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

Business Manager: Leo Grimes

Director of Athletics: Eileen Buzenski – 614-478-8533 Director of Music: Dawn Shininger – 614-532-0627

Facilities Superintendent: George Harvey

Office & Ministry Coordinator: Michelle Dougherty

Safe Environment: Michelle Lantz

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE - 614-532-0620

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

Religious Education Coordinator:

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Family Life and Marriage Formation Coordinator:

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Maggie Allwein - mallwein@stmatthew.net

Confirmation Coordinator:

Jacob Wilson - jwilson@stmatthew.net

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Mark Hale - mhale@stmatthew.net

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

www.cdstmatthew.org

Principal: John Rathburn, jrathburn1@cdeducation.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, FEBRUARY 20 - Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

6:30 a.m. Fr. Ronald J. Aubry/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

8:30 a.m. Molly Ulrich/Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

6:30 a.m. Mary Agnes Wood/Joe & Connie Wood

8:30 a.m. Edward Fitzpatrick/Angie & Dennis Widmayer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – *Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20–6:2;*

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:30 a.m. Rosemary Skunza/Armbruster Family

8:30 a.m. Alex Gray/Ma'am

7:00 p.m. Joe Knueven/Nora Driscoll

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

6:30 a.m. Sam Flora/McFadden Family

8:30 a.m. Don Boes/Jean Boes

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

6:30 a.m. Norman & Priscilla Miller/Family

8:30 a.m. Maria Lang Hoang/Hue Vu

SATURDAY. FEBRUARY 25 – *Is 58:9b-14: Lk 5:27-32*

8:30 a.m. Matias Benegas/Pen Ripke

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – *Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19*

or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

8:00 a.m. Ken Schmidt/John & Karen Howard

10:00 a.m. Intentions of Plesser Family

12:00 p.m. Mary Margaret Williams/Williams Family

STEWARDSHIP							
2022-2023 Through	February 12, 2023	Year to Date					
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$1,417,581.00					
Contributions	\$45,784.58	\$1,365,163.40					
Surplus (Shortage)	\$2,827.58	(\$52,417.60)					

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:

- 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!

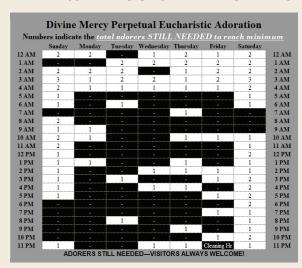
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES									
	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 12:00 P.M.					
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Max Maksimoski, rmaksimo@stmatthew.net - 614-607-4799 (Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors) Vicki Wengert, vwengert@icloud.com - 614-270-2118 (Sacristans)								
	Patti Herrick Joan Hess Mindy Mays Joseph Thomas	Tish Hoffman Deanna Herfel Adam Greger Tim McMullen	Joe Farry Lee Ettenhofer Olivia Ettenhofer Mindy Farry	Eric Thompson Josie Dages Gretchen Rivera Mary Thompson					
IN HOME	Shawn Miller (2), Debbie Sears (4), Mary Burkett (5), Tess Thibaut (6), David Macynski (7)								
LECTORS	Joseph Thomas Joan Hess	Tim McMullen Kathy Martin							
SACRISTANS	Vicki Wengert	Ezra Escudero	Eileen Masoni	Allison Cameron					
SERVERS	MC – Luke Aaron Giavanna Brown Cole Ditmer Jeffrey Iruthaya Maddie Klein Stella Ruscak Leah Stacklin	MC – Conner Norman Joey Brown Johnny Brown Caleb Lemle Ethan Lemle	MC – Thomas Dougherty Claire Blake Miles Blake Will Blake Giosué Calendo Lucia Calendo Cecilia Dougherty	MC – John Haemmerle Isabella Barrera Trae Rogers Joel Thompson					

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 Shininger at dshininger@stmatthew.net.

IN OUR PARISH

WHY YOU NEED ADORATION & YOUR ADORATION CHAPEL NEEDS YOU



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." John 14:27. Christ offered this blessing to His twelve Apostles during the Last Supper and He offers them to you as well, not only with every Mass where we continue to celebrate this sacramental meal, but also merely by being in His Presence. Eucharistic Adoration promises you will receive His blessing of peace when you commit your heart and time to being with Him in silence and prayer. When your life is overwhelmed with busyness, distraction, and obligation, there is all the greater need to place yourself before the Lord and accept His gifts of peace, strength, and renewal. He calls you just the same as He calls our holy saints ("To withdraw from creatures and repose with Jesus in the Tabernacle is my delight; there I can hide myself and seek rest. There I find a life which I cannot describe, a joy which I cannot make others comprehend, a peace such as is found only under the hospitable roof of our best Friend." - St. Ignatius; "When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength." - St. Teresa of Calcutta).

