

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

Catholic Inquiry / Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):
Jennifer Cabe – 614-532-0626, jcabe@stmatthew.net

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Family Life Coordinator:
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Katie Ryzenga – 614-557-2739, kryzenga@stmatthew.net

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Maggie Smith – msmith@stmatthew.net

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Brooke Warren – bwarren@stmatthew.net

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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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES**MONDAY, AUGUST 30** – 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

6:30 a.m. Elizabeth Schroeder/McFadden Family

8:30 a.m. Georgia Whitmire/Marilyn Jenkins

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 – 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

6:30 a.m. Roger Barnaby/Beth & Rod Barnaby

8:30 a.m. Granville Turner/Kathy Martin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

6:30 a.m. Dick Stedman/Lonnie & Marilyn Jenkins

8:30 a.m. Audrey Lubert Sparks/Alice Kramer

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

6:30 a.m. Vera Fronczkowski/Jenkins Family

8:30 a.m. Anthony Mangia/Joanne Mangia

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

6:30 a.m. Rosalind Tuminello/Mark & Beth Huddy

8:30 a.m. Susa Stertz/Mom & Dad

7:00 p.m. Lori List/Terry Magyar

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

8:30 a.m. Joseph & June Magyar/Terry Magyar

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

8:00 a.m. Bernardine Fox/Vic & Marlene Elekes

10:00 a.m. James "Buzz" Cockerell/Mary Jean Cockerell

12:00 p.m. Ronald J. Cua/Joanne Mangia

5:00 p.m. Intentions of Dennise Felix Thompson/Friend

STEWARDSHIP

2021-2022 Through	August 22, 2021	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,115.00	\$336,920.00
Contributions	\$37,272.50	\$286,509.96
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$ 4,842.50)	(\$50,410.04)

Note: St. Matthew's fiscal year is July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
Contributions include offertory and parish facilities fund 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.

WORSHIP + SERVE + EVANGELIZE**UPCOMING SPECIAL ENVELOPES**

Whether you donate through Online Giving or use envelopes, we are grateful for your support for the upcoming collections: St. Matthew School Support and Parish Facilities Fund. If you use Online Giving, simply log in to your account at <https://www.osvhub.com/stmatthew> and select the fund to which you'd like to donate. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 12:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 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>)				
	Vicki Wengert Mike Barr Toni Barr	David Macynski Rita Klein Jeff Klein	Sohmer Lawrence Maria Alfaro Jen Lawrence	Brooke Warren Tim Bray Rosemary Whitt	Mary Thompson Max Maksimoski Denise Maksimoski
IN HOME	Sarah Kaminski (2); Jeff Solinger (4); Karen Lackey (5); Rita Klein (6); David Macynski (7)				
LECTORS	Emily DeArdo Joseph Thomas	Tim McMullen Mary Humphrey	Maria Alfaro Kyle Gleich	Tim Bray Kristin Williams	Ezra Escudero
SACRISTANS	Jane Linville	Kat Graham	Cathy Buzenski	Rita DeVault	Vicki Wengert
SERVERS	MC – Luke Aaron Albree Aaron Natalie Dinovo Andrea Millenbaugh Zachary Nusbaum	MC – John Booker Donovan McGovern Raegan Rickman	MC – Jack Borgan Dustin Borgan Giosué Calendo Sophie Calendo Nolan McSweeny Anissa McSweeny	Gabby Dages Josie Dages Ava Navarro Claire Navarro Sophia Warner	MC – Nick Blausey Emma Minser

IN OUR PARISH

JOIN US FOR *THE SEARCH*!

This fall, St. Matthew is starting a new program called *The Search*. The purpose of *The Search* is to bring our parish community members into deeper relationships with each other and to provide an opportunity to invite friends and family outside of the Church into our parish family. *The Search* is a video series on formed.org produced by Chris Stefanick that asks life's big questions such as "why do we exist?," "what's the meaning of life?," "who is Jesus?," and "why do we need a church?" We will gather together on Monday evenings from **September 27-November 15** from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** Each week we will enjoy a free dinner together and will watch an episode of *The Search* and have a discussion with our table groups. This program is for adults 18 years and older and is open to all individuals from any religious background. For more information and to register, go to stmatthew.net/thesearch. We hope to see you there!

