

## 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).

## ANOIDTING & 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  
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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

Catholic Inquiry/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

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Discipleship Coordinator:

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

[www.cdmatthew.org](http://www.cdmatthew.org)

Principal: John Rathburn, [jrathburn1@cdeducation.org](mailto:jrathburn1@cdeducation.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

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Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
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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, JULY 24** – Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

6:30 a.m. Dick Stedman/Pat Martin

8:30 a.m. Betty Greger/Greger Family

**TUESDAY, JULY 25** – 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

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

8:30 a.m. Sue Conway/Kim Greene

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26** – Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9

6:30 a.m. Eddie Dean/Rovnak Family

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 27** – Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17

6:30 a.m. John F. Zaino/Susie Strait

8:30 a.m. Rob Longnecker/Whitt Family

**FRIDAY, JULY 28** – Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

6:30 a.m. John Conlon/Steve Blubaugh

8:30 a.m. Alex Leach/Kathy Martin

**SATURDAY, JULY 29** – Ex 24:3-8; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

8:30 a.m. Nancy Finneran/Chandler Family

5:00 p.m. Kenneth &amp; Ruby Schmidt/Rob &amp; Janice Hutton

**SUNDAY, JULY 30** – 1Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

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

10:00 a.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

12:00 p.m. Fr. Michael Tabit/Whitt Family

**STEWARDSHIP**

2023-2024 Through	July 16, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$128,871.00
Contributions	\$36,070.00	\$120,321.65
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$6,887.00)	(\$8,549.35)
Note: St. Matthew's fiscal year is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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**

	<b>SATURDAY, JULY 29 5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, JULY 30 8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, JULY 30 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, JULY 30 12:00 P.M.</b>
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Max Maksimoski, rmaksimo@stmatthew.net – 614-607-4799 ( <i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors</i> ) Vicki Wengert, vwengert@icloud.com – 614-270-2118 ( <i>Sacristans</i> )			
	Jim Gernetzke Wayne Stertz Kathy Wodarczyk Patti Herrick	Mary Anne Frazee Michael Wodarczyk Tim McMullen Gary Frazee	Cheryl Harmon Brian Whitlatch Lauren Whitlatch Maria Alfaro	Debbie Sears Andy Prociuk Beth Huddy Kristin Williams
<b>IN HOME</b>	Michael Wodarczyk (2); Kristin Figliola (4); Mary Burkett (5); Rhea Neugebauer (6); Greg Schmiedebusch (7)			
<b>LECTORS</b>	Jim Gernetzke Patti Herrick	Tim McMullen Mary Anne Frazee	Brian Whitlatch Lauren Whitlatch	Andy Prociuk Alysa Li
<b>SACRISTANS</b>	Jane Linville	Corinne Miller	Vicki Wengert	Tom Minser
<b>SERVERS</b>	MC – Dominik Eppler Jeffrey Iruthaya Kaleb Kitzmiller Jameson Yates	MC – Conner Norman Caleb Lemle Ethan Lemle Mackenzie Norman	MC – Carter Lantz Giosué Calendo Lucia Calendo Jessica Gebhart Ben Riesbeck	MC – Teddy Williams Anthony Golladay Lilliana Golladay Jackson Montgomery Joseph Williams

## 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

**UPDATE ON THE APPEAL** – Thanks to your generosity, our potential rebate so far from The Appeal 2023 will yield about \$27,000.00 to each facilities project for which it is earmarked: the school kitchen loan payoff and the church interior improvements. The campaign is open for several more months and any additional monies given will increase these rebates. If you have not yet responded, please do. Thank you again for your support of our diocese and parish projects.

**DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION** – “Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace.” St. Ambrose. Learn more of our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at <https://stmatthew.net/dmc>.

**SAINT MATTHEW CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTION** is this weekend, **July 22-23**, after all Masses. Your kindness is appreciated.

**ATTENTION, LADIES!** Do you want to grow in your Catholic faith? Do you want to connect with other women who share your faith? *Walking With Purpose* is a women’s ministry with a mission of helping Catholic women encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible Studies. WWP Bible Studies involve personal study/reflection and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. **Sessions will be held on Wednesday mornings (9:30 a.m.) and Thursday evenings (7:00 p.m.) and will begin in September.** More information, including registration, will be coming in August. Questions? Please contact Pat Shields at 614-440-4397.

**ATTENTION, MEN AND BOYS OF THE PARISH!** Do you like to sing? Are you interested in singing four-part male harmony? St. Matthew the Apostle Parish has a Men’s Choir and is looking for any male in ninth grade or older who would like to join us. We rehearse two nights per month and sing about one Mass per month. Ability to sight read is not required; just a love of four-part male harmony. Our next rehearsal will be **August 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir loft. Contact Deacon Christopher Walsh at [cwalsh5358@gmail.com](mailto:cwalsh5358@gmail.com) or 614-580-7059. Hope to see you on the 16th!

