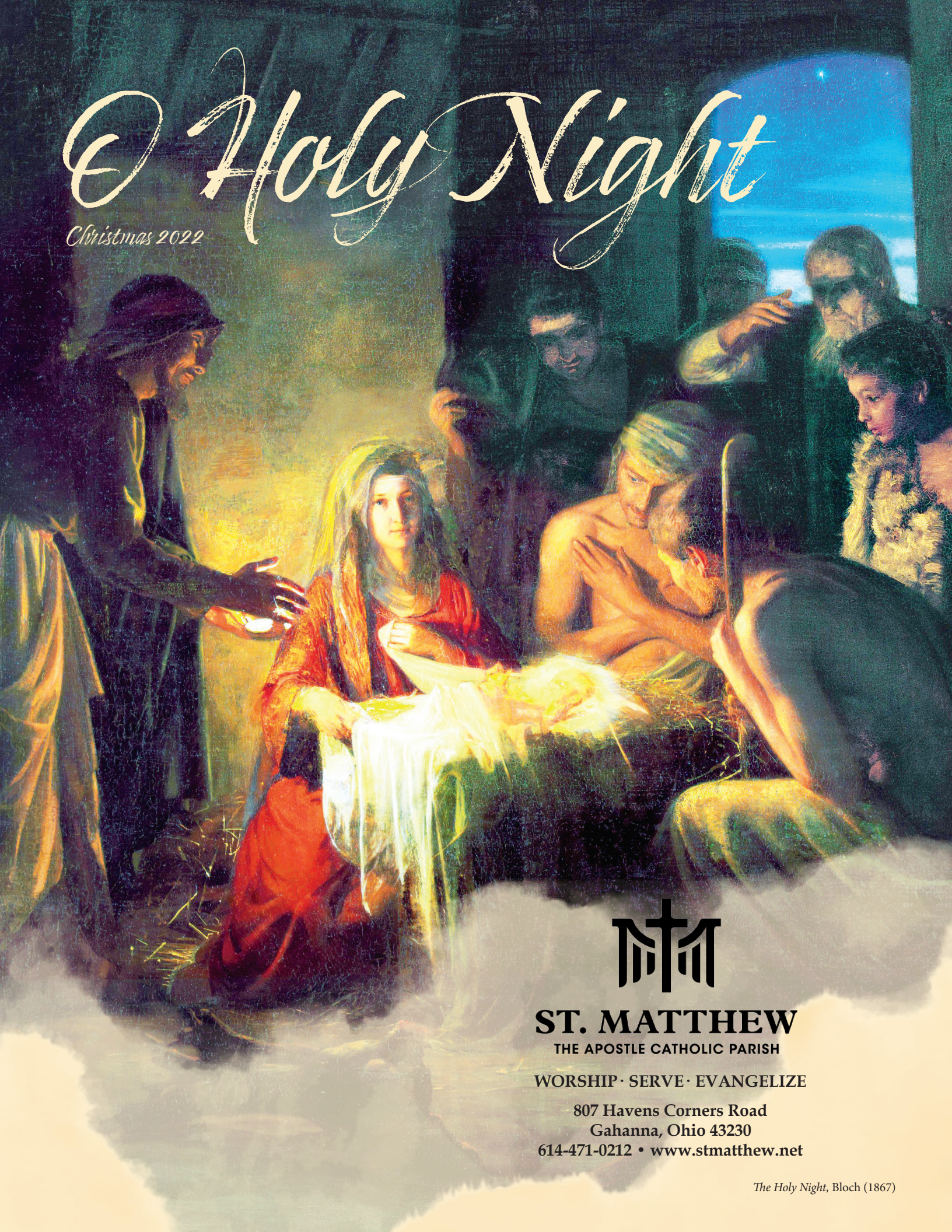


O Holy Night

Christmas 2022



ST. MATTHEW

THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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The Holy Night, Bloch (1867)

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 – Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

6:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Guntzelman/Maryann Malinowski

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 – 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

6:30 a.m. Shirley Merkle

8:30 a.m. Laurie Amick/Ronald & Janice Vano

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 – 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

6:30 a.m. The Unborn

8:30 a.m. Chris Davis/Whitt Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 – 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Sill/Dan Ross

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Charles Porter, Jr. & Family/
Josh & Abbie Cassidy**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30** – Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21

or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

6:30 a.m. Cecelia Klepper/Greger Family

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Lisa & Hunter Frugger

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 – 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

