

BAPTISMS

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

MARRIAGE

Marriage preparation must begin at least 6 months before a desired wedding date. All inquiries begin on the Parish website at www.stmatthew.net/marriage.

ANOIDTING & VISITATION OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule an anointing and/or to arrange a visit from our pastoral staff.

PARISH CLERGY – 614-471-0212

Fr. Theodore K. Sill, Pastor
Fr. Stephen Carmody, OP, Parochial Vicar
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joseph Meyer
Rev. Mr. Christopher Walsh

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Business Manager: Leo Grimes
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Director of Music: Dawn Shining – 614-532-0627
Facilities Superintendent: George Harvey
Office & Ministry Coordinator: Michelle Dougherty
Safe Environment: Michelle Lantz

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www.cdmatthew.org
Principal: John Rathburn, jrathburn1@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, MARCH 6** – *Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38*

6:30 a.m. Patricia Cox/Barbara Overholser

8:30 a.m. Art Ulrich/Collection Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 – *Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12*

6:30 a.m. John Radu/Carla Wells

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 – *Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28*

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

8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Plesser Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 – *Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31*

6:30 a.m. Pope Benedict XVI

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Helen Breitfeller/Her Children

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 – *Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17-28;**Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*

6:30 a.m. Cardinal George Pell

8:30 a.m. Ron & Liz Spear/Sue Lawhead

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 – *Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

8:30 a.m. Cyriel Dheygere/James Victor

5:00 p.m. Alex Gray/Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 – *Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42*

8:00 a.m. Patty Cox/Sue Lawhead

10:00 a.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

12:00 p.m. Marilyn Wing/Mark & Mary Thompson

STEWARDSHIP

2022-2023 Through	February 26, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$1,503,495.00
Contributions	\$41,798.00	\$1,435,442.62
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$1,159.00)	(\$68,052.38)
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.

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 11 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, MARCH 12 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, MARCH 12 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, MARCH 12 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>)			
	Max Maksimoski Jennifer McConnell Erin McConnell Denise Maksimoski	Ethan Lackey Mike Huff Mary Humphrey Michael Wodarczyk	Abbey Morante Karen Lackey Brendan Lackey Mike Morante	Debbie Sears Gretchen Rivera Tim Bray Darlene Doody
IN HOME	Michael Wodarczyk (2); Mike Huff (4); Toni Barr (5); Tess Thibaut (6); Mila McNamee (7)			
LECTORS	Patti Herrick Max Maksimoski	Mike Huff Mary Humphrey	Maria Alfaro Bryan Ghiloni	Kristin Williams Andy Prociuk
SACRISTANS	Jane Linville	Kat Graham	Eileen Masoni	Allison Cameron
SERVERS	MC – Luke Aaron Devin Canter Logan Geig Landon Miller Zachary Nusbaum Jameson Yates	MC – John Booker Donovan McGovern Owen McNair Raegan Rickman	MC – Jacob Wilson Samantha Bernard Ben Riesbeck Graham Sanders Reagan Sanders Cecilia Warnement Noah Whitlatch	MC – John Haemmerle Brayden Dillman Kieran Nowalk Andrew Uzomba Grant Warner Joseph Williams

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

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Ours is the Spirit of the Eucharist, the total Gift of Self. The Eucharist is a never-ending sacrifice. It is the Sacrament of love, the supreme love, the act of love. The patient and humble endurance of the cross – whatever nature it may be – is the highest work we have to do."

– St. Katharine Drexel (Feast, March 3).

Make part of your Lenten commitment a weekly hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, welcoming our Lord's love and peace into your heart. 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.

Divine Mercy Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration							
Numbers indicate the <u>total adorers STILL NEEDED to reach minimum</u>							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 AM	2	2	-	-	1	1	2
1 AM	-	-	2	2	2	2	1
2 AM	1	2	2	-	1	2	2
3 AM	2	1	1	2	1	-	2
4 AM	1	1	-	1	1	1	1
5 AM	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
6 AM	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
7 AM	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
8 AM	-	-	-	-	-	-	8 AM
9 AM	1	1	-	-	1	-	9 AM
10 AM	2	1	-	-	1	1	-
11 AM	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
12 PM	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
1 PM	1	1	-	-	1	-	1
2 PM	1	-	-	1	2	1	1
3 PM	1	-	1	-	-	1	1
4 PM	1	-	-	1	1	-	2
5 PM	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
6 PM	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
7 PM	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
8 PM	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
9 PM	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
10 PM	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
11 PM	1	-	-	-	1	Cleaning Hr	1

ADORERS STILL NEEDED—VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!

