



EASTER 2021 • LET US SING TO THE LORD; HE HAS COVERED HIMSELF IN GLORY. EX 15

**ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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## MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES

**MONDAY, APRIL 5** – Acts 2:14, 22–33; Mt 28:8–15

6:30 a.m. Jon Migliozi/Family

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6** – Acts 2:36–41; Jn 20:11–18

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Dawn Shining

8:30 a.m. Pauline Raulston/Warren Family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7** – Acts 3:1–10; Lk 24:13–35

6:30 a.m. Claudia Garcia/Carmen Garcia

8:30 a.m. James F. Mullen/Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8** – Acts 3:11–26; Lk 24:35–48

6:30 a.m. Josephine Alexander/Larry & Mario D'Eramo

8:30 a.m. Anthony Fanone/Frank & Judeen Hartge

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9** – Acts 4:1–12; Jn 21:1–14

6:30 a.m. Patricia Meves/Donald Meves

8:30 a.m. Cecelia Klepper/Frank & Judeen Hartge

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10** – Acts 4:13–21; Mk 16:9–15

8:30 a.m. Martin Cangialosi/Jenkins Family

5:00 p.m. Tony Fanone/Carole & Terry Marsh

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11** – Acts 4:32–35; 1 Jn 5:1–6; Jn 20:19–31

8:00 a.m. Joan K. Bruce/Marlene & Vic Elekes

10:00 a.m. Donati Kisenga/Mr. & Mrs. Nguyen

12:00 p.m. Gina Branch/Martha Upp

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

## STEWARDSHIP

2020-2021 Through	March 28, 2021	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,115.00	\$1,642,485.00
Contributions	\$29,230.09	\$1,556,903.26
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$12,884.91)	(\$ 85,581.74)

Note: Saint Matthew's fiscal year is July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Contributions include offertory and mortgage payment donations.

## DISCIPLESHIP

**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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## WAYS TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY DONATION

- 1) Online: Go to [www.stmatthew.net/giving](http://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, APRIL 10 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 11 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 11 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 11 12:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 11 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> )				
	Paul Koors	Mary Anne Frazee	Michael Morante	Tim Bray	Andy Prociuk
IN HOME	Mila McNamee (2), Nancy Nelson (4), Rita Klein (6)				
LECTORS	Patti Herrick	Mary Anne Frazee	Elena McSweeney Bryan Ghiloni	Tim Bray	Andy Prociuk
SACRISTANS	Deacon Joe	Deacon Joe	Deacon Joe	Deacon Chris	Deacon Chris
SERVERS	MC – Liam Donovan Natalie Dinovo Clare Donovan Jeffrey Iruthaya Jameson Yates	MC – Luke Eschmeyer MC – John Booker Donovan McGovern	MC – Brendan Lackey MC – Joey Schmitt Audrey Lackey Ben Lackey Benny Riesbeck Allison Schmitt	Gabby Dages Josie Dages Ava Navarro	MC – Conner Norman MC – Porter Lacey Mackenzie Norman Devin Canter

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

**EASTER BREAK** – PSR families will have an Easter break from their Damascus Alive content this weekend, **Sunday, April 4!** Enjoy your Easter weekend!

**FIRST COMMUNION** – Please pray for our First Holy Communicants this year! They will receive the Eucharist for the first time on **Saturday, April 17, Saturday, April 24, and Saturday, May 1.** Due to another COVID year, this Mass is a closed Mass just for First Communicants and their immediate families/members they are bringing, but please continue to lift them up in prayer. These Mass times will be livestreamed, so you can join us this way! If you have any questions regarding First Communion, please reach out to Ashley Allwein at [aallwein@stmatthew.net](mailto:aallwein@stmatthew.net).

**PSR REGISTRATION** – Be on the lookout for PSR registration for the 2021-2022 year! We hope to have this open and available by late April/early May. You can find this information (once it is available) on the St. Matthew website. If you have any interest in volunteering with the PSR program next year, please let Ashley Allwein know.

## YOUTH NEWS

**SPRING RETREAT** - St. Matthew Youth Ministry is teaming up with St. Catharine youth ministry for a high school spring retreat (Life Retreat) on **April 16 and 17!** For more information and to register, please go to [stcatharine.com/life](http://stcatharine.com/life).

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** continues to meet in the PAC gym from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** every Sunday. Join us!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** will meet two more times this year on **April 23** and **May 21** from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the PAC gym. See you there!

