

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
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www.cdstmatthew.org
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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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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, JUNE 12** – 2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12

6:30 a.m. John Moore/Upp Family

8:30 a.m. Ruth Drugan/Dylan Drugan

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 – 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16

6:30 a.m. John & Genevieve Magyar/Terry Magyar

8:30 a.m. Jeffrey Swartz/Ratliff Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 – 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-196:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Michael Hartge/
Frank & Judeen Hartge

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Elyse Eilerman/Eilerman Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 – 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26

6:30 a.m. Mary Louise Hartge/Frank & Judeen Hartge

8:30 a.m. Nicole Tanguy/Judith Stich

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 – Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

6:30 a.m. Louis Aiello/Joe & Connie Wood

8:30 a.m. Susan Brown/Gerald Brown

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 – 2 Cor 5:14-21; Lk 2:41-51

8:30 a.m. Kenneth Schmidt/Bill & Sue Ulrich

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 – Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:88:00 a.m. Intention of Kyle & Tristen Fugger/
Lisa & Hunter Fugger

10:00 a.m. Frank & Betty Everson/Family

12:00 p.m. Tom Fuchs/Family

STEWARDSHIP

2022-2023 Through	June 4, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$2,104,893.00
Contributions	\$39,917.72	\$2,051,619.18
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$3,039.28)	(\$53,273.82)
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, JUNE 17 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JUNE 18 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, JUNE 18 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, JUNE 18 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>)			
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FAMILY OF FAITH

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.

IN OUR PARISH

PLEASE NOTE DAILY MASS CHANGE – Due to the ongoing construction in the Sanctuary, the **6:30 a.m.** AND the **8:30 a.m.** Masses, Monday-Friday, will be held in the St. Anthony Room effective tomorrow, **Monday, June 12**. Thank you for your patience.

LADIES OF ST. JUDE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – The Ladies of St. Jude will be collecting diapers and monetary donations for their annual drive supporting Women's Care Center after all Masses this weekend, **June 10-11**. Thanks to the support of the local St. Matthew community, they have been able to donate over \$22,000.00 and thousands of diapers for this cause. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION – "The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life." — St. Thomas Aquinas. The very Body and Blood of our Lord is truly present in the Eucharist – praise Him on this Feast of the Corpus Christi! (Feast June 11). Learn more about our Divine Mercy 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.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL IS HIRING – St. Matthew School is looking for classroom Teacher Assistants in grade three. Additionally, we are looking for a part-time, one-on-one aid for a first grader. Twenty hours per week, five days a week. If you are interested, please get in touch with John Rathburn, Principal, at jrathburn1@cducation.org.

GRIEF SHARE – If you have recently lost a loved one or a close friend, please join us for the next GriefShare session. We will accompany you on your grief journey and offer you loving support and comfort. The session begins on **Sunday, June 25** and runs through **Sunday, August 27**. Sessions will be held from **4:00-5:30 p.m.** in the St. Raphael Room. A workbook is available for use throughout the session for a one-time fee of \$30.00. Please contact Mary Lager at 614-395-9099 or mary0613@hotmail.com with questions and to preregister. We look forward to helping ease the pain and sorrow accompanied with your loss.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND – The Rosary will be said for the sick and homebound of the parish this **Friday, June 16** 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.

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.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS – JOIN US THIS SUMMER! Check out our website to see all of the fun things planned for the youth and young adults of our parish this summer. We have boys and girls adventures, a weekly girls Bible Study and First Friday Mass and brewery for our college age young adults. Visit stmatthew.net/youth for more information.

FREE BOOKS! Do you want some summer enrichment in your home? Grab a free Catholic Trivia Book in the back of the Gathering Space for your home and family!

ST. MATTHEW PARISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS – Everyone should have received their raffle tickets for this year's Festival being held **July 14-15**. Purchase each ticket for \$5.00 or you can purchase 7 tickets for \$30.00. The grand prize is \$2,000.00, 2nd prize is \$1,000.00, and 3rd prize is \$500.00. Tickets will be drawn Saturday night of the Festival for these prizes and you don't need to be present to win. Please return your ticket stubs and money, or unused tickets, to the Parish Office, drop them in the offertory basket in an envelope marked "Festival Raffle," or turn them in at the raffle booth during the Festival. The sooner you turn in your ticket stubs, the sooner you will be eligible to win \$50.00 to spend at the Festival! **The second weekly winner is Greg Jones.**

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL SUMMER / FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL JULY 1 – Sports include soccer, football, cross country, cheerleading and volleyball. All Parishioners are welcome! Please navigate to the Sports Registration webpage to sign your Mustangs up for summer and fall sports at <https://stmatthew.net/sports-registration>.

