which has put a strain on our existing In-Home EMHC, requiring the need for additional EMHC. If interested or want to learn more, contact Max Maksimoski at rmaksimo@stmatthew.net.

LEARN THE PLOT OF SCRIPTURE... IN AN HOUR!

One of the most significant losses in the modern era is that the biblical narrative is no longer in the hearts and minds of most people. Scripture is the history of the human family, told in story form by God Himself. He tells us how and why we were made and why, as well as what happened to make things the way they are today. Why do we experience infinite longing though we live in a finite world? Why do we struggle with sin? How can we be rescued from sin and death? How can we find true satisfaction? The biblical narrative answers all these questions and more.

God, like any good father, tells us our story and asks us to pass it on to our own children. To know our story is to understand ourselves in relation to God, the world, and others. Although it has been called "the greatest story ever told," most people no longer know the details of the story. As a result, they are detached from the reality the story mediates. Many are adrift in a world of little meaning – or competing "meanings" – with no way to sort it all out. They have few answers to the most basic questions about the meaning of life, the role and meaning of suffering, our ultimate destiny, and so forth. Without the story, life loses its meaning.

It's time to rediscover the story of salvation, *your* salvation through Jesus Christ.

Join us for this FREE presentation on

- Sunday, **October 13** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (9:00-10:00 a.m.)
- Meet in the St. Raphael Room
- Refreshments will be provided
- Families are welcome!

Please sign the sheet in the Gathering Space or email Lorraine Curtin at lorraine.curtin@icloud.com to reserve a seat.

WORSHIP + SERVE + EVANGELIZE: 60 YEARS OF SPREADING THE GOSPEL PROGRAM

– Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, October 20 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED – The Parish Nursery is in need of adult and student volunteers to staff the Nursery during each weekend Mass. Volunteers are typically scheduled once a month and we can work around your schedule. We are currently looking for adults for the 12:00 Mass, and both 5:00 Masses. Please contact Maria Ohalek at mdalican@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this ministry.

LOOKING FOR A LITURGICAL MINISTRY? Mass sacristans are needed for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 12:00 p.m. Sunday Masses. Sacristans are scheduled approximately once a month. Responsibilities include preparation of the sacred vessels for Holy Mass and cleaning up afterwards. Training will be provided. To volunteer, please contact Vicki Wengert at vwengert@icloud.com.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PETER – Join Fr. Peter Asantebwana (June 12-23, 2020) for a once in a lifetime opportunity! Fr. Peter will host a group of pilgrims on an experience of holiness and healing to Fatima and Lourdes, continuing on to the Passion Play in Oberammergau. This play has been presented every 10 years since 1634 by the village of Oberammergau as a way of thanking God for sparing the village from the plague. Every stop on this tour is life-changing and breathtaking. For details, plan to attend an informational meeting on **Sunday, October 13** in the St. Anthony Room at **11:00 a.m.** or **1:00 p.m.** or contact Jerusalem Tours at 614-501-6714 or kwyatt@jerusalemtours.com.

HELP AND HOPE FOR SINGLE PARENTS – If you're a single parent, you're probably tired, overwhelmed, and feeling a bit underappreciated. That's why Single & Parenting groups were created – to share tips and parenting wisdom that will help you find rest, hope, and encouragement. From the creators of GriefShare and DivorceCare, Edward Luersaman, a counselor trainee at Spirit of Peace Clinical Counseling, will be hosting a Single & Parenting Group on Mondays from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** for nine (9) weeks starting on **Monday, October 14** in the St. Michael Room. There is a one-time fee of \$25.00 to cover the cost of a workbook. Please contact Edward for questions and to register at 614-442-7650, ext. 4, or edward@sopcc.org.

THE MAIN EVENT – Plans are underway for the 23rd annual celebration of the Main Event, the festive and much anticipated silent auction dinner party held each fall for the benefit of St. Matthew School. This year our event will be held on **Saturday, October 19** from **6:00-10:30 p.m.** The proceeds from the Main Event support the goals of the St. Matthew Home and School Association and will directly benefit each student. If you are looking for a great way to support a worthy cause and get maximum exposure for your business in our community, please consider being a Main Event Sponsor! You could also give a shoutout to your family with a Mustang Sponsorship. Sponsorship levels range from \$250.00 to \$10,000.00 and include advertising in many of the Main Event communications. If you are interested in any of these sponsorship opportunities or donating goods, services or cash to the event, or would like additional information about attending the event, please contact Katie Ference at 614-218-1613 or KatieFerence@yahoo.com. Any and all offerings will be gratefully accepted! Thank you!



