

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES

MONDAY, MAY 15 - Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

6:30 a.m. Joan Hankey/Nelson Family

8:30 a.m. James Cockerell/Mary Jean Cockerell

TUESDAY, MAY 16 - Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

6:30 a.m. Scott Walton/Yvonne D'Onofrio

8:30 a.m. Lori Amick/Vano Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 - Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

6:30 a.m. Joseph & Catherine Biega/Family

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

THURSDAY, MAY 18 - Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

6:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 a.m. Michael & Frances DiCarlo/Tom & Mickie Zaino

FRIDAY, MAY 19 - Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

6:30 a.m. Alan Steigerwalt/Family

8:30 a.m. Alex Gray/Gray Family

SATURDAY, MAY 20 – *Acts* 18:223-28; Jn 16:23b-28

8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Wiggins Family/

John & Karen Howard

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21 - Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

8:00 a.m. Maria Mach Pham/Hue Vu

10:00 a.m. Intentions of the Plesser Family

12:00 p.m. Joseph & Jackie Tiberio/Family

STEWARDSHIP							
2022-2023 Through	May 7, 2023	Year to Date					
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$1,933,065.00					
Contributions	\$49,167.37	\$1,895,247.15					
Surplus (Shortage)	\$6,210.37	(\$37,817.85)					

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 20 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, MAY 21 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, MAY 21 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, MAY 21 12:00 P.M.				
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Max Maksimoski, rmaksimo@stmatthew.net - 614-607-4799 (Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors) Vicki Wengert, vwengert@icloud.com - 614-270-2118 (Sacristans)							
	Mindy Mays Toni Barr Mike Barr Max Maksimoski Nancy Nelson Alan Ratliff Corinne Miller Miller Modarcyk Linda Strapp Jen Lawrence Sohmer Lawrence Gary Strapp		Kristin Williams Mary Thompson Debbie Sears Eric Thompson					
IN HOME	Michael Wodarcyk (2), Jeff Solinger (4), Sarah Kaminski (5), Max Maksimoski (6), Tom & Teresa Ozarzak (7)							
LECTORS	Max Maksimoski Alan Ratliff Therese Eppler Kathy Martin		Heather Rush Shawn Miller	Eric Thompson Kat Graham				
SACRISTANS	Kathy Wodarcyk	Ezra Escudero	Cathy Buzenski	Allison Cameron				
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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

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION – "The last degree of love is when He gave Himself to us to be our Food; because He gave Himself to be united with us in every way." – St. Bernardine of Siena (Memorial May 20). As we recall and celebrate this week our Lord's Ascension into Heaven, let us offer our praise before His Holy Presence in Eucharistic Adoration! Learn more about our Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at https://stmatthew.net/dmc.

MARY GARDEN PAVERS – Purchasing an engraved paver in our St. Matthew Mary Garden is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. If interested in this permanent remembrance, please pick up a brochure with ordering instructions in the Gathering Space or Parish Office. Brochures and donations may be returned to the Parish Office. Orders will be submitted monthly.

Thank you ~ The Mary Garden Committee.

GOLDEN MUSTANGS (age 55 + group) will meet this **Wednesday**, **May 17** at **6:00 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room. We will recite the Rosary and honor Mary with a May crowning. Join us for an evening of prayer and socialization. Please contact Joan or Paul Rovnak at 614-205-9396 with any questions. We hope to see you there!



ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL WALK-A-THON MAY 19 – The St. Matthew Student Walk-a-thon is Friday, May 19. The Walk-a-thon is an opportunity for the students of St. Matthew to come together to raise money for SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education). We have been very blessed by the generosity of Our Parish and Our Community over

the past several years. The money raised will fund SPICE tutors for each grade band in our school. We prayerfully ask that you consider donating to this year's Walk-A-Thon to support the students (and families!) of our parish. Just click on the QR code to donate. Thank you!

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!

ROSARY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND – The Rosary will be said for the sick and homebound of the parish this **Friday**, **May 19** 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.

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!

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, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

HELP PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF LIFE IN OHIO

Life in its earliest and most vulnerable stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to the Ohio Constitution for the November 2023 ballot to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims that "human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception." The Church accompanies and supports women facing unexpected pregnancies and mothers through programs like Walking with Moms in Need and the services of Catholic Charities.

The bishops of Ohio strongly encourage Catholics statewide to unite in prayer and work to defeat this proposed amendment and its grave consequences for women and preborn children in Ohio. Starting this weekend, the following *Protect Them Both* materials about the proposed amendment are available in Ohio parishes: *Protect Them Both Prayer Card*: Unite with Catholics across Ohio in asking God to strengthen us as we defend and accompany mothers and preborn children and *Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio Flyer* (look for it in next weekend's bulletin):

These are the first of many resources that will be available to help defeat the proposed amendment. Learn more about the *Protect Them Both* campaign and access resources online at ohiocathconf.org/protect.



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-godschildren. 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!

