

BAPTISMS

All Baptism inquiries must begin by filling out a Baptism form on our website at www.stmatthew.net/baptism. For more information, please contact Katie Ryzenga at 614-557-2739 or kryzenga@stmatthew.net.

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.

ANointing & VISITATION OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule an anointing and/or to arrange a visit from our pastoral staff.

PARISH CLERGY – 614-471-0212

Fr. Theodore K. Sill, Pastor
Fr. Peter Asantebwana, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Michael Nimocks, Retired & In Holy Service
Fr. Stan Benecki, Retired & In Holy Service
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joseph Meyer
Rev. Mr. Christopher Walsh

PARISH STAFF – 614-471-0212

Business Manager: Leo Grimes
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Director of Music: Dawn Shining – 614-532-0627
Facilities Superintendent: George Harvey
Office & Ministry Coordinator: Michelle Dougherty
Safe Environment: Michelle Lantz

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

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Jennifer Cabe – 614-532-0626, jcabe@stmatthew.net
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PARISH SCHOOL – PRE-K-GRADE 8 – 614-471-4930

www.cdstmatthew.org
Principal: John Rathburn, jrathburn1@cducation.org

CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY – 614-471-5320

Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To register as a parish member, stop by the office or register online at www.stmatthew.net/online-parishioner-registration.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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



ST. MATTHEW

THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

WORSHIP ♦ SERVE ♦ EVANGELIZE

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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.-2:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES**MONDAY, JANUARY 11** – *Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20*

6:30 a.m. David Martin/Mark & Mary Thompson

8:30 a.m. Vincent Thuyen/Hue Vu

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 – *Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28*

6:30 a.m. Richard Berger/Deborah Duffy

8:30 a.m. Jim Hess/Hess Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 – *Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39*

6:30 a.m. Harry Moore/Upp Family

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Josephine Ventin/Julia Hoenig

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 – *Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45*

6:30 a.m. David Martin/Marilyn & Lonnie Jenkins

8:30 a.m. Don Boes & the Intentions of Jean Boes

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 – *Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12*

6:30 a.m. Barb McFadden/Frank & Judeen Hartge

8:30 a.m. Jim Martin/Kathy Martin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 – *Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17*

8:30 a.m. Bobby Knueven/Jack & Betty

5:00 p.m. Patricia L. Smith/Peggy Vanderhoff

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 – *1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42*

8:00 a.m. Tom J. Fetter/Vic & Marlene Elekes

10:00 a.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

12:00 p.m. Christopher Tesi/Family

5:00 p.m. Loren Brown, Sr./ Fr. Theodore K. Sill

STEWARDSHIP

2020-2021 Through	January 3, 2021	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,115.00	\$1,137,105.00
Contributions	\$76,012.00	\$1,108,366.96
Surplus (Shortage)	\$33,897.00	(\$ 28,738.04)

Note: Saint Matthew's fiscal year is July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. 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.

WORSHIP + SERVE + EVANGELIZE**WAYS TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY DONATION**

- 1) Online: Go to www.stmatthew.net/giving.
- 2) Text-to-give: Simply text the amount of your donation to 614-412-3694. (Example: For a \$25 gift, text "25" to (614) 412-3694.)
- 3) By cash or check: Mail your donation to our office or drop it in the mailbox outside the exterior office door.

We are grateful for every gift, no matter how you make it!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 12:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 5:00 P.M.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Max Maksimoski, rmaksimo@stmatthew.net – 614-607-4799 (<i>Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors</i>) Vicki Wengert, vwengert@icloud.com – 614-270-2118 (<i>Sacristans</i>)				
	Joan Hess	Mary Ann Frazee	Michael Springer	Kristin Williams	Denise Maksimoski
IN HOME	Kat Graham (2), Steve Testa (6)				
LECTORS	Joan Hess	Joan Hess	Kristen McSweeney	Kristin Williams	Max Maksimoski
SACRISTANS	Deacon Chris	Deacon Joe	Deacon Chris	Deacon Joe	Deacon Chris
SERVERS	MC – Luke Aaron Aubree Aaron	MC – Aidan Shannon Ian Shannon	Samantha Bernard Carter Lantz Mia Lantz	MC – Luke Gabrielli Sam Gabrielli Liam Schmidt	MC – Nick Blausey Porter Lacey

IN OUR PARISH

♥ BANNS OF MARRIAGE ♥

Let us pray for those preparing for marriage:
I Jenna Zins & Evan Jones

GO TO ST. JOSEPH!

