

## BAPTISMS

All Baptism inquiries must begin by filling out a Baptism form on our website at [www.stmatthew.net/baptism](http://www.stmatthew.net/baptism). For more information, please contact Katie Ryzenga at 614-532-0620 or [kryzenga@stmatthew.net](mailto: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](http://www.stmatthew.net/marriage).

## ANOIDTING & 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  
Director of Athletics: Eileen Buzenski – 614-478-8533  
Director of Music: Dawn Shining – 614-532-0627  
Facilities Superintendent: George Harvey  
Office & Ministry Coordinator: Michelle Dougherty  
Safe Environment: Michelle Lantz

## FAMILY LIFE OFFICE – 614-532-0620

Catholic Inquiry/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):  
Jennifer Cabe – 614-532-0626, [jcabe@stmatthew.net](mailto:jcabe@stmatthew.net)  
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Jacob Wilson – [jwilson@stmatthew.net](mailto:jwilson@stmatthew.net)  
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Brooke Warren – [bwarren@stmatthew.net](mailto:bwarren@stmatthew.net)

## PARISH SCHOOL – PRE-K-GRADE 8 – 614-471-4930

[www.cdmatthew.org](http://www.cdmatthew.org)  
Principal: John Rathburn, [jrathburn1@cducation.org](mailto: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](http://www.stmatthew.net/online-parishioner-registration).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Announcements must be submitted to Hillarie Michaels by email to [hmichaels@stmatthew.net](mailto: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 and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20** – *Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18*

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Rachel Holtz/Terry Magyar

8:30 a.m. Ann Savko/Joanne Mangia

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** – *Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13*

6:30 a.m. Josephine Alexander/Chris Conie

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Christopher Fuchs/Fati Fuchs

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22** – *Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6*

6:30 a.m. Joseph Ky/Hue Vu

8:30 a.m. Intentions of David Isaac/Family

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23** – *Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9*

6:30 a.m. Dwight Allen/Marilyn &amp; Lonnie Jenkins

8:30 a.m. Hudson Isaac/Family

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** – *Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22*

6:30 a.m. Dick Stedman/Mary Thompson

8:30 a.m. Marion Lamone/Family

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** – *Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45*

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

5:00 p.m. Philip Cullen/Emma O'Daniel

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26** – *Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6;**Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

8:00 a.m. Stephen L. Underwood/Vic &amp; Marlene Elekes

10:00 a.m. Patricia Ryan/Her Three Children

12:00 p.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

5:00 p.m. Ramon Medina/Niece, Jennifer Lazo

## STEWARDSHIP

2021-2022 Through	September 12, 2021	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,115.00	\$463,265.00
Contributions	\$57,651.14	\$399,696.44
Surplus (Shortage)	\$15,536.14	(\$63,568.56)

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 25 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 12:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 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 Patti Herrick Vicki Wengert	Mary Ann Frazee Gary Frazee Mary Jedlicka	Michael Morante Michelle Lantz Abbey Morante	Rosemary Whitt Brooke Warren Tim Bray	Heather Thompson Beth Huddy Debbie Sears
IN HOME	Kat Graham (2); Mary Anne Frazee (4); Mary Burkett (5); Rhea Neugebauer (6); Mila McNamee (7)				
LECTORS	Dylan Drugan Patti Herrick	Mary Anne Frazee Tim McMullen	Kyle Gleich Abbey Morante	Tim Bray Barbara Clonch	Mark Huddy
SACRISTANS	Allison Weldon	Frank Hartge	Cathy Buzenski	Rita DeVault	Vicki Wengert
SERVERS	MC – Luke Aaron Albree Aaron Samantha Bernard Natalie Dinovo	MC – Aidan Shannon MC – Ian Shannon	MC – Trevor Lackey Miles Blake Will Blake Logan Geig Ben Riesbeck Graham Sanders	MC – Thomas Williams MC – Teddy Williams Joseph Williams	MC – Conner Norman Evelyn Cahill Tommy Cahill Mackenzie Norman

## IN OUR PARISH

### LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

By Fr. Ted Sill

*Matthew 5:16 - Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.*

What does it mean to let our lights shine? How does the observation of others' good deeds glorify God?

As the feast day of our parish patron, St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist (September 21), approaches, I've been reflecting on Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew, particularly in terms of how they relate to our parish mission to worship, serve, and evangelize.

Part of letting our lights shine is simply using the gifts we have been given by God to help others understand that the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed our lives. Therefore, this weekend and next, our parish will be focusing on stewardship, which is simply the responsible use of all that we have to honor God out of gratitude for the gift of eternal life we have in Jesus Christ.