SEVEN SISTER APOSTOLATE – One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer (In prayerful support of Fr. Sill & Fr. Carmody). The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. Each member commits to a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus the seven spiritual sisters cover a complete week. The Holy Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament – either in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle – but not restricted to the parish of which the Seven Sister is a member. (SevenSistersApostolate.org). "In strengthening the priest, you strengthen the whole Church..." — Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P. For information, please contact Vicki Wengert at vwengert@icloud.com or 614-270-2118.

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.

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!



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) please use this link: https://stmatthew.net/summerlunch. Contact Dolores at stmattsummerlunch@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED: William McConnell, husband of Portia McConnell, father of Erin McConnell and Jennifer McConnell, and brother of Patti Herrick and Katie McCulloch; and Barb Foley, mother of Tom Foley.



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, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the
Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 14, 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. tomorrow, 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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER



Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the beautiful vocation of motherhood and the gift of human life. It

calls us to love the gift of life that we receive from our mothers and to pray for all women to whom God has entrusted life in a very special way. As we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of mothers, we remember mothers experiencing difficult pregnancies and pray they may find support and encouragement in choosing life for their children.

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Mother's Day provides an opportunity to pray for mothers while honoring and seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. It is a good day to ask God's special blessing on all mothers. It is also a day to pray for mothers who are raising their children as a single parent. The U.S. has the world's highest rate of children living in single-parent households – the vast majority of which are single moms. For decades, the share of U.S. children living with a single parent has been rising, accompanied by a decline in marriage and a rise in births outside of marriage. Currently, about 25% of the U.S. children are being raised by a single mom. Let us offer three Hail Marys today, in thankfulness for our mother, for graces and help for single mothers, and for mothers in a distressed pregnancy that will say yes to life.

Upcoming Events:

- Baby bottles available for donations to pro-life groups, at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, **May 13-14**.
- May 23 Pro-Life Rosary at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Church, meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Undercroft Library.
- May 24 presentation on the proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution to expand abortion, and what we can do to stop it. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony Room.

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 lorraine.curtin@icloud.com.

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.

With 14 school days remaining, our students are looking forward to their summer break. At the same time, the Facilities Team has identified over 40 significant projects they would like to address in some capacity during the same ten-week period. Those 40+ projects don't include the deep cleaning of the school from light fixtures to floor waxing and everything in between.

We contract with a professional cleaning service to empty the classrooms, scrub, disinfect, and wax the floors. We rely heavily on volunteers (offering service hours if needed) to help with outside windows, cleaning lockers and hallway lights. Last year, we had several entire families pitch in, from a couple hours to a couple days. It was great having all our volunteers be part of our team – they really made a difference on our campus and in our school. Please don't hesitate to contact George for more information. We have something for everyone.

One of the more significant projects for the students will be the addition of playground equipment around the GaGa Pit back by the PAC. The additional equipment (salvaged from the Lincoln HS reconstruction) will enable multiple grade bands to have access to playground equipment at the same time. This project will get started as soon as school is out and will require a lot of helping hands.

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.

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

CALLING ALL COLUMBUS CREW FANS! The St. Francis DeSales Boys Soccer team has been given a unique opportunity to play a game this Fall on the Columbus Crew field, Lower.com. In return, the team is asked to sell tickets to two Columbus Crew games. You can help the Stallion Soccer team by purchasing tickets to one of the following Columbus Crew games: June 24 vs. Nashville FC or August 26 vs. Toronto FC. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, May 26. Please go to https://one.bidpal.net/columbuscrew and select Boys Soccer tickets (option #2 or #3). Thank you for your support!

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.

FARM FRESH 5K ON JUNE 10 – Join Shepherd's Corner on June 10. Proceeds from the 17th annual Farm Fresh 5K will benefit Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center's environmental education programs, land and water conservation projects, and our efforts to provide fresh, naturally grown produce to those in need. This fun run/ walk will help us continue these important efforts. **Please register by May 19** if you want to be guaranteed a T-shirt. Follow the link for registration at http://shepherdscorner.org. Cost: \$30.00 for adults (13 years and up)\$15.00 for those 12 years and under.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY JUNE 2, 2023 – Join us Friday, June 2 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Fr. Adam Streitenberger, the Diocese Vicar for Evangelization and Executive Director of the St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University, about The Newman Center Today. The June luncheon is sponsored by Able Printing. Established in 1954, Able Printing has continued to be a reliable printing resource in Columbus and Central Ohio, offering experienced Graphic Design services. More information is available at https://ableprintingco.com/. If you are interested in sponsoring a 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 Fr. Adam's presentation. No reservations are necessary and \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon, following the summer recess, is Friday, September 1, 2023.

YCP EXECUTIVE SPEAKER SERIES – Join us on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Chrysostom (5858 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus 43231) as we welcome Jillian Snavley, Managing Director and the Global Sourcing Lead with Accenture. Jillian will share her insights as a Catholic wife and mother on the intersection of faith and corporate America. Pizza and drinks are included. All young adults (20s and 30s) in the Parish are invited. Please register at: https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-with-jillian-snavley-77010/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list.

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