## IN OUR PARISH

Dear St. Matthew Family,

Happy Easter! How wonderful it is to be able to spend Easter in person with you this year, in contrast to last year when public Masses were suspended: "Alleluia! Let us rejoice and be glad!"

Our Gospel this Easter Sunday begins with those closest to Jesus discovering the empty tomb and gradually moving from panicked confusion to clear understanding of what had happened. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes, Easter for these first witnesses of Jesus' Resurrection marked the beginning of a "new era." Their lives would never be the same. Their understanding of God would never be the same.

We, too, are beginning a new era as a parish community. I don't know how long the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass will continue, but as vaccines become more widely available to those who choose to receive them and as many of us start to resume some activities that we have avoided for the past year, the dispensation gives us the privilege of **choosing** to do what once was habit.

Imagine with me the vibrancy of a parish family who, by choosing to return to Mass even before the dispensation is lifted, renews their commitment to the Eucharist and to serving each other. Our world tells us that faith is a fantasy. Imagine the witness we can bring to this world by choosing to commit part of our Sunday to attending Mass. Even those who are not yet able to return to public life can choose to keep Sunday holy by praying with a live stream Mass or other means and can be witnesses to their friends and family by expressing their desire for the Eucharist and to be united with us in worship of our Savior.

Jesus' Resurrection on the first Easter Sunday began a new era; this Easter Sunday, we are again called to renew our commitment to the Risen Jesus and to embark on a new era for our parish. Please join us in whatever way you can.

May God bless our parish family now and always,  
Fr. Ted

### LENTEN MISSION SERIES: REAL PRESENCE, ABUNDANT MERCY

The final session of our parish mission, Real Presence, Abundant Mercy, will be on **April 11** (Divine Mercy Sunday) from **3:00-4:00 p.m.** in the Church. At the final session, we will have Eucharistic Adoration and a live talk by Aaron Richards. Aaron is one of the founders of Damascus Catholic Mission Campus, and he will be giving a message about Jesus' divine mercy. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this final session of our mission. We hope to see you there! Signing up is not required, but appreciated! Everyone who signs up will receive the Zoom link, even if you plan to come in person. You can sign up at <https://www.stmatthew.net/Lent>.

**RCIA** – If you are visiting St. Matthew for Easter and would like information about our faith, about becoming a Catholic, or if you are a baptized Catholic who did not receive the Sacrament of Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please contact Jennifer Cabe at 614-532-0626 or [jcabe@stmatthew.net](mailto:jcabe@stmatthew.net). For more information, see the Becoming Catholic tab on our website, <https://www.stmatthew.net/>. **Our next session of RCIA begins Tuesday, May 4.**

**CONVINCED** – Do you have friends or family members who have expressed curiosity about the Catholic Church? *Convinced* is a movie documentary that follows the stories of several men and women on their journey from skepticism to belief in the Catholic Church. *Convinced* will be shown at St. Matthew on **Sunday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room; a short discussion time will follow the movie. Gain insights for yourself or invite others to attend and hear the testimonies of those who gave up careers, friends, and family to become Catholic.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

♥ Let us pray for those preparing for marriage ♥  
 III Ellen McNamara & Mason McClagherty

**PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY – Thank you for your generous support of the Parish Lenten Activity!** All the contributions donated during the weeks of Lent will help those in need. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

**SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL EASTER MASSES –** It has been the custom for many years at St. Matthew to take up a second collection at Easter and this year we will be collecting for the church mortgage. Through your support and continuing commitment during this past year, we have been able to reduce the mortgage by over \$600,000. The Mortgage Fund balance at the end of this month will be just under \$642,000. Since we can't physically take up any collections, please consider going online to make that extra offering, or drop it in the offering box or Parish Office or mail it to the Office. Thank you for your generosity!

**MONTHLY DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP ON APRIL 10 –** Are you a caregiver for a dementia patient or have you lost a loved one to dementia? An Alzheimer's/dementia support group is offered the first Saturday of every month at **10:00 a.m.** in the St. Gabriel Room (date changed to Saturday, April 10 due to Holy Week - masks & social distancing are required). No registration is required. Contact Gene Poirier at 614-855-2199 or genepoirier779@gmail.com if you have any questions.

