

## BAPTISMS

All Baptism inquiries must begin by filling out a Baptism form on our website at [www.stmatthew.net/baptism](http://www.stmatthew.net/baptism). For more information, please contact Katie Ryzenga at 614-532-0620 or [kryzenga@stmatthew.net](mailto: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](http://www.stmatthew.net/marriage).

## ANointing & Visitation of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to schedule an anointing and/or to arrange a visit from our pastoral staff.

## PARISH CLERGY – 614-471-0212

Fr. Theodore K. Sill, Pastor  
Fr. Stephen Carmody, OP, Parochial Vicar  
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joseph Meyer  
Rev. Mr. Christopher Walsh

## PARISH STAFF – 614-471-0212

Business Manager: Leo Grimes  
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Director of Music: Dawn Shining – 614-532-0627  
Facilities Superintendent: George Harvey  
Office & Ministry Coordinator: Michelle Dougherty  
Safe Environment: Michelle Lantz

## FAMILY LIFE OFFICE – 614-532-0620

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## PARISH SCHOOL – PRE-K-GRADE 8 – 614-471-4930

[www.cdstmatthew.org](http://www.cdstmatthew.org)  
Principal: John Rathburn, [jrathburn1@cducation.org](mailto:jrathburn1@cducation.org)

## 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](http://www.stmatthew.net/online-parishioner-registration).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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



# ST. MATTHEW

## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

WORSHIP • SERVE • EVANGELIZE

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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 19** – 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

6:30 a.m. NO MASS

8:30 a.m. Theodore Davidson/Family

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20** – 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

6:30 a.m. NO MASS

8:30 a.m. Alice Butcher/Whitt Family

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21** – 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:30 a.m. NO MASS

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22** – 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

6:30 a.m. NO MASS

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23** – 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23

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

8:30 a.m. Dr. Thomas P. D'Onofrio/Wife &amp; Children

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24** – Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

8:30 a.m. Jack Lorenz/Teegarden Family

5:00 p.m. Intentions of John Annarino/Bruce Vanderhoff

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25** – Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

8:00 a.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

10:00 a.m. Joe Knueven/McNeil Family

12:00 p.m. Thomas D'Onofrio/Jen Cabe

**STEWARDSHIP**

2022-2023 Through	June 11, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$2,147,850.00
Contributions	\$44,879.41	\$2,096,498.59
Surplus (Shortage)	\$1,922.41	(\$51,351.41)

Note: St. Matthew's fiscal year is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.  
Contributions include offertory and parish facilities fund donations.

**DISCIPLESHP****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**

	<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 24</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 25</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 25</b> 10:00 A.M.	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 25</b> 12:00 P.M.
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Max Maksimoski, rmaksimo@stmatthew.net – 614-607-4799 ( <i>Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors</i> ) Vicki Wengert, vwengert@icloud.com – 614-270-2118 ( <i>Sacristans</i> )			
	Kathy Wodarczyk Brooke Warren Jim Gernetzke Mindy Mays	Corinne Miller Michael Wodarczyk Susan Mulligan Mary Humphrey	Karen Lackey Carol Ann Lombardi Chris Vonau Brendan Lackey	Tom Mignery Josie Dages Eric Thompson Beth Escudero
<b>IN HOME</b>	Michael Wodarczyk (2); Jeff Solinger (4); Connie Wood (5); Steve Testa (6); Mila McNamee (7)			
<b>LECTORS</b>	Patti Herrick Jim Gernetzke	Mary Humphrey Ezra Escudero	Carol Ann Lombardi Shawn Miller	Alysa Li Eric Thompson
<b>SACRISTANS</b>	Vicki Wengert	Kat Graham	Eileen Masoni	Beth Escudero
<b>SERVERS</b>	MC – Dominik Eppler Ryan Folian Jeffrey Iruthaya Zachary Nusbaum Stella Ruscak Leah Stacklin	MC – Conner Norman Mackenzie Norman Claire Smith	MC – Thomas Dougherty Giosué Calendo Lucia Calendo Cecilia Dougherty Ben Riesbeck	MC – Teddy Williams Isabella Barrera Alysa Li Eugene Mwesiga Grant Warner

## 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

**HANDBELLS** – The St. Matthew Music Ministry is seeking to add more ringers. A 4-week introductory session begins **July 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the choir loft. Structured for adult beginners (no prior musical knowledge required) we will teach the fundamentals of ringing. Come learn, have some fun, and be part of this important ministry. If interested, contact Andy Cabe at [mracabe@gmail.com](mailto:mracabe@gmail.com).

**SACRISTANS NEEDED** – The Sacristan Ministry is a behind-the-scenes service of preparing what is needed for the celebration of the Mass. It is the hidden and holy work of a Sacristan who arrives early before Mass to set things up and stays after to put things away. It is a beautiful way to share your faith and gifts with your parish family. Volunteers are needed for the **Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses**. Volunteers need to be adult-registered parishioners of St. Matthew and training will be provided. If you are interested in offering your service once a month, please contact Vicki Wengert at [vwengert@icloud.com](mailto:vwengert@icloud.com).

**DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION** – “Devotion to the Sacred Heart should bring us to a life of intimate union with Jesus whom, we know, is truly present and living in the Eucharist. The two devotions – to the Sacred Heart and to the Eucharist – are closely connected. They call upon one another and, we may even say, they require one another. The Sacred Heart explains the mystery of the love of Jesus by which He becomes bread in order to nourish us with His substance, while in the Eucharist we have the real presence of this same Heart, living in our midst.... In Holy Communion, then, this Heart beats within us, it touches our heart; through the love of this Heart, we are fed with His Flesh and with His Blood, so that we may abide in Him and He in us.” – from *“Divine Intimacy,”* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D. (Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 16). Learn more of our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at <https://stmatthew.net/dmc>.

**ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL IS HIRING TEACHER ASSISTANTS** – St. Matthew School is looking for classroom Teacher Assistants in grades K, 1, 3 and 7. 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@cdeeducation.org](mailto:jrathburn1@cdeeducation.org).

**SAINT MATTHEW CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTION** is next weekend, **June 24-25**, after all Masses. Your kindness is appreciated.

**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](mailto:mary0613@hotmail.com) with questions and to pre-register. We look forward to helping ease the pain and sorrow accompanied with your loss.

**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@cdeeducation.org](mailto:rkuhns1@cdeeducation.org) if you are interested and/or would like more information.

**THE SECOND ANNUAL GOLDEN MUSTANG DERBY** will “run” this **Wednesday, June 21**. The Golden Mustangs, St. Matthew’s 55+ group, will meet at **6:00 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room. We will pray the Sacred Heart Litany. Join us for an evening of fellowship, food and fun. Wear your derby hat and celebrate horse racing’s Triple Crown with the Second Annual Golden Mustang Derby. Please contact Joan or Paul Rovnak at [pjrovnak@msn.com](mailto:pjrovnak@msn.com) or 614-205-9396 for additional information.

**PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION** – Next weekend we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

**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](http://stmatthew.net/youth) for more information.

**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 \$2000.00, 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 third weekly winner is Tom May.**



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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:brookewarren13@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

**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 this **Thursday, June 22 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please visit <https://www.futurebtby.com/> for more information.



**NON-PARTISAN  
VOTER  
REGISTRATION  
DRIVE**

**JUNE 24/25  
JULY 1/2**  
*in the Gathering Space*

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

Live the  
Gospel of *Life*

Happy Father's Day! Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending His only Son for the sake of our salvation. Pope St. John Paul II stated that, "Fathers have a special role in revealing and reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God." The role of the father "is of unique and irreplaceable importance, it is both a biological and spiritual reality." Fathers are entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, in safeguarding the sanctity of human life.

Research shows that the absence of a father in the nuclear family can be devastating. Approximately 24 million children in the U.S. today are fatherless, which is 1 out of every 3 children. 85% of the incarcerated men grew up fatherless; 90% of high school dropouts are without a dad; and 75% of the adolescent patients in a substance abuse center are fatherless. These statistics are jarring and make us thankful for the families that have both a committed father and mother. In their unique roles, both provide the stability needed to raise children to be morally responsible.

The Church presents St. Joseph as the model for earthly and spiritual fatherhood. St. Joseph endured both unexpected and difficult circumstances, yet he remained faithful in providing care and protection to Jesus and Mary. Let us thank our fathers today for their efforts to represent, as best they could, the Fatherhood of God in our lives. St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for all fathers to continue to be faithful to their families.

**Special Note:** We will be sponsoring a non-partisan voter registration after all Masses on the weekend of **June 24/25** and **July 1/2** in the Gathering Space. The deadline for the August 8 special election is July 10. The special election is to vote on an amendment to increase the requirements for changes to our constitution from 50% to 60%. We encourage you to vote YES on this amendment to make it more difficult to pass the November 7 amendment to legalize extreme abortion. If you are not registered, or have recently moved, please take time to register.

### Upcoming Event:

- **June 24/25** voter registration after all Masses.

If you are interested in learning more about St. Matthew's Pro-Life group, please contact Jeff Solinger at [jksolinger@aol.com](mailto:jksolinger@aol.com) or (614) 506-2382.

**NEW TO THE PARISH? YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE** – To register as a parish member, you can stop in the office or register online at <http://www.stmatthew.net/new-parishioners> and we will contact you with more information.

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASSES THIS SUMMER

St. Matthew will host two remaining *Protecting God's Children* classes this summer via Zoom on **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](mailto:mlantz@cducation.org) with any questions!