COLLECTION FOR HAITI RELIEF – This weekend at all Masses, we will be taking up a second collection for Haiti relief from the earthquake and from Tropical Storm Grace. Funds collected will go to the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and Catholic Relief Services. Donations can be made via cash, check, or Online Giving. (For Online Giving, please use the offertory fund and note "Haiti Relief" in the intentions box.) Thank you for your help!

THE NURSERY is open for the **Sunday, 10:00 a.m.** Mass only.

MONTHLY DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP – 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 (**Saturday, September 4**). No registration is required. Contact Gene Poirier at 614-615-4111 or genepoirier779@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ADULT CONFIRMATION – Were you baptized into the Catholic Church as a child but did not receive the sacrament(s) of 1st Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Contact Jennifer Cabe at 614-532-0626 or jcabe@stmatthew.net for information on how to prepare for your Sacraments of Initiation through Adult Faith Formation/RCIA.

SAVE THE DATE – Saint Matthew Parish is planning a fun celebration of All Saints Day. Mark your calendar for the afternoon of **Sunday, October 31** and plan to attend! The celebration will include a costume parade, bingo and other games, and refreshments. Fun for all ages! More details coming soon.

FALL PARISH CONSULTATION SESSIONS COMING! As part of the ongoing strategic process for *Real Presence, Real Future*, the Diocese of Columbus will be hosting Consultation Sessions for each parish throughout the Fall. St. Matthew's sessions will be held on **Saturday, October 30** and **Saturday, November 6** from **9:00-11:00 a.m.** via Zoom videoconferencing. Parishioner participation in these sessions is critical to helping shape the future of the Diocese of Columbus. The feedback provided during these sessions will be used to draft new models for review by parishioners in early 2022. Every parishioner in the Diocese is encouraged to attend! **Registration is required by logging onto www.realpresencerealfuture.org.** (Even if you are not able to participate, register anyway. All registrants will receive a link to the recording via email after the session.)

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE – The Saint Matthew Parish Family Life Office is here to serve your family! We have relocated our office to the lower level of the church. Feel free to stop by and/or call us at 614-532-0620 with any questions or for family resources. Our staff members collaborate in our ministries which include Marriage Preparation, Baptism Preparation, First Steps in Faith, Family of Faith, Confirmation Preparation, Youth Ministry, RCIA, Summer Adventure, the Search, and other parish events and activities. We are eager to support you in your journey of Faith at all stages of life.

CALLING ALL K-3RD GRADE BOYS! Cub Scout Pack 317 wants you to join us on a great adventure enjoying the outdoors and all there is to learn! Bring your parents on **Thursday, September 2** from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the Hutta Gym for delicious ice cream and a chance to learn more. If you have questions or already know you want to sign up, please contact Eve Lemle or Donovan O'Neil at pack317cubscouts@gmail.com. See you there!

CUB SCOUT PACK 317 ANNUAL POPCORN SALE IS SEPTEMBER 11-12 – Want delicious popcorn? Who doesn't! Please support our St. Matthew Cub Scout Pack 317 by purchasing popcorn during our annual popcorn sale on **September 11-12** after all Masses. This helps support our scouts as they learn lifelong lessons while having fun together during monthly pack-wide activities. We have a variety of ready-to-eat popcorn in gift tins, microwaveable popcorn, trail mix, and pretzels. Cash, check, or credit accepted with prices ranging from \$10-50 and we also accept monetary donations. If you are unable to attend Mass on September 11-12, but would still like to order, please contact Mrs. Lisa Salter via email at lsalt975@yahoo.com.

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS? St. Matthew School Latchkey is looking for 2-3 volunteers to assist the Latchkey Director in loading children into their parents' cars at the end of the day. The hours would be Monday-Friday each week from 4:00-5:30 p.m. The volunteers need to have taken *Protecting God's Children* and completed all the requirements to volunteer in the school. For more information, please contact Robin Kuhns at rkuhns1@cdeeducation.org.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT JESUS AND THE CHURCH?

