

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH GAHANNA, OHIO

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES

MONDAY, APRIL 17 - Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

6:30 a.m. Robert Walsh/Dcn. Chris Walsh

8:30 a.m. Frank & Betty Everson/Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 - Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners of St. Matthew/Dan Ross

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 - Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

6:30 a.m. Special Intention

8:30 a.m. Violet Brown/Maureen Schubert

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 - Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

6:30 a.m. Ben Merkle/Family

8:30 a.m. Pauline Goulet/Hoenig Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 - Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

6:30 a.m. Christopher Finkel/Christie & Mark Finkel

8:30 a.m. Tom Fuchs/Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 – Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

8:30 a.m. Intentions of William & Portia McConnell/ Erin McConnell

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - Acts 2:14, 22-28; 1 Pt 1:17-21;

Lk 24:13-35

8:00 a.m. Deacon Dwight Larcomb/Dcn. Chris Walsh

10:00 a.m. Maria Madalena Han Dang/Hau Dang

12:00 p.m. Maria Madalena Han Dang /Hue Vu

STEWARDSHIP							
2022-2023 Through	April 9, 2023	Year to Date					
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$1,761,237.00					
Contributions	\$56,121.30	\$1,722,092.72					
Surplus (Shortage)	\$13,164.30	(\$39,144.28)					

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.
- Contribute 1 hour of weekly income (2.5%) for financial support.

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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, APRIL 22 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 23 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 23 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 23 12:00 P.M.				
EXTRAORDINARY	Max Maksimoski, rmaksimo@stmatthew.net - 614-607-4799 (Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors) Vicki Wengert, vwengert@icloud.com - 614-270-2118 (Sacristans)							
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Denise Maksimoski Toni Barr Mike Barr Max Maksimoski	Mary Humphrey Gary Frazee Mary Anne Frazee Mary Campanelli	Chris Vonau Michael Morante Abbey Morante Olga M. Magyar	Eric Thompson Mila McNamee Mary Thompson Beth Huddy				
IN HOME	Kat Graham (2), Mary Anne Frazee (4), Mary Campanelli (5), Max Maksimoski (6), Greg Schmiedebusch (7)							
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FAMILY OF FAITH

NEXT GATHERING – The next Family of Faith gathering is **Sunday**, **April 23!** Please save the date for our final Gathering on Sunday, May 21 as well.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR K-8 – Registration for the 2023-2024 year will be open on **Sunday, April 23**! Find more information and register at our website: https://stmatthew.net/religious-education. Please contact Ashley Allwein (aallwein@stmatthew.net) with any questions.

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



2 pm: Confessions 3 pm: Holy Hour

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – Today, **Sunday**, **April 16** is Divine Mercy Sunday, on which we celebrate the great mercy, forgiveness, and love of our Lord. There is a plenary indulgence associated with Divine Mercy. To receive the indulgence, attend Mass and receive Communion; make a confession on Divine Mercy Sunday or within a few days before or after the feast; pray for the intentions of the Holy Father; venerate the image of Divine Mercy; and pray devotions in honor of Divine Mercy. We will have priests available for confession from **2:00-3:00 p.m.** on Sunday, followed by a Holy Hour at **3:00 p.m.**, during which we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

CONGRATULATIONS to our RCIA catechumens and candidates who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil: Paul Gray, John Haggarty, Bonnie Longnecker, Dan Rannebarger, Ben Ross and Jason Templeton. We are so happy to welcome you to our parish family!

SAINT MATTHEW CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTION is next weekend, **April 22-23**, after all Masses. Your kindness is appreciated.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY/RCIA – If you are visiting St. Matthew Parish during this Easter 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 or check out the RCIA page on the St. Matthew website. A new Period of Inquiry will begin Tuesday, May 2.

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY – Thank you for your generous support of the Parish Lenten Activity! All the contributions donated during the weeks of Lent will help those in need. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION – "Celebrating this mystery, we not only renew what Christ did in the Upper Room, but we also enter into the mystery of His death! "We proclaim Your death!"- redeeming death. "Christ is risen!" We are sharers in the Sacred Triduum and the night of Easter. We are sharers in the saving mystery of Christ as we await His coming in glory. Through the institution of The Eucharist we have entered the end times, the time of awaiting Christ's second and definitive coming, when the world will be judged and at the same time the work of redemption will be brought to completion. The Eucharist does not merely speak of all this. In The Eucharist - all this is celebrated - in It all this is fulfilled. Truly The Eucharist is the Great Sacrament of The Church. The Church celebrates The Eucharist, and at the same time The Eucharist makes the Church." - Pope St. John Paul II. Rejoice with our risen Lord by visiting with Him in Eucharistic Adoration! Learn more of our Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at https://stmatthew. net/dmc.