8:30 a.m. Becky Childers/Askew Family

SOLEMNITY OF MARY – VIGIL –

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY –

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

8:00 a.m. Amy Banks

10:00 a.m. William Howard Meyer, Jr./Tom Nance

12:00 p.m. Michael Boden/David & Sharon Zimmerman

STEWARDSHIP

2022-2023 Through	December 18, 2022	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$1,073,925.00
Contributions	\$50,713.22	\$987,947.13
Surplus (Shortage)	\$7,756.22	(\$85,977.87)

Note: St. Matthew's fiscal year is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
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.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 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>)			
	Brooke Warren Max Maksimoski Denise Maksimoski Wayne Stertz	Kathy Martin David Macynski Alan Ratliff Corinne Miller	Carol Ann Lombardi Nick Miller Gary Strapp Linda Strapp	Tom Mignery Debbie Sears Josie Dages Tim Bray
IN HOME	Angela McNair (2), Kristin Figliola (4), Mary Burkett (5), Max Maksimoski (6), David Macynski (7)			
LECTORS	Therese Eppler Max Maksimoski	Kathy Martin Alan Ratliff	Carol Ann Lombardi Kyle Gleich	Barb Clonch Bill Blashill
SACRISTANS	Vicki Wengert	Corinne Miller	Eileen Masoni	Tom Minser
SERVERS	MC – Dominic Ratliff Cole Ditmer Dominik Eppler Kaleb Kitzmiller Landon Miller Leah Stacklin Grant Warner	MC – John Booker Natalie Dinovo Owen McNair Ben Prier Zoey Thompson	MC – Jacob Wilson Samantha Bernard Owen Gibson Anissa McSweeney Graham Sanders Reagan Sanders Molly See	MC – Teddy Williams Brayden Dillman Sam Gabrielli Kieran Nowalk Andrew Uzomba

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!

FAMILY OF FAITH

ALL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FAMILIES AT ST. MATTHEW (SCHOOL AND FAMILY OF FAITH) – Please remember to attend a parent meeting regarding First Holy Communion for your child. There are two times available to attend: **Sunday, January 8** from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** in the Hutta Gym OR **Monday, January 9** from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room. Attendance is required for one parent or guardian of any child making First Holy Communion. Please contact Ashley Allwein if you have questions or concerns at aallwein@stmatthew.net.

FAMILY OF FAITH will return for its next Gathering on **Sunday, January 22**. See you then!

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministries assist the priests of our parish in liturgical celebration. Music serves the expression of faith and forms a necessary and integral part of the solemn liturgy. It imparts a sense of unity during worship and sets the appropriate tone for a particular celebration. The following choirs are part of the music ministry: Adult Choir, Funeral Choir, Handbell Choir, and Youth and Teen Choir. **For more information, visit <https://www.stmatthew.net/music-ministries> or contact Dawn Shining at dshining@stmatthew.net.**

IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

Merry Christmas! It is a joy to have all of you here as we celebrate the birth in the humble stable at Bethlehem of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This beautiful event that we hear about in our Gospel today has forever changed the course of human history, for in the person of Jesus Christ, God has become man to free us from our suffering, boredom, addiction, isolation, slavery to sin, and death. This is the real beauty of Christmas: that our God loves us so much that He enters into the messiness of our daily lives. This is why we celebrate this day with such great joy – the trees, the lights, the gifts – all because God has given us new hope! We know that we are not meant to remain in our brokenness, but rather we are made to be forever happy with our Lord in heaven!

We celebrate today with Christ's Mass, where we receive our Lord in the most Holy Eucharist and from which we get the word "Christmas." Jesus did not simply come 2,000 years ago and then leave us on our own. Willingly, He comes to us every single day in the Eucharist. We can receive Him in His real presence into our bodies and into our hearts. It is through our participation at the Holy Mass that we are given this hope week in and week out throughout the entire year! It is through Christ's Mass that we are transformed so that we can face our burdens with the confidence and peace that will inevitably arise because our God has become man and entered into the drama of our lives. With this in mind, I invite all of you to join us every Sunday so that your hearts and minds may be renewed through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ! On behalf of everyone at St. Matthew, Merry Christmas!