Do you wish you could connect with other young families in our parish?

Then **FIRST STEPS IN FAITH** is designed for you!

Registration is now open for the **First Steps in Faith** program for children ages 0-5 and their parents. The monthly **First Steps in Faith** gatherings will include hands-on activities for parents and children to explore together; circle time with stories, prayers, and songs; and time for parent discussion and formation while the children play and learn together. Sessions begin in late September and will be offered on Sunday mornings, Sunday afternoons, and Monday mornings.

Go to www.stmatthew.net/first-steps-in-faith to learn more and register.

We are also looking for youth and adult parishioners who would be willing to help with this program. Please contact Katie Ryzenga at kryzenga@stmatthew.net to volunteer.

THE SEARCH

BROUGHT TO YOU FROM
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The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion, examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Why join us?

- If your faith is already solid, *The Search* will help you to deepen it. If you're feeling unsure, it's for you, too. If you're worried about your kids or grandkids, it's a great series for you to share with them.
- *The Search* features scientists, artists, philosophers, and other people from all walks of life proclaiming how their searches for meaning in life led them to Jesus and the Gospel.
- There's nothing quite like it in the Catholic world. The Search proclaims the Gospel in words that modern ears are ready to hear and images that modern eyes can't help but see and remember.
- **Tuesdays:** 9:15-10:30 a.m. (includes discussion time)

Dates: August 10-September 21

Cost: \$6.00 for participant workbook; cash or check payable to St. Matthew the Apostle Church

Location: St. Raphael Room in the church undercroft

To register, contact: Lorraine Curtin at lorraine.curtin@icloud.com or 614-946-7585

August 31: What's Our Story?

September 7: Who is Jesus?

September 14: Am I Saved?

September 21: Why A Church?



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, our country and our world. Please join us for an

hour of prayer for our nation, our leaders, journalists and social media. It will be held in the church on **Sunday, September 5 at 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

LATCHKEY HIRING – St. Matthew School Latchkey is hiring for the 2021-2022 school year. The need is helping with 1st/2nd grade and 3rd/4th grade, Monday-Friday from 2:00-6:00 p.m. ideally but will consider 3 days a week. Candidates must have taken *Protecting God's Children* and complete a background check. For more information, please contact Robin Kuhns at rkuhns1@cducation.org.

CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED FOR WWP – Our women's bible study, *Walking with Purpose*, is in need of one more person to help with childcare on **Wednesdays** from **9:15 a.m. to noon**. It pays \$20.00 per hour and the candidate must be *Protecting God's Children* certified or attend a class prior to starting. If you are interested, please contact Leslie Stephan at leslie.stephan@gmail.com.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – We have surpassed our diocesan fair-share goal for this year's BAA! All monies now pledged and paid come back to the parish 100 percent to be split between the school kitchen loan and church lighting project. We thank you for your generosity and continued support of our efforts. Pledge envelopes and online giving options are available.

GRIEF SHARE – 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 begins on **Thursday, September 16** and runs through **Thursday, December 9** (there will be no meeting on November 25, Thanksgiving). Sessions will be held from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the St. Raphael Room. A workbook is available for use throughout the session for a one-time fee of \$30. Please contact Mary Lager at 614-395-9099 or mary0613@hotmail.com with questions and to pre-register. We look forward to helping ease the pain and sorrow accompanied with your loss.

