

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.

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. Stephen Carmody, OP, Parochial Vicar
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joseph Meyer
Rev. Mr. Christopher Walsh

PARISH STAFF – 614-471-0212

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

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, MARCH 7 – *Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46*

6:30 a.m. Mary Couden/Pat Martin

8:30 a.m. Joseph & Catherine Biega/Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 –

6:30 a.m. Lynne Parke/Martha Upp

8:30 a.m. Patria Crabtree/Peachy & Merlyn

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 – *Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32*

6:30 a.m. Anthony Schneider/Everett & Becky Hanft

8:30 a.m. Daniel P. Blubaugh/Steve & Gayle Blubaugh

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 – *Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12*

6:30 a.m. Bernie Fox/Family

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Jim & Lori Porter & Family/
Josh & Abbie Cassidy

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 – *Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26*

6:30 a.m. Barb Bohazi & Linda Cullor/Rovnak Family

8:30 a.m. Alex Gray/St. Matthew School 8th Grade Teachers

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 – *Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48*

8:30 a.m. J. Richard Lumpe/Fr. Michael Lumpe

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 – *Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1
or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36*

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Tricia Canfield/Bernadette Buzenski

10:00 a.m. Henry Graham/Jenkins Family

12:00 p.m. Donald & Cecelia Zeller/Carl Zeller

STEWARDSHIP

2021-2022 Through	February 27, 2022	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,115.00	\$1,474,025.00
Contributions	\$35,901.50	\$1,509,616.27
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$6,213.50)	\$35,591.27

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, MARCH 12 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, MARCH 13 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, MARCH 13 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, MARCH 13 12:00 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>)			
	Denise Maksimoski Max Maksimoski Jennifer McConnell Erin McConnell	Mike Huff Rita Klein Jeff Klein Kathy Martin	Lee Ettenhofer Sohmer Lawrence Jen Lawrence Olivia Ettenhofer	Angel Rice Eric Thompson Mary Thompson Rosemary Whitt
IN HOME	Sarah Kaminski (2), Mike Huff (4), Theresa Moore (5), Rita Klein (6), Mila McNamee (7)			
LECTORS	Max Maksimoski Steve Blubaugh	Mike Huff Kathy Martin	Olivia Ettenhofer Bryan Ghiloni	Bill Blashill Angel Rice
SACRISTANS	Vicki Wengert	Kat Graham	Cathy Buzenski	Tom Minser
SERVERS	MC – Luke Aaron Albree Aaron Natalie Dinovo Jameson Yates	MC – Luke Eschmeyer Dylan Callam Evan Callam Augie Schmitt Zoey Thompson	Johnny Brown Logan Geig Anissa McSweeney Nolan McSweeney Graham Sanders Reagan Sanders	Brayden Dillman Ava Navarro Kieran Nowalk Sophia Warner

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. Questions? Please contact Dawn at 614-471-0212, ext. 1117 or dshininger@stmatthew.net.

IN OUR PARISH

♥ BANNS OF MARRIAGE ♥

Let us pray for those preparing for marriage:
 II Caitlin Hayes & Thomas Charney

THE DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL RELAUNCHES – Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped to make our chapel perpetual. Through your response to the Holy Spirit, we brought back the first and only perpetual adoration program in the Columbus diocese since the closures in 2020. The chapel will host 444 committed hours each week and allow members of our parish and others across the diocese to spend time in the Real Presence of the Lord every day. **Open hours for adoration are from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends.**

LENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE – Confession times for Lent are as follows: Saturday, 4:00-4:45 p.m., Sunday, 9:00-9:45 a.m., and 11:00-11:45 a.m. and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Stations of the Cross will be held on: **March 11** – 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; **March 18** – 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; **March 25** – 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. **April 1** – 1:30 p.m.; and **April 8** – 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

EASTER FLOWERS – It has been a tradition in our parish to remember a loved one by making a contribution to our Easter flowers. (Suggested donation is \$10.00.) An envelope for Easter Flowers is included in our monthly and quarterly packet of offertory envelopes or you can give electronically through Online Giving. Please clearly print the name of the person(s) you wish to remember and drop the envelope in the collection basket, or submit the names through Online Giving by **Wednesday, March 30**. Thank you.