Certainly one part of stewardship is financial, and this weekend I will be giving you an update of our parish's financial state and asking you to continue or consider increasing your financial support of the parish.

But stewardship is not only about money. Traditionally, our parish has always focused on three elements of stewardship, time, talent, and treasure, and participation in all three of these parts combined is what makes the mission of our parish possible. We need you.

When we come together as a community to support the parish through time, talent, and treasure, we strengthen our support of each other's faith lives, and we grow in discipleship as a parish family.

I ask that each member of our parish recommit to strengthening our faith community's constant efforts to grow in discipleship. Next Sunday, September 26, we will be hosting a Ministry Fair so that everyone can learn more about the opportunities to worship, serve, and evangelize here at our parish. I hope you will come and take on the challenge to let your light shine!

### ♥ BANNS OF MARRIAGE ♥

*Let us pray for those preparing for marriage:*

II Jordyn Perry & Alex Linzell

I Olivia Stranges & Jerry Silvera

**DONUT SOCIAL!** The Donut Social is today, **Sunday, September 19** in the Saint Anthony Room immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Come gather for donuts, coffee, tea or juice. Enjoy the company of old friends and welcome others into the Saint Matthew Community. The donut social is a way for our parishioners to come together and build a community in Christ; to share some laughs and make new friends. Bring the kids, grandparents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!



### 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](http://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](mailto:kryzenga@stmatthew.net) to volunteer.



One of our intercessions in praying for our society to be built on a culture of Life, is to pray "that all who suffer from participating in abortion may turn to God's loving forgiveness." One of the greatest examples of this grace is the conversion of Abby Johnson, a former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas. She was involved in nearly 22,000 abortions, including two of her own, until she witnessed a surgical abortion in 2009 that changed the course of her life.

Her story of transformation and God's mercy is presented in the movie *Unplanned*. We will be showing this movie on **Sunday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room. Please join us for this gripping conversion story of Abby Johnson who became one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America today and has led a number of workers in the abortion industry to other jobs.

One note about this movie, it is rated R strictly due to two graphic scenes portraying a chemical and surgical abortion – there is no nudity, violence, or foul language – but it is probably not appropriate for children under the age of 13.

**Upcoming Event:** Pro-Life Rosary in the main Church on **September 28 at 7:00 p.m.** Following the Rosary, there will be a Pro-Life Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m., in the Undercroft Library, to which all are invited.

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

### BIBLE STUDIES 2021-2022

Please join us this fall for an exciting lineup of all new Bible Studies and Catholic topics. Details of each can be found at <https://www.stmatthew.net/bible-study>. *Please register early* as seating is limited in some sessions. We hope to see you there!

STUDY	PRESENTER	DATES	TIME	LOCATION	COST	REGISTRATION/INFORMATION
Sunday Mass Readings Explained	Dr. Brant Pitre	Thursdays (every week; come anytime)	9:15-10:45 a.m.	Church Library in the Undercroft	FREE	Lorraine Curtin - (614) 946-7585 Lorraine.curtin@icloud.com (no need to register)
Lecture Series *	Institute of Catholic Culture	Monthly; see below*	7:00-8:30 p.m.	St. Anthony Room	FREE	Julia Hoenig - (614) 404-6366 JulieMayHoenig@reagan.com (please register so enough materials will be available)
Series on the Apostle Paul	Institute of Catholic Culture	Tuesdays, September 28-February 15 (no class: 11/23, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4)	9:15-10:45 a.m.	St. Raphael Room	FREE	Julia Hoenig - (614) 404-6366 JulieMayHoenig@reagan.com (please register, seating is limited to 24)
The Creed	Bishop Robert Barron	Wednesdays, October 6-November 10	7:00-8:30 p.m.	St. Gabriel Room	FREE	Pat Martin - (614) 886-3881, irishspeaker1@gmail.com (please register, seating is limited to 24)
Lectio: Eucharist	Dr. Brant Pitre	Tuesdays, January 11-March 15	7:00-8:30 p.m.	St. Raphael Room	\$10	Darlene Doody - (614) 557-8867, darlene.doody16@gmail.com (please register by December 27 so that workbooks can be received in time)

#### \*LECTURE SERIES TOPICS FOR 2021-2022

September 22 – Conquering the World: The Story of Alexander the Great

October 13 – God of Gods: Julius Caesar and the Advent of Christ

November 10 – Preparing the Way of the Lord: The Dead Sea scrolls and the community of the Essenes

December 14 – Silent: 400 years before Christ

January 12 – Spirits of Light and Darkness: A study of angels and demons

February 9 – Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Conquest of darkness

March 9 – Fighting for the Faith: The Irish war of independence

April 6 – Hearing God's Voice: Discovering God's plan for us

May 10 – Reagan, Thatcher, & The Pope: The fall of the Soviet Union

## WHY ST. JOSEPH?

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

"Saint Joseph teaches us that prudence is correct knowledge about things to be done or, more broadly, the knowledge of things that ought to be done and of things that should be avoided." – Servant of God John A. Hardon

From *Consecration to St. Joseph:  
The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*, Day 18

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>.