**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!



## PARISH PROJECTS

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

We apologize for the many inconveniences we have brought to the campus already this summer. We are dealing with compressed timeframes and must maximize efficiency on all projects. Most notable are the Sanctuary repairs and renovations. Moving daily Masses to the St. Anthony Room has helped labor utilization. Moving the initial construction phase to the back of the church to better understand the challenges has accelerated the learning curve. We are finding concealed roof and insulation issues which we are solving now to save time on later phases.

The other major, but much less costly project, is the assembly of playground equipment salvaged from the Lincoln HS construction. Dan Rannebarger, owner of Rannebarger Home Maintenance, has been contributing much time, effort, and equipment to the preparation of the site behind the school. Thank you to our 8th Grade graduating class for their Legacy Gift that has helped to offset the cost of the playground surface. We were first challenged with rock hard soil from the lack of rain and then delayed last week from days of downpours. The rain will ultimately help with bringing back the grass in the soccer field, but like they say, when you wish for rain, you must deal with the mud.

In the school, we are creating 600 square feet of storage for athletics, converting 400 square feet of open area into tutoring/testing rooms while shuffling office space for additional teachers and tutors. The attention to continual improvement in our school will pay major dividends to the level of education we offer our students. Grants are again being utilized to standardize and increase the number of Smartboards in our school, supported by a grant funded Internet upgrade.

Service hours are available to help with cleaning outside windows, lockers, and lights. You can make a difference. 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.



## 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 this weekend, **June 17-18** (Father's Day weekend). 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. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.



**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](mailto:lorraine.curtin@icloud.com).

**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, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church.

**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.

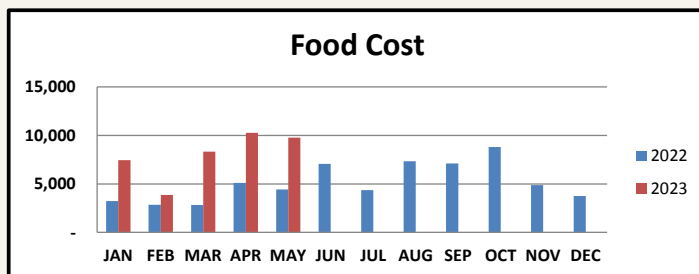
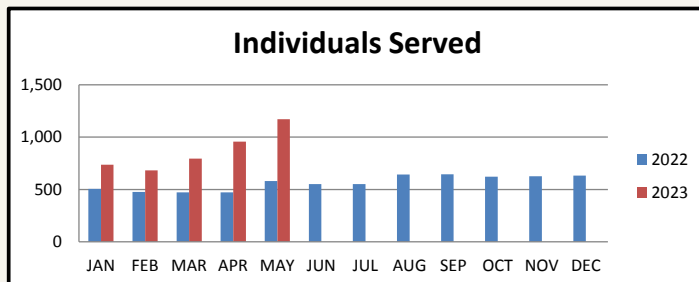
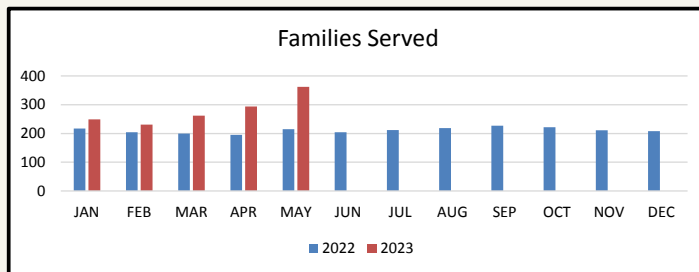
**ST. MATTHEW SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE** – Our parish has formed a Social Concerns Committee that will advocate for multiple aspects of Catholic Social Teaching, including pro-life work, advocacy for the poor, and other social issues. If you are interested in learning more about this group or would like to be involved, please contact Jim Gernetzke at [jimgernetzke@noslumine.com](mailto:jimgernetzke@noslumine.com).

**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.

**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.

## 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#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945aeaa2aa5f94-charitable#/)

## 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 to Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Please call 614-241-2540 with any questions.

**YCP EXECUTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION ON JUNE 21** – Join us as we welcome Dr. Ashley Fernandes, LPCC Joe Geig, and Nurse Practitioner Nicole Snyder to answer your Catholic healthcare questions. The meeting is at **7:00 p.m.** at St. Brenden (**4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard OH, 43026**). 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](https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-with-jillian-snavley-77010/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list).

**PLEASE HELP THE SERRA CLUB PROMOTE VOCATIONS** In fall of 2023, the Columbus Serra Club will challenge eighth grade boys to write an essay of five hundred words or less answering a question about whether God might be calling them to the priesthood. Writers of the ten best essays will be awarded a \$1,000.00 tuition assistance grant to a diocesan Catholic high school. In the future, the competition will be extended to high schools. For information on joining the Serra Club to help with this program, please email Mary Pardi at [vlahakismary@gmail.com](mailto:vlahakismary@gmail.com) or Carl Faehnle at [carl@faehnle.com](mailto:carl@faehnle.com).

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