At Saint Matthew the Apostle, we have a tremendous blessing - the opportunity to visit with our Lord at any hour of the day, any day of the week, every day of the year, 24/7/365 in our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel — one of only two in our Diocese. But maintaining this perpetual status is difficult and requires our whole community. We need 504 committed, regularly scheduled adorers in order to fill every hour of the week and we cannot do this without you. This perpetual offering of prayers and rightful praise in Adoration by so many in our parish community brings peace and restoration to us, individually, our loved ones, our Church, and our country. Please welcome this invitation to be a part of strengthening our parish community and to personally experience His peace and blessing — "Jesus waits for you in this sacrament of love." - Pope John Paul. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a Holy Hour in the Gathering Space or online at https://stmatthew.net/dmc if you are not already a regularly scheduled adorer.

ASH WEDNESDAY is this **Wednesday**, **February 22** and Mass times are **6:30 a.m.**, **8:30 a.m.**, (with the school) and **7:00 p.m.** Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR JOIN – Our Ash Wednesday collection will benefit the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (JOIN). JOIN is a ministry of Catholic Charities of the Columbus diocese. JOIN's mission is to encourage self-sufficiency and share God's unconditional love for all. Emergency assistance is provided to the poor and vulnerable throughout the Diocese. Services may include food, life-sustaining medications, utility assistance, helping a SVDP Conference meet a neighbor's needs, birth certificates, transportation, personal care/household items, etc. All donations go directly to serving these essential necessities. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Stations of the Cross will be held on: **February 24** – 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; **March 3** – 1:30 p.m.; **March 10** – 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; **March 17** – 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; **March 24** – 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; and **March 31** – 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 no later than **Monday, March 27**. Thank you.

COMPUTER AND ONLINE SAFETY SEMINAR – Learn how to protect yourself in the online world. Fellow parishioners and IT experts Allen and Anthony Perk will explain how to use stronger passwords, how to secure your online finances, and how to recognize and avoid email and phone SCAMS. This free educational lecture was requested by Fr. Sill to benefit all parishioners and will be held in the St. Anthony Room on **Thursday, March 23** from **7:00-8:15 p.m.** RSVP to support@XLNsystems.com.

2023 ANNUAL PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY

As part of the Lenten tradition of almsgiving, you are invited to bring household items for the needy. Below is a list of suggested items for each week.

February 22-March 5 Laundry soap, dish detergent (please, no dishwasher soap)

March 6-12 Disposable diapers, Baby wipes, feminine products

March 13-19 Bar soap, body wash, shampoo, solid deodorant

March 20-April 2 Canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit (2 weeks)

April 3-9 Pasta, rice, and side dishes (ex: Rice-a-Roni) (not mac&cheese)

The collected items are distributed via St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry to needy families in our area.

Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need!

DROP-OFF BOXES ARE LOCATED IN THE VESTIBULE AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

Pray and Play Holy Hour



Monday, February 20th 10:00am Meet in Church Nursery

*This event will happen on the 3rd Monday of each month.



Little ones and their parents or caregivers are invited to come and spend some time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. We will all spend a short time in the chapel together and then moms will have the opportunity to pray in the chapel while the little ones play in the nursery.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal and two lesser meals on these days for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.

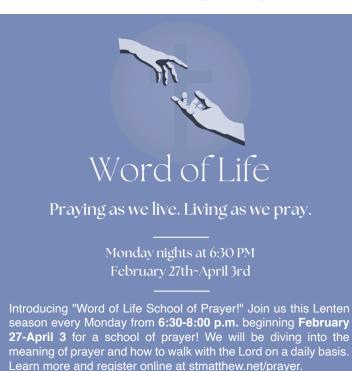
All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those who are 14 years of age and older.

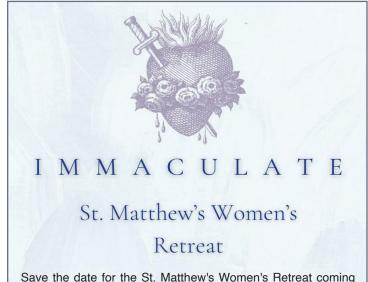
Weekdays of Lent – There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

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 (February 26) to Trinity Sunday (June 4), 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.