**JULIA GREELEY COMMITTEE BOOK READ & DISCUSSION**  
 Have you ever wondered how racism started in the U.S.? Are you interested in learning more? Do you want to talk with other Catholics about the racism construct? The Julia Greeley Committee is sponsoring a group read for any person at St. Matthew (or beyond, suggest it to a friend). We will be reading the book *Stamped* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram Kendi. This book discusses how racism evolved in the United States and is described as "stunningly accessible" as it was written for ages 12 and up! We will be discussing the introduction and first section of *Stamped* on **Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.** To receive more information and the meeting link, go to <https://stmatthew.net/racial-justice> and complete the Book Discussion Registration. We are looking forward to sharing this book with you. Please contact Julie Ratliff at [jratliff@stmatthew.net](mailto:jratliff@stmatthew.net) with any questions.

**SUMMER ADVENTURE – CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP –** Calling All Superheroes! The Family Life Office is excited to invite all parishioners to participate in "Powered by Grace: A Superhero Summer Adventure." For three weeks (**June 6-26**), we will provide fun faith-filled activities, crafts, games, challenges, and more that can be easily implemented into your family schedule. A new addition this year – we are able to have some IN-PERSON gatherings! Stay tuned for more information about registration.

**CALL TO PRAYER FOR OUR NATION –** There will be no Holy Hour for our Nation today, **Sunday, April 4**, due to Easter. Please join us in May on Sunday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m.

**LOST AND FOUND –** Many articles of clothing including hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs, as well as eyeglasses and umbrellas have been left in the pews over these winter months. Please stop by the counter at the Usher's Station to check the "lost & found" for your missing items.

**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](mailto:jimgernetzke@noslumine.com).

**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 ongoing initiatives providing a safe, healthy, and prayerful environment.

We hope you had a wonderful Holy Week and an enjoyable Easter. The short work week provided us all time to reflect and relax. The Facilities Team was no different as they reflected on their summer break project lists.

Although last week was short, Holy Week was packed with activities requiring support and coordination to ensure the church was clean for a constant flow of visitors. Reconciliation Monday was taken advantage of by many. Tuesday, our eighth-grade students performed the Living Stations of the Cross for the first time ever in the Sanctuary. Our school students had an opportunity to experience one of the three daytime performances with a fourth evening performance for parents and parishioners. A performance is posted on YouTube with our streamed Masses – they did great!

Wednesday and Thursday provided time to prepare the church for the Paschal Triduum starting Holy Thursday night through the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. The overflow seating that was provided in the school PAC gym for Easter Masses had to be reset for school Monday morning. The Facilities Team stepped up and did whatever was necessary to ensure a clean environment.

A quick update on our HVAC system control replacement and upgrade. A contractor was awarded the project which will be completed in the coming weeks, just in time for warmer weather and the need to switch from heat to air conditioning.

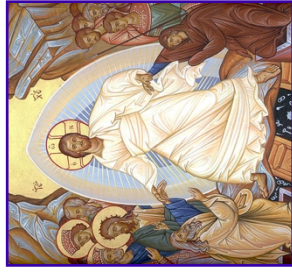
We appreciate this opportunity to provide updates on campus activities. Please don't hesitate to text or email suggestions on how we can better serve you. Contact George Harvey at [gharvey@stmatthew.net](mailto:gharvey@stmatthew.net) or text 330-904-1083. Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.

**BOOK CLUB –** The Saint Matthew book club will meet on **Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room (masks & social distancing are required). We will be discussing the book *I Heard God Laugh* by Matthew Kelly. All are welcome!

**CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Charitable Works is in need of volunteers on Thursday evenings, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, and the first Saturday of each month. Families are welcome to volunteer on Thursdays or Saturdays. Beginning **Tuesday, April 13**, they are looking for 4 volunteers from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** to assemble food boxes for delivery to a retirement community. The delivery will be done on Wednesday mornings by the CWM team. If you are interested, please see the sign up genius link at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945AEAA2AA5F94-charitable>.

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP YOUR RECORDS CURRENT!** In an effort to ensure that our Parish database stays current, we are requesting that you update the Parish Roster form when you have a life event change such as change of address, marital status, birth of a child, etc. The form can be accessed via <http://www.stmatthew.net/parish-roster-update> or under *Quick Links* on Saint Matthew's main page. If you have questions, please call the Parish Office at 614-471-0212. We appreciate your time, cooperation and commitment to the parish.