**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.

**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.



*Encountering the  
Heart of Jesus*

2021 ST. MATTHEW  
WOMEN'S RETREAT

October 8 & 9

More information available at  
[www.stmatthew.net/2021-womens-retreat](http://www.stmatthew.net/2021-womens-retreat)



# Stewardship & Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 26th  
After the 8am, 10am, &  
12pm Masses  
on the church grounds

Join us to learn more  
about the ministries in  
our church community  
and see how you can  
get involved!

Raffle Prizes & Free Gifts!



## PARISH PROJECTS

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

Last week offered a little more diversity than most, as we reacted to higher-than-normal Covid cases and bee stings at school. At church, we worked on fixing a wireless mic system and a couple Stations of the Cross statues. The Facilities Team handled these challenges in stride while keeping the church spotless, car lines in order and our buildings cool during an extended period of hot days.

The Governor reported Covid cases are increasing among children. Unfortunately, we are feeling the impact of that trend. We have taken advantage of free mask and Covid test kit programs. Last week, the drinking fountains were turned back off, we implemented the use of disinfecting foggers multiple times a day, additional attention was given to high touch areas, and we are ensuring mask and distancing policies are being followed. We should all be responsible for monitoring our health and the health of our children to reduce the spread.

We have had more bee stings reported than ever. A couple flowering trees have been cut down, hornets nests killed and flowering plants around the playground removed. Measures seem to be helping.

Our Sanctuary Stations of the Cross statues are very old and have endured major repairs during restoration. Several statues have developed stress cracks on extremities resulting in one figure losing a hand. Be patient with us as we make repairs and have paint touched up.

Please do not hesitate to email suggestions on how we can better serve you to [gharvey@stmatthew.net](mailto:gharvey@stmatthew.net). Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.

**LATCHKEY HIRING** – St. Matthew School Latchkey is hiring for the 2021-2022 school year. They are looking for 1-2 people who can assist with 1st/2nd grade and 3rd/4th grade, Monday-Friday from 2:00-6:00 p.m., 20 hours a week. Candidates must have taken *Protecting God's Children* and complete a background check. For more information, please call the School Office at 614-471-4930 or contact Robin Kuhns at [rkuhns1@cdeeducation.org](mailto:rkuhns1@cdeeducation.org).

**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.



## 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 this **Friday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

**SAINT MATTHEW CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTION** is next weekend, **September 25-26**, after all Masses. Your kindness is appreciated.

**PARISH OFFICE FALL HOURS** – The Parish Office will be open on Monday from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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

**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 today, **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](mailto:ladiesofst.jude@gmail.com) or contact Heather Bernard at 614-365-0418.

**LOST & FOUND** – If you're missing something (a book? a hat or gloves? car keys?) it may be sitting on our counter! Next time you are at church, stop by the counter by the ushers' station (to the right of the elevator) and claim what is yours. Thank you!

**ST. MATTHEW 2021 WOMEN'S RETREAT** – Ladies, join us **October 8-9** when we encounter the heart of Jesus. Emily Jaminet will join us to discuss the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as developing spiritual friendships. The cost is \$40, which includes all meals. This year's retreat will take place at St. Matthew and there is no overnight. Registration and more information are available at <https://www.stmatthew.net/2021-womens-retreat>.

**COME HOME MINISTRY BOOK DISCUSSION** – Have your children or grandchildren left the church? Join the Come Home Ministry for a discussion of the book *Return (How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church)* by Brandon Vogt on **Thursday, September 23 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room and **Thursday, September 30 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the St. Gabriel Room. The book is available on Amazon or [wordonfire.org](http://wordonfire.org).

**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](http://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.)

**ST. MATTHEW FALL 2021 DIVORCECARE GROUP** – 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 **Sunday, October 3 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room. There is a one-time charge of \$30, which includes the workbook. For more information, contact Mike Workman at 614-517-8408 or search for us at <https://www.divorcecare.org/>.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

**KNIGHTS ARE THE RIGHT ARM OF THE CHURCH AND INVOLVED IN CHARITABLE WORKS IN OUR PARISH.  
KNIGHTS ARE A FRATERNITY UNITED WITH CHRIST. LEARN MORE AT KOFC5801.ORG.**

**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 Joe Omlor, Knight of the Month for September.

**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 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 began **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 preregister. We look forward to helping ease the pain and sorrow accompanied with your loss.