BAA TAX STATEMENT FROM THE DIOCESE – Due to software upgrades, the parish no longer received BAA amounts to include on the individual parish tax statements. Thus, any donors giving \$250 or more to the 2022 BAA received their statement this week in the mail directly from the diocese. However, software glitches have created incomplete giving information on some of these statements. Anyone needing a correct tax statement should call the diocesan finance office at 614-224-1221 or email baa@columbuscatholic.org to request a new one. Please contact Dawn Shininger at dshininger@stmatthew.net or call 614-532-0627 (direct extension) for this or any other related BAA questions.

LADIES' PURSES – Cleaning out your closets? If you have gently used purses you'd like to donate, the St. Matthew Alumni Association can use them for a good cause! Please put your gently used purses in the designated box inside the church doors (portico area). The deadline for donations is today, **Sunday**, **February 19**. Thank you!





Save the date for the St. Matthew's Women's Retreat coming March 10 & 11 here at St. Matthew! The retreat runs Friday evening and all day Saturday, but not overnight. The theme for the year is "Immaculate." Together, we will be diving into the heart of Mary and what it looks like to have a heart devoted to Christ united to our Blessed Mother. Learn more and register at stmatthew.net/immaculate.

BOOK CLUB – The next meeting will be this **Wednesday**, **February 22** 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 3 and 4. All are welcome!

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL SEEKING PRE-K TEACHER ASSISTANT St. Matthew Catholic Pre-K, has an immediate opening available for a Pre-K teacher assistant. Full-time (7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) or Part-time (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.). Requirements: High School Diploma/equivalent; previous childcare experience preferred; recent satisfactory FBI and BCI background check; CPR training; and must participate in a VIRTUS *Protecting God's Children* training safe environment seminar. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to Sr. Paulina, Pre-K Director at sr.paulina@stmatthew.net.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE NEW YEAR! Our 2023 Bible Studies are open for registration. Scripture 102 (the study of the New Testament) will be offered beginning this Lent. Scripture 101 (the study of the Old Testament) will again be offered this fall due to popularity. If you are new to reading the Bible, this is a perfect place to start. Notice that we have started a study for our young adults (ages 20-40). To register for any class, please email Julia Hoenig at juliemayhoenig@reagan.com or for questions, call Lorraine Curtin at 614-946-7585. Scripture 102 - Thursdays, February 23-July 20 (excluding 4/6 and 7/6) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the St. Raphael Room; Sunday Mass Readings Explained - Thursdays, every week, from 9:15-10:45 a.m. in the Parish Library; and Sunday Mass Readings Explained (Young Adult Group - under 40) -Thursdays, May 4-August 24 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. More information can be found on our website at https:// www.stmatthew.net/bible-study.



GIVE YOUR HEART TO JESUS THIS LENT – 40 Days of email reflections to bring you closer to Jesus.

PRO-LIFE CORNER



Pope Francis has spoken repeatedly on the "throw away" culture that dominates our modern society. "What is deemed useless is discarded. Old

people are disposable material, as well as the terminally ill, the disadvantaged, and unwanted children." His most recent concern has been the alarming rise of euthanasia and physician assisted suicide (PAS). Both are legal in seven countries including Belgium, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, and Canada. Euthanasia is not legal in the US, but there are 10 states that allow PAS. The difference is that euthanasia is administered by a medical person, with or without the patient's consent, whereas PAS is self-administered using a lethal prescription from a medical person. Either way, the path down a slippery slope is started. What starts out as "merciful death" for the terminally ill, devolves into allowing termination for those with incurable diseases that aren't terminal, or even those with mental health issues.

Canada is a perfect example. In 2016, Canada started off with a law that allowed euthanasia/PAS for the terminally ill over the age of 18. Their law has now been expanded to include incurable disease, mental illness, or disability, and it can be applied to minors under the age of 18. To soften the wording, euthanasia is called MAID (medical assistance in dying) in Canada and has gone from 1,000 deaths in 2017 to 10,000 in 2021.

The Church supports the protection of human life from conception until a natural death. We should not eliminate suffering by eliminating the one who suffers. We are called to provide loving care, spiritual support, and appropriate remedies for pain so that the dying can live with dignity until the time of natural death.