In the newborn Christ,
Fr. Ted Sill

MEALS ON WHEELS MINISTRY – We need your help! Our parish handles two routes for delivery of hot meals in Gahanna on Thursdays between **12:00-2:00 p.m.** The commitment would be once every 4 or 5 weeks. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Janet McIntyre at 419-322-8524 or janet.mcintyre@hotmail.com.

SECOND COLLECTION DURING CHRISTMAS – It has been the custom for many years at St. Matthew to take up a second collection at Christmas as a sacrificial offering for the birth of our Savior. This year's collection will go toward the **Parish Facilities Fund** to assist in making continued improvements to our parish. Please consider going online to make that extra offering, or drop it in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity!

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY IS JANUARY 1 – Since the Solemnity of Mary falls on a Sunday, the Mass times are our usual weekend Mass times of: **Saturday, December 31 – 5:00 p.m.** Vigil Mass; and **Sunday, January 1 – 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon.**

THANK YOU! A HUGE thank you to everyone in the parish who donated to the Family of Faith service project for Christmas! We were blown away by your generosity! Thank you to anyone who gave hand warmers, socks, gloves, candy, a gift, etc. Family of Faith families had a wonderful time packing up the items and sending them off for families and people in need. Please know of our gratitude!

~ Ashley Allwein

OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS – The Parish Office will be closed through **January 2**. We will reopen on **Tuesday, January 3**, with our regular hours of 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY – If you are visiting St. Matthew Parish during this Christmas season and would like information about the Catholic faith or about becoming Catholic, please contact Jennifer Cabe at jcabe@stmatthew.net or 614-532-0626.

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 for you and our children.

We wish you a Merry Christmas! Please enjoy our Nativity display. After a complete restoration of our 100-year-old statues three years ago, last year we repaired cracks and touched up paint to maintain their original splendor. The manger is constructed of timbers over 125-years old from the St. Mary Church restoration. The Wise Men will be moved to the manger on January 6. Please plan to visit the complete display the weekend of January 7 & 8, before going back to storage for another year.

While we were making repairs to the Nativity statues, we also fixed cracks and broken parts on several of our 125-year-old Stations of the Cross statues. The seasonal fluctuations in temperature and humidity take a toll on the original plaster construction.

Thank you for a great year.

As always, do not hesitate to email suggestions on how we can better serve you. Send requests to gharvey@stmatthew.net. Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION – "This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist" – *St. John Paul II*. Give the gifts of your presence and praise before our Lord on this holy day by signing up for an hour in His Real Presence on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Go to <https://stmatthew.net/dmc> to learn more.

2023 CALENDARS DELAYED – The shipment of our 2023 Liturgical Calendars has been delayed. They should be available in the Gathering Space in early January. We apologize for the inconvenience.

ST. MATTHEW WINTER 2023 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 on **Sunday, January 22 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/>.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – CLEANING CHURCH LINENS – We are in need of a couple volunteers to assist in the laundering of church linens, mainly purificators, corporals, finger towels, and any soiled altar server albs as needed (once or twice a week), and can be done at your convenience. If we have multiple volunteers, then the responsibility can be shared. Items need to be picked up from the church and then brought home to be washed, dried, starched, and ironed. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 614-471-0212 or email Kathy Arnold at kathy1072@gmail.com. Thank you!

EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND – The Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund is an excellent way to support Catholic education in our diocese, and donations can be directed to St. Matthew so that they directly support St. Matthew families. Ohio donors will receive a tax credit on their Ohio taxes up to \$750.00 for individual filers or \$1,500.00 for joint filers. To donate, go to <https://emmausroadscholarship.org/>. Be sure to designate it to St. Matthew. If you would prefer to write a check, please make it payable to "Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund." To direct your gift to St. Matthew, please write "St. Matthew" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Office of Catholic Schools, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Thank you!

HELP WANTED! We have been busy making the nursery a great place for our little ones to be, but we are in need of more volunteers to supervise and play with them while they are here. We need help during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass, during Walking With Purpose on Wednesday mornings, and during the Rescue Project on Monday evenings. If you are PGC compliant and willing to help out, please contact Julianne Burkholder at nursery@stmatthew.net or Katie Ryzenga at kryzenga@stmatthew.net or 614-532-0620. You don't have to volunteer every week...even once or twice a month would be very helpful. Teenagers are also welcome to volunteer and it can count for service hours!

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available in the Gathering Space. These activity pages for Catholic kids are published weekly and they correspond with each Sunday's readings. Pick one up to help your child participate more fully in the liturgy.