CALL TO PRAYER FOR OUR NATION – We can help our country turn back to God through prayer. It can change hearts, our families, our communities and the whole world. We are joining the nationwide prayer campaign, **Rosary Coast to Coast**, to pray simultaneously across the country on **Sunday, October 13** at **4:00 p.m.** This date is also the 102nd year anniversary of the Fatima Miracle of the Sun. We will pray at the Mary Garden. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please visit RosaryCoastToCoast.com.

HEALING WITHIN MARRIAGE FROM AN ABORTION

When Susan's* husband, Juan, told her about the abortion he was involved in when he was in college, she finally understood why he was so depressed and had trouble bonding with their children. However, she wanted him to just get over it, without seeking help from a post-abortion healing ministry. It bothered her to think of him dealing with this in relation to another woman and child.

During Steve's premarital preparation with his (now) wife, the topic of her past abortion never arose. Now married and participating in a post-abortion healing ministry, Steve notes, "It is one of the questions you never think to ask during premarital preparation."

With an estimate of over 56 million abortions in our country since the infamous *Roe vs. Wade* decision of 1973, there's little doubt that countless marriages are suffering from one or both spouses' involvement in an abortion.

Although many of the same struggles may arise when only one spouse was involved in a previous abortion, couples who aborted their own child before marriage may experience their own unique difficulties, as Tina shares:

...I didn't think it bothered me until after we were married for a year and our son was born. I was so resentful that my husband hadn't protected me and our baby when I became pregnant before we were married. ...I began to resent and hate him. It was like a great divide between us. I couldn't and wouldn't let go of the anger and resentment, because if I did, it would be like saying the abortion was ok, and it wasn't. (Our baby died,) I was hurt, and he could just go on like nothing happened.

For cases in which one spouse is unaware of the other's past abortion experience, some feel it is crucial for him or her to be told, while others believe it is in the past and it's not necessary to address it. But if "the two shall become one" (Mt 19:5), can the marital union be brought to its fullest potential with the secret of an abortion lingering in the past?

Steve doesn't think so: "...looking back over our 29 years of marriage, it is probably the one thing from

[either] of our pasts that has affected our marriage more than any other."

It is no secret that the devastation of abortion brings with it many challenges. Many times the people who have participated in an abortion are not even aware of the countless ways it is affecting their lives. Often, it is not until they recognize some of the effect it is having and become involved in a healing ministry that they begin to more clearly identify their personal abortion connectors (people, places or things that trigger memories of their abortion experience).

It is not uncommon for those suffering from past abortions to overreact to present situations because of the trauma they experienced. For example, what would otherwise be a normal disagreement between spouses can seem like a very real act of abandonment to someone who was coerced into having an abortion. An abortion may also lead to infertility or difficulty conceiving later in life, which bring their own emotional strains for a couple.

Fear of intimacy is another struggle that may arise. Some women and men have kept past abortion experiences a secret and live in the fear of being exposed. They never really open themselves completely to intimacy for fear of being rejected if their spouse ever discovered their secret. Others may not be willing to practice their faith because of the guilt and shame they feel, which deprives them of spiritual consolation and drives a wedge between them and their spouse.

It is scary for a person to tell his fiancée or her fiancé or spouse about a past abortion. It requires great trust in that person's love for them and trust in God. Unfortunately, sometimes that knowledge can threaten the relationship, but it can also be a means for the couple to grow closer together.

Through the help of a post-abortion healing ministry, couples can successfully work through abortion-related challenges, and God's grace can bring true healing in their relationships. Matt shared his own story of this experience:

I had a hard time learning about the abortion and was not sure if I in fact was still going to be able to marry my fiancée. Attending the retreat helped me to recognize that she was the same person I had loved the day before I learned, and that if God had forgiven her, I needed to forgive her as well. Through counseling and direction we have been able to work through the many feelings and fears I had, and I feel confident we are now able to work on any issues that come up together, and move past them through the grace of God. I feel I am now able to love her the way God intended.

Significant growth can also result from working through the pain together as a couple. For example, the spouse that was not involved in their husband's or wife's past abortion may choose to "spiritually adopt" their spouse's aborted child. This spiritual adoption can be a beautiful way to unite the couple as the family God intends them to be, as Steve recognized:

I made the decision that this was part of what was brought to our marriage 'in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health...to love and honor...all the days of my life.' I take that vow seriously. We had to make this journey together. ... I now look upon it that I have two sons, the one [whom] she conceived before we met, and the one we conceived together. Would it be any different if the child had lived and ... [were] here present in our lives? No!! The only real difference is that we have a child who is with God and who is working and praying for us.

Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that "the two shall become one" (Mt 19:5).

**The stories of Susan, Juan, Steve, Tina and Matt (their names are changed for their privacy) are just a few examples of the many marriages touched by abortion. To find out what pastoral resources for marriage may be available in your local area, contact your diocesan family life office. To find resources for post-abortion healing, visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.*

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Join Us! **ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH** Trip to The



Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Jude

Thursday, January 23rd – Saturday, January 25th, 2020, Washington, D.C.

THURSDAY: Leave St. Matthew • Visit the St. John Paul II Museum • Prayer Vigil • Vigil Mass

FRIDAY: March for Life • Free Time in the City

SATURDAY: Return Home –

Cost of trip to include roundtrip transportation via Urban Express, 2-night hotel stay at Clarion Inn Falls Church (Va), meals (breakfast, Thursday dinner and Friday lunch), and tips. Total cost \$300.00 per person.

All rooms are 2-queen, double-occupancy only. Space is limited to 50 people. Trip inquiries and/or additional requests can be made to: **Heather Bernard:** Ladiesofst.jude@gmail.com, (614) 365-0418.

Online Registration is available at stmatthew.net

CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

RECAP OF SEPTEMBER 2019 – The Saint Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **6,045** meals to **138** households within the Gahanna community during the month of September. Thank you for your continued support to those families who are experiencing difficult times.

2019	FOOD REQUESTS	INDIVIDUALS SERVED	EST. MEALS PROVIDED*
EOY 2018	1,459	3,801	57,015
1st Qtr	381	955	14,325
2nd Qtr	385	1,015	15,225
July	132	378	5,670
August	147	435	6,525
September	138	403	6,045
Year to Date	1,183	3,186	41,790

***3 meals/day x 5 days**

Our normal hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday. We are located in the PSR building (the old convent). All are welcome to visit the location to observe what we do, and if the Spirit moves you, become a part of our Ministry.

GRIEFSHARE – If you have recently lost a loved one or a close friend, please join us for the next GriefShare session. We will accompany you on your grief journey and offer you loving support and comfort. The session began **Thursday, September 12** and runs through **Thursday, December 12** (No classes on October 31 and November 28). Sessions will be held from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the Saint Raphael Room. A workbook is available for use throughout the session for a one-time fee of \$30.00. Please contact Mary Lager at 614-395-9099 or mary0613@hotmail.com for more details or if you have questions. We look forward to helping ease the pain and sorrow accompanied with your loss.

GOLDEN MUSTANGS 55+ PLANNED ACTIVITIES – The Golden Mustangs 55+ group will meet on **Thursday, October 17**, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the St. Anthony Room for brunch. Our featured speaker will be Mindy Drayer, former news reporter at channel 4, sharing about her career and interviews with OSU head coaches. She is now co-host of “What Matters with Mindy & Mikaela” on Sunday afternoon on 610 WTVN radio. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 21** for our retreat at St. Therese’s Retreat Center. For more information, please contact JoEllen Vickers at jfancellivickers@yahoo.com or Paul and Joan Rovnak at pjrovnak@msn.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU! Our fall TMIY program is underway on Saturday morning beginning around 7:15 a.m. We have plenty of room for more of the men of St. Matthew to participate in this video-based program and small group discussion. The theme for this fall’s program is *The Fight of Faith* and focuses on the spiritual battle raging in our country and the world. The videos feature several men with powerful messages and quite diverse backgrounds. Please do consider joining the Saturday morning group to meet other men of St. Matthew and enjoy some great conversation, laughs and of course, the occasional mystery breakfast! If you have any questions or want more information, please call or text Brian Gatch at 614-499-4836.

NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO JOIN A BIBLE STUDY!

REGISTRATION IS EASY

- To pay **by cash or check**: Sign the registration sheet in the Gathering Space (payment made at the first session)
- To pay by **credit card**: Use the registration links in the chart below.

Questions? Contact Lorraine Curtin at

lorraine.curtin@icloud.com or 614-946-7585.

The Bible is at the heart of our Faith and our relationship with God. Scripture informs our beliefs and inspires our devotions. It is the place where our Father meets with us and lovingly speaks to us. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible!

Are you new to Scripture study? All of our studies are for the novice and experienced alike. Please join us today!