Upcoming Events:

February 28 at 7:00 p.m.,
 Pro-Life Rosary in the main Church.

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.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS – The time is now to renew or start a subscription to the *Magnificat* for the June 2023-May 2024 subscription year. The *Magnificat* is a monthly publication that provides not only the daily Mass readings, daily morning and evening prayers, a daily meditation, but also short essays from both church leaders and lay Catholic writers. There are also stories of popular, well known saints as well as life lessons from "ordinary people" who became saints. If you subscribe through our group, the discounted price is \$29.00. This is a savings of \$20.00 from an individual annual subscription. To renew or place a new order, please contact Joan Rovnak at pjrovnak@msn.com or 614-475-4785 or 614-205-9396 (cell) by March 15. Payment is due before we place the order on March 22. Please make check out to Joan Rovnak and send to 600 Jonsol Court, Gahanna 43230. Current subscribers, if we have a valid email, you should have already received notification and instructions.

SAVE THE DATE! Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with our parishwide "Toast to the Irish" event on **Saturday, March 4!** Enjoy heavy appetizers, beer, wine, a live band, Richens Timm Irish dancers, bagpipers and more! \$50.00/ticket includes 1 drink ticket, food, entertainment and fun and supports tuition assistance and Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) programs at St. Matthew School.

BOY SCOUT MULCH SALE - Boy Scout Troop 317, chartered by St. Matthew Parish, is holding its annual mulch sale to raise funds to support our scouting program. We have FREE delivery right to your home. We offer the following 2 cubic foot (cf) bags of premium quality mulch from Ohio Mulch: Premium Dark Hardwood, Estate Cypress, and Absolute Black Ultra Hardwood for \$4.75 which is our same price and product volume as the past three years. We also offer \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00 gift cards which can be used to purchase bulk delivery or any product at Ohio Mulch. Sales are prepay only. Orders and checks (made out to "Troop 317 BSA") must be received by February 27. Delivery will begin on March 17 and continue until done. To place your order, please send your request to Assistant Scoutmaster Tom Liszkay, 457 Tresham Road, Gahanna, OH 43230, or via tom.liszkay@yahoo.com. Please mail checks to Tom Liszkay. Please provide your name, phone number, address, where you want the bags stacked, and your specific mulch order. Questions may be directed to Tom Liszkay at 614-476-2044, please leave a message speaking slowly and clearly. Save time, keep your car clean and avoid stress on your back. Thank you for supporting Boy Scout Troop 317!

YOU CAN STILL COME TO FIRST STEPS IN FAITH! Please join us for our monthly gatherings of little ones and their parents growing in faith together. To find out more details and to register, visit www. stmatthew.net/first-steps-in-faith.

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 this **Thursday**, **February 23** (please note the date change due to Ash Wednesday) at **6:30** p.m. in the Church.

TMIY – Our That Man Is You program has resumed on Saturday mornings. The video presentations will include several well-known speakers and will conclude the week before Easter. The second half of the winter/spring program will include a series of videos filmed in the Holy Land and will provide a deeper look into the Rosary. The mornings begin with a light breakfast around 7:15 a.m. and the featured video starting 20 minutes or so after. We conclude at 8:25 a.m. so those who wish to attend 8:30 a.m. Mass may do so and for others who need to get on with their Saturday at home. Looking forward to seeing a few new faces on Saturday mornings. Each week is independent of the next so if you miss a few, no problem. Any questions, please contact Brian Gatch at 614.499.4936 call/text.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Barbara Boylan.



HOLY HOUR FOR REPARATION, PURIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION OF THE CHURCH – Please join our clergy and fellow parishioners in the church on the Fourth Friday of the month for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an hour of prayer for the universal Church. The next Holy Hour will be held this Friday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. – Dinner served until 8:00 p.m. St. Matthew School – Hutta Gym 795 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, OH

CARRY-OUT SERVICE IS AVAILABLE

Dinner includes: spaghetti & sauce (all-you-can-eat), meatballs (2 with adult meal, 1 with children's meal), salad, roll, dessert & beverage

PRESALE COST:

\$8.00 Adults/\$6.00 Children (ages 3-12)/ \$25.00 Family (immediate members only, please)

AT THE DOOR:

\$10.00 Adults/\$7.00 Children (ages 3-12)/ \$30.00 Family (immediate members only, please)

