

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
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Rev. Mr. Christopher Walsh

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CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY – 614-471-5320

Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To register as a parish member, stop by the office or register online at www.stmatthew.net/online-parishioner-registration.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Announcements must be submitted to Hillarie Michaels by email to hmichaels@stmatthew.net by 12:00 noon on Monday.



ST. MATTHEW

THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Gahanna, Ohio 43230
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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 13** – 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

6:30 a.m. Donald & Cecelia Zeller/Carl Zeller

8:30 a.m. Henry Graham/Jenkins Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 – Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

6:30 a.m. Special Intention

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Dcn. Joe Meyer/Eilerman Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 – Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

6:30 a.m. Panfilo S. Reyes/Ceny Reyes

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Teresa Prociuk Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 – Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

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

8:30 a.m. Ryan Hogan/Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 – Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

6:30 a.m. Margaret HIRN/Hank & Tess Thibaut

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Andy Prociuk Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 – Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Michele Bickett/Rovnak Family

5:00 p.m. Betty Lou Berg/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 – 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

8:00 a.m. Kenneth Schmidt/Joan & Paul Rovnak

10:00 a.m. Joseph Meyers/Mark & Mary Thompson

12:00 p.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

STEWARDSHIP

2022-2023 Through	March 5, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$1,546,452.00
Contributions	\$46,245.76	\$1,481,688.38
Surplus (Shortage)	\$3,288.76	(\$64,763.62)
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 18 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, MARCH 19 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, MARCH 19 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, MARCH 19 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>)			
	Joan Hess Toni Barr Kathy Wodarczyk Mike Barr	Kathy Martin Rita Klein Jeff Klein Mary Campanelli	Jen Lawrence Ann Whitlatch Sohmer Lawrence Tom Whitlatch	Josie Dages Tom Mignery Kristin Williams Mila McNamee
IN HOME	Shawn Miller (2), Donato D'Alberto (4), Mary Campanelli (5), Steve Testa (6), John Howard (7)			
LECTORS	Joan Hess Steve Blubaugh	Kathy Martin Tim DeMuth	Ann Whitlatch Tom Whitlatch	Barb Clonch Bill Blashill
SACRISTANS	Vicki Wengert	Kristin Paulus	Eileen Masoni	Beth Escudero
SERVERS	MC – Adam Buerger Dominik Eppler Jeffrey Iruthaya Mallory Klein Monica Klein Natalie Klein Sadie Klein	MC – Conner Norman Dylan Callam Evan Callam Mackenzie Norman	MC – John Haemmerle Arianna Akemati Ayden Akemati Jessica Gebhart Carter Lantz James Murray	MC – Teddy Williams Anthony Golladay Lilliana Golladay John Kahwash Alysa Li Eugene Mwesiga

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

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY – Household items are being collected for St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry, St. Philip Food Pantry and JOIN, the emergency aid office for the intercity. **Bar soap, body wash, shampoo and solid deodorant** 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.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION – *"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world ... Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever!"* – St. John Paul II. 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.

ST. MATTHEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IS HIRING – St. Matthew School is looking for individuals who enjoy working with children and are interested in working part time. It is a great opportunity for college students and retirees. The program is open from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, as long as school is in session. Please email Robin Kuhns, Program Director, at rkuhns1@cducation.org if you are interested and/or would like more information.

GOLDEN MUSTANGS (age 55 + group) – The decorations will be green. The meal will be Irish. There will be shamrocks, pots of gold, and Irish blessings a plenty, but we will celebrate and honor St. Joseph. Join the Golden Mustangs, age 55+ group, this **Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room for an evening of fun and socialization.

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.

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.

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY – St. Matthew's Wednesday night men's prayer group has been reading *True Devotion to Mary* by St. Louis de Montfort, as they are preparing for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, which began back in February with a 33-day period of prayer. The 33-day period will end on March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, and the consecration will take place on **Wednesday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Church. Anyone is welcome to attend the consecration service. For more information, please contact Jeff Bernard at jbernard@ohiocat.com.

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: **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.

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.

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.

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.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND – The rosary will be said for the sick and homebound of the parish this **Friday, March 17** at **2:00 p.m.** in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome to join us every 3rd Friday of the month to pray for our loved ones.

EASTER EGG HUNT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15 – Remember, after 40 days of Lenten sacrifices come 50 days of Easter rejoicing. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in our parish Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 15**. We will begin gathering on the parish playground after Mass (around 9:00 a.m.). The hunt will kick off at 9:30 a.m. All children are welcome to participate. We are looking for some adult and teen helpers for hiding eggs and serving refreshments. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Katie Ryzenga at kryzenga@stmatthew.net. **Also, we will gladly accept donations of Easter eggs and candy. Please drop off donations inside the portico doors of the church by April 12.** 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>.