Live the
Gospel of *Life*

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Christmas is the fulfillment of the coming of the Messiah that went beyond the expectations of ancient Israel. On the first Christmas night, the angels announced Christ's birth to the shepherds. They proclaimed that Jesus is "Messiah and Lord" (Lk. 2:11). This proclamation was announcing that God did not send someone to represent Him, He came Himself.

God created the human family out of love, and in His immense love He became a member of that family to redeem us from sin and death. In the Incarnation, He joins His Divinity to all who share in human nature regardless of their state in life.

Welcoming the Child Jesus means welcoming all whom this Child came to redeem. It means welcoming the poor and destitute, the stranger and the alienated, the disabled and the unborn. Christmas is universal and is a celebration of the dignity of the human person.

Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, December 27 at 7:00 p.m.**, Pro-Life Rosary in the main Church, followed by our monthly meeting.

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.



Donations for Christmas Flowers and Decorations

In Memory of:

Danny Arnold/Charles & Sarah Arnold
Daniel Arnold/Kevin & Kathy Arnold
John Alan Baasch/Dolores Baasch, Jeffrey,
Vicki & all his friends

John Hadley/Lois Beckman

Anne Fischer, Lawrence Zychowski, Frederick C. Claugus, Kenneth Zychowski/Mr. & Mrs. Fred Claugus

Joseph P. & Margaret A. Endres/Jane Crombie

Roberta Josselyn, Rick Danielson, and deceased members of the Selby, Koelbl and Durbin families/Mrs. Diane Danielson

Terry Deibel/The Deibel Family

Karl Dienhart, Tim McGinnis/Molly Dienhart

Anna Marie Dougherty/Eugene T. Dougherty

Salud Santiago, Virginia D. Santiago, Juan and Ester Turiaga, and Valentin and Resurreccion Turiaga/Mr. & Mrs. Dhoney Durusan

Anna Fedorchak, Stephen Fedorchak/Susan Fedorchak

Christopher Finkel, Grace Weidaw, Gary Graham, Louis Merryman, Dorpha and Lorena Tackett, Bob and Lois Finkel/Christie & Mark Finkel

Jim Foley, Clyde and Anna Mae Stewart, Ed and Teresa Foley, Shannon Foley/Barbara Foley

Virginia Rodgers and deceased members of the Ryan and Fugger families/The Fugger Family

Carinda Polilli, Francesca Rinaldi/Gus & Roberta Gastaldo

The Lutz and McKavic family members/Barbara Geis

Mr. and Mrs. William Ciez, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glasgow/Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Glasgow

Clifford and Lorraine Fodness, Ann and Harry Harmon, William Fodness, Brent Fodness/Cheryl & Gary Harmon

Deceased members of the Hastings, Taylor and Gulyban families/Patricia & Fletcher Hastings

Walter Helm, Sharon Helm, and deceased members of the Helm, Gilbo, and Bychowski families/Jeanne Helm

Ryan Hogan, Nick Hogan/Karen Hogan & John Howard

Marcia and Walter Chadwick, Tom and Vi Jones, James Chadwick, and Kevin McCollum/Greg & Katherine Jones

William and Elizabeth Joseph/Mona Lee Joseph

Deceased family and friends/The Jenkins Family

Deceased members of the Kern and Caputo families/James & Jeannine Kern

Bob and Marylou Hicks, Paul and Crescentia Kline/Carol & Dennis Kline

Larry Lager, Connie Danison, Ruth Binkley, and deceased members of the Hardwick and Lager families/Mary Lager

Joseph Lawhead, Mom and Dad Spear, Christopher, Ron and Liz Spear and Mom and Dad Lawhead/Sue Lawhead

Frank and Theresa Davis, August and Viola Lombardo/George & Anita Lombardo

William T. and Zita Reed, Charles and Doris Lucas, Karen Lucas-Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kelber, Becky Kelber-Borland/Mr. & Mrs. Dale Lucas

Jim Malone/Mary Malone

Laura Marrie, Patrick Marrie/Drs. Paula Marrie & John Worman
Deceased members of the Stedman, Smith, Hoban and Martin families/Pat & Scott Martin

