

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 614-532-0620 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.

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
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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

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www.cdmatthew.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

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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, OCTOBER 4** – *Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37*

6:30 a.m. Bill Greger/Greger Family

8:30 a.m. Andrew Magyar/Terry Magyar

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 – *Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42*

6:30 a.m. Keith Russell/Linda Russell

8:30 a.m. Paul Felix/McSweeney Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 – *Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4*

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Ed Miller/Linda Russell

8:30 a.m. Pat Ricci/Laura Thompson

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 – *Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13*

6:30 a.m. Dick Stedman/Mary & Terry Otting

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 – *Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26*

6:30 a.m. Patricia Miller/Dan & Chris Teegarden

8:30 a.m. Molly Ulrich/Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 – *Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28*

8:30 a.m. Paul Sonderman/Dawn Shining

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 – *Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13;**Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27*

8:00 a.m. Brian A. Truitt/Marlene Elekes

10:00 a.m. Intentions of Racial Healing/Julia Greeley Committee

12:00 p.m. Larry Noskowiak/Marie Bell

5:00 p.m. Special Intention/RW

STEWARDSHIP

2021-2022 Through	September 26, 2021	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,115.00	\$547,495.00
Contributions	\$46,814.00	\$474,914.94
Surplus (Shortage)	\$4,699.00	(\$72,580.06)

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

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

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

WORSHIP + SERVE + EVANGELIZE**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, OCTOBER 9 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 12:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 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>)				
	Ann Federer Erin McConnell Jennifer McConnell	Kathy Arnold Susan Mulligan David Macynski	Mindy Farry Joe Farry Maria Alfaro	Tim Bray Tom Mignery Kristin Williams	Denise Maksimoski Andy Prociuk Max Maksimoski
IN HOME	Lorraine Curtin (2); Debbie Sears (4); Karen Lackey (5); Steve Testa (6); Tom & Teresa Ozarzak (7)				
LECTORS	Joseph Thomas Janell Pisegna	Tim McMullen Mary Anne Frazee	Shawn Miller Maria Alfara	Tim Bray Kristin Williams	Max Maksimoski
SACRISTANS	Vicki Wengert	Kat Graham	Eileen Masoni	Rita DeVault	Vicki Wengert
SERVERS	MC – Thomas Dougherty Natalie Dinovo Cecilia Dougherty Sadie Klein Landon Miller	MC – John Booker Donovan McGovern Raegan Rickman	MC – Jack Burgan Dustin Burgan Giosué Calendo Sophie Calendo Nolan McSweeney Anissa McSweeney	MC – Thomas Williams Joel Thompson Sophia Warner Joseph Williams	MC – Conner Norman Mackenzie Norman

OPPORTUNITIES IN MUSIC MINISTRY

YOUTH CHOIR – The St. Matthew Parish Youth Choir is open to all parish youth, including St. Matthew School and Family of Faith (formerly PSR), 2nd grade and older. The choir sings at scheduled weekend Masses from November through April, as well as special Masses or liturgies like Christmas Eve and Good Friday. Rehearsals are every **Tuesday** from **6:00 – 6:45 p.m.** in the Choir Loft. The first rehearsal is **Tuesday, October 26**. Questions? Please contact Dawn at 614-471-0212, ext. 1117 or dshininger@stmatthew.net.

IN OUR PARISH

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Pro-Life Committee

Each year, the Church in the United States celebrates October as *Respect Life Month*, and today (October 3), we celebrate *Respect Life Sunday*. We are also celebrating the Year of St. Joseph, and the USCCB has asked us to focus on the witness of St. Joseph as a defender of life. He didn't hesitate to follow God's will of faithfully caring for and protecting Jesus and the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph's example reminds us that we are also to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Life is a precious gift from God, and this is the foundation for all Catholic teaching on moral issues such as contraception, abortion, prejudice, treatment of the sick and disabled, and euthanasia. Each person who receives the gift of Life has responsibilities toward God, self, and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect human life at every stage of its existence. As St. John Paul II stated in *Evangelium Vitae* (the Gospel of Life), the right thing to do in all these moral situations is to exercise "moral common sense," based on the dignity of human life. It is not difficult to understand that conception should be within marriage, abortion and euthanasia are murder, and we should care for, not "discard," the disabled and elderly.

