

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH GAHANNA, OHIO

### MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES

MONDAY, MAY 8 - Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

6:30 a.m. Pete Hemmer/Cindy Conner

8:30 a.m. Art Ulrich/Sue Lawhead

TUESDAY, MAY 9 - Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 - Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

6:30 a.m. Alfons & Martha Bau/Vallee Wiggins

8:30 a.m. Ron Wurtz/Mary Helen Wurtz

THURSDAY, MAY 11 - Acts 15:17-21; Jn 15:9-11

6:30 a.m. Brian Mahoney/Lonnie & Marilyn Jenkins

8:30 a.m. John & Jane Higgins/Patrick & Donna Higgins

FRIDAY, MAY 12 - Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

6:30 a.m. Anita Cugini/Friend

8:30 a.m. Anthony Mangia/Joanne Mangia

SATURDAY, MAY 13 - Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

8:30 a.m. Danny Arnold/Family

5:00 p.m. Frank & Betty Everson/Family

SUNDAY, MAY 14 - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

8:00 a.m. Thomas Meechan/Family

10:00 a.m. Maria Carfagna/Mary Jean Cockerell

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

STEWARDSHIP							
2022-2023 Through	April 30, 2023	Year to Date					
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$1,890,108.00					
Contributions	\$31,574.84	\$1,846,079.78					
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$11,382.16)	(\$44,028.22)					

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, MAY 13 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, MAY 14 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, MAY 14 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, MAY 14 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	Patti Herrick Jennifer McConnell Erin McConnell Kathy Wodarcyk	Jeff Klein Gary Frazee Mary Anne Frazee Rita Klein	Joe Farry Olivia Ettenhofer Lee Ettenhofer Erica Gleich	Beth Huddy Mila McNamee Andy Prociuk Gretchen Rivera				
IN HOME	Angela McNair (2); Donato D'Alberto (4); Toni Barr (5); Rhea Neugebauer (6); Greg Schmiedebusch (7)							
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### FAMILY OF FAITH

FINAL GATHERING - Please save the date for our final Gathering on Sunday, May 21.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR K-8 IS OPEN** – Registration for the 2023-2024 year is now open. 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

### **DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

The Appeal, formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal, or BAA, has a major focus on the mission of evangelization. It consists of three other pillars as well: vocations, education and social concerns. The Appeal financially supports the ministries and outreach throughout the 23 counties of the Columbus Diocese. For our part, too, the monies over our diocesan goal come back as a rebate to continue funding our own designated parish projects for the school and church buildings.

To accomplish our goals, I am asking everyone in our parish to consider making a pledge of \$600, which can be paid at once or over the ten-month campaign. I realize that some are not able to give this amount; please give whatever you can, as no gift is too small and helps us reach our objective to receive a sizable parish rebate. If you are blessed with the financial ability to give more, then I humbly ask you to join me and our Miter Society members who gave a gift of \$1,000 or more last year.

More information will be forthcoming, but if you are ready to donate or make a pledge, you can do so online at https://columbuscatholicgiving.org/.

I thank you for your most generous support of our diocesan programs and parish projects. Asking God to bless you for your prayerful consideration of this worthwhile appeal, I am

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ted

### WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED IS COLLECTING DONATIONS

The St. Matthew Walking with Moms in Need ministry is again collecting donations for local moms in need. Diapers and gently used baby items will be collected until May 19. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule of the church. If you have a large amount to donate, please contact Brooke Warren at brookewarren13@gmail. com to set up a time to drop off. Diapers can also be ordered from our Amazon Wish List which can be found at www.stmatthew.net/ wwmin. Thank you for your support!

**DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION** – "The Blessed Sacrament is indeed the stimulus for us all, for me as it should be for you, to forsake all worldly ambitions." - St. Damien de Veuster (Feast May 10). Rejoice with our Risen Lord by visiting with Him in Eucharistic Adoration! Learn more about our Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at https://stmatthew.net/dmc.

ANNOUNCING A VERY SPECIAL WEEK FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH – During the week of June 25-29, we will welcome a team of young adults to our parish to lead a VBS-like program called Totus Tuus ("Totally Yours"). Please see the different graphic images in the bulletin, visit our website at https://www.stmatthew.net/totustuus or contact Julie Ratliff at jratliff@stmatthew.net for more information. We hope your children can join us!

MAY CROWNING – Throughout history, Catholics have honored Our Lady during the month of May as a way of recognizing her importance in the church and in our lives. The ritual of "May Crowning" helps us recognize her queenship as the mother of Jesus. St. Matthew invites all parishioners to celebrate our love for Mary by participating in May Crowning. Please join us on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, when we will crown the statue in the sanctuary of the church. All are welcome!