Father and Mother, Angelo, Albert, Fr. George, Aunt Angie/William Mauri

Lucy and Marion May/Tom May

Deiss and Mazza families/Mrs. Julius Mazza

Debbie McMillan/Andrea McMillan

Robert M. McNair/Robert McNair

Joe and Mamie Murphy/Jennifer & Patrick Millenbaugh

Ron Seiffert and Molly Jablonski/Michael & Susan Mulligan

George and Margaret Hess, Richard and Ellen Nadalin/Dr. & Mrs. Richard Nadalin

Ralph J. Napolitano/Emily Napolitano

Jon and Irene Altman, Nicolette Ozarzak, Gene and Ginny Ozarzak, and Dorothy and Jack Gordon/Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ozarzak

Deceased parents and grandparents of George and Susan/George & Susan Palmer

Fred and Dolores Hoffman, Matthew Hoffman, Joan Andren, William Dula/Dennis & Mary Pancake

Mary Mullins (mother of Trina) and Helen Panzo (mother of Rich)/Trina & Rich Panzo

George and Elizabeth Beck/Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pursglove

Helen Raimondo, Dominic Raimondo, Christine Mikolinski, Christopher Coletto/Natasha & Michael Raimondo

Brice Recker, deceased members of the Joseph H. Recker and Linus Kahle families/Linda Recker

The Enke and Rice families/AnnaMarie & John Rice

Molly Ulrich, Art Ulrich/Mr. & Mrs. James Rose

Deceased members of the Rovnak and Conroy families/Paul & Joan Rovnak

Keith J. Russell, Mark J. Russell, and deceased members of the Thibaut family/Linda Russell

Eileen V. Ryan, Ellen and Peter Clarke, William and Bridget Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Dennis Ryan, Betty Renallo, Peggy Leahy/Eileen Ryan

Joseph P. Ryan/Mary Ryan

Walter and Eleanor Saarie, Eddie and Anne Rossiter, Louella Saarie, Dorothy Velie/Mr. & Mrs. Thom Saarie

Deceased members of the Schlagheck/Severs family/Joan & Richard Schlagheck

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Pitcher/Caryl Schull

Deceased members of the Schweitzer/Reichert family/Helen & George Schweitzer

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tartal/Thomas Tartal

Samantha Nienberg/Marie & Jason Templeton

Christopher Tesi, Ralph, Leora and Ron Huck/Sharon Tesi

Tom and Arlene McQade/Nancy & Gregory Thompson

Lori Tilson, Mary Malone, Harry Nixon/Tina Tilson

Philip Valles, Molly Reynolds, Josephine Shultz, Joan Schultz, Jim Schultz/Victoria & Richard Valles

Kimberly and Rick Maus, Ann Gray, Timothy Gray/Jessica & Christopher Whitt

Deceased members of the Silva and Xavier families/Sylvia & Manuel Xavier

Mary Prier, Dave Eldridge/Anna & Kenneth Zins

Tom, Tim & Susan/Betty Selby

John H. Rathburn, Nancy J. Rathburn/John R. Rathburn

Mike Carney/Muiriel Carney

Sean Gilmore/Kat Graham

Edward Hagan, Christine Selan/Molly Selan

Bourke Family/William & Mary Ann Munk

Todd Bidlack/Family

John Wayne Beck, John & Vivian Beck, Sheila A. Beck, Wayne & Geraldine Askew/Vickey Beck

Jim Martin/Kathy Martin

Richard & Mary Kuhns, Robert Schnellbacher/Joseph Kuhns

Pauline Wingard, Catherine Haddon, Appleton, Yeager & Anzalone Families/Richard & Alene Appleton

Paul Sewell/Paula Sewell

Deceased members of the Wengert family/Vicki Wengert

Frank Szalay/Danielle Szalay

Steve Straight/Claire Tomasone

Jon Migliozi, Josephine Alexander, John Alexander, Kitty Alexander, Ruth Simross/Nan Migliozi

Nadine & Thomas McMenemy/Joy Parker

Jeffrey James Parent/Lori Parent

Joseph M. Endres/Marc Largmann

Leon Kessel/Susan Kessel

My parents, William & Gena Proulx/Gisele Johnson

William D. Payne/Catherine Cinciatta

Joe Fleury/Joyce Fleury

Kris & Bren & Hall Family/Richard & Alene Appleton

Fay & Bernard Pagels, Robert & Louise Schaefer, Marie Ademec, Betty & Austin Castellano, Lorraine & Lawrence Mays/Dawn Engle