The question is: How can I make a difference? Many of the evils of the culture of death have become pervasive and institutionalized in our society. But we can start with ourselves and our families. As St. Therese of Lisieux taught in her *Little Way*, every act of kindness and service done out of love for God and our neighbor, makes a difference. No matter how small and unnoticed it is.

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, God will give us the courage and grace to work through our fears, frailties, and weaknesses to establish the culture of Life. We should teach our children and grandchildren the value of human dignity through our acts of kindness in our everyday lives. You don't need to implement a grandiose plan for changing our culture; as St. Teresa of Calcutta says "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."

♥ BANNS OF MARRIAGE ♥

Let us pray for those preparing for marriage:

III Olivia Stranges & Jerry Silvera

I Lynn Kelly & Stephen Greaves

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.

VISITING PRIEST – Next weekend, **October 9-10**, please welcome Fr. John Gillespie who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more, call 800-875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

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.

EXULT – Join us next **Saturday, October 9** for our monthly Exult Praise and Worship Eucharistic Adoration. We will begin at **6:00 p.m.**, immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Mass will conclude with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Although Exposition and Adoration will follow Mass without interruption, parishioners are welcome to leave after Mass or to come only for Adoration. We hope to see you there!

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@cducation.org.



CALL TO PRAYER FOR OUR NATION – We can help our nation and the whole world turn back to God through prayer. It can change our hearts, our families, our communities, our leaders, our journalists, and social media. We are joining the nationwide prayer campaign, *Rosary Coast to Coast*, to pray simultaneously across the country next **Sunday, October 10** at **4:00 p.m.** We will pray at the Mary Garden, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit RosaryCoastToCoast.com.

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

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

ST. MATTHEW MAIN EVENT – The St. Matthew Home and School Association invites you to join us for the 25th Annual Main Event on **Saturday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m.** at Jefferson Country Club for an evening of fun and fundraising as we host a harvest ball to support the school. Each year, over \$30,000 from the H&S budget goes to tuition assistance and scholarships, fostering strength in Catholic education in our community. This year's event will feature a silent auction with some truly unique ways to support our classrooms, a Reverse Raffle (winner takes home \$1,000), a bourbon tasting event, and a special celebrity host for the evening. We will also be selling reverse raffle tickets after Masses in the lobby for \$20 a piece. For more information on ways to support the school, please visit <https://one.bidpal.net/2021mainevent/welcome>.

JULIA GREELEY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – On **Thursday, October 21** the Julia Greeley Committee will be hosting a discussion of *The Racial Divide in the United States: A reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015* by Bishop Braxton. In addition, there will be a presentation from the Julia Greeley Guild on the life of Julia Greeley and the cause for her canonization at **7:00 p.m.** in the St. Gabriel Room. We hope you will join us for a meaningful discussion and to learn more about the life of this holy woman.

BOOK CLUB – The Saint Matthew Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Saint Michael Room. We will be discussing the book *My Life is a Miracle* by Sister Bernadette Moriau. All are welcome. *(Please note: there will be no meeting in November due to Thanksgiving.)*



CARING FOR LOVED ONES AT LIFE'S END

*Surround them
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inherent value of
their lives.”*

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An old Irish proverb says, “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to “shelter” them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them.

1. Invite God In

Pope Francis has said that “praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter.”¹ The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ’s Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.

2. Listen

Try to discover your loved one’s values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you *think* you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.

3. Inform Yourself

Be aware that a person’s wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatment²—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.*

4. Be Steadfast in Compassion

As Pope Francis reminds us, “Compassion means ‘suffer with’.”³ Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are “anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.”⁴ The patient’s suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.

