#### **BAPTISMS**

All Baptism inquiries must begin by filling out a Baptism form on our website at <a href="www.stmatthew.net/baptism">www.stmatthew.net/baptism</a>. For more information, please contact Katie Ryzenga at 614-532-0620 or <a href="wryzenga@stmatthew.net">kryzenga@stmatthew.net</a>.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Marriage preparation must begin at least 6 months before a desired wedding date. All inquiries begin on the Parish website at <a href="https://www.stmatthew.net/marriage">www.stmatthew.net/marriage</a>.

#### 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. PeterClaver Kasasa Kiviiri, Parochial Vicar

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joseph Meyer

Rev. Mr. Christopher Walsh

#### PARISH STAFF - 614-471-0212

Business Manager: Leo Grimes

Director of Athletics: Eileen Buzenski – 614-478-8533 Director of Music: Dawn Shininger – 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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Dorothy Allwein - dallwein@stmatthew.net

Family Life and Marriage Formation Coordinator:

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Baptism Coordinator:

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Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

Maggie Allwein - mallwein@stmatthew.net

Discipleship Coordinator:

Mark Hale - mhale@stmatthew.net

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

www.cdstmatthew.org

Principal: John Rathburn, <u>irathburn1@cdeducation.org</u>

#### 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 <a href="https://mxitte.com/hmichaels@stmatthew.net">https://mxitte.com/hmichaels@stmatthew.net</a> 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.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES

MONDAY, JULY 3 - Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

6:30 a.m. Jack Keefe/Dcn. Chris Walsh

8:30 a.m. Paul Upp/Upp Family

TUESDAY, JULY 4 - Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

6:30 a.m. NO MASS

8:30 a.m. Ronald Schull/Caryl Schull

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 - Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

6:30 a.m. Tom Ross

8:30 a.m. John Hondros/Maureen Schubert

THURSDAY, JULY 6 - Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

6:30 a.m. Jim White/Barbara Overholser

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Tommy Vertin/Hoenig Family

FRIDAY, JULY 7 - Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

6:30 a.m. Mark Russell/Linda Russell

8:30 a.m. Rick Perkins/Bible Study Friends

7:00 p.m. Robert Hammond/Family

**SATURDAY, JULY 8 –** *Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17* 

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

5:00 p.m. Ron Wurtz/Mary Helen Wurtz

**SUNDAY, JULY 9 –** *Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30* 

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

10:00 a.m. Intentions of Helen Breitfeller/Her Children

12:00 p.m. Ralph J. Napolitano/Emily Napolitano

STEWARDSHIP					
2022-2023 Through	June 25, 2023	Year to Date			
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$2,233,764.00			
Contributions	\$35,809.27	\$2,162,324.36			
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$7,147.73)	(\$71,439.64)			

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.
- 3. 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, JULY 8 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JULY 9 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, JULY 9 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, JULY 9 12:00 P.M.				
	Max Maksimoski, rmaksimo@stmatthew.net - 614-607-4799 (Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors) Vicki Wengert, vwengert@icloud.com - 614-270-2118 (Sacristans)							
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Jennifer McConnell Dave Macynski Ann Whitlatch Mindy Mays Ted Deibel Linda Strapp Patti Herrick Mary Jedlicka Gary Strapp Erin McConnell Nancy Nelson Tom Whitlatch		Angel Rice Beth Huddy Josie Dages Andy Prociuk					
IN HOME	Angela McNair (2); Nancy Nelson (4); Mary Burkett (5); Max Maksimoski (6); Dave Macynski (7)							
LECTORS	Patti Herrick Emily DeArdo	Mary Anne Frazee Tim DeMuth	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
SACRISTANS	Vicki Wengert	Kat Graham	Eileen Masoni	Tom Minser				
SERVERS	MC – Luke Aaron Ryan Folian Mallory Klein Monica Klein Natalie Klein Sadie Klein	MC – Conner Norman Caleb Lemle Ethan Lemle Mackenzie Norman	MC – Graham Sanders Audrey Lackey Ben Lackey Reagan Sanders Noah Whitlatch	MC – Logan Geig Kieran Nowalk Trae Rogers Joel Thompson Andrew Uzomba				

#### 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



MISSIONARY PRIEST TO VISIT NEXT WEEKEND, JULY 8/9 – Greetings of peace fellow missionaries! My name is Fr. Sengole Gnanaraj and I represent the Diocese of Palayamkottai, Tamilnadu, India. I am grateful to Bishop Earl Fernandes and Fr. Ted Sill for creating this opportunity to be with you next weekend.