By Dawn Shining, Director of Music

In my line of work, I am constantly amazed at the riches and depths of the feasts and saint days celebrated on our Church Liturgical Calendar. Among these treasures are not only events from the life of Our Lord, but also Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and many other saints.

Furthermore, to learn more from our Liturgies, in my role of working with our parish school musically for their weekly Masses, the third graders have had several experiences of singing for a Marian feast day, for which they learned a simple Ave Maria tune. After Mass, each received a simple Miraculous Medal, blessed by Fr. Sill, as we talked about Our Mother and he showed them how to handle a blessed religious item of their own. In the last few years, though, their special occasion of singing at Mass and receiving a blessed medal has moved to St. Joseph's feast on March 19.

In early 2020, Fr. Donald Calloway's new book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, a 33-day self-guided devotion culminating in personal consecration to the saint, was released. Thankfully, I got the book in time to make my consecration on May 1, the feast day of his title as The Worker. In Fr. Calloway's efforts for bringing forth this devotion, he also personally asked Pope Francis to consider declaring a holy Year of St. Joseph. And, on December 8, 2020, with the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, "With a Father's Heart," the Holy Father granted his request.

So little is known about St. Joseph, since he says nothing in all of Sacred Scripture. However, his silent presence, a "silent knight, holy knight" as coined by Dr. Scott Hahn, gives each of us a pattern to follow to get to heaven, if we but take the time to get to know him in various liturgical and personal ways.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Stay tuned for more information from our parish staff on ways to celebrate this holy year.

SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY – Every two weeks, we will be featuring two ministries from our parish in a Ministry Spotlight. This will allow parishioners to explore different ministry opportunities in the parish and find the right activities to use their time, talents, and treasures. We hope this will show parishioners that St. Matthew is an active parish, thriving in our faith lives, and helping our community. If you have questions about the ministry opportunities, please visit <https://www.stmatthew.net/ministry-and-activity-information> or email bwarren@stmatthew.net.

This Week's Spotlight Ministries are:

– **Visiting Ministry** and **Compassionate Prayer Ministry**

For more information about these ministries or to get involved, please visit <https://www.stmatthew.net/spotlight-ministry>.



HOLY HOUR FOR REPARATION, PURIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION OF THE CHURCH –

Please join our clergy and fellow parishioners in the church on the Fourth Friday of the month for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an hour of prayer for the universal Church. The next Holy Hour will be held on **Friday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19

We know that many parishioners are still struggling financially because of the economic impact of COVID-19, so we are happy to share that our parish has received an additional Emergency Response Grant from The Catholic Foundation to assist our parishioners during the COVID-19 outbreak. This fund is only available to St. Matthew parishioners. Guidelines given by the Catholic Foundation, as well as the discretion of our Pastor, will be used when determining eligibility and amount awarded. All applications are kept in strict confidence and are considered on the basis of need and eligibility. For more information and to apply, please go to our website, stmatthew.net, and click "COVID-19 Financial Assistance" under the Home tab.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Live the
Gospel of Life

The month of January commemorates the unfortunate passage of Roe vs Wade on January 22, 1973. Since this ruling there have been an

estimated 61 million babies put to death by abortion. There are two activities that St. Matthew's Pro-Life group is coordinating for us to participate in the nationwide prayer for the unborn.

9-Day Novena for Life, from **January 21-29**, sponsored by the USCCB. Each day's prayer intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to build a culture of life. You can sign up for a daily email/text reminder at this link <https://pro-life-activities.ipages.co/9-days-for-life-2021-english/>, or just visit the site each day to view the prayers and reflections. Please join us for this novena.

Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Protection of the Unborn, on **Friday, January 22** as designated by the USCCB. There are three ways for us to join Catholics across the country in seeking God's mercy and intervention to change, as Pope Francis terms it, our "throw away culture".

- **MASS:** Attend the official mass of the Roman Missal for the unborn being said at St. Matthew Church, January 22 at the 8:30 a.m. daily mass.
- **ADORATION:** Attend adoration anytime throughout the day which begins immediately after the 8:30 a.m. mass until 7:00 p.m. Each hour of adoration will begin with a pro-life rosary. Sign up for adoration at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a4af29a1fd0-respect>.
- **FAST:** for example, consider eating 1 meal for the day or abstaining from coffee, dessert, social media, etc.