**BEST WISHES TO MARK HALE** – Mark Hale, our discipleship coordinator, has decided to move on to new opportunities, effective immediately. We are grateful for his efforts this past year and assured him of our prayers for his future endeavors, so please keep him in your prayers. Mark shared the following with our parish: “I would like to extend my gratitude to the entire parish community for the love, support, and friendship that I have received during my time here. The memories and bonds that I have formed will always hold a special place in my heart. I will cherish the relationships I have built, and I am hopeful that our paths will cross again in the future.”

**CONGRATS TO OUR PARISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS!** The \$2,000.00 Grand Prize winner was Greg Kulis; the \$1,000.00 Second Prize winner was Susan Johnson; and the \$500.00 Third Prize winner was Josy Olabode. Congrats to all!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON AUGUST 12** – Make a difference in someone’s life! The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Every unit of blood has the potential to save three lives in Central Ohio. Remember, “To whom much is given, much is expected.” Please consider donating! Anyone who is 17 years or older, weighs at least 110 pounds, and is in general good health can be a blood donor. Eligible blood donors must have made their last donation on or before June 17, 2023. Come give blood on **Saturday, August 12** at St. Matthew School in the Hutta Gym from **7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** You can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS; by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: MatthewApChurch); by signing up at the table in the back of the church; or by calling Teresa Baird at 614-404-3130/email [tburkebaird@gmail.com](mailto:tburkebaird@gmail.com). Your donation is always appreciated!

**MOM’S GROUP NIGHT OUT** – The Mom’s Group playdates and Children’s Holy Hour gatherings are on hiatus for the summer, but members of the Mom’s Group are getting together for a fun night out on **Friday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.** at Edison Brewing Company (785 Science Blvd). Come out and connect with other St. Matthew moms. All are welcome! Contact Trisha Mathis ([trisha.mathis460@gmail.com](mailto:trisha.mathis460@gmail.com)) for more details.

## SCRIPTURE 102 –

### A NEW TESTAMENT STUDY FOR THE FALL

Scripture 102 is a unique Bible Study on the New Testament that digs deeper into Scripture unlike any other. Fr. Sebastian Carnazzo from the Institute of Catholic Culture follows up from the Scripture 101 class by using typology, that is, seeing how the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New. He shows us the errors in the religions that have strayed off course all the while helping us to understand how knowing the Bible and salvation history will assist us with the culture we live in today.

Scripture 102 may be a little difficult for those who are new to taking Bible Studies, but Fr. Sebastian takes you step by step as he reads what he considers are important passages in a particular book of the Bible and, in turn, looks at a corresponding book to compare its similar themes. He is especially remarkable on how he intertwines the book of Acts with the epistles of Paul and the Catholic letters to give a timeline of when these letters were written and why. History comes alive with this study.

Fr. Sebastian also is quite the comedian and keeps the class laughing. It is NEVER boring! He is a Melkite Rite priest and he sometimes explains differences between the Latin and Eastern Catholic churches, which is fascinating, while emphasizing that we are One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

**Day/Time:** Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Dates:** September 12, 2023-January 30, 2024 (20 sessions)

**Location:** St. Gabriel Room

**Cost:** Free

**FIRST STEPS IN FAITH** – The First Steps in Faith program is for families with little ones (infants through Kindergarten). It is an opportunity to gather monthly for faith lessons, prayers, games, snacks, and activities. Resources for ongoing at-home faith formation are sent home with families each month. Participating in First Steps in Faith is a great way for parents to learn about how to pass the faith along to their children AND to meet other young families in the parish. This will be the third year for the program here at St. Matthew and we hope you will join us! Sessions are held on Sunday mornings and Monday mornings and will begin in September. For more information and registration, go to [www.stmatthew.net/first-steps-in-faith](http://www.stmatthew.net/first-steps-in-faith) or contact Katie Ryzenga at [kryzenga@stmatthew.net](mailto:kryzenga@stmatthew.net).

**TOTUS TUUS UPDATE** – The Totus Tuus and Mornings/Evenings with Mary programs were a great success. About 160 children participated in the programs. The Taco and Trivia Night was also a fun and well-attended event. Thank you very much to all of the parishioners who participated and volunteered. Thanks also to the various parish groups who graciously rearranged their meeting spaces to accommodate these programs for our little ones. It is our hope that these experiences of faith bear great fruit in the lives of these children.

**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).

**SUNDAY MASS READINGS EXPLAINED – NOW AVAILABLE BOTH MORNING AND EVENING** – 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.** and Thursday evening at **6:30 p.m.** starting **September 14**. 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).