# Easter Flower Donations in Memory of:

Pauline Wingard / Richard Appleton  
 Daniel Arnold, Deceased members of the Albert Arnold and William Rauch families / Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnold  
 Daniel Arnold / Kevin and Kathy Arnold  
 Keith Broseman, Robert Decker, Dorothy Decker / Mrs. Marlene Broseman  
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 Roberta Josselyn, Rick Danielson, Deceased members of the Selby, Durbin and Koebel families / Mrs. Diane Danielson  
 Clare Plessner, Patricia and Bob Earley, Janet Earley / Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Earley  
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 Deceased members of The Elekes, Rocker, Nash, Boley and Nisky Families / Mr. and Mrs. Neil Elekes  
 Anna Fedorchak, Stephen Fedorchak / Susan Fedorchak  
 Deceased members of the Felix and Wingard families / Mr. and Mrs. Paul Felix  
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 Carinda Polilli, Carmella Civiello, Lorenzo and Francesca Gastaldo / Roberta and Gus Gastaldo  
 Carl and Cecelia Klepper, Bill and Betty Greger / Paul and Maribeth Greger

Lorraine and Clifford Fodness, William Fodness, Ann and Harry Harmon, Cooper Davis, Pam Kushmeider / Gary and Cheryl Harmon  
 Deceased members of the Gulshan, Taylor and Hastings families / Patricia and Fletcher Hastings  
 James O. Hess / Joan Hess  
 Deceased members of the Gordon and Hinkel families / Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hinkel  
 Beloved family and friends / The Jenkins family  
 Walter and Marcia Chadwick, Jim Chadwick, Kevin McCollum, Tom and Vi Jones / Mr. and Mrs. Greg Jones  
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 Ray and Margaret Hart / Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keechle  
 Ron Kistner, Ed Kistner / Mary Kistner  
 Mary E. Kufins, Robert Schnellbacher / Joseph Kufins  
 Larry Lager, Deceased members of the Lager, Hardwick and Brady families, Ruth Binkley, Connie Danison / Mary Lager and family  
 Joseph M. Endres / Sara and Marc Larymann  
 Joseph Lawhead, deceased members of the Lawhead, Spear and Haury families / Sue Lawhead  
 Tanis Morales, Dora Morales, Joe Lejman, Esther Lejman / Mr. and Mrs. James Lejman  
 Deceased family / Ms. Dolores Lukacsko  
 Jim Martin / Kathryn Martin  
 Theresa Thomas, Elizabeth McGill / Timothy McGill  
 Deceased members of the McKeag and Duddy families / Mr. Rory S. McKeag  
 Barbara McMullin, Albert Hudack / Timothy and Susan McMullin  
 Deceased members of the Ga-Jalandoni-Garcia family, Edgell-McNamee family, Auffick and Serraglio families, Brandon Ogg, Hope Spencer, and Wilma Kraner / Charles and Mila McNamee

*Jon Miglioizzi, Eileen Miglioizzi, John and Josephine Alexander / Nan Miglioizzi Robert and Helen Palmer, Joseph Palmer, Julia and Joseph Podsedly, The Miller, Palmer and Lieblein families / Edward Miller Harry Winters, Robert Dreiss, Mom and Dad Johnston / Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moniz*

*George and Margaret Jess, Richard and Ellen Nadalin / Dr. and Mrs. Richard Nadalin*

*Ralph Napolitano / Mrs. Emily Napolitano*

*Laura Marrie / Drs. Paula Marrie and John Worman*

*Deceased members of the Deiss and Mazza families / Mrs. Julius Mazza*

*Augustine Olabode / Mr. Josy Olabode*

*Mary Mullins, Helen Panzo / Trina and Richard Panzo*

*Brice Recker / Mrs. Linda Recker*

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*Keith J. Russell, Mark J. Russell / Mrs. Linda Russell*

*Eileen V. Ryan, William and Bridget Ryan, Ellen and Peter Clarke, Matthew Ryan, Deceased members of the Clarke and Ryan families, Raymond McNamara / Eileen Ryan*

*Joseph P. Ryan / Mary Ryan*

*Eleanor and Walter Saarie, Anne and Eddie Rossier, Luella Saarie / Mr. and Mrs. Thom Saarie*

*Deceased members of the Severs and Schlagheck families / Joan and Richard Schlagheck*