**THE GARDEN MINISTRY** invites you to help care for the flower beds around church on these upcoming dates: Monday from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** on **10/4**; Tuesday from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** on **9/28**; Thursday from **5:30-7:00 p.m.** on **10/28**; and Saturday from **9:00 a.m.-noon** on **10/9, 10/16** and **12/11**. Any skill level welcomed. Contact Denise for details at [stmatthewsgardenministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewsgardenministry@gmail.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.

**BOOK CLUB** – The next Book Club will be this **Wednesday, 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.

**ATTENTION MEN!** Do you want to develop a closer relationship with God? Do you like to snow ski or snowboard? If so, please consider joining Wilderness Outreach on its 5th annual Wilderness Outreach ski trip to Summit County, Colorado, **February 6-12, 2022**. Fr. Ryan Schmit will be our chaplain. This outing will include Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass, and as much skiing/snowboarding as your legs can handle. We will also read a book on masculine spirituality or related topic prior to arrival and discuss that book each night after dinner. A rough estimate of costs is around \$1,800.00 for condo, airfare, lift tickets, rental car, and food. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Deacon Christopher Walsh at [cwalsh5358@gmail.com](mailto:cwalsh5358@gmail.com) or 614-580-7059. Space is extremely limited, so reserve your spot today!

**SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP** – After a summer of covering a variety of topics, the Men's Group will refocus our video presentations and discussions on how to grow as Catholic men, share positive experiences of Catholic men throughout our global church, and strengthen and build new relationships within our St. Matthew community. Please consider attending any Saturday throughout the rest of the year. No RSVPs needed and each week is independent of the previous week (no homework!). The morning begins around 7:15 a.m. with a light breakfast and casual discussion followed by a short video to frame our subsequent group discussion. We conclude at 8:25 a.m. for those wishing to attend 8:30 a.m. Mass and for those who need to get on with their Saturday morning. Any questions, please call or text Brian Gatch at 614-499-4836 or email at [stmatthewgahannacmm@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewgahannacmm@gmail.com).

**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 again be offered on Wednesday mornings (9:30 a.m.) and Thursday evenings (7:00 p.m.), beginning the week of **September 27**. For more information, please visit <https://www.stmatthew.net/wwp>.

**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.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** – Bob Hammond, husband of Veronica Hammond.

## CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

**RECAP OF AUGUST 2021** – The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **6,435** meals to **181** households within the Gahanna community during the month of August. 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
<b>August</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>6,435</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>3,516</b>	<b>52,740</b>

\*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>.

**The Sign-up Genius has been updated for volunteer opportunities through 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.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**WE'RE BACK! CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB RETURNS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1** – Bishop Robert Brennan will address Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on **Friday, October 1**. Please join us at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and comments from The Most Reverend Robert Brennan, Bishop of Columbus. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Brennan's remarks. Free parking available in the Columbus State Grant Avenue parking lot (25-S) across the street from St. Patrick. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc).

**CRAFT SHOW** – The St. Joan of Arc Women's Club is hosting the 29th Annual Harvest Bouquet Craft Show on **Saturday, October 9** from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at the church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, OH. Admission is free!

**OHIO DOMINICAN TO HOST VIRTUAL MBA INFORMATION SESSIONS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23** – Are you considering pursuing your MBA? Ohio Dominican University invites you to attend a virtual information session for its Master of Business Administration program at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 23**. At ODU, students can earn their MBA completely online or on campus during the evening in as few as 16 months. Students have the option of concentrating in one of seven in-demand areas, including Data Analytics, Healthcare Administration, Risk Management, Finance, Accounting, Leadership and Sports Management. Register today at [ohiodominican.edu/MBAinfo](http://ohiodominican.edu/MBAinfo).

**JOSEPH'S COAT IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS** to help at our facility at 240 Outerbelt Street, 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 Checkout – 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](mailto:volunteers@josephs-coat.org) or Eileen at 614-753-3838 or email us at [furniture@josephs-coat.org](mailto:furniture@josephs-coat.org).

### BEWARE OF PHONY E-MAILS AND TEXTS STILL CIRCULATING

Please note that there still have been numerous phony e-mails/texts sent to unsuspecting persons (clergy, teachers, parishioners, others) from alleged priests of the Diocese requesting funds to purchase various gift cards for alleged charitable and pastoral reasons. Please be aware that there is a new scam using text messages to convey similar requests. If you receive any kind of communication, please contact the person directly to verify the authenticity of the solicitation or, at least to notify the person that a scam is underway using their identity. Thank you.

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