**MEN OF ST. MATTHEW** – Our Saturday morning men's group will continue meeting this summer in the St. Anthony Room, located in the church's undercroft. We generally begin at **7:15/7:20 a.m.** with breakfast and conversation, then view a short video or two (20 minutes maximum), followed by discussion on the video content. We conclude at 8:25 a.m. so those attending 8:30 a.m. Mass may do so, or if you need to take off to get on with your Saturday. Sometimes several guys stick around a little longer depending on how the conversation goes. For those who have not attended in the past, it is always an informal gathering and a great way to meet other St. Matthew men. No RSVPs needed and each week stands on its own if you can only make it occasionally. Questions? Text/call Brian Gatch at 614-499-4836. Our *That Man Is You* program will resume in September.

**BOOK CLUB** – The next meeting will be this **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!



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

### IN A EUCHARISTIC HEARTBEAT WITH THE SAINTS

"Never think the time you pass in front of the tabernacle is time taken

from good works; not until the grain is covered by the furrow does its fecundity appear. Intimacy with the Holy Eucharist is the seed of virtue." – *How to Get More out of Holy Communion*, p. 112

St. Peter Julian Eymard  
Feast Day: August 2

### 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 during the summer break.

The application for our new electronic monument sign on Havens Corners Road is finally going in front of the Gahanna Planning Commission on Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m. (Gahanna City Hall, Council Chambers, 200 S. Hamilton Road). Over the last couple of months, we have been answering questions and clarifying our sign request. After public discussion on Wednesday, the Planning Commission will make a motion to approve, deny, or postpone, and a vote will be taken. Wish us luck.

The Sanctuary project continues to move forward and take shape. The final look is coming to life as the first section and end walls near completion. Insulation issues are being addressed as the church becomes more energy efficient. Drainage issues are also being addressed with the lowering of the grade around the front of the church.

The installation of a new playground behind the school has been completed and received much activity during the Festival last weekend. We are now looking at solutions to the deteriorating 20-year-old surface of our original playground. If we replace the surface, it will give us an opportunity to add a couple slides also salvaged from the Lincoln High School site.

The PAC gym storage areas have been modified, adding another 1,000 square feet of storage space. The additional space has created space for three more tutoring and meeting rooms in different areas of the school. We are now installing windows in all remaining solid interior doors on the new rooms and all student accessible storage rooms.

Suggestions on how we can better serve you and the parish are always welcome. Send requests and suggestions to [garvey@stmatthew.net](mailto:garvey@stmatthew.net). Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.



**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, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome.





**RETIRED PARISHIONERS –  
WE NEED YOU!**  
***Friends Across Time***  
**Returns for our 19th Year!**  
**Information Meeting on**  
**Monday, August 14**

The popular *Friends Across Time* program returns to St. Matthew School for our 19th year! Students from both Fourth Grade classrooms participate. This well-established inter-generational group enables our students and older parishioners to learn from, and better appreciate, each other's experiences through planned monthly activities during the school year.

As two long-time participants have said, "It has been quite rewarding to me. I always come home with a warm feeling." and "This program has enriched my life ten-fold! I receive more from the children than I would have ever imagined!"

The sessions are held each month of the school year, September through December and March through May. Mrs. Rahde's class will meet on the first Tuesdays and Mrs. Wnek's class on the second Tuesdays of each month from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the parish's St. Anthony Room. We need at least seventy (70) retired parishioners to be buddies with Fourth Grade students. Returning participants are encouraged to invite interested friends!

In keeping with Diocesan and Parish guidelines for a safe environment, all participants must have attended *Protecting God's Children* training, and have a background check, including fingerprinting. Watch the bulletin for the *Protecting God's Children* training schedule, and for upcoming fingerprinting opportunities.

Come to our informational meeting on **Monday, August 14** in the **St. Anthony Room** after the **8:30 a.m. Mass**. Refreshments provided! Questions? Please contact Mrs. Kyle Wnek at 614-216-2619 or [kwnek@cducation.org](mailto:kwnek@cducation.org).

**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.

**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 this **Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

Live the  
Gospel of *Life*

The president of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, Marjorie Dannenfelser, has made an interesting observation on the key reason that most

people would respond to, and vote NO on the November 7 abortion amendment. Most of us would start with stating that this amendment would legalize abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. But many people are so saturated with the propaganda of abortion advocates that they are left with the feeling that "abortion is probably ok early on, and that decision should be made by the woman." But Marjorie thinks that what gets people's attention is the attack on parental rights this amendment represents.