Presale Deadline: Wednesday, February 22
Proceeds benefit the 8th Grade Legacy Gift
and Scholarship Fund

Questions? Please contact Kelly Neugebauer at 614-679-5678 or keneugebauer@deloitte.com

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ST. MATTHEW SPAGHETTI DINNER PRESALE

Name:				
Phone:				
# of Adults				
(No "tickets" will be issued –				
names appear on a list at the door)				
# of Children:				
(ages 3-12)				
Family Option:				
(If choosing family option,				
please still indicate # of adults and children)				
Total Enclosed \$ Check payable to St. Matthew School				

Return Forms with payment to: Kelly Neugebauer c/o Molly Neugebauer 8B at St. Matthew School

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 for you and our children.

The Facilities Team has been scrambling to finish the Sanctuary lighting project and remove the lifts prior to the start of the Easter season on Ash Wednesday. We'll see how they do this week.

While the focus has been on the larger projects, many smaller tasks are also being addressed. The Ohio EPA provided the school with a couple water bottle fill stations, the second of which was installed last week. The Health Department recommended clay traps be installed in the art room and all custodial closets should have locks, both now completed. The Hutta stage area has been painted and the St. Matthew mosaic over the stage was cleaned. Issues with the school's primary ice machine have been resolved and both furnaces in the PAC are now operating at full capacity. The PAC athletic divider curtain \$5,800.00 repair is scheduled during Spring Break, March 13-14, as new procedures are being implemented to insure it's proper and safe use.

Project management has now shifted its priorities to the next set of projects, in this order. First, to getting our new electronic sign installed in front of the church. Second, architectural drawings and construction of the second floor of the school library this summer. And finally, the new playground installation of equipment salvaged from the Gahanna grade school site.

We have another team determining the next steps on the Sanctuary repairs from the frozen sprinkler system over Christmas. All systems are operational. Their focus is on proper insulation and construction.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

Knights are the right arm of the Church and involved in charitable works in our Parish.

FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY IS BACK WITH DINE-IN AND DRIVE-THRU OPTIONS starting Friday, February 24 through Friday, March 31 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Dine-in will be all-you-can-eat with deep fried and baked cod loin, Arkansas green beans, mac & cheese, baked potato, french fries, coleslaw, beverages and dessert. Dine-in will also include live entertainment. The drive-thru location for ordering and pickup will now be at the PAC entrance on the eastside of the rectory. This is to ensure the safety of our Latchkey children after school hours. All proceeds go towards scholarships for 8th graders that are going to a Catholic High School. These young women and men are the future of the Catholic Church. Thank you and God bless!

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Congratulations to Greg Schmiedebusch, Knight of the Month for February.

CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

Recap of January 2023 – Another record month for CWM! The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated 11,055 meals to 737 individuals (record high) in 249 households (also record high) within the greater Gahanna community during the month of January. We continue to see increasing demand from large families. Our food costs 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	FAMILIES SERVED	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
December 2022	208	633	3.04	9,495	\$5.94	\$0.40
EOY 2022	2,534	6,780	2.68	101,700	\$8.98	\$0.60
January 2023	249 (record)	737 (record)	2.96	11,055	\$10.10	\$0.67

*3 meals/day x 5 days

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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CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON IS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3 — Please join us on Friday, March 3 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Doug Stein, Vice President for Advancement from the Pontifical College Josephinum on the State of the Seminary. The luncheon is sponsored by Realize Your Calling, whose mission is to help Christians discover their God-given gifts, serve in their communities, experience the joy of service, and grow as disciples with technology, tools, and consulting resources for ministries. More information about Realize Your Calling is available at www.realizeyourcalling.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Mr. Stein's presentation. No reservations are necessary and \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, April 14 and will feature a talk by Shawn Kenney, Director of the Museum of Catholic Art & History.

OHIO DOMINICAN ANNOUNCES SPRING PREVIEW DAY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 18 – Ohio Dominican University invites all future Panthers to attend its Preview Day from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 18. The free event will take place in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. During Preview Day, students can take a tour of campus, explore available majors, discuss financial aid options, enjoy a complimentary meal, learn about student clubs and honors programs, meet with professors, and talk with current students about what life is like as a Panther. Interested high school students and their families can register for the event by visiting ohiodominican.edu/PreviewDay.

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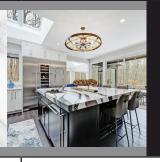
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