If you are interested in learning more about St. Matthew's Pro-Life group, please contact Jeff Solinger at jsolinger@aol.com or 614-506-2382.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Our children have been privileged to attend school in the midst of this pandemic and to move from in-person to remote learning seamlessly. Due to Covid-19 restrictions and the current economic climate, we have had to curtail our traditional fundraising efforts which has left the school without \$100,000 in greatly needed revenue. The school has a long list of needs including computers and smart boards that are in dire need of replacement and/or repair. For those who wish to contribute to the School, whether for these needs, or for any others, we are opening a drive to accept donations. All donations will go directly to the School. We are happy to earmark any donations to a specific cause and will provide the appropriate documentation for tax deduction purposes. Donations can be mailed to or dropped off at the School Office; mailed to or dropped off at the Parish Office; added to the collection boxes at Mass; and made via the parish's Online Giving system, using the "St. Matthew Community Pledge" fund. (Go to stmatthew.net/giving for more information.) Please note "School Support" on any donations made by cash or check. Thank you for your generosity!

BIBLE STUDIES AT A GLANCE

We have several bible studies currently running or starting soon; we'd love for you to join us!

One hour mini-lessons (via Zoom conference) – **NOW IN THE EVENINGS!**

The Bible in an Hour – an overview of salvation history, which begins **January 4 at 8:00 p.m.**

Why Sola Scriptura Can Never Work – clear teaching on why we need the Scriptures, the Magisterium of the Church and Sacred Tradition, which begins tomorrow, **January 11 at 8:00 p.m.**

Sunday Mass Readings Explained – get the most out of reading the Sunday Scriptures, every Thursday morning (via Zoom conference)

Genesis to Jesus – a 12-week bible study of salvation history, for people new to Scripture study or for those who would like a review (via Zoom conference) – **MORNING AND EVENING SESSIONS**

You can visit <https://www.stmatthew.net/bible-study> for more information about all our studies! If you have questions, please contact Lorraine Curtin at lorraine.curtin@icloud.com or 614-946-7585.

YEAR END PARISH DONATION STATEMENTS – Statements will be emailed to parishioners with an email contact listed in the Church database. In an effort to ensure that our Parish records are current and accurate, if you have had any changes to your contact information in the last year, please **update your contact and registration** information. You may enter information online through the Roster Update at <http://www.stmatthew.net/parish-roster-update> or under *Quick Links* on Saint Matthew's main page. You may also call the Parish Office at 614-471-0212. If you don't have an email address on file with us, statements will be printed and available in the Gathering Space later this month. Statements not picked up by early February will be mailed. We appreciate your time and commitment to the Parish.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL (PRE-K-8 GRADE) REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR – If you, or someone you know, is looking for a school that partners with Church and family, to provide children with a solid foundation in the Catholic Faith, promote academic excellence, and prepare children for a lifetime of service to God and neighbor: we may be exactly what you are looking for! Open Registration will be **February 1-11 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Please go to www.cdsmatthew.org or call 614-471-4930 for more information. *Celebrating over 50 years of faith-based academic excellence.*

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION OPTION (ECO) ENDED DECEMBER 31 – If you currently make your offertory donation through the Electronic Contribution Option (ECO) of automatic withdrawal from your checking account using a cancelled check, please be aware that the ECO program discontinued on **December 31, 2020**. We encourage everyone currently donating through the ECO program to set up an account through Online Giving. For more information about Online Giving, see our website: www.stmatthew.net/giving or call the Parish Office.

PARISH PROJECTS

As good stewards of your generosity, the Facilities Team is pleased to provide you regular updates on St. Matthew campus projects, improvements, and on-going initiatives providing a safe, healthy, and prayerful environment.

We hope that everyone enjoyed this Christmas season and had an opportunity to visit the Nativity display and appreciate the commitment of many volunteers to decorate the church. This week we are back in Ordinary Time, the decorations will be stored away until next year.

Our students are back at school after a slightly extended Christmas break. Much time was spent these past few weeks to deep clean and disinfect the school for the health of our students. We are happy they can return to class.

We spent much of last week focused on the church HVAC units and controller. Our HVAC automation system is the original installed in 2004. Typical of electronics, our system went out of production in 2007, deemed obsolete in 2012 and became unsupported in 2016. The past couple years we have experienced an increasing number of issues requiring software patches and reconditioned parts to keep the control system operational. Last weekend the system locked up and we were unable to get it working. Knowing this day was coming, we have been accessing our options, all of which are costly and will take time to install. In the meantime, we can only control half our units manually. We appreciate your patience as we work to replace the control system.