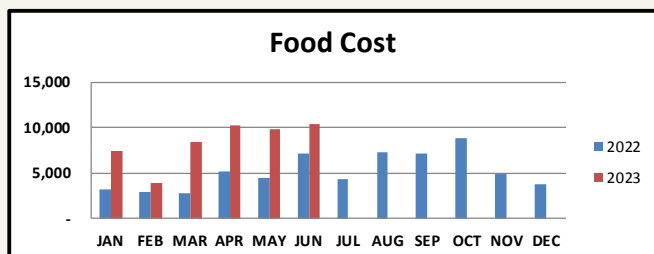
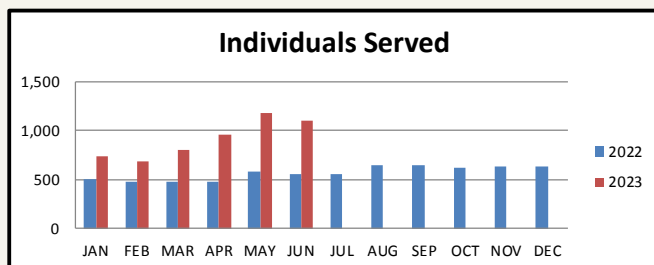
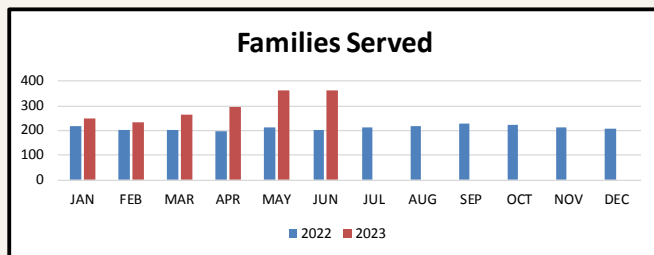
The amendment states that "every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions ... the State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against ... an individual's voluntary exercise of this right." There is no distinction made between an adult or a minor, therefore a person of any age can make this decision without "interference" from state parental consent laws. This would include decisions on abortion and transgender medical procedures – which are implied in the category of reproductive decisions.

While many parents may have "neutral" feelings about abortion, it is a far different matter for them to realize that this amendment nullifies their right to be involved in their children's decisions regarding abortion or gender transformation. The ACLU person who was the primary drafter of this amendment, admitted in an interview, that this amendment would make the current Ohio consent laws unenforceable. The ACLU has an entire page on their website advocating for the elimination of parental consent laws, stating that "mandating parental involvement in a teen's abortion decision can prevent teens from getting the abortions they want, it can lead to teens suffering the physical, emotional, educational, economic, and social costs of teenage childbearing." The amendment would also protect an "influencer" who talked a teenager into getting an abortion or gender transformation, or even drove them to the clinic. A vast majority of people would agree that this not the kind of constitutional right we want to establish in Ohio.

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.

## CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

**Recap of June 2023** – Another VERY busy month for CWM. We equaled our May record of 362 families served with an identical number of families served in June. The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **16,425** meals to **1,095** individuals in **362** households within the greater Gahanna community during the month of June. 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. The below graphs provide a 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#/).

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS** – St. Matthew will host one remaining *Protecting God's Children* class this summer via Zoom on **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!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

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**WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH** the following children who were baptized on Sunday, July 16: Merritt Aalen Moyer and Sawyer John Stuckman.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** – Toni Barr, wife of Mike Barr; Creta Purpura, wife of Anthony Purpura; and Marjorie Hennessey, mother of Ellen Stacklin.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**MARY'S MEALS FOUNDER TO SPEAK AT ST. CHARLES** – One of *Time Magazine's* 100 Influential People, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, founder and CEO of Mary's Meals, is speaking at St. Charles Preparatory School on **Thursday, September 28**. Mary's Meals serves 2.4 million of the world's poorest children by providing a daily meal in their classroom, giving them a ladder out of poverty. Meet Magnus and hear his inspiring story of how one encounter with a child set him off on his amazing journey. Tables and sponsorships are available now. Email Kristin Williams at [kwilliams@scprep.org](mailto:kwilliams@scprep.org) or call 380-209-2239. Proceeds benefit students at St. Charles in need of tuition assistance.

**DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION OPENING** – St. John XXIII Parish in Canal Winchester is searching to fill the role of the Director of Faith Formation. The Director of Faith Formation has responsibility for directing the parish faith formation ministry to youth and adults and overseeing faith formation programs. There is a special emphasis on Youth Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, and RCIA. The position is expected to use personal judgment in carrying out routine duties and responsibilities of the Parish. The work hours will be flexible to accommodate as much as possible the availability of the employee. If you or someone you know are interested in this opportunity, please find the full job description on the Diocese of Columbus website at <https://columbuscatholic.org/jobs/539> and click on the link "Click this PDF link to view the website posting for the Director of Faith Formation position."

**ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA PARISH FESTIVAL** – St. Margaret of Cortona Parish Festival (1600 N. Hague Avenue, Columbus) is **Friday, July 28 from 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.** and **Saturday, July 29 from 5:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.** (Family hours: 5:00-9:00 p.m. on Saturday) with fun games, hot eats, LIVE music, cold beers, and more!

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