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY - Household items are being collected for St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry, St. Philip Food Pantry and JOIN, the emergency aid office for the intercity. **Laundry soap** and **dish detergent** are items that are greatly needed by our Charitable Works (*please no dishwasher soap*). Drop off boxes are located in the School and the vestibule at the south entrance to the Church.

BOOK CLUB – The next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 23** at **7:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room. We will be discussing the book *The Emptiness of Our Hands* by Phyllis Cole-Dai and James Murray. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY/RCIA – Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or about becoming Catholic? Please contact Jennifer Cabe at jcabe@stmatthew.net or 614-532-0626 or check out the RCIA page on the St. Matthew website. A new Period of Inquiry will begin in May.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS – The time is now to renew or begin a subscription to the *Magnificat* for the June 2022 through May 2023 year. The *Magnificat* is a monthly publication that provides daily Mass readings, morning and evening prayers, a daily meditation and stories and lessons about the saints. If you subscribe through our bulk order, the cost is \$26.50. This is a savings of \$20.50 from normal cost. To renew or place a new order, please contact Joan Rovnak at pjrovnak@msn.com or call 614-475-4785 (home) or 614-205-9396 (cell) by **March 15**. Payment is due at the time of order. Please make check out to Joan Rovnak and send to: Joan Rovnak, 600 Jonsol Ct., Gahanna, Ohio 43230. Current subscribers, if we have an e-mail for you, you should have already received notification and instructions.

UNITY IN COMMUNITY: BUILDING BRIDGES – St. Matthew's Julia Greeley Committee is hosting *Unity in Community: Building Bridges*, an in-depth dialogue on racism and cultural sensitivity that is facilitated by leaders of various ministries in the diocese. The goal is to build relationships (cross-cultural and cross-parish), raise awareness, enhance communications, deepen understandings between individuals and groups, and to develop strategies for action and change in the community. The program is divided in six sessions, 90 minutes each. Sessions begin tomorrow, **March 7** and run through **April 11** at **7:00 p.m.** All sessions will be held over Zoom. More information on the program can be found at <https://stmatthew.net/building-bridges> or by contacting Julie Ratliff at jratliff@stmatthew.net.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR A WOUNDED WORLD – The way of the cross, "Via Dolorosa" in Jerusalem, is God's passion, His walk to the Crucifixion. It is commonly used during the Lenten season, however, walking once a month throughout the year is one of the most beautiful prayers to our Maker next to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Join the growing crowd on the 4th Wednesday of the month to experience, sense, and even become emotional for God's passion. Please join us on **Wednesday, March 23** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Church.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those who are 14 years of age and older.

Weekdays of Lent – There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Easter duty – All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, from the first Sunday of Lent (March 6) to Trinity Sunday (June 12), unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at some other time during the year. After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.



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 **Adoration Chapel** (*please note change of location*) today, **Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

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.

During a special Mass last Monday evening, the Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel reopened as the Most Blessed Sacrament was moved to the Chapel where it will now be available to Adorers 24/7. Anyone may enter the Chapel through the church front handicap door from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The back stairs door will have shorter unlocked hours. For the safety of our visitors and security of the church both doors are accessible 24/7 via a personal code obtained from Bryan Gebhart when doors are locked. The bell tower now glows red as a sign that the Lord is present. Thank you to all that made this reopening possible.

With additional activity in the church at all hours, we are pleased to announce the addition of an automated external defibrillator (AED) in the lower level near the elevator in case of a medical emergency. The main level AED is between the elevator and the Sanctuary entrance. We also added another AED in the school. With the help of an Ohio Grant, we now have a total of five of these emergency devices on campus with the three in the school placed at the front entrance, rear entrance #7, and in the Parish Activity Center (PAC) lobby. These devices are designed to analyze the heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock to victims of ventricular fibrillation to restore the heart rhythm to normal.