*Ronald Schull, Elizabeth Pitcher, Quentin Pitcher / Mrs. Caryl Schull*

*Thomas Selby, Tim Selby, Susan and Cassie Yarbough / Mrs. Betty Selby*

*Charles G. Wimberly and Suzanne Wimberly / Gary and Becky Sergio*

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*Ralph, Leora and Ron Huck, Christopher Tesi / Mrs. Sharon Tesi*

*Joanne and Louis Ricci, Paul and Jackie Thompson / Laura and Douglas Thompson*

*Tom and Arlene McQuade / Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Thompson*

*Daniel Bruce Jr., Rosina Bruce, Joseph Bruce, Andrew Bruce / Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trufant*

*Philip Valles / Victoria and Richard Valles*

*Roy Adkins / Brooke Warren*

*Deceased members of the Wengert family / Vicki Wengert*

*Mickey Anne Wood / Joe and Connie Wood*

*Father Michael Tabit / Rosemary Whitt*

*Deceased members of the Silva family / Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Xavier Michael and Frances DiCarlo / Thomas Zaino*

*John H. Zerwick, Lawrence J. Schwob, Erma M. Schwob, John C. Zerwick,*

*Violet E. Zerwick / Mr. and Mrs. John Zerwick*

# Flower Donations in Honor of:

*Members of the Elekes, Rocker, Nash, Boley and Nisky Families / Mr. and Mrs. Neil Elekes*

*Our beautiful mother, Delores Rochefort, with thanksgiving, and thanksgiving for all the Blessings we have received / The Jenkins family*

*The Wells family / Teresa and Keith Lohr*

*The McNamee-Ogg, Garcia-Boyer and Puangco-Yu families / Charles and Mila McNamee*

*Father Sill, Father Peter and the St. Matthew Family, with thanksgiving / Edward Miller*

*Daniel Bruce, Sr. / Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trufant*

# Additional Donations Received:

*Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bernard*

*Mr. and Mrs. Habte Ellos*

*Mr. and Mrs. John Estep*

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*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neely*

*Mrs. Celenia Polonia*

*Helen and George Schweitzer*

*Mrs. Margaret Staggs*

*Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zins*





We are diving deep into the topics surrounding life and love, and how we should approach these topics in the light of Jesus Christ. Topics such as: Mental health, Abortion, Feminism, LGBTQ & Race, Rejection, Forgiveness, Homelessness, Elderly & Disabled.

Each issue we address will be paired with the solution that Jesus Christ offers us. This retreat will also include an opportunity for service, where we will go out and love the homeless people who are overlooked and ignored by talking with them and giving them gift bags.

**Register at [stcatharine.com/life](https://stcatharine.com/life)**



**WHY ST. JOSEPH?**

*Thoughts to Ponder in this Holy Year of St. Joseph*

"The holy example of Jesus Christ who, while upon earth, honored St. Joseph so highly and was obedient to him during his life should be sufficient to inflame the hearts of all with devotion to this saint." ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

From *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*, Day 4

Individuals and families are invited to consecrate themselves to St. Joseph with Fr. Calloway's book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*, available as an eBook or in paperback at <https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org>.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** – Congratulations to Tom Paulus, Knight of the Month for April.

**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](mailto: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](http://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!

**NEW TO THE PARISH? YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ONLINE** – To register as a parish member, you can stop in the office or register online at <http://www.stmatthew.net/new-parishioners> and we will contact you with more information.

**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 minute) 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](mailto:bgatch@hotmail.com).

**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.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** – Florence Hoops, mother of John Hoops; John McGinty, brother of Kathleen Stith; and Eugene Brugger.

**CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS**

**RECAP OF FEBRUARY 2021** ~ The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **6,287** meals to **180** households within the Gahanna community during the month of February. Thank you for your continued support to those families who are experiencing difficult times.

2021	FOOD REQUESTS	INDIVIDUALS SERVED	EST. MEALS PROVIDED*
EOY 2020	1,622	4,108	61,620
January	196	461	6,915
February	180	419	6,287
Year to Date	376	880	13,202

**\*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. Beginning **Tuesday, April 13**, we are looking for 4 volunteers from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** to assemble food boxes for delivery to a retirement community. The delivery will be done on Wednesday mornings by the CWM team. You can sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945aeaa2aa5f94-charitable>.

**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](mailto:bwarren@stmatthew.net).

This Week's Spotlight Ministry is:  
– **RCIA**

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