	STUDY	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	LOCATION	REGISTRATION
SUNDAY A.M. THURSDAY A.M.	The Sunday Mass Readings Explained (Every week, come when you can)	Would you like to get more out of the Sunday Mass readings? Dr. Brant Pitre from the Augustine Institute presents an <i>easy to understand</i> commentary each week with a robust teaching using Jewish rabbinical tradition, the early Church Fathers, and the magisterial teaching. See the connections to the whole story of salvation and develop your ability to hear and understand God's Word. Perfect for families... new Catholics... old Catholics!	Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass (11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)	St. Raphael Room	FREE No need to register. Questions? Contact Lorraine at lorraine.curtin@icloud.com
			Thursday, 9:15–10:15 a.m.	St. Therese Lisieux Library (across from the Adoration Chapel in the Undercroft)	
TUESDAY A.M. TUESDAY P.M.	Romans: The Gospel of Salvation (8 sessions)	Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. <i>Romans: The Gospel of Salvation</i> provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans – salvation . <i>Romans: The Gospel of Salvation</i> explores the ways in which Jesus is the fulfillment of Israel's prophecies, which leads to the universal, "Catholic" family of God.	Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m. September 17–November 5	St. Raphael Room Facilitators: Lorraine Curtin lorraine.curtin@icloud.com Nancy Borowy nancy.borowy@gmail.com	\$33.23 (includes shipping) Morning registration link at: https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/39744/registrations/new Evening registration link at: https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/39745/registrations/new
WEDNESDAY P.M.	Matthew: The King and His Kingdom (24 sessions)	This is one of the foundational study programs that shows how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes His kingdom on earth. Through references to the Old Testament promises of God to His people and the messages God sent them through the prophets, the <i>Matthew Bible Study</i> program provides the key to understanding the rest of the New Testament and Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan.	Wednesday, 6:45-8:45 p.m. September 4–February 19, 2020 (no classes during the holidays)	St. Raphael Room Facilitators: Don Meves and Matt Schirripa dmeves@prioritydesigns.com schirripa12@gmail.com	\$43.72 (includes shipping) Registration at: https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/40123/registrations/new

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL



One day St. Teresa of Avila heard someone say: "If only I had lived at the time of Jesus... If only I had seen Jesus... If only I had talked with Jesus..." To this she responded, "But do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present before us? Why look for more?"

If you'd like to make a weekly commitment, or get more information, please contact Jeff Bernard at JBernard@ohiocat.com or 216-372-4991. **CAN YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?**

Over 100 Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration: Over 100 Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration: #108: "What happiness do we not feel in the presence of God, when we find ourselves alone at His feet, before the holy tabernacle!...'Come, my soul, redouble your ardor! You are here alone to adore your God! His look rests on you alone! Ah! If we only had the angels' eyes! Seeing our Lord Jesus Christ here, on that altar, and looking at us, how we should love Him! We should want to stay always at His feet; it would be a foretaste of heaven; everything else would become insipid to us." (St. John Vianney)

Visitors are welcome Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday & Sunday from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Please visit StMatthew.net/DMC for more info.

PARISH PROJECTS

As good stewards of your generosity, the Facilities Team is pleased to provide regular updates on St. Matthew campus projects, improvements, on-going initiatives, and enhancements.

As summer refused to give way to autumn, the Facilities Team took full advantage of the warm, dry weather. We have been able to continue to work on the grounds, and we did some weeding and painting that did not get done over the summer break. The LED replacement program also moved outdoors; the upper parking lot lights and all school outside building lights are now replaced. Finally, there are still remnants of the Hutta kitchen to clean up.

The Rectory has also received some overdue maintenance. Siding needed to be replaced and painted, and the driveway has not been repaired or sealed in years. We also had time to repair the spouting and replace chimney caps that had blown off over the summer.

Last week 70 new desks and chairs were delivered and assembled before being placed in the sixth grade classrooms. These desks are courtesy of the 2017/2018 graduating class. Following this delivery, all the desks and chairs have now been replaced in the upper middle school hall. Anyone interested in the old desks should contact the school office; they make great activity tables with adjustable heights.

Just a quick reminder that the life-sized marble angels in the church Gathering Space are there temporarily. They will move to the Altar area after some preparations are made. Thank you for your patience.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide these updates and welcome suggestions for facility enhancements. Please contact George Harvey at gharvey@stmatthew.net.

CALL TO COME HOME – If you've been away from the Church, are drifting away, feel confused, hurt or angry, have questions or concerns, this is an invitation to talk with us. Please contact Pat Martin at comehome@stmatthew.net.

CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER TO SUPPORT PARISH CUB SCOUTS – Cub Scout Pack 317, St. Matthew Parish, will host the third annual old-fashioned Chicken Noodle Dinner on **Saturday, October 12**, from **5:30-7:30 p.m.**, in the Hutta Gym. The dinner proceeds will help our Cub Scout Pack 317 to purchase a high-speed aluminum Pinewood Derby race track. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under age 13, free for children under age four, with a family maximum of \$30.00. Take-out orders are \$10.00. The menu will consist of chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, bread, and green beans. Our Cub Scout Pack 317 has been sponsored by the Parish for over 40 years and has been a stepping stone for young boys to the adventures of Boy Scouting. For more information, please call Cubmaster Trey Porter at 614-306-9550, or Committee Chair Tom Liszkay at 614-476-2044.

THANK YOU to St. Matthew parishioners for baking over 50 dozen cookies for the Kairos prison ministry! Because of the generous outpouring of response and willingness to come together and help bake these cookies, the love of God will now be spread to the residents at the prison on the weekend of October 11-13. Thank you!

CLERGY ABUSE CRISIS RESOURCE – Copies of Bishop Robert Barron's pastoral letter "*Letter to a Suffering Church*" are available in the Parish Office. Bishop Barron speaks from the heart and urges us to "stand and fight" for the Church.

KNITTING CROCHETING MINISTRY DISTRIBUTION DAY – You are invited to the annual Knitting, Crocheting Ministry Distribution Day on **Friday, November 8** at Mifflin Presbyterian Church (23 Granville Street, Gahanna) from **8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** During this time, all the items made during the year will be given to 50 organizations. Come and be a part of the process and enjoy this day in helping those in need. Please RSVP to Mrs. Glenda Neely by Monday, November 4 at 614-563-0275 or neelyrobert@att.net.

SAINT MATTHEW MOM'S GROUP – Are you interested in getting together twice a month for a social group for mothers and their preschool, toddler and infant children? We meet twice a month for play dates and we also have a mom's night out. If you are interested in joining, please contact Brooke Warren at brookewarren13@gmail.com.

FOLLOW ST. MATTHEW ON SOCIAL MEDIA! Follow our social media accounts for updates on Parish events, worship times, and more! Facebook: @StMatthewGahanna; Twitter: @GahannaStMatts; Instagram: @stmatthewapostle.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PRAESIDIUM – *Do you want to learn more about your Catholic Faith? Do you want to deepen your prayer life? Do you want to develop close Catholic friendships? Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His Mother? Come as a guest to a Legion of Mary meeting.* There is no obligation. **We meet in the Saint Gabriel Room of the Undercroft of the Church every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.** All interested or curious are cordially invited to attend.

IF A FAMILY MEMBER IS SICK OR SERIOUSLY ILL, consider contacting the Parish Office at 614-471-0212 for one of the priests to administer the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick. Due to HIPAA privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify church offices when parishioners are admitted. As well, in the case of serious illness, families are encouraged to contact us early allowing the priest and patient to talk about any spiritual needs they may have including receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

USHERS NEEDED! St. Matthew is in need of more ushers for certain Masses. Our priests rely heavily on the ushers to make all parishioners and visitors feel welcome, to administer the collection and also pitch in when extra duties are necessary. It is time for our community to embrace the gifts we've been given and we can't wait to see how God provides for these specific needs. Please contact Jenna Zins at jzins@stmatthew.net or 614-471-0212 for more information or to contribute.

ST. MATTHEW GARDEN MINISTRY – Join the Garden Ministry to give the grounds a little extra help so God's beauty shines through. Meet at the St. Matthew statue on following dates: **Thursday, October 10** (5:30-7:30 p.m.) and **Saturday, October 26** (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please contact Denise at stmatthewsgardenministry@gmail.com for more information.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH the following children who were baptized on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29: Vincent Michael Testa, Carson Alexander Chesonis, Maximus Edward Fagen, Elliott James Thompson and John Paul Thompson.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED – Dorothy Kozlowski; and Patrick Power.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SMOKER/BBQ EVENTS – The next Knights of Columbus Smoker/BBQ event will be **Sunday, October 20** after the 10:00 a.m. and noon Masses. All proceeds will go to St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry to help the needy in Gahanna. All orders must be placed the Wednesday before each event (**October 16**) and picked up at the Mass time mentioned. This is the last month for the current menu. November will be just smoked fourteen pound turkeys that will be ready the weekend before Thanksgiving. All orders are packaged in cup, pint, and quart size plastic containers. We also have our family package of four available and we added three party packs sizes to help you with graduation meal planning or family gatherings. Please check-out the KofC bulletin board in the Gathering Space near the Parish Office for more details. There will be order forms there or you can place your order online at kofc5801smoker@gmail.com or www.kofc5801.org/events-list. We are now taking debit and credit cards (there will be a \$1.00 fee added for all credit card transactions). If you have never placed an order or have questions, please contact Steve Davis at 419-989-0325.

FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER – The Knights of Columbus are selling Football Fundcrazr game tickets. Up to \$2,500.00 in prizes will be awarded weekly for 10 weeks. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Please contact Richard (614-348-6507) or Shawn (614-778-8295) Miller to purchase your tickets. All proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus charities.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Congratulations to Ern Stovall, the St. Jude Council 5801 Knight of the Month for October!

KNIGHT FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Congratulations to Andrew and Teresa Prociuk, the St. Jude Council 5801 Knight Family of the month for October!



LADIES OF ST. JUDE

THE LADIES OF ST. JUDE – The Ladies of St. Jude will be conducting their fourth annual drive for the Women's Care Center of Columbus this weekend. We will be taking monetary donations **October 5-6** after all Masses. We will be collecting diapers and wipes the next weekend, **October 12-13** after all Masses. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

FAMILY ROSARY DAY IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 – The Diocese's annual Family Rosary Day is **Sunday, October 13 at 3:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral (212 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215). The Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Columbus, will be the presider. All are welcome.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF COLUMBUS will hold its annual Red Wagon Fare Luncheon on **Wednesday, October 16** at The Exchange in Dublin, 6520 Riverside Drive. Shopping will begin at **10:00 a.m.** and the luncheon will be at noon. This year's event features a style show by J. McLaughlin. Jackie Walker, Author & Fashion Consultant will emcee the show. Area merchants and artists, along with homemade Sweets and Treats will be presented in our Market Place. Join us for a great day of connecting with old and new friends while supporting the Christ Child Society of Columbus in "Challenging poverty one child at a time." All proceeds go directly to benefit our projects throughout Central Ohio. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. Make checks out to "Christ Child Society of Columbus" and return to Red Wagon Fare, PO Box 340948, Columbus, OH 43234-0948. You may also purchase tickets online at www.christchildssociety.org.

OHIO DOMINICAN TO HOST PREVIEW DAYS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 & NOVEMBER 9 – All high school students are invited to attend Ohio Dominican University's Preview Days from **9:00 a.m.-noon** on **Saturday, October 5** and **November 9**. The free events will take place on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Students will have a chance to tour campus, explore majors, and learn about ODU's Honors and Early Admission programs. Register today at ohiodominican.edu/Preview.

LEAF – Listening, Encouraging, and Assisting Families of the Incarcerated is a ministry supporting families and loved ones of the incarcerated, irrespective of faith affiliation. Meetings are the second Sunday of each month. Locations: St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury at 4:00 p.m. in the Faith & Family Center (classroom 9); Corpus Christi, Columbus at 2:00 p.m. For details, visit www.svdpcolumbus.org/leaf_ministry.

JOSEPH'S COAT CASINO NIGHT – Please join us on **Saturday, October 12** from **6:30-10:30 p.m.** for our 2019 Fundraiser. Our Casino Event will be entertaining and fun for all. Many games of chance are available such as Black Jack, Roulette, Poker and others as well as a silent auction, door prizes and 50/50. Mustard Seed Catering will serve heavy hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar is available. The event will be held in the new St. Pius X Family Center (1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, 43068). Tickets are \$75.00/pp and available at <https://josephscoatcasinonight2019.eventbrite.com> or you may mail your check to Joseph's Coat, 240 Outerbelt Street #5, Columbus, Ohio 43213.

SERRA CLUBS OF COLUMBUS – What can YOU do to encourage and support religious vocations in the Diocese of Columbus? Did you know that the Serra Clubs of Columbus can help you do just that? The Serra Club is a lay International organization of Catholic men and women, whose mission is to foster vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life through prayer, programs and activities. To learn more or attend a meeting, please contact VP of membership Dan Martin at martin.32@osu.edu for the Downtown Serra Club or Ardith at amers@columbus.rr.com for the North Serra Club. Please feel free to visit with no obligations. Our website is serracolumbus.org.

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