I am here with a great sense of belonging to the universal Church in which you and I are equally part of Christ's mission in the Church. Pope Francis reminds us that we are missionary disciples! Through my presence and appeal, I would like to invite you to be part of our mission in the diocese of Palayamkottai through your prayers and financial support. Our diocese since its inception in 1973 has been at the forefront of evangelization and social development among Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Most people are poor and yet strongly committed to living the faith in simple and humble ways.

The main proceeds of this appeal will benefit education and formation of seminarians – holy priests for the holy people of God. Currently, we have 45 seminarians in all levels of formation involving a total of 9 years. The diocese bears the entire cost of education and health care for each seminarian. As you know well, educating young men in faith and love for Christ is pivotal. To that end, quality education with a missionary zeal involves an all-round formation of mind, body and spirit. Please support us in raising seminarians for the service of holy Mother Church.

Secondly, our diocese has been a frontline promoter of quality education in many rural parts, especially for girl children. Assuring basic education from K-12 for girl children has always been a challenge and the diocese takes every initiative to ensure that the poorest of the poor and those discriminated (based on Caste) graduate high school without drop out. Each contribution that you make will entirely be spent for this noble cause – hearing Jesus' consoling words, "as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). Thank you for being so generous not only helping your own local parish in many ways, but for deeply desiring to be in solidarity with the poorest of the poor of India. May each one of you receive God's abundant blessings for you and those you love!



**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**, **July 2** at **3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

#### MESSAGE FROM FR. STEVE

#### Dear Parishioners,

It's been only a short time that I've been with you – only 16 months – but it's been a good run. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you. You are all dear to my heart. We don't always know what God has in store for us, only that whatever it is works toward our salvation and eternal life with Him. He brought us together and we have grown and learned what it means to be a better Christian. I appreciate your kindness and generosity to me over these months and pray that God will continue to bless you with His love. There is sweet sorry in parting, but know that you will always be in my heart and prayers. ~ Fr. Steve

JOIN US FOR MASS on Tuesday, July 4 at 8:30 a.m. There will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass and the Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. Have a safe holiday!

HELP US MAKE THE PARISH FESTIVAL A SUCCESS! Do you want to give your time to help our parish? Do you (or your teen) need volunteer hours for school? Come volunteer at the Parish Festival, July 14-15! We have numerous volunteer opportunities, with varying times and dates. To sign up, visit https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/53172DB07A2CEE8C17-stmatthew1. (\*You must have taken the *Protecting God's Children* course to volunteer.)

#### DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

"The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man." St. Maria Goretti (Memorial, July 6). Learn more of our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at https://stmatthew.net/dmc.

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MONTE CARLO- 6PM-MIDNIGHT LIVE MUSIC: IRISH ROAD

FOOD TRUCKS: ONO TURO TURO, GRAETERS, BUBBLE TEA

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#### SATURDAY - 6PM-11PM

MONTE CARLO - 6PM-MIDNIGHT LIVE MUSIC: THE MAJESTICS

**FOOD TRUCKS: PITABILITIES, KONA ICE, GRAETERS** 

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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.

#### NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

In our Liturgical Calendar, we have once again entered the long stretch of Ordinary Time, from mid-June to the end of November. As we did last summer, our Communion Antiphon and verses will be the main music focus during Communion time. The refrain and page number from the pew missal will be on the hymn screens, inviting all to join in singing the refrain. The verses will be from Scripture, which allows us to meditate on the living and effective Word of God as we receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Receiving Communion is the most intimate time of our worship in the Mass, when Jesus comes to dwell in us. What should we do or how should we respond? While music aids in communion with our Savior, our own personal response is key. If we have ever wondered what to say in prayer or meditate on at this moment, recall that our faith is a gift of grace, for which we say: "Lord, increase my faith! I believe; help my areas of unbelief!" We can also just talk with Him in our hearts, giving Him all of our cares and joys from the past week. Additionally, printed prayers toward the back of the pew missal, beginning around page 1000, can deepen our meditation. As we offer the Sacred Silence when the Communion procession ends, we listen for the Lord's response and resolve to grow closer to Him.

#### PRO-LIFE CORNER



It has been estimated by the Ohio Secretary of State, Frank LaRose, that the annual rate of abortions in Ohio will increase from 30,000 to

40,000 if the Abortion Amendment is passed this November 7. Currently, the annual rate is approximately 20,000 with the suspension of the Ohio Heartbeat law – which had dropped the abortion rate by over 60% for the four months it was in effect prior to a court injunction.

What will drive this increase? There are many factors, but the key factors are:

Increase in out-of-state women seeking an abortion from states which have banned abortion such as Kentucky, West Virginia, and Indiana. Michigan, for example, which passed a similar amendment in November 2022, has already seen an annual increase of out-of-staters of 4,000.

There will be an increase in chemical abortions by telemedicine. Currently, Ohio has several restrictions in place to limit this method of abortion access. A woman must receive the initial pill in person from a certified prescriber, must obtain the second pill from the same prescriber 2/3 days later, and schedule a 2-week follow-up visit after that. Chemical abortion packages cannot be distributed through pharmacies. All these restrictions would be unenforceable if the abortion amendment is passed.

Parental consent or notification would no longer be required for minors, which would increase the rate of teenage abortions.

Abortions would be allowed to pass the current Ohio viability marker of 22 weeks.

This is why it is critical to vote YES on August 8 to increase the amendment passing threshold from 50% to 60%, and even more importantly, to vote NO on the November 7 election on the Abortion Amendment. Our goal is to enshrine the Gospel of Life in Ohio, not the culture of death.

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.

**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.

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 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.

**GARDEN MINISTRY** – Join us to give some extra love to the flowerbeds. No experience required. Saturdays, **July 8**, **July 15** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, and **Thursday**, **July 20** from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** Dress for the weather and contact Denise at stmatthewsgardenministry@gmail with questions.

#### 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.

"Construction Zone." That about covers it. <smile face>

Prior to the start of last week, the Facilities Team managed to clear the construction in the Noble Center gym and set up a temporary Sanctuary that accommodated three daily Masses and daily Confessions. Last week, the Totus Tuus summer youth program occupied many areas of the church and school. Thank you for your kind understanding and patience as the church Sanctuary repairs and renovation continued amidst a very active week.

Our construction contractors continued to uncover insulation issues, water intrusion, roof problems, and signs of critters in the walls. Systematically, problems are being addressed, and reconstruction schedules remain a priority. The contractor crews have expanded their day, now beginning at 6:00 a.m. Again, your patience is greatly appreciated as we all watch the church evolve. It is interesting to watch how the church is constructed.

With everything that was going on inside, the facilities crew moved outside, and thankfully the weather cooperated. Much of the playground equipment salvaged from Gahanna HS has now been installed behind the Noble Center gym. The large amount of dirt that was removed for the new surface was used to level the soccer field, and fill in low areas behind the school and under the trees on Helmbright. While we had excavation equipment onsite, we removed a dead tree and an overgrown hedge row. The students will return to a completely new playground environment next fall.

Enjoy a safe July 4th holiday. Remember, service hours remain 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.

#### 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@cdeducation.org.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

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

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** – Congratulations to Jeff Solinger, Knight of the Month for June.

DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS CHILD PROTECTION PLAN – It is the goal of the Diocese of Columbus to make the Church a place of safety: a place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our churches, schools, or facilities must be confident in this. Not one child or young person should suffer from abuse while at Church. In order to assure the safety of our youth, the Diocese of Columbus has enacted a complete program of protection. As part of this program, the Diocese of Columbus will provide appropriate, just, and pastoral care for anyone who has suffered the crime of sexual abuse of a minor at the hands of diocesan clergy or church employees or volunteers. The Diocese of Columbus will report any and all allegations of abuse reported to it to the authorities and will cooperate fully with those authorities.

Help is available: The Diocese of Columbus wants to hear from anyone who has suffered. If you wish to report an allegation of abuse or need pastoral and/or clinical care in order to begin or continue the process of healing from sexual abuse as a child at the hands of a member of the clergy or a church employee or volunteer, simply call the Diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator. You can find contact information at the bottom of this notice. If you wish to receive a copy of the Diocesan complaint form or any of the Diocesan policies and procedures, simply call the number below or visit the Diocesan website at www.columbuscatholic.org.

To contact the Diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator, call: Laura Lewis, 614-224-2251 or email helpisavailable@columbuscatholic.org. If you have any questions, please contact Regina E. Quinn, Director of the Safe Environment Office, at 614 241-2568, or rquinn@columbuscatholic.org.

## JESUS & THE END TIMES: A CATHOLIC VIEW OF THE LAST DAYS

Have you ever wondered what the Bible teaches about what will happen at the end of time? Catholics are often unfamiliar with what the bible actually teaches. Many Christians are unaware that the Catholic Church has very explicit teachings about the tribulation, the antichrist, the second coming, and the new creation

In this detailed bible study on the end times, Dr. Pitre brings clarity and precision to the confusion that frequently surrounds the doctrine of the end times, by answering crucial questions such as:

What is the meaning of Jesus' prophecies of tribulation and the coming of the Son of Man? Are we in the "end times" now? Why did Jesus prophesy the destruction of the temple, and how does it relate to the end of the world?

What will the final judgment be like, and how will we be judged?

If you've ever wondered about where this world is heading and what the ultimate destiny of humanity is, then you don't want to miss this powerful study of the truth about what the Bible and the Catholic Church teach about the last days.

Dates: Tuesdays, September 5-October 10

**Time**: 9:15-11:15 a.m. **Location**: St. Raphael Room

Cost: FREE

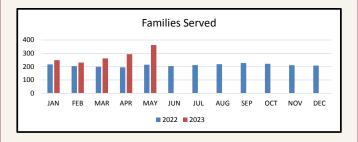
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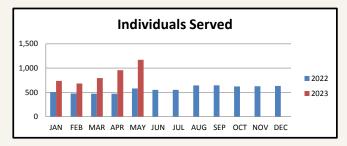
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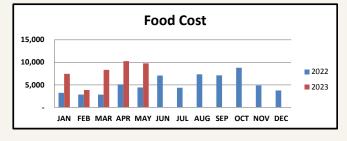
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#### CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

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#/.

**THANK YOU – GRIN SUMMER LUNCH WEEK** – Over 200 hot lunches were assembled and served *each day* by parish volunteers at two Gahanna area elementary schools. A huge thank-you goes out to those who prepared hot meal items, cut up and bagged fruits & vegetables, made delicious cookies, brownies & other treats, served meals, cleaned up, and made monetary donations. Your generosity and support were truly appreciated by all.

GRIEFSHARE – 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 began last Sunday 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. Please contact Mary Lager at 614-395–9099 or 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 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. **Our final weekly winner is Dolores Igel.** 

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 tuition assistance grant to a diocesan Catholic high school. In the future, the competition will be extend to high schools. For information on joining the Serra Club to help with this program, please email Mary Pardi at vlahakismary@gmail.com or Carl Faehnle at carl@faehnle.com.

**BOOK CLUB** – The next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 26** at **7:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room. We will be discussing the book *Breakthrough: A Journey from Desperation to Hope* by Father Rob Galea. All are welcome!

**WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH** the following children who were baptized on Sunday, June 25: William Mark Greger and Cormac Raymond Tilson.

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