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.



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 on **Friday, March 24** at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Adoration Chapel**. Everyone is welcome.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS – DEADLINE IS THIS WEEK!

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 this **Wednesday, 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 Ct. Gahanna 43230. Current subscribers, if we have a valid email, you should have already received notification and instructions.

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.





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 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!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be today, **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!

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.

Based on the number of signs and banners blowing around in our front yard, a new electronic sign remains high on our priority list. We apologize for the delays on this project and will continue to push it forward as quickly as possible.

There has been much focus on the Sanctuary this week. Most of the center sections of pews have had scratches removed and the color restored by a dedicated volunteer; thank you Kimberle. Jacob has been cleaning carpets all week; now that the lifts are gone, carpet and tile cleaning will be done on a more regular basis. Speakers have been moved and repositioned, microphones replaced, and adjustments made to our sound system. Based on your feedback we finally seem to be on the right track. The exposed front speaker wires will be run inside the columns this week.

Now that the school, the parking lots, the Adoration Chapel, the sanctuary and most of the Gathering Space lights are now high efficient LEDs, we have initiated a LED retrofit program for the rest of the church building. We will be starting with the lights that are utilized the most, hallway night lights and the main office lights. Program will expand over the summer, prioritized by usage to maximize savings. Over the last three years we have reduced our electric usage by over 30 percent. Lighting maintenance and bulb replacement costs have been all but eliminated after LEDs are installed, maximizing our return on investment.

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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Live the
Gospel of *Life*

It is estimated that there are 1.5 million married couple who are on waiting lists for adoptions, yet there are many women in distressed pregnancies who think abortion is their only option. You would think that the solution to this would be to put these babies up for adoption. Especially for unwed mothers who comprise 85% of all abortions. But only 3% of unplanned pregnancies end in adoption. Why is that? Because adoption is perceived as the worst option; after going through the trials of carrying a child to term, the mother will then hand the baby over to someone else. The woman thinks she is being a "bad" mother, and that she is a failure for abdicating her baby.

This tendency is so strong that experienced professionals in pro-life organizations, such as the Sisters for Life in New York, strongly discourage rank-in-file pro-lifers from suggesting adoption as an option. No matter how desperate the circumstances seem to be for the pregnant woman, this well-intentioned suggestion should be avoided. The focus should be to support a woman having a distressed pregnancy to choose life, and remind her that she has the goodness, strength, and capacity for love to carry her child to term. It is the mother who needs to make the decision to entrust her baby to another family. It should be her initiative to explore that option and determine if it's in the best interest of the child, and if it's a decision she can be at peace with.

To learn more about the details of why adoption should be the result of a mother's personal discernment, see this short 8-minute video by the Sister of Life at <https://intoliferies.com/watch/9-maternity-is-forever-adoption/>.

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 St. <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.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY/RCIA – Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or about becoming Catholic? Please contact Jennifer Cabe at jcabe@stmatthew.net or 614-532-0626 or check out the RCIA page on the St. Matthew website. A new Period of Inquiry will begin **Tuesday, May 2**.

**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!

CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

Recap of February 2023 – Another busy month for CWM! The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **10,230** meals to 682 individuals in **231** households within the greater Gahanna community during the month of February. 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. Although, our costs were lower this month due to the generosity of the **St. Matthew School** and families, who donated about 2,000 pounds of canned goods as part of their “Super Bowl Collection” effort. **THANK YOU!** 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
February 2023	231	682	2.95	10,230	\$5.65	\$0.38

***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>.

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.

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 Spear* by Louis deWohl. All are welcome!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH the following children who were baptized on Sunday, March 5: Sophia Marie Double, Joseph Michael Largmann and Catherine Elizabeth Rentmeester.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED – Harry Blausey, father of Steven Blausey.

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 “school” 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 mornings 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC MEN’S LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY APRIL 14 – Join us on **Friday, April 14** at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Shawn Kenney, Director of the Museum of Catholic Art & History, about the Museum. *Please note that because the First Friday of April is Good Friday, April’s luncheon is on the second Friday of the Month.* If you are interested in sponsoring this luncheon or another luncheon, contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Mr. Kenney’s presentation. No reservations are necessary and \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday May 5 and will feature a talk by Fr. Ty Tomson about the Traditional Latin Mass.

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.

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