THE THIRD HEAVEN

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISTLES OF SAINT PAUL: THE INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE STUDY

As St. Peter once wrote: "So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand..." (2 Pet 3:15-16). This statement is as applicable today as it was two millennia ago. While St. Paul's letters contain great "wisdom," they also contain many things "hard to understand." But there is a solution to this age-old problem and it begins with answering important historical questions. Who was St. Paul? To whom, from where, and why was he writing? In this course, we will learn the answers to these critical questions as we study, in their original historical context, the Letters of St. Paul and find therein, as countless generations have before us, ancient and invaluable "wisdom" for our Christian lives today.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & DETAILS:

Tuesdays, 9:15-10:45 a.m., Parish Library, 17 sessions

Video presentation followed by short discussion

Homework: assigned reading of Acts and Paul's epistles

Dates: Sept. 28 – Dec. 14 & Jan. 11 – Feb. 15 (no class Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving)

Course Instructor: Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo (Ph.D., Catholic University of America) has taught Sacred Scripture for many institutions, including Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary of the Fraternity of St. Peter, St. Patrick's Seminary of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and Christendom College. He is a frequent speaker on pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Contact Julia Hoenig for questions or to register; 614-404-6366, JulieMayHoenig@reagan.com.

INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE LECTURE SERIES

The Institute of Catholic Culture seeks to fulfill the Church's call for a new evangelization by offering orthodox educational "courses" structured upon the classical liberal arts. The mission to restore the Catholic Church to her former glory begins by educating the faithful in the Church's great inherited tradition, enabling the Christian faithful to reach out an evangelical hand to those outside the Catholic Church.

For nine consecutive months, St. Matthew Parish will offer an evening lecture covering authentic Catholic history, theology, sacred scripture, literature and politics. Each topic is independent of the others, so feel free to come and go as the topics appeal. There is no cost to attend and handouts will be provided. **All lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony Room.** *Please preregister so that a seat will be reserved for you.*

For any questions and to register, please contact Julia Hoenig at 614-404-6366 or JulieMayHoenig@reagan.com.

DATE	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	INSTRUCTOR
Wednesday, Sept. 22 (1.5 hrs)	Conquering the World	The Story of Alexander the Great	John Pepino, Ph.D.
Tuesday, Oct. 13 (1.25 hrs)	God of Gods	Julius Caesar & the Advent of Christ	Brendan McGuire, Ph.D.
Wednesday, Nov. 10 (1.25 hrs) <i>*bring Bible</i>	Preparing the Way of the Lord	The Dead Sea Scrolls & the Community of the Essenes	Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D.
Tuesday, Dec. 14 (2 hrs)	Silent	400 Years Before Christ	Michael Barber, Ph.D.
Wednesday, Jan. 12 (1.5 hrs)	Spirits of Light & Darkness	A Study of Angels & Demons	Peter Kreeft, Ph.D.
Tuesday, Feb. 9 (1.25 hrs)	Our Lady of Guadalupe	The Conquest of Darkness	Christopher Check
Wednesday, March 9 (1.5 hrs)	Fighting for Faith	The Irish War of Independence	Rafael Madan, J.D.
Wednesday, April 6 (1.25 hrs)	Hearing God's Voice	Discovering God's Plan for Us	John Cuddeback, Ph.D.
Tuesday, May 10 (1.5 hrs)	Reagan, Thatcher, & The Pope	The Fall of the Soviet Union	Rafael Madan, J.D.

ATTENTION LADIES! The Ladies of Saint Jude is a women's group open to all Catholic Women 18 and older. We are a group of women who work together in service of the Church, the community and each other. Through service comes fellowship. We are hosting an Open House on **Sunday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m.** We will be meeting in the Parish Support Center. We will have light refreshments and be able to answer any questions you may have. This is a great way to get involved in the community and get service hours as well. If you have any questions, please email ladiesofst.jude@gmail.com or contact Heather Bernard 614-365-0418.

SPICE (SPECIAL PEOPLE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION) will be hosting a special Mass of Inclusion for those with special needs on **Sunday, September 12 at 5:00 p.m.** at St. Catharine Church. This Mass, celebrated by Bishop Brennan, will include low gluten hosts, wheelchair accessibility and sign language interpretation. If you have questions or would like to be involved, please contact Lynn Sweeney at 614-288-5966. The Mass will also be livestreamed at [stcatharine.com/live](https://www.stcatharine.com/live).

WHY ST. JOSEPH?