DEACON CHRIS WALSH WILL BE ON ST. GABRIEL RADIO –

The Columbus Catholic community has a lot of great things happening so let's celebrate it and have some fun. Join over 30 deacons, including Deacon Walsh for a live, three-day marathon radio event from Wednesday, March 15-Saturday March 18 during the St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 Spring Spirit Drive. Deacon Chris Walsh's radio visit will be on **Saturday, March 18 from 9:15-10:00 a.m.** Your donations during their visit will give them additional chances to increase their Basketball score and win a medal. For more information about the Spirit Drive or to donate to your local Catholic radio station, go to StGabrielRadio.com or call 614-459-4820.

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.

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 inner-city. **Disposable diapers, baby wipes and feminine products** are items that are greatly needed by our Charitable Works. Drop off boxes are located in the School and the vestibule at the south entrance to the Church.

DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY – The obligation to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent is an important element of the Church's observance of the penitential nature of this holy season. This year, March 17, the Friday of the Third Week of Lent, corresponds with Saint Patrick's Day, traditionally an occasion for joy-filled celebrations in this diocese, especially among those of Irish heritage. Bishop Fernandes has granted to the faithful of the Diocese of Columbus, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17, 2023, provided that the member of the faithful taking advantage of this dispensation, undertakes one of the following works: 1) makes a pilgrimage or visit to any church in the Diocese of Columbus named in honor of St. Patrick (Columbus, London, Junction City); 2) assists at Mass at any church, chapel, or oratory on March 17th; 3) prays the "Breastplate of St. Patrick," attributed to St. Patrick; 4) engages in some pious devotion such as the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, or Eucharistic Adoration; or 5) performs an act of comparable penance (such as abstinence from meat) on some other occasion during the Third Week of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Stations of the Cross will be held on: **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.

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 (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.

Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal and two lesser meals or all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th 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 church today, **Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

THE SAINT MATTHEW ROSARY GUILD – The next meeting is this **Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Saint Gabriel Room. Have you ever wanted to know how to make a rosary, or wanted to be a member of a group that makes them? The Rosary Guild at Saint Matthew will provide the instruction, and together as a group, we will make rosaries for our parish community and for others. **If you would like to join, please contact Judy Sater at 614-477-8323 or judy_nagorski@yahoo.com prior to the meeting.**

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.

MARY GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS – The next order for engraved brick pavers will be placed in mid-April. Consider this for a Mother's Day or Father's Day gift or a memorial. If interested in this permanent remembrance, please submit your donation and paver information to the parish office by **Tuesday, April 11.** For your convenience, brochures are available in the church Gathering Space or Parish Office. Wording on a paver can be one to three lines, and a total of 13 characters and spaces per line. *Thank you! –Mary Garden Committee*

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, now through July 20** (excluding 4/6 & 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>.

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.

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.

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 22 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church.

**I M M A C U L A T E**

St. Matthew's Women's Retreat

DEADLINE IS TODAY, MARCH 5! Be sure to register 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.



Are you ready to start
your journey?

Questions about the
Catholic faith or becoming Catholic?
Come to an informal Q&A to meet the
RCIA Director and hear about
RCIA at St. Matthew.

Sunday, March 19, 11am or
Sunday, April 16, 11am
in the St. Raphael Room (undercroft)

or contact Jennifer Cabe
jcabe@stmatthew.net

WORD OF LIFE CONTINUES – Introducing "Word of Life School of Prayer!" Join us this Lenten season every Monday from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** through **April 3** for a school of prayer! We will be diving into the meaning of prayer and how to walk with the Lord on a daily basis. Learn more and register online at stmatthew.net/prayer.

TMIY – A SPECIAL ROSARY SERIES – Our *That Man Is You* gathering will continue viewing a series of videos the TMIY staff created and filmed in the Holy Land that will help us learn more about the Rosary and the history behind this unique treasure. If you have not been "schooled" in how to pray the Rosary or its spiritual effects, this series of 30-minute videos is a great opportunity to learn a few things from the videos, and perhaps more importantly, hear from other St. Matthew men how, when, and why they pray the Rosary, and from others who may only occasionally do so, their how, when and why. The morning always begins with a breakfast and casual discussion, followed by the video of the day, then the always enjoyable group discussion. No RSVPs needed. Feel free to join in the discussion or just listen in while the group gathered talks about the video message and how we may apply what we learn to our everyday lives. Here is a short video about the upcoming Rosary program: <https://paradisusdei.org/the-power-of-personal-invitation-2-2/>. Any questions, text/call Brian Gatch at 614-499-4836.