It is good to see the weather finally breaking to access the outdoor needs of our facilities. The ice has taken its toll on our parking lots, sidewalks, and playground surface. Temporary patches will be made as temperatures permit. We are looking at more permanent repairs this summer, particularly in the playground. The typical playground surface has a ten-year life with equipment life of 20-years. Gahanna Parks and Recreation maintains 18 playgrounds. They replace their playground surfaces every 9-years with equipment replacement every 18-years on a rotating basis. Our playground surface and equipment are now approaching 20 years old. Our equipment is maintained safe, and the surface still provides a soft surface, but everything is showing wear. We will keep you updated on ideas to improve.

Don't forget to support the Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry take-out. Funds raised help our parish and school. Thank you!

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.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP – Every Saturday until Easter, our *That Man Is You* program will continue. The morning begins around 7:15 a.m. with breakfast and casual conversation, followed by a *TMIY* video and discussion about the topic of the morning. Unlike in past years, the video presentation each week is independent of the previous week's topic so if you miss a week or two throughout the winter/spring, there is no catching up needed. Our mission is simple: get to know other St. Matthew men in a casual environment and hear from a variety of speakers about ways we can grow as Catholic men spiritually and better serve our Church and home families. The morning ends at 8:25 a.m. for those wishing to attend 8:30 a.m. Mass and those needing to get on with their Saturday. If you have not attended a *TMIY* program in the past, this site provides an overview of it: <https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/>. Any questions or for more information please call/text Brian Gatch at 614-499-4836.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Live the
Gospel of *Life*

Concerned that Roe vs Wade could be overturned this June by the Supreme Court, pro-abortion advocates passed the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA) in the US House of Representatives last September. The WHPA would codify the legality of abortion up to the moment of birth and override state laws restricting abortion in any way. This would make the override of Roe vs Wade "merely interesting" since it would now be a federal law to allow abortion under all circumstances. However, this bill was defeated in the US Senate by a vote of 48 to 46. Let us thank God that this extreme bill was defeated which also eliminated restrictions on parental consent, funding, and conscience laws under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

In other good news, the pro-life Thomas More Society has filed lawsuits against two groups that have admitted that they funded abortions in Texas after a fetal heartbeat was detected. Under the Texas Heartbeat Law, passed last August, private citizens can sue abortion providers for up to \$10,000. A heartbeat is detectable around 6 weeks after conception. Just the threat of a lawsuit has reduced the number of abortions in Texas by over 50% saving an estimated 75 babies per day. If successful, this will put Texas clinics on further notice that the Texas law is not just a "scare tactic." There are at least seven other states that are looking to enact legislation similar to the Texas Heartbeat Law.

Let us continue to pray for the Gospel of Life to prevail in our culture:

"Lord Jesus Christ, You took our human nature upon Yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood. You also shared our time in the womb. We ask You today to bless and protect the children who are in their mothers' womb." Amen.

Upcoming Events:

March 25 – the Feast of the Annunciation, St. Matthew's parish day for 40 Days for Life. Link for Sign-Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4eaeaf2da2fd0-40days2>.

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.

A NEW VIDEO SERIES FOR LENT AT ST. MATTHEW

We are offering a variety of lectures (see the chart below) this Lent to help us reflect on our need for repentance of our sin and for the importance of listening to God's will in our lives. We start with the full-length motion picture on the life of Jeremiah the prophet. Why Jeremiah? Jeremiah's message is old and well known but easily overlooked. God called him to deliver a harsh, hard message: the only alternative to disaster is to "trust and obey," to surrender our will to God. Jeremiah had learned this message but Judah had not. Watch this movie and the additional lectures with us as we learn how God responds not to mere sinners but *unrepentant* sinners. The video lectures are presented by the founders of The Institute for Catholic culture (ICC) which offers a broad series of topics on Catholic teachings and historical events pertaining to the Church. Please visit their website at instituteofcatholicculture.org to see all of their offerings. There is no charge for any of their material. The last lecture in our Lenten series is a recent homily from Fr. Kirby, a popular speaker and author of numerous books on the Catholic faith.