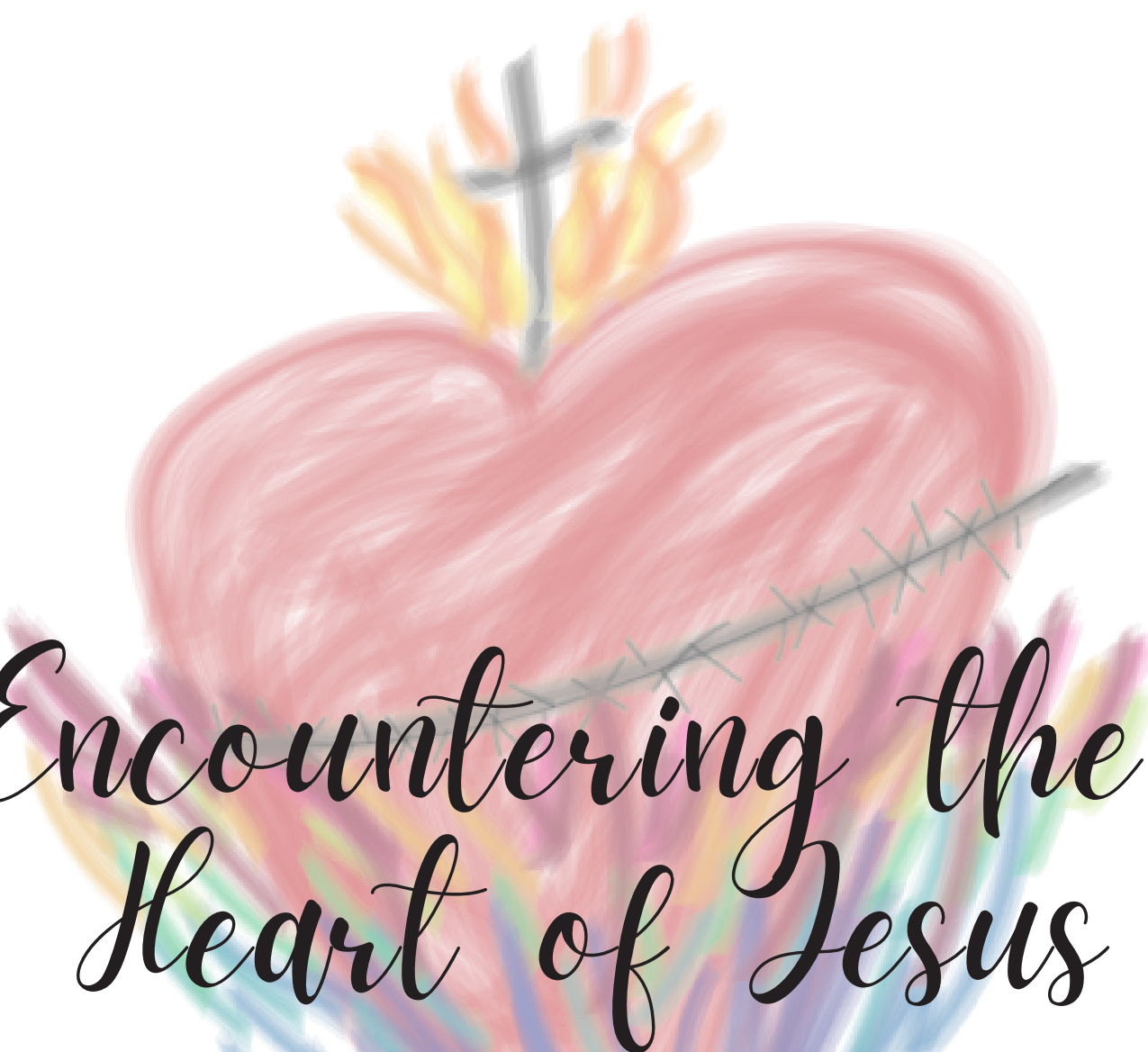
Thoughts to Ponder in this Holy Year of St. Joseph

"All children desire a father whose heart (person) is strong, protective, and gentle. Saint Joseph has such a heart. He has the heart of a father, a king, a warrior, and a chaste gentleman. His chaste heart beats with love for you."

— Fr. Donald Calloway

From *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*, Day 17

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>.