5. Help Them Achieve Closure

Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.

6. Provide Opportunities for Resolution

Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things*^{**} how saying “I love you,” “I’m sorry,” “I forgive you,” and “Thank you” can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as viaticum⁵ and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.

7. Reminisce

Our appetites may diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life’s end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend’s favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke. Think of other small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.

8. Provide a Peaceful Presence

There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage, praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.

9. Show Tenderness

Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one’s hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.

10. Bear Their Transition Patiently

Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the “how” and “when” of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, “I love you. It’s okay to go home now.”

Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Pope Francis tells us, “[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.”⁶

^{*}As our bishops teach, “Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome.”⁷ At the same time, intentionally hastening death—whether through drugs or deliberate neglect of basic care—offends our God-given dignity and is never morally permissible. More information: www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay

^{**}References do not indicate endorsement.

¹ Pope Francis, *Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae: Choosing the Better Part*, 8 October 2013, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).

² More information: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, 5th ed, (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009). United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide* (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011).

³ Pope Francis, *General Audience, Wednesday, April 27, 2016*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

⁴ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

⁵ Viaticum is “the Eucharist received by a dying person. It is the spiritual food for one’s ‘passing over’ to the Father from this world. With Penance and the Anointing

of the Sick, the reception of Holy Communion as Viaticum constitute the ‘last sacraments’ of the Christian.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Glossary.) See also *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1331, 1392, 1517, 1524-25.

⁶ Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015), no. 14.

⁷ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

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Farewell Reception for Fr. Peter

Join us for light refreshments

October 16 and 17

after the Saturday 5 pm and

Sunday 8 am, 10 am, and noon Masses



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.



Celebrate Respect Life Month with us!
Free Community Showing
1:30pm: Sunday, October 10
St. Anthony Room – church undercroft

Contact Jeff Solinger at jksolinger@aol.com for more information

NOTE: this film has been rated-R due to the depiction of a simulated abortion. Please visit the website for more information. Those under the age of 18 may attend only with a parent or guardian.

<https://www.unplannedfilm.com/>



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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.

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>.

SAVE THE DATE – Saint Matthew Parish is planning a fun celebration for All Saints Day. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 31 at 1:15 p.m.** and plan to attend! The celebration will include prayer & saint procession in church, snacks and games in the St. Anthony Room and Trunk or Treat in the PAC parking lot! Please visit <https://www.stmatthew.net/all-saints-day-event> for more information and to register. We hope to see you there!

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.

Campus yellow jacket update. With the health and safety of our students being our number one priority, we consulted with local beekeepers and Orkin to alleviate the strings of these aggressive bees during recess. After much looking, we found, and killed three nests on campus. The fourth nest found was the largest, up under the Rectory roof line. We addressed the last nest with a mega-trap on the ground and pumped Sevin dust directly into the nest one early morning before sunrise. After averaging four student bee stings a day, we dropped to none after killing the last nest. Traps will stay in place until cold weather sets in. We will be more proactive next year with traps to hopefully eliminate their return. We are very sorry for the pain many of our students endured over the last few weeks from these hostile creatures.

As his Boy Scout Eagle Project, Ray Ryzenga took on the daunting task of laying a brick walk around our 20' GaGa Pit, a very popular dodge-ball type game played in a large octagon court in the playground behind the school. The area around the pit had turned to dirt and mud, not only making the students a mess, but dirt was also getting tracked into the school. The project was a major commitment, requiring much planning, fund raising, and several entire weekends of managing and working with his Boy Scout Troop. After a few finishing touches suggested by Fr. Sill, this project will be enjoyed for many years. What a great example of leadership and an extraordinary gift to our school. Thank you, Ray!

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.

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 today, **Sunday, October 3 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room. There is a one-time charge of \$30.00, which includes the workbook. For more information, contact Mike Workman at 614-517-8408 or search for us at <https://www.divorcecare.org/>.