While we are working on the controller, we are also looking at installing ionization units on the furnaces to better disinfect and clean the air in our buildings. Currently we are bringing in and heating a large amount of outside air to accomplish the same result. Ionization units are much more economical to operate and disinfect surfaces as well as the air.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide updates on campus activities. Please don't hesitate to text or email suggestions on how we can better serve you. Contact George Harvey at gharvey@stmatthew.net or text 330-904-1083. Be safe, stay healthy and Happy New Year!

MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION – ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17 THIS YEAR! The time is now to order a copy of the Magnificat Lenten Companion. Each day features an original, contemporary scriptural reflection along with inspiring prayers, poetry, devotions, and much more. Please contact Joan Rovnak at pjrovnak@msn.com or 614-205-9396 (text or call) with your name and number of copies you would like to purchase. The cost is \$1 per copy. Please place your payment in an envelope with your name and number of copies ordered in the Magnificat drawer in the hallway between the sacristies or mail to: Joan Rovnak, 600 Jonsol Ct., Gahanna, Ohio 43230. If you are a current Magnificat subscriber, you should have already received a personal email concerning the Lenten Companion. The order will be placed on **Tuesday, January 19**. Thank you and God bless you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION TO THE HOMELESS TEEN GIFT COLLECTION! Because of your generosity, St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Parish assembled 98 survival backpacks that included a fast food gift card, grocery gift card, hand warmers, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, lip gloss, gloves, hats, scarves, hand sanitizers, masks and nonperishable food. The backpacks were gifts for youth at a COVID Christmas party on the south side of Columbus and the remaining backpacks are being distributed to homeless youth at Promises on Parsons, Star House and taken to those living in camps. The remaining funds will be used to provide meals for these young people during the winter months.

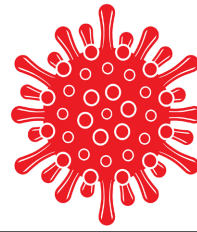
ROSARY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND – The rosary will be said for the sick and homebound of the parish this **Friday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m.** in the church. All are welcome to join us every 3rd Friday of the month to pray for our loved ones.

PARISH OUTREACH PROJECT – Our parish is currently making plans to reach out to our parishioners to offer a warm greeting and support. If you are interested in helping us with logistics or with making brief (1-2 minutes) visits to people in our parish (socially distanced, with masks), please let us know! For more information, or to get involved, please contact Brian Gatch at 614-499-4836 or bgatch@hotmail.com.

ST. MATTHEW SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE – Our parish has formed a new Social Concerns Committee that will advocate for multiple aspects of Catholic Social Teaching, including pro-life work, advocacy for the poor, and other social issues. If you are interested in learning more about this group or would like to be involved, please contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com.

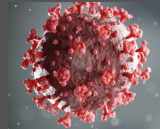
ST. MATTHEW WINTER 2021 DIVORCECARE SESSION – Find help, healing and hope from the hurt of divorce. DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. A 13-week video series that includes several accounts from individuals on how divorce affected their lives. The program contains material from many acclaimed counselors, doctors and clergy on dealing with divorce and its recovery. It begins on **Sunday January 24 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room (*masks & social distancing are required*). There is a one-time charge of \$30.00, which includes the workbook. For more information contact Mike Workman at 614-517-8408 or search for us at <https://www.divorcecare.org/>.

BAA UPDATE – Due to your continued generosity, our parish rebate from this year's BAA continues to grow, as more pledges have been made! Recall that our rebate will help pay off the school kitchen loan, as well as further the sanctuary beautification project in the church. The window for giving is open through March 2021, so it is not too late to give through the many options available on our website: <https://www.stmatthew.net/baa>. We thank everyone who has donated, and follow-up with those who have not responded will continue.



COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

Answering Parishioner concerns



RESEARCH

HIERARCHY OF VACCINES

BEST: Those developed using no fetal cell lines
NEXT BEST: Those that used cell lines during testing and research but not in production of vaccine itself
LEAST: Those using cell lines throughout process up to and including vaccine production.

COOPERATION WITH EVIL

LEVELS FROM FORMAL TO REMOTE

Producers of vaccines have most culpability (Formal)
Distributors have some culpability (Formal or Material)
Those taking the vaccine have very little (remote)



CURRENT VACCINES APPROVED

ONLY TWO PFIZER AND MODERNA

Neither uses cell lines in manufacture of vaccine, but both used pre-existing embryonic stem cell lines from 1970's and 80's to confirm their research. This places them in NEXT BEST category above.