GOLDEN MUSTANGS (age 55 + group) will meet this **Wednesday**, **April 19** at **6:00 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room. Our theme for the month is "VACATIONS." Come and enjoy some great vacation pictures and learn about some great vacation spots. Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, friendship, food, and fun.

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ATTENTION, ST. MATTHEW PARISHIONERS – First Holy Communion is coming up! Mass times for First Communion are on Saturday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please plan accordingly as Mass times will be longer than usual due to First Communion.

THE HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEKEND APRIL 22-23 – The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism, the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian families to leave their homes in search of work and safety. Their mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We are happy to announce that they will be visiting our parish next weekend, **April 22 & 23.** We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand carved items. They will be accepting cash credit cards & checks. Thank you for your support!

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL SEEKING TEACHER ASSISTANT POSITIONS – St. Matthew Catholic School has several teaching assistant position openings for the 2023/2024 school year including a full time Pre-K teacher assistant. Requirements: High School diploma/equivalent; (previous childcare experience preferred and CPR training for Pre-K); recent satisfactory FBI and BCI background check; and must participate in a VIRTUS *Protecting God's Children* training safe environment seminar. Interested candidates for Pre-K should send a letter of interest and resume to Sr. Paulina, Pre-K Director at sr.paulina@stmatthew.net; all others please send a letter of interest and resume to John Rathburn, Principal, at jrathburn1@cdeducation.org.

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.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND – The rosary will be said for the sick and homebound of the parish this **Friday, April 21** 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.





HOLY HOUR FOR REPARATION, PURIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION OF THE CHURCH – Please join us on the Fourth Friday of the month for an hour of prayer for the Universal Church. The next Holy Hour will be held on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

DANNY'S DAY BLOOD DRIVE – Make a difference in someone's life! The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Every unit of blood has the potential to save three lives in Central Ohio. Remember, "To whom much is given, much is expected." Please consider donating! Anyone who is 17 years or older, weighs at least 110 pounds, and is in general good health can be a blood donor. Eligible blood donors must have made their last donation on or before, March 11, 2023. Come give blood on Saturday, May 6 at St. Matthew School in the Hutta Gym from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. You can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS; by visiting www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Danny); by signing up at the table in the Gathering Space; or by calling Teresa Baird at 614-404-3130/email tburkebaird@gmail.com. Your donation is always appreciated!

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GAHANNA SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM, JUNE 20-23 – Our parish, in cooperation with G.R.I.N. (Gahanna Residents in Need) will once again prepare and serve hot lunches for Gahanna area school children the week of **June 20-23**. Mark your calendars! Watch the bulletin for details on how to volunteer, sign up to bring desserts and provide support. In the meantime, contact Dolores at stmattsummerlunch@gmail.com if you have any questions.

SATURDAY MORNING *TMIY* **PROGRAM CONTINUES** – Our *That Man Is You* program continues on Saturdays beginning with breakfast around **7:15 a.m.** We are about halfway through the Rosary video series that was filmed in the Holy Land. If you missed any of the previous videos in this highly acclaimed series, no problem as each weeks' video stands on its own, and you can view any one of the eight installments if you register at the *TMIY* website at https://paradisusdei.org. Please text or call Brian Gatch at 614-499-4836 with any questions.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BIBLE STUDY! Our 2023 Bible Studies are open for registration. Scripture 102 (the study of the New Testament) will be offered and 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 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.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023

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, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

BOOK CLUB – The next meeting will be **Wednesday**, **April 26** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Saint Michael Room. We will be discussing parts 3 and 4 of *The Spear* by Louis deWohl. All are welcome!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH the following children who were baptized on Sunday, April 9: Ella Jean Longnecker, Hazel Mae Longnecker and James David Longnecker.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAINT MATTHEW STUDENTS NAMED TO ST. CHARLES PREPARATORY SCHOOL THIRD QUARTER HONOR & MERIT ROLLS: Honor – Aidan Johnson, Joseph Schmitt, Liam Richardson, Paul Stacklin, Dylan Trovato; Merit – John Booker, Conner Norman, Adam Ryzenga, August Schmitt, Michael Schwemlein, Maxwell Vellani and Ted Williams.

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.

With seven weeks of school left this year, the Facilities Team is prioritizing summer projects and material lists for cleaning and small construction jobs. Given the events of the last several weeks, we are also focusing on school and church security assessments, and revisiting our emergency plans. In the past, the school has received most of the attention and upgrades with respect to access control, security measures, safety training, emergency procedures and drills. We now are looking at the entire campus including the church building.