Mickey Anne Wood/Joe & Connie Wood

Kaiden Paul Riesenberger/Family

Deceased members of the Palmer, Podsedly & Miller families/Edward & Corinne Miller

Deceased members of the Cabe, McVan, Colucci & Schuler families/Andy & Jennifer Cabe

Carl Boyle, father of Kathleen Meyer/Kathleen Meyer

Betty Strapp, Kevin Strapp, Richard & Nancy Wirthman/Gary & Linda Strapp

James (Jim) Hess, Michael & Joan Kurczewski, Roman & Mary Hess/Joan Hess

Robert & Phyllis Casey, Frank & Mary Louise Hartge, Fr. Russell Tikalsky, Fr. Thomas Casey, SJ/Frank & Judeen Hartge

Richard Debevoise/Joelle Folan

Albert Hudack, father of Susan McMullen, Barbara McMullen, mother of Timothy McMullen/Timothy & Susan McMullen

James Thompson, Joseph & Betty Rinehart/Tim, Laurie, Noah & Joel Thompson

Vincent Lombardo, Vaughn Lombardo, Victor Lombardo, John T. Conway/Valerie Conway

Hannah Rose Doody/Darlene Doody

Bill & Betty Greger, Carl & Cecelia Klepper/Maribeth & Paul Greger Paul & Nancy Bennett/Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Perry

Mr. & Mrs. James Frazee, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Wells, Martin Frazee/Gary & Mary Anne Frazee

Christine Taylor/Teresa & Keith Lohr

Ray & Margaret Hart/Barbara & Albert Keechle

Nicolas Petrykowski, Vittoria Dalicandro, Loreto Dalicandro, Anthony Salamony/Mrs. Gina Salamony

Mr. & Mrs. Cleto Moralez/Mr. & Mrs. James Lejman

Francis Mondulick, Marian Mondulick Totino, Ronald Mondulick/Gary & Sandra Kitsmiller

Helen & Kip Arick/Mr. & Mrs. Michael Carpenter

Joseph Laufersweiler/Mr. & Mrs. James Secrist

Lori Amick, Sandy Cramer, Bette Kotiek/Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Vano

Larry Feters, Joe & Lillian Lesch/Mrs. Karen Feters

Harry & Emily Moore, Earl & Mark Conkle/Mr. & Mrs. Paul Conkle

Moniz family members/Mr. & Mrs. Richard Moniz

Stanley Bednarczyk, Jr./Dinovo Family

In Honor of:

The Albert Arnold and William Rauch families/Charles & Sarah Arnold

Members of the Ryan/Fugger family/The Fugger Family

Our mother, Delores Rochefort/The Jenkins Family

The Garcia, Puangco-Yu, McNamee and Ogg families and Father Ted Sill/Charles & Mila McNamee

Bishop Earl Fernandez/Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ozarzak

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Pitcher/Caryl Schull

The Xavier and Silva families/Sylvia & Manuel Xavier

In Thanksgiving for Fr. Sill, Fr. Carmody & Sr. Paulina/Edward & Corinne Miller

Helen Breitfeller/Mr. & Mrs. Michael Carpenter

Judith Laufersweiler/Mr. & Mrs. James Secrist

Additional Donations Received:

The Bernard Family

John & Carol Dreska

John & Eileen Estep

The Fanning Family

Bridget Imwalle

Kevin & Eileen Lepionka

Mr. & Mrs. Biao Li

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Dr. & Mrs. Adolph Lombardi

Dolores Lukacsko

Kathryn McCulloch

Robert Pavoni

Edmund Smallwood

Margaret Staggs

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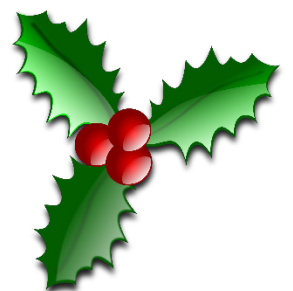
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CALL TO PRAYER FOR OUR NATION –
We can help our country turn back to God through prayer. It can change hearts, our families, our communities, our country and our world. Please join us for an hour of prayer for our nation, our leaders, journalists and social media. It will be held in the church on **Sunday, January 8** (please note the change in date from the usual first Sunday of the month) at **3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Are you interested in volunteering in a great environment? Please come help us in the St. Matthew School cafeteria as we serve the children lunches every school day from 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. We are in need of six volunteers each day to serve and then light clean up from 12:45-1:15 p.m. If you would prefer morning, we are in need of one volunteer from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to help with getting set and ready for the day. We would really appreciate the help. To sign-up to volunteer, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4da4a62ba1fa7-stmatthew>. If you have any questions or would like more details, please email Jeanne Daniels at jdaniels@cdeduction.org.