BOOK CLUB – The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 22** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Saint Michael Room. We will be discussing parts 1 and 2 of *The Sparrow* by Louis deWohl. 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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED – Juna Cutlip, mother of Nancy Sonderman.

Live the
Gospel of *Life*

PRO-LIFE CORNER

An increasing number of adolescents have become caught up in the transgender trend. A decade ago, less than 1% identified as transgender. In 2018, studies reported 3%, and a recent Pew Research study shows that it is over 5%. This study also discovered that 45% of the population says they know someone who is transgender. This trend has gotten a lot of media coverage in the last few years and presented a view that is contrary to the truth: that a person can claim a sexual identity that is contrary to their biological sex.

Science confirms the reality that there are only two sexes, male and female, and sex cannot be changed. A person's sex is genetically determined at conception and present in every cell of the body. While hormones or surgery can change a person's appearance, they cannot change a person's identity as a man or a woman.

More importantly, the Church teaches that a person is created male or female. No one "is" transgender, and no one can be "born in the wrong body." The Church does not teach that people who experience gender confusion are immoral. But a person who deliberately rejects his or her given identity and seeks harmful medical intervention is pursuing a path that is objectively wrong and harmful on many levels. As with all afflictions, the Church desires to bring people to the love of Jesus Christ, and the truth of who they are. The Gospel of Life proclaims not only the protection of life from conception to natural death, but the acceptance and gratitude of the life that God gave us.

Upcoming Events:

- **March 24** – St. Matthew Parish Day, 40 Days for Life, Please use the following link to sign up for an hour of prayer outside of the Planned Parenthood location on 3255 E. Main Street. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4eaeaf2da2fd0-40days4#/>

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.

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.

As a very active parish, the need for better signage in front of the church continues to grow given the number of banners and signs in our front yard. We are working through the extensive amount of paperwork and documentation needed just to get our needs in front of the Planning Commission. The Facilities Team will be providing regular updates and feedback throughout the process. If you or someone you know works for Gahanna in Planning, Zoning, or Council, we will accept all suggestions and recommendations on how to best navigate the needed approvals.

With the completion of the main light installs and repair of the ceiling, our attention is on the north and south ends of the Sanctuary. We are testing some recessed spot lights to highlight the stained glass and light the corner statues. Those ceiling junction boxes will then be covered and painted.

As a design team considers repair options of sprinkler system damage, we are evaluating new speaker locations to better cover the sound issues on the right and left of the Altar. We have always struggled with having speakers placed behind our Altar microphones. Currently, our goal is to focus on clarity over appearance.

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.



St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church

Prayerful. Peaceful. Present.

March 24th
7 am - 7 pm
at Planned Parenthood

Sign up to adopt an hour today!



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 CONTINUES WITH DINE-IN & DRIVE-THRU OPTIONS every Friday 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 toward 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!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be next **Sunday, March 12** after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Hutta gym. Proceeds will benefit the Women's Care Center. Come and join us for a delicious breakfast!

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 (<i>record</i>)	737 (<i>record</i>)	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>.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SUMMER CAMPS AT ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL

Looking for something fun for your kids to do this summer? Sign up for a Stallion Camp (or two!)- Our camps are a great way to meet new friends while improving your skills, whether it is in the classroom or on the athletic field! We have something for everyone! Check out the camps taking place this summer at SFDHS by visiting www.sfdstallions.org/summercamps.

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.

PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM GOOD SHEPHERD DINNER HONOREES AND KEYNOTE ANNOUNCED

– The Pontifical College Josephinum is honored to announce the recipients of the two highest honors it bestows annually. The 2023 Good Shepherd Award recipient is **Reverend Jeffrey Rimelspach**, a 1979 Josephinum alumnus, former member of its Board of Trustees, and current pastor of Saint Margaret of Cortona Parish, with previous ministry at: Saint Mary, Marion; Saint Agatha; Saint Mary, Bremen; and Saint Joan of Arc, Powell. The Pope Leo XIII recipient is Columbus Saint Patrick parishioner **Ms. Ginger West**, a longtime member of the Serra Club of North Columbus and of the Friends of the Josephinum. Awards will be presented during the Good Shepherd Dinner at the Josephinum on **April 17** at which The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus and Josephinum Vice-Chancellor, will give the keynote. The dinner is the Josephinum's signature fundraising event; proceeds support the seminary's programs for the young men discerning a priestly vocation. Many levels of sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available; please join in congratulating these honorees and supporting the Josephinum's mission! Full announcement and more information available at pcj.edu/goodshepherd.

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