We are a very active parish with campus activity very close to 24/7. Understanding all the vulnerabilities is important to developing a comprehensive security program. Many things are already in place including relationships with neighboring schools and government agencies, excellent video coverage, school access control systems, license plate readers, fenced play areas, continuous supervision, and regular safety drills. We have expanded our scope campus wide with the help of law enforcement, security professionals, systems specialists, and other educational institutes. We have started making enhancements to buildings and procedures which will continue through the summer.

The church has become an important part of our plans. We have students in the building constantly in addition to regular parish activities. Procedures and training at the church are becoming important aspects of a safe parish campus environment. We will be offering regular updates on campus safety and security. We appreciate the support we are receiving from parishioners and through grants. You can feel confident that as a parish we are doing everything possible to offer a safe environment.

Please do not hesitate to email suggestions on how we can better serve you and move our current projects forward. Send requests and suggestions to gharvey@stmatthew.net. Happy Easter! Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.

PRO-LIFE CORNER



On September 13, 1935, St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. She

began to pray for mercy, but her prayers were powerless. Then she saw the Holy Trinity and felt the power of Jesus' grace within her. She found herself pleading with God for mercy with words she heard interiorly:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us."

The angel became powerless and could not carry out the punishment. The next day, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Jesus instructed her on how to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet as we know it today. What was the sin and what was the city for this chastisement? We learn from St. Faustina's confessor, Bl. Michael Sopoéko, that he asked her this question. She responded that the city was Warsaw, and the chastisement was due to "the crimes committed there, especially on account of the massacre of infants not yet born, as the most grievous crime of all." Between WWI and WWII, it has been estimated that over one million abortions had been committed in Poland, of which Warsaw was the prominent center of it all.

While the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed for many intentions, its primary origin was the crime of killing unborn children. Since then, Poland has become the most pro-life country in Europe. Over the last 25 years there has been an average of 540 abortions per year, compared to the US where we are committing 5 times that number per day.

As we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, let us pray for protection of the unborn, reparation for the sin of abortion, and the grace of mercy for those who have committed abortion. Pope St. John Paul II stated in Evangelium Vitae (Gospel of Life) "Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that you can with sure hope entrust your child to the Father and His mercy."

Upcoming Events:

• April 25 – Pro-Life rosary in the main Church, at 7:00 p.m. 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

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

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN COLLECTION IS THIS WEEKEND APRIL 15/16 – Pennies for Heaven is a Knights of Columbus program that directly benefits deserving seminarians in our diocese and/or related to our diocese. Simply put, the Knights collect "pocket change" as their means to raise money. All of the money is then used to assist those currently studying and preparing for Catholic Religious Vocations. We collect "change" to help make a positive "change" in Catholic Religious Vocations. Look for the Knights after all Masses next weekend, **April 15/16**. Thank you for your generosity.

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CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

Recap of March 2023 – First, we want to thank all of the St. Matthew Parish family that has donated food and household items throughout Lent as part of the Annual Parish Lenten Activity. Your generosity has been amazing and helps us to better serve our client community. **THANK YOU!!!**

Another busy month for CWM. The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated 11,925 meals to 795 individuals (record) in 262 households (record) within the greater Gahanna community during the month of March. 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.

	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
EOY 2022	2,534	6,780	2.68	101,700	\$8.98	\$0.60
January 2023	249	737	2.96	11,055	\$10.10	\$0.67
February 2023	231	682	2.95	10,230	\$5.65	\$0.38
March 2023	262 (record)	795 (record)	3.03	11,925	\$10.48	\$0.70
1Q 2023	742	2,214	2.98	33,210	\$8.87	\$0.59

*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.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER IS HIRING! To help advance our mission, Women's Care Center is seeking compassionate counselors for our pro-life pregnancy center in Columbus. Full-time & part-time positions available. If interested, please send your resume to kwcccolumbus@ gmail.com. Qualifications include: Full-time counselor must be bilingual--English and Spanish; Part-time counselor--bilingual preferred but not required; Bachelor's preferred but not required; and be passionate about the pro-life mission.

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY – Do you now 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.

CK SCHOOL & ALL SAINTS ACADEMY HOMECOMING – Christ the King School/All Saints Academy alumni are invited to a combined homecoming event for all graduating classes on Saturday, May 13. The gathering will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. in Christ the King Church, followed by food and fellowship in the school gym catered by Scotty's Café. Our special guest will be Mr. Bob Telerski and the school building will be open for tours and walks down memory lane! We are looking for pictures and/or memorabilia of your time at CK School/All Saints Academy to be shared at the event. Email old school pictures to ckschoolhomecoming@gmail.com or allsaintsacademyhomecoming@gmail.com. Please help us plan for adequate food by RSVPing at https://bit.ly/CKASAHomecoming or scanning the QR code. We look forward to seeing you!

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