BOOK CLUB – The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room. We will be discussing the book: *The Last Crusader* – A Novel about Don Juan of Austria by Louis deWohl – Parts 1 and 2. All are welcome!

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.

NEW TO THE PARISH? YOU CAN 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.

PARISHIONERS: PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION – 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.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH the following children who were baptized on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18: Zelig Lucia Dowdell and Eleanor Florence Nusbaum.



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.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP – The Knights will hold the 2023 Free Throw Championship on **Saturday, January 14** from **5:00-8:00 p.m.** in the St. Matthew PAC. Reservations are not required. The event is **FREE** and is both fun and challenging for boys and girls. **Free Throw contestants, ages 9-14,** will compete against other contestants their own age. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1. Winners go on to district, region and state competition and can earn trophies and other recognition from the Knights. Look for additional information after the holidays.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Congratulations to John Sherman, posthumous Knight of the Month for December.

CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

RECAP OF NOVEMBER 2022 – First, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We exceeded our Matching Donation goal of \$35,000.00 during November! The generosity of our parishioners always amazes and pleases us at CWM. God Bless all of you! And, even if you were unable to contribute, we appreciate your prayers!

Another big month for CWM! The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **9,390** meals to **626** individuals in **211** households within the greater Gahanna community during the month of November. We continue to see increasing demand from large families. With 2,326 Food Requests from families YTD (higher than all of 2021), we continue to serve over 200 families per month as well as averaging over 550 individuals served per month. Our food costs also continue to be high as inventories at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank decline and we purchase more at retail. Thank you for your continued support to those families who are experiencing difficult times through your financial support and volunteer efforts.

2022	FOOD REQUESTS	INDIVIDUALS SERVED	AVERAGE FAMILY SIZE	EST. MEALS PROVIDED*	AVG. COST PER INDIVIDUAL	AVG. COST PER MEAL
EOY 2021	2,291	5,283	2.31	79,245	\$5.11	\$0.34
1Q 2022	621	1,454	2.34	21,810	\$6.12	\$0.41
2Q 2022	614	1,606	2.62	24,090	\$10.40	\$0.69
September	227 (record)	645 (record)	2.84	9,675	\$11.02	\$0.73
3Q 2022	658	1,839	2.79	26,585	\$10.22	\$0.68
October	222	622	2.80	9,330	\$14.14	\$0.94
NOVEMBER	211	626	2.97	9,390	\$7.80	\$0.52
Year to Date	2,326	6,147	2.64	92,205	\$9.43	\$0.63

*3 meals/day x 5 days

We also provided a complete Thanksgiving dinner to 80 families during a special distribution on November 19. These families will be back on December 17 for a Christmas dinner food box and to get presents for their family in our Christmas Shoppe.

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 2023 at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945aeaa2aa5f94-charitable>.

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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR – The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2023 Catholic Man of the Year. The annual award will be presented by Bishop Earl Fernandes on **Friday, February 3** at the Men's Luncheon held at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. Nominations will be accepted through **December 31**. For details, nomination instructions and the required online nomination form, go to <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/catholic-man-of-the-year>. Submit your nomination and let us know why your parishioner, husband, father, son, uncle, brother, or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

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BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY – Do you know someone who is suffering from a past abortion experience? Abortion changes everything... mood swings, intimacy issues, isolation and depression. Find compassion and understanding at Bethesda Healing Ministry. Please call: 614-309-0157.

SUPPORT MOMS ATTENDING CLASSES AT WOMEN'S CARE CENTER on **Tuesday (10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)** or the **4th Saturday of the month (10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)**. Looking for a volunteer to...provide an atmosphere of care and support to children ages 1-4 as well as, have a loving, nurturing heart for expectant moms and young families. Please contact Kristina Keiffer at kristinakeiffer@gmail.com.

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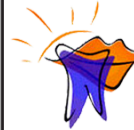
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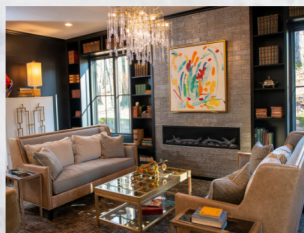
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