ST. MATTHEW SPORTS IS LEVELING UP! Come discuss creating a new vision for current and future Mustang parishioners about athletics. Please attend an Open House & Discussion at Future on **Thursday, June 22** from **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please visit <https://www.futurebty.com/> for more information.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASSES THIS SUMMER – St. Matthew will host three *Protecting God's Children* classes this summer via Zoom starting this **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@cducation.org with any questions!



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, June 23** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Potluck: Tacos & Trivia!

Wednesday, June 28

5:15 pm

Parish Activity Center

Join us for dinner and a
Catholic trivia contest!

All are welcome!

RSVP on our website
under Quick Links.



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 stmatsummerlunch@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

THE SILENT AUCTION IS BACK! We are in need of donations to make this auction a success. This year, we are requesting monetary donations instead of individually purchased items. Our committee will then use the money to purchase items for the auction. If you want to make a monetary donation, you can do so through our online giving portal at <https://www.osvhub.com/stmatthew/giving/funds/st-matthew-school-support>. Be sure to put Silent Auction Donation in the notes section. If you or someone you know owns a local business and would like to donate a basket, please contact Brooke Warren at brookewarren13@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

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.

In one week, the Facilities Team has been involved with dismantling a fourth of the Sanctuary, setting up a mini chapel in the St. Anthony Room, digging a wading pool size hole behind the Parish Activity Center, emptying four large storage areas at school, relocating several school offices, and filling our eight-yard dumpster four times. We like to say we have two seasons on the St. Matthew campus, the school year and construction... welcome to summer break.

We are starting to understand the construction issues leading up to our frozen pipes in the Sanctuary as we quickly remove walls and columns in the NE corner of the Sanctuary. We started in the back so by the time we start working on the front more visible areas, we will be working quicker and more efficiently.

The hole and large pile of dirt on our soccer field behind the school is in preparation for the installation of the playground equipment we salvaged from the new Gahanna Lincoln HS construction. The new playground will enable more grades to play at the same time as we separate the younger students from the older students for a safer environment. We started this project first to give us time to repair the fields and grow grass before Fall.

Storage areas have been cleared in the school for the addition of tutoring and meeting space. At the same time, we are increasing storage in the Parish Support Center by 60% with the addition of mezzanines in our current storage rooms.

We are still recruiting volunteers to help with cleaning outside windows, lockers, and lights. No experience necessary. Flexible hours. A positive impact on our school. Service hours available. Thank you for your consideration.

Suggestions on how we can better serve you and the parish are always welcome. Send requests and suggestions to gharvey@stmatthew.net. Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.

BOOK CLUB – The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 28** at **7:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room. We will be discussing the book *A Flame for the Lord* by Sister Felicity Wolf, O.P. All are welcome!



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 – Please return bottles to the Gathering Space or Parish Office by **June 17-18** (Father's Day weekend). 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 5081 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. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Education: Action Alert



Attention parents, parishioners, and Catholic school supporters!

Lawmakers are currently weighing proposals to the biennial state budget to dramatically increase the availability of school choice scholarships such as EdChoice, which currently provides eligible pupils up to \$5,500 in tuition for grades K-8 and \$7,500 for grades 9-12.



Recently, the Ohio House proposed increasing eligibility for EdChoice scholarships to a maximum annual household income up to 450% times the federal poverty level. The Ohio Senate also is considering multiple proposals, including one to make EdChoice scholarships universally available to every student.

So...how can you help?

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STEP 1 - ADVOCATE FOR SCHOOL CHOICE

Contact your elected officials to let them know you support these initiatives! Use [this link](#) or the QR code on the right to submit your support in less than 10 seconds.



EdChoice Eligibility Guidelines

250% Current Guidelines		450% Proposed Budget	
Household Size	Annual Income	Household Size	Annual Income
2	\$49,300	2	\$88,740
3	\$62,150	3	\$111,870
4	\$75,000	4	\$135,000
5	\$87,850	5	\$158,130
6	\$100,700	6	\$181,260

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STEP 2 - STAY ALERT

Lawmakers are working urgently to meet the **June 30 budget deadline**. Whatever the final policies, we hope to see more Ohioans eligible for state scholarships.

Use the chart to the left to review your own eligibility and see if you would qualify under the expanded guidelines of 450%.