Questions? Contact Lorraine Curtin at lorraine.curtin@icloud.com.

The following two series will continue to be available at St. Matthew:

1. Sunday Mass Readings (all sessions are **free, no need to register**)
 - Presenter: Dr. Brant Pitre
 - **Every** Thursday evening, 7:00-8:30 p.m., come when you can
 - Location – the **Church Library** in the undercroft
 - Bring your Bible, study materials will be provided
2. Monthly lecture series from the Institute of Catholic Culture (all sessions are **free, no need to register**).

Questions? Contact Julia Hoenig at juliamayhoenig@reagan.com.

- a) Fighting For Faith: The Irish war of independence
 - Presenter: Rafael Madan, J.D.
 - Wednesday, March 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - Location – St. Anthony Room
- b) Hearing God's Voice: Discovering God's plan for us
 - Presenter: Dr. John Cuddleback
 - Wednesday, April 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - Location – St. Anthony Room
- c) Reagan, Thatcher, & the Pope: The fall of the Soviet Union
 - Presenter: Rafael Madan, J.D.
 - Wednesday, May 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - Location – St. Anthony Room

DATE	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	NOTE
Tuesday, March 8; 9:15-11:00 a.m. Location: St. Raphael Room	Movie: Jeremiah	The Life and ministry of one of the major prophets during the most difficult time in Israel's history	This movie is available for free at formed.org using our St. Matthew the Apostle subscription.
Tuesday, March 15; 9:15-11:00 a.m. Location: St. Raphael Room	Fleeing For Fear	The faithful remnant during the Babylonian Exile	Presenter: Fr. Sebastian Carnazzo (ICC)
Tuesday, March 22; 9:15-11:00 a.m. Location: St. Raphael Room	Weeping Over Jerusalem	The Lamentations of Jeremiah	Presenter: Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo (ICC)
Tuesday, March 29; 9:15-11:00 a.m. Location: St. Raphael Room	Not One Stone	The fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.	Presenter: Dr. Timothy O'Donnell (ICC)
Tuesday, April 5; 9:15-11:00 a.m. Location: St. Raphael Room	Preparing for Palm Sunday	Celebrating in the domestic church	Presenter: Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo (ICC)
Tuesday, April 12; 9:15-10:15 a.m. Location: St. Raphael Room	Are You Willing to Accept Persecution?	Homily comparing Jeremiah's time to the current time	Presenter: Fr. Jeffrey Kirby

WHAT IS A SYNOD? Like many of the words that we use in our Catholic tradition, Synod is an ancient Greek word meaning assembling to determine the path forward. A Synod is a process that gathers Christ's disciples so that their voices can be heard. It is the Church's belief that each and everyone's voice is that of Christ, and when two or three of Christ's Faithful are gathered, he is present and alive in their midst. The history of the Church also shows us that the model of Synodality was a critical tool at times of crisis and challenge. The model of a Synod allows the presence of Christ to be given voice at this moment in our history. Responding to Pope Francis' call for all to participate in his Synod on Synodality, our Deanery will conduct a synodal listening session at the Family Life Center of Saint Pius X Church, 1051 Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg, on **Sunday, March 13** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** This session will provide an opportunity to share our thoughts and feelings but more importantly to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us in our journey together. Please join us for this important event by registering at this link: <https://columbuscatholic.org/synod/meetings>. If you find another date and location that works better with your schedule, you are welcome sign up for that one.

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.

ST. MATTHEW SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE – Our parish has formed a 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.

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.