**ATTENTION, HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES** – We want to support our parish families who homeschool or are considering homeschooling. Please take a few minutes between now and May 10 to complete a survey at www.stmatthew.net/homeschool. We'd like to have at least one gathering for daily Mass and donuts sometime before the end of the school year. For questions or more information, contact Katie at kryzenga@stmatthew.net or Celia at celia.galens@gmail.com.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASSES THIS SUMMER – St. Matthew will host three *Protecting God's Children* classes this summer via Zoom on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 10 at 6:00 p.m. Please register for the class at https://www.stmatthew.net/protecting-gods-children. The *Protecting God's Children* class is only ONE of the three requirements an adult needs to interact with minors on our campus; please see the link above for the other two. Please contact Michelle Lantz at mlantz@cdeducation.org with any questions!

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.

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SAVE THE DATE – PARISH FESTIVAL JULY 14-15 – Some exciting changes are coming for the St. Matthew Parish Festival in 2023. The Festival will focus on the community, our families, and the parish across two nights - emphasizing creating a safe environment for all attendees. This year's Festival will see several food truck offerings added, the addition of Bingo for adults and children, a more convenient location for Kiddieland, and an expansion of Festival games. To create a safer Festival, we are taking a break from rides in 2023. There are still many ways to get involved before signups are published in a few months – if you are interested in assisting our captains or have questions/feedback, please reach out to Dan Heinmiller at stmatthewparishfestival@gmail.com.



### 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, May** 7 at **3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

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@cdeducation.org if you are interested and/or would like more information.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE GAHANNA SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM, JUNE 20-23! Our parish, in cooperation with G.R.I.N. (Gahanna Residents in Need) will prepare and serve hot lunches for Gahanna area school children the week of June 20-23. Meals will be distributed from Goshen Lane & Royal Manor Elementary Schools on a "To Go" basis. Volunteers are needed at the lunch sites each day (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.) to fill "to-go" containers that families will take home. GRIN requires that volunteers be age 12 or older at the sites. Help is also needed each morning (9:00-11:00 a.m.) to prepare the food at the St. Matthew School kitchen. To volunteer, contact Linda at momlakes@aol.com. To donate dessert items (cookies or brownies) use this SignUpGenius link: www.signupgenius. com/go/10c0d44a9a722a0fe3-grin3#. Contact Dolores stmattsummerlunch@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 7, 2023



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO START MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND! The Knights will once again have baby bottles out in the Gathering Space for your participation in their pro-life baby bottle campaign. The campaign will begin on Mother's Day weekend, May 13-14. The bottle says it all, your change for life will help with pro-life programs in our area. For those who prefer to donate through Online Giving, please select the Knights of Columbus 5801 Charity Fund and specify "Baby Bottle Campaign" in the notes section. All proceeds will be distributed among the Women's Care Center, Ohio Right to Life, Birthright and Bethesda Healing Ministry. Bottles can be returned on Father's Day weekend, June 17-18. Thank you for your generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY 21 SMOKER/BBQ EVENT Let the Knights take the work out of your family gatherings/ graduation parties this year with our full menu. The menu options include: pulled pork, whole chickens, pork ribs (half or full rack), whole beef brisket, beef short ribs and cedar plank Faroe Island salmon, sides: Arkansas green beans with or without bacon and coleslaw. New Family Packs are available (pulled pork, pork ribs and whole chicken). Orders must be placed by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15. Order via email KofC5801Smoker@gmail.com or at www.kofc5801. org/events-list. Order forms are also located at the Knights bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Pick up time will be on Sunday, May 21, from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the basement of Charitable Works.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** – Congratulations to Art Wohlfrom, Past Grand Knight, Knight of the Month for April.

### PARISH PROJECTS

Given the generosity of our parishioners, the Facilities Team is pleased to provide updates on St. Matthew campus projects, repairs, improvements, and ongoing initiatives to provide a safe, healthy, and prayerful environment for you and our children.

This week, much of our attention was focused on current and upcoming events. We worked around and supported State testing, May Crowning, Scout meetings, Kindergarten Graduation practices and over a dozen other group activities and meetings.

The summer activity and tutoring calendar is solidifying. It is now up to the Facilities Team to start plugging in the deep cleaning of classrooms, scrubbing kitchens, demo and light construction projects. Last year, our ground maintenance was primarily hedge and tree removal. This year, we need to catch up on fence repair and painting, Playground construction and maintenance are also big on our list.