Encountering the Heart of Jesus

2021 ST. MATTHEW
WOMEN'S RETREAT

October 8 & 9

More information available at
www.stmatthew.net/2021-womens-retreat

PARISH PROJECTS

Given the generosity of our parishioners, the Facilities Team is pleased to provide regular updates on St. Matthew campus projects, improvements, and on-going initiatives to provide a safe, healthy, and prayerful environment.

Last week school opened with a staggered start resulting in smaller classes, the opportunity for teachers and students to get to know each other while unpacking books and supplies. As of Monday, August 30, all students will be in school. Masks are required for everyone in the school building, at least through September to allow time for the students to get acquainted with classmates and to be assigned seats.

Now that school is back in session, it is recommended that all campus visitors and daily Mass attendees utilize the front Rectory parking lot from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on school days to avoid the congestion of student drop-off and pick-up. Please drive carefully.

The Facilities Team is back to a routine of daily sanitizing and detail-oriented cleaning. We appreciated your patience as we focused during summer break on getting the school prepared to open.

We will be getting back to providing updates on church and campus activities. Please do not hesitate to email suggestions on how we can better serve you to gharvey@stmatthew.net. Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.

THE GARDEN MINISTRY invites you to help care for the flower beds around church on these upcoming dates: Tuesday from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** on **8/31, 9/28**; and Saturday from **9:00 a.m.-noon** on **9/11, 9/18**. Any skill level welcomed. Contact Denise for details at stmatthewsgardenministry@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB – The next Book Club will be on **September 22 at 7:00 p.m.** (please note the change in time) in the Saint Michael Room. We will be discussing *The Shed that Fed a Million Children – The Mary's Meals Story* by Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow. All are welcome.

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING GROUP – Please join us any Saturday morning (around **7:15 a.m.**) in the Church undercroft this summer for some casual conversation before and after the video presentation – no RSVPs needed. Just come and enjoy spending some time with other St. Matthew men and then be ready to get on with your day when we end our morning at 8:25 a.m. for those who wish to attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Text/call Brian Gatch with any questions at 614-499-4836. Feel free to bring a friend, too.

ATTENTION LADIES! *Walking with Purpose* is a women's discussion, faith-sharing, and Bible study community at St. Matthew the Apostle. This program is designed to help you develop and enjoy a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ. All adult women at any stage of life are welcome to join us! We are excited to announce that in-person sessions will be again be offered on Wednesday mornings (9:30 a.m.) and Thursday evenings (7:00 p.m.), beginning the week of **September 27**. Our next registration weekend will be **September 11-12** after all Masses. For more information, please visit <https://www.stmatthew.net/wwwp>.

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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER



The following is the USCCB Respect Life reflection for the month of August:

"This month, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary, marking her entrance into heavenly glory, both body and soul. Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life from the moment of conception to its natural end. Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us to enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives."

The full reflection is at this link, <https://www.respectlife.org/monthly-prayer-guides>, as well as a link to Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing, which is an excellent summary of the Church's teaching on end of life transition for ourselves and our loved ones.

Upcoming event: 1st Saturday prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood clinic on 3255 E. Main, from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** on **September 4**.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND WITH SR. PAULINA, O.P., SR. LEONARDA, O.P. & FR. DAVID SCHALK – Join this guided journey through Poland, **June 8-21, 2022**, which is a perfect balance of faith, history and culture. Follow in the footsteps of Pope Saint John Paul II. Visit Czestochowa, the spiritual center of Poland, where you will attend Mass at the Jasna Gora Monastery and pray in front of the Black Madonna. Hear the stories about the Franciscan friar, St. Maximilian Kolbe as well as St. Faustina, an apostle of the Divine Mercy. This custom pilgrimage is facilitated by Globus Vacations and is priced from \$3,851 per person. For additional information and pricing details, please contact Lisa Janzen, Elite Travel at 614-371-7281 or travellinglisa5@gmail.com.

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 brigat2021@gmail.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.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Join the Knights every 4th Wednesday of the month for Stations of the Cross in the church starting at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Congratulations to Gus Gastaldo, Knight of the Month for August.

CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

RECAP OF JULY 2021 – The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **6,315** meals to **193** households within the Gahanna community during the month of July. 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
1st Qtr	575	1,362	20,430
2nd Qtr	571	1,304	19,560
July	193	421	6,315
Year to Date	1,339	3,087	46,305

***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>.

As we are approaching mid-year, the Sign-up Genius has been updated for volunteer opportunities for July to December. As a reminder, these opportunities are: **Tuesday** from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** to make boxes for delivery the next morning (kids welcome); **Thursday** from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** to support our pantry evening hours (kids welcome); and **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday** from **10:00 a.m.-noon**, to assist with general pantry activities.

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JOSEPH'S COAT IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to help at our facility at 240 Outerbelt St, Columbus, OH 43213. The areas of help needed are the following: Household – Saturday morning – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; sorting & filling orders; Children's Dept. – Thursday/Saturday – sorting; 2 volunteers needed; Adult Clothing – Wednesday/Saturday – sorting; 5 volunteers needed; Clothing Check Out – Wednesday/Saturday – logging items selected by clients; Shopping Assistant – Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon – helping clients choose their furniture items; Warehouse Dock – Wednesday/Saturday – 9:00 a.m. –12:00 noon – 2 volunteers needed – help unload donor drop offs & move furniture to dock door for shoppers; Furniture Pickup – Fourth Saturday of the month – 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon – 2-3 volunteers to do about 5 furniture pickups; Furniture Pickup – Flexible schedule Monday-Friday – 2-3 volunteers to drive truck/pick up furniture donations; Receptionist – Monday-Thursday flexible hours – answer phone & email; and Floaters – Days/Hours would vary. If interested, please contact Michele at volunteers@josephs-coat.org or Eileen at 614-753-3838 or email us at furniture@josephs-coat.org.

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBUS, A PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER will hold their annual luncheon on **September 18** at Mozart's, 4784 N. High Street. The event will start at **11:00 a.m.** and will include a silent auction and raffle. The raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and luncheon tickets are \$35 each. Tickets are available by calling Mary Jo Mayhan at 614-668-6421. The featured speaker will be a mother of quadruplets who received support from Birthright. Thank you for your continued support of Birthright of Columbus.

VOLUNTEER WITH MOMMIES MATTER – Mommies Matter is a charitable organization that provides group and one-on-one mentoring support, as well as housing, educational, employment and financial assistance to brave, single, pregnant moms. Mommies Matter is built on the principle that life is better when we do it together. Join us **Wednesday, September 8** at **2:00 p.m.** for our Volunteer Orientation to learn more about our mission and how you can join us in doing life with single moms. For more information email Gina at ginam@mommiesmatter.org or visit mommiesmatter.org.

HOMEcoming 2021 AT ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL St. Francis DeSales High School invites all alumni to attend our Homecoming festivities on **Friday, September 10**. The annual Traditions Mass and Breakfast will begin at 7:00 a.m. Later that evening, an alumni reception will be held in the Sisters of St. Francis Student Service Center from 5:00-6:00 p.m. **Alumni who attend the reception will receive a complimentary game ticket.* We also invite alumni and their families to stop by the reserved tent in the north end zone for refreshments and kids' activities starting at 6:00 p.m. Game kicks off 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to the alumni reception by visiting the school website at www.sfdstallions.org.

TUTORS NEEDED – Did you know that Saint Vincent Pallottiano is the patron saint of tutors and those whom they teach? You can be a saint in our community by becoming a tutor at the Dominican Learning Center (DLC), a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The DLC is seeking tutors for English as a Second Language (ESL) and GED prep programs. As a tutor, you will be assigned a learner and meet at least once a week for a two-hour sessions. You can work with your learner online, at a library near you, or at the DLC on Stewart Avenue. The DLC will supply all the training and materials. For more information, call Denise Hilliard, Director of the Dominican Learning Center, at 614-444-7330, ext. 8, or email her at Denise.Hilliard@oppeace.org.

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