USE OF THESE VACCINES

FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AMOUNTS TO REMOTE COOPERATION THAT IS ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE OF THE GREAT DANGER TO PERSONAL OR PUBLIC HEALTH

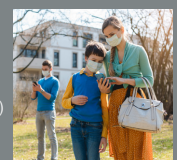


USE OF OTHER VACCINES DEVELOPED LATER WOULD NEED TO BE EVALUATED ON THEIR OWN MERITS

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith: DIGNATUS PERSONAE 35:3
"Grave reasons may be morally proportionate to justify the use of such 'biological material'. Thus, for example, danger to the health of children could permit parents to use a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available. Moreover, in organizations where cell lines of illicit origin are being utilized, the responsibility of those who make the decision to use them is not the same as that of those who have no voice in such a decision."

RESOURCES:

CDF: DIGNATUS PERSONAE 2008
USCCB STATEMENT: Moral considerations regarding the new Covid 19 vaccines
NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER (NCBCENTER.ORG)
Points to Consider on the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines
OHIO CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: BISHOPS' letter December 16th 2020.



STEWARDSHIP: HOW CAN WE HELP YOU? As good stewards of our Parish, we are called to care for and look after St. Matthew Parish and its parishioners. We want to know how our parishioners are doing in this time of struggle and fear. How can we help you? How can we pray for you? Please remember to check on your neighbors, check on your family, and check on those who are at risk, while practicing social distancing. If you have specific needs or prayers, please email Brooke Warren at bwarren@stmatthew.net and she will make sure to add you to the prayer list or find a way to get your needs met. We know there are a lot of people struggling financially right now and we want to help, but to do that we need the support of our parishioners who are still able to donate. If you usually give via offertory envelopes, please consider using online giving during our time away from the church. Visit www.stmatthew.net/giving for more information. You can also call the parish and leave a message; someone will call you back with more information. Thank you!

CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

RECAP OF DECEMBER 2021 – The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **6,126** meals to **176** households within the Gahanna community during the month of December. Thank you for your continued support to those families who are experiencing difficult times.

2020	FOOD REQUESTS	INDIVIDUALS SERVED	EST. MEALS PROVIDED*
EOY 2019	1,549	4,244	63,660
1st Quarter	441	1,203	18,045
2nd Quarter	87	203	3,045
3rd Quarter	496	1,267	19,005
October	217	544	8,160
November	205	483	7,245
December	176	408	6,120
Year to Date	1,622	4,108	61,620

*3 meals/day x 5 days

Our normal hours of operation are from **10:00 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday** and **now 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday**. We are located within 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. You can sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945aeaa2aa5f94-charitable>.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Congratulations to Scott Zoog, Knight of the Month for January.

BOOK CLUB – The St. Matthew Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room (*masks & social distancing are required*). We will be discussing the book *The Fisherman's Tomb* by John O'Neill. All are welcome!

24TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE will be held virtually on **Saturday, February 27 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** This year we have gathered another exciting group of speakers: Devin Schadt, Fr. Donald Calloway, Bishop Robert Brennan and Chris Stefanick. This is an event you don't want to miss! For more information on the conference or the Catholic Men's Ministry of the Columbus Diocese, please visit <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/> or the St. Matthew website for more details and how to register at <https://www.stmatthew.net/mens-conference-details>.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH the following child, who was baptized on Sunday, January 3: Elodie Madeline Spicer.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED – Alice McCoy, mother of Julie Greenfield, grandmother of William A. McCoy III and great-grandmother of William A. McCoy IV.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BE A PART OF THE SFD CLASS OF 2025! Apply today to become a member of the Class of 2025 at St. Francis DeSales High School! Please visit www.sfdstallions.org/admissions-process to submit your application; application deadline is **January 15, 2021**. Contact the school's Enrollment Office at 614-265-3380 with questions.

RESPECT LIFE MASS – The Respect Life Mass will be on **Friday, January 22, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Brennan will be the main celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, our Diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Columbus YouTube Channel. For more information, contact Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

ROE REMEMBRANCE AT THE OHIO STATEHOUSE – Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor this annual event on **Friday, January 22, 2021 from noon-1:00 p.m.**, following the 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral. Note: The location of the Statehouse event is yet to be determined. Space limitations may exist, but the event will be livestreamed. For updates, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe.

BEWARE OF PHONY EMAILS AND TEXTS STILL CIRCULATING

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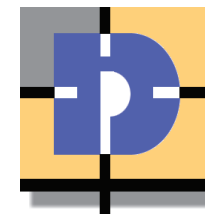
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