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 or 614-580-7059. Space is extremely limited so reserve your spot today!

TMIY IS RETURNING ON SATURDAY MORNINGS – All St. Matthew men are invited to attend the Saturday morning *That Man Is You* program. The morning will begin with a light breakfast around 7:20 a.m. followed by a *TMIY* short video presentation, and concluding with discussion about the presentation. If you are not familiar with the *TMIY* program, you may learn more about it here: <https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/>. This year's program is titled *Thy Kingdom Come* and is outlined within the above website. No RSVPs needed. Any questions, please call/text Brian Gatch at 614-499-4836.

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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>.

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
August	181	429	6,435
Year to Date	1,520	3,516	52,740

*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.

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.

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**; **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.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH the following children who were baptized on Sunday, September 26: Gigi DiNatale Lombardi and Mia Elizabeth Felici.

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ST. CHARLES INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS - St. Charles Preparatory School will be hosting a series of casual informational meetings all around the greater Columbus area in October. Parents and guardians of young men in 6th, 7th or 8th grade are encouraged to join us for an opportunity to learn more about St. Charles from other current families! For locations and registration, visit cardinalchats.scprep.org or phone the school's admissions team at 380-209-2228.

FATHER AND SON DISCERNMENT CAMPOUT - The Diocese of Columbus Vocations Office and Wilderness Outreach are sponsoring a discernment campout weekend for fathers and sons, **October 15-17** at Tar Hollow State Park. Open to young men 7th grade and older and their fathers (or a father figure). The weekend will include camping, hiking, trail work, prayer and worship, and discussions around the campfire about the meaning of Catholic manhood and the priesthood. Space is limited and will be closed at 20 total participants. Cost is \$25 per participant. All boys must be accompanied by a father or father figure. All adult men are required to be *Protecting God's Children* certified. For further information, contact Fr. Hahn, Director of Vocations, 614-221-5565, whahn@columbuscatholic.org or John Bradford at Wilderness Outreach at wildernessoutreach.net, wildernessoutreach2560@gmail.com or call or text 614-679-6761.

FRIENDS IN THE COURTYARD AT ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL - St. Francis DeSales High School will host their annual Friends in the Courtyard Wine Tasting and Auction on **Saturday, October 16** beginning at **6:30 p.m.** The evening includes an Italian feast catered by Carfagna's, amazing desserts by d.lish bake shoppe, and wine and beer tastings all evening long. Plus you'll have an opportunity to bid on great silent and live auction items. Exciting new additions to the event include a Pick-a-Prize table, premium tastings of select wine and ultra select bourbon, and a chance to win \$10,000! Visit the school's website at sfdstallions.org for ticket information.

SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 23 – The Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference is being held on **Saturday, October 23** at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Sunbury. The theme of the conference is "No Fear in Love." Inspired by the scripture verse Deuteronomy 31:8, this conference will bring together hundreds of young adults (ages 19-35) in prayer, fellowship and the opportunity to encounter Christ in a transformative way. To register, attendees can visit www.ccyac.org/register.

CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE - Christ Child Society chapters across the country are banding together to collect 100,000 children's books and distribute them to children in need. Christ Child Society of Columbus is part of this massive effort. One of the best indicators of academic success is getting children's books into homes and then reading them to our kids. **Yet, 61% of low-income families have no children's books.** With that in mind, please drop off NEW or GENTLY used, baby board books to 2ND grade reading level at 38 W. Stafford Ave. Worthington 43085; 578 Woodlawn Ave. Westerville, 43081; 7133 Coventry Woods, Dr. Dublin, 43017 or 5277 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43213 the week of **October 25-29**. Christ Child Columbus is working with Reach Out and Read Columbus supplying books to 13 Children's Hospital outpatient clinics so that your donations will go to children that need them. Help us build up reading levels and advance childhood literacy! For more information or to donate go to www.ChristChildSociety.org. Donate directly from our Amazon book list at www.tinyurl.com/ccsbookdrive.

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