As in years past, we welcome volunteers. It is a great opportunity to make a difference in the beautification of our campus and can be a real family experience.

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. Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.

### PRO-LIFE CORNER



On **Wednesday, May 24**, we will be sponsoring a presentation by diocesan experts on the proposed amendment to

our Ohio Constitution, entitled "The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety." The presentation will be at **7:00 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room. This meeting will present the facts on this amendment and what we can do to stop it. In summary, this amendment would legalize:

- Abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy it claims to restrict abortion after "viability" but uses the health of the mother as an escape clause.
- · Gender transformation medical procedures for minors.
- Override any laws requiring parental consent or notification for minors getting "reproductive services" such as abortion, contraception, fertility treatment, gender transformation, etc.

Gender transformation is not specifically mentioned in the proposed amendment but implied under the category of "reproductive decisions." Gender services has become the latest money maker for Planned Parenthood, climbing from 16,000 cases in 2020 to 260,000 in 2021.

There is a large, well organized, grassroots campaign underway to collect signatures from voters to put this amendment on the November ballot. Unfortunately, we expect this effort to be successful by the deadline of July 5. Their goal is to collect 700,000 signatures which is almost twice the number needed. The pro-abortion coalition behind this effort is well-funded and supported by out-of-state groups.

The May 24 presentation will help us to be well-informed about the content of this extreme amendment, able to explain it to others when the occasion arises, and emphasize the importance of voting against this amendment during an off-cycle election year – a time when many of us choose not to vote. But we need to make this year an exception.

### **Upcoming Events:**

 Baby bottles available for donations to pro-life groups, at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13-14.

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.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS EXPLAINED – Looking for a place to understand the Sunday readings based on the Church's teachings and the mindset of a first century Jew hearing the Word preached for the first time? Join us as we dive deeper into the study of the Word every Thursday morning in the Church library at 9:15 a.m. Our lesson presenter, Dr. Brant Pitre, is noted for his scholarship on connecting the Old and the New Testament scriptures in such works as Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, Jesus and the Last Supper and others that are in our library. The sessions are free and materials will be provided for you. If you are new to reading the Scriptures, these sessions will encourage you to read them with more understanding. Questions? Please contact Lorraine Curtin at Jorraine.curtin@icloud.com.

**BOOK CLUB** – The next meeting will be **Wednesday**, **May 31** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Saint Michael Room. We will be discussing the book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brant Pitre. All are welcome!

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### CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

**RECAP OF APRIL 2023** – <u>A VERY busy month for CWM</u>. The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **14,355** meals to **957** individuals (record) in **294** households (record) within the greater Gahanna community during the month of April. We continue to see increasing demand from large families (note the "Average Family Size" below). Our food costs continue to be high as we get less free/low cost food from Mid-Ohio Food Bank, 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
March 2023	262	795	3.03	11,925	\$10.48	\$0.70
1Q 2023	742	2,214	2.98	33,210	\$8.87	\$0.59
April 2023	294 (record)	957 (record)	3.26	14,355	\$10.72	\$0.71

### \*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

MEN'S & WOMEN'S EUCHARISTIC RETREAT — Join us June 2-4 at the Maria Stein Retreat Center (2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860). Registration begins 6:00 p.m. Friday and retreat concludes 11:00 a.m. Sunday, \$200.00 (per single occupancy) \$275.00 (per couple). The retreat celebrant is Fr. William Marquis, OP of Providence College. Mass will be celebrated Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday. Adoration and Confession will be available. This weekend will be grace-filled as we celebrate the First Friday of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the First Saturday of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and conclude Sunday on the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity. Please RSVP to Jenny McAndrew to reserve your spot at 614-832-3862 or email jennymc4life@yahoo.com by May 19. Make checks payable to: Jenny McAndrew, 5133 Collins Way, Grove City, OH 43123. Venmo and Zelle are also an option for payment.

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.

MISSION FOR PEACE WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE, JUNE 2-6 – The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a nocost "Mission for Peace" prayer and service immersion program, designed to help women explore contemporary Dominican life. Experience Dominican prayer and community with our Sisters and reflect on God's call for your life. The service program begins at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 2 and concludes at noon on Tuesday, June 6 at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 1230 West Market Street, Akron, OH 44313-7108. For more information, call or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email jfitzgerald@ oppeace.org. The sisters can offer some travel assistance on an as needed basis.

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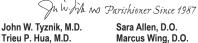


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