Walking with Moms in Need

Diaper Collection

Walking with Moms in Need will be collecting diapers this Lent to distribute to moms in our community. Diapers can be dropped off during the fish fry each Friday. If you are unable to drop off diapers, you can order them from our Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1622L2E4CT1P0?ref_=wl_share

Contact Brooke Warren at bwarren@stmatthew.net if you have any questions.





SYNODAL PROCESS MEETINGS

Question 1:

The Synodal process invites each one of us - the People of God to recall that we journey together. Moreover, in that journey of faith, we are called to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

- As you listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, what have been the joys and obstacles in your journeying together with the church?
- Please share a brief story that illustrates your experience.

Question 2:

"Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice." (Preparatory Document no. 30) and "All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, that is, in freedom, truth, and charity." (Preparatory Document no. 30).

- How have you experienced the Church reaching out to those who are on the peripheries and marginalized, including cultural groups, women, the disabled, those who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?
- What enables or hinders you from speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in your parish and society?

Question 3:

"Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church, in which all members are called to participate. A Synodal church is a participatory and co-responsible Church." (Preparatory Document no. 30).

- How do we promote participation in decision-making within hierarchically structured communities?
- What hinders people from being active in your parish?
- How is authority or governance exercised in your local parish?





REUNIONES DEL PROCESO SINODAL

Pregunta 1:

"El proceso sinodal invita a cada uno de nosotros-el Pueblo de Dios- a recordar que "caminamos juntos". Además, en este camino de fe, estamos llamados a escuchar la voz del Espíritu Santo". (Documento preparatorio).

- Mientras escucha la voz del Espíritu Santo, ¿Cuáles han sido las alegrías y obstáculos que ha experimentado en su caminar con la Iglesia?
- Por favor comparta una breve historia que ilustre su experiencia.

Pregunta 2:

"La escucha es el primer paso, pero exige tener una mente y un corazón abiertos, sin prejuicios" y "Todos están invitados a hablar con valentía y parresía, es decir integrando libertad, verdad y caridad". (Documento preparatorio #30).

- ¿Ha experimentado que la Iglesia vaya en busca de los que se encuentran en las periferias y los marginados, incluyendo grupos culturales, mujeres, discapacitados, y aquellos que experimentan pobreza, marginación, o exclusión social?
- ¿Qué le permite o qué le impide a usted hablar en forma valiente, abierta y responsable en su parroquia y sociedad?

Pregunta 3:

"La sinodalidad está al servicio de la misión de la Iglesia, en la que todos sus miembros están llamados a participar. Una Iglesia sinodal es una Iglesia participativa y corresponsable". (Documento Preparatorio #30).

- ¿Cómo promovemos la participación en la toma de decisiones dentro de las comunidades jerárquicamente estructuradas?
- ¿Qué impide a las personas ser activos en sus parroquias?
- ¿Cómo es el ejercicio de la autoridad o gobierno en su parroquia?

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL SPICE FUNDRAISER



ALL FRIENDS, FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS OF

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL SPICE FUNDRAISER

ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR FUNDRAISING EVENT ON

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO GATHER AT THE RUSTY BUCKET RESTAURANT AND TAVERN IN UPPER ARLINGTON (1635 W LANE AVE) FOR DINE-IN OR CARRYOUT TO ENJOY LUNCH, DINNER, OR A SNACK. ON THIS DAY, 15% OF YOUR BILL* ACCOMPANIED BY THE CERTIFICATE BELOW WILL BE DONATED TO

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL SPICE FUNDRAISER

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022**

**73 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD, GAHANNA, OH 43230
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LENTEN FISH FRY – The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry will be every Friday through **April 8** from **4:30-7:30 p.m.** and will be drive-thru, carry-out box only. The fish fry will be feature homemade three (3) pieces of beer battered cod, french fries and coleslaw for \$12 cash, check or credit/debit card (credit/debit card subject to a \$1 expense charge per transaction.). For more information visit www.kofc5801.org.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Congratulations to Jeff Bernard, Knight of the Month for February.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH the following children who were baptized on Sunday, February 27: Anne-Marie Balzano and Caden William O'Connell.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED – Amy Garrigan, niece of Geraldine Frueh and Jane Woodruff; Tim Howard, husband of Carolyn Howard; Vittoria Dalicandro, mother of Gina Salamony; and Sam Flora, son of Michael and Terri Flora and brother of Jack and Hannah Flora.

CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

Recap of January 2022 – The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **7,590** meals to **217** households within the greater Gahanna community during the month of January. Thank you for your continued support to those families who are experiencing difficult times.

2022	FOOD REQUESTS	INDIVIDUALS SERVED	EST. MEALS PROVIDED*
EOY 2021	2,291	5,283	79,245
JANUARY	217	506	7,590
Year to Date	217	506	7,590

*3 meals/day x 5 days

CWM set an all-time record of food requests during January 2022!

Our normal hours of operation are from **10:00 a.m.–noon, Monday-Friday** and **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 through the first half of 2022 at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945aeaa2aa5f94-charitable>.

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EVENING OF EXCELLENCE – Bishop Hartley's 31st annual Evening of Excellence is **Saturday, April 2**. The Evening of Excellence is our single-largest school fundraiser and provides the primary funding for Bishop Hartley's merit-based scholarship and need-based tuition assistance programs. The evening features dinner and live and silent auctions. The committee is hard at work to ensure a wonderful evening. We hope you can join us! Visit the Bishop Hartley Evening of Excellence website, bidpal.net/hartley22, to donate or purchase tickets.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND AT THE JOSEPHINUM – The Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, has scheduled a "Come and See" Live-In weekend for **March 10-12**. The weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-aged students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Live-In participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty and staff. Live-In weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program. The weekend begins with arrival at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, and concludes with departure at noon on Saturday, March 12. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the Vocations Office, 614-221-5565, or email vocations@columbuscatholic.org, or contact your parish priest.

CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS will be on **Sunday, March 13** from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** at Old Bag of Nails (Main St. in (Old) Hilliard) featuring Lucienne Thomsasi Jawo. As a young woman growing up in The Gambia, she faced a myriad of challenges. Growing up in a country where the main religion is 95% Muslim, Lucienne grew strong in her Christian faith - learning from both her Grandmother and her Mother. Lucienne had dreams of gaining an education in France but God had different plans for her. Lucienne listened and ended up coming to the United States in 1997 alone and with no family or friends, earning her M.B.A. and eventually becoming a US citizen. Lucienne will share her ministry of S.A.L.T. - as she takes us on her journey from The Gambia where her father sold raw salt for a living - carrying it on his head to take it market miles away - to growing up in a culture where domestic violence is accepted, to immigrating to a new country by herself, then finally "making a deal" with God, to bring the ministry of the Sacred Heart to the Gambia. To register, visit Eventbrite and search for Catholic Conversations or contact nancywhetstone@gmail.com or julienaporano1@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS – The Catholic Foundation is pleased to announce its online scholarship application period is now open. The Foundation has made it easy to apply online with a complete listing of available scholarships, qualifications, and applications on its website. The scholarship deadline is February 28, and the recipients will be notified in May. There are 26 scholarships available to students in the Catholic Diocese of Columbus. Last year, The Catholic Foundation awarded over \$220,000 in scholarships. To date, the Foundation has granted more than \$1.3 million empowering over 225 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For detailed information, including the full list of scholarships with criteria, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships. If you have any questions about a particular scholarship or the application process, please contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.

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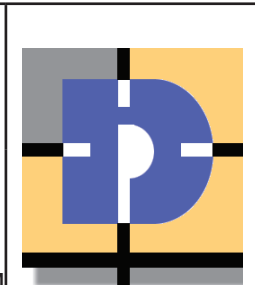
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