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STEP 3 - SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

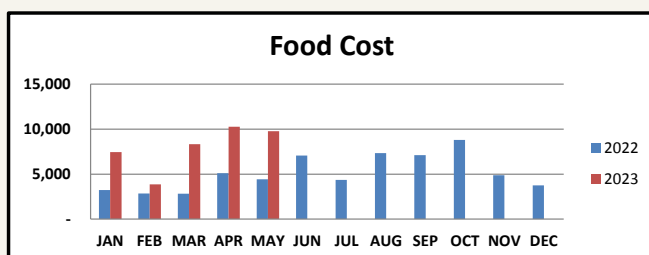
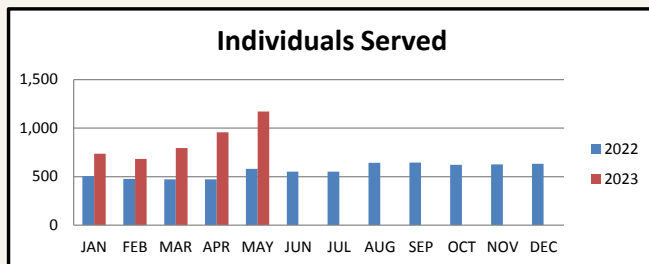
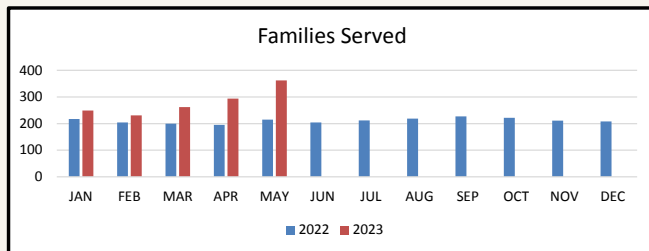
Forward this information along and encourage others to raise their voice for school choice!

"Advocacy is not just the responsibility of parents and teachers...the entire Catholic community should be encouraged to advocate for parental school choice."

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

RECAP OF MAY 2023 – WOW! Another VERY busy month for CWM. If we thought the record number of families that we had in April was a lot, we had a nearly 20% increase in May! The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **17,565** meals to **1,171** individuals (record) in **362** households (record) within the greater Gahanna community during the month of May. We continue to see increasing demand from large families. 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. Rather than the usual chart, the below graphs provide a much better view of the trends and increases dating back to January 2022. Thank you for your continued support to those families who are experiencing difficult times through your financial support and volunteer efforts.



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 end of 2023 at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945aeaa2aa5f94-charitable#/>.

FOLLOW ST. MATTHEW ON SOCIAL MEDIA! Follow our social media accounts for updates on Parish events, worship times, and more! Facebook: @StMatthewGahanna; Twitter: @GahannaStMatts; Instagram: @stmatthewapostle.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH the following children who were baptized on Sunday, June 4: Hudson Ryan Toopes and Lillian Theresa Toopes.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED – Barb Fullenkamp, mother of Angie Eschmeyer.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Live the
Gospel of Life

Father Pellegrino Funicelli, who was an assistant to Padre Pio for many years, once discussed abortion with him. Padre Pio commented, "The

day that people lose their horror for abortion will be the most terrible day for humanity. Abortion is not only a homicide but also a suicide." "Suicide?" asked Father Pellegrino. Padre Pio replied, "The suicide of the human race will be understood by those who will see the earth populated by the elderly and depopulated of children: burnt as a desert." Padre Pio's prophecy has come true in our lifetime, on both ends – lower fertility rates and a rising population of the elderly.

A fertility rate of 2.1 (average number of births per woman of childbearing age) is the minimum for a population to replace itself. For the U.S. this rate is 1.7, and a similar rate or lower exists for Europe, Russia, China, and Latin America. In fact, over 50% of the countries are at 2.0 or below. The fertility rate has plummeted in the last 50 years, and if this trend continues, it is estimated that the global population will peak in 2050 at 8 billion and decrease to 6 billion by the end of the century.

The proportion of the population of the elderly to the young has also risen dramatically in the past 15 years. For example, in the U.S., there are now more old people (65 or older) than young people (10 or younger). By 2060, population projections show that 35% of the American population will be 65 or older.

Government and secular studies are reluctant to admit one of the root causes for fertility rate decreases is abortion. Yet it is hard to dismiss that the estimated 1.5 billion abortions, worldwide, over the last 50 years, as a major contributing factor. We do not want to see this downward spiral accelerate in Ohio and need to reject the proposed abortion amendment November 7. While it is inconvenient to take the time to vote in an off-cycle election, it is important that we take our stand for life and vote NO on unrestricted abortion.

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

44TH ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATION: MASS & LUNCHEON ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27 – This annual event is a great opportunity for prayer, food and fellowship with senior citizens from the 23-county Catholic Diocese of Columbus. It is being held at St. Catharine Catholic Church (500 S. Gould Road, Columbus 43209) on Tuesday, June 27 at 10:30 a.m. and Bishop Earl K. Fernandes is the celebrant. The luncheon will follow. The cost is \$20.00. **Please register by Tuesday, June 20** by visiting <https://dioceseofcolumbus.org/social-concerns-online-payments> or sending a check payable (along with a completed flyer from the website) to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Please call 614-241-2540 with any questions.

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