

## 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  
Director of Athletics: Eileen Buzenski – 614-478-8533  
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):

Jennifer Cabe – 614-532-0626, [jcabe@stmatthew.net](mailto:jcabe@stmatthew.net)

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Baptism Coordinator:

Katie Ryzenga – [kryzenga@stmatthew.net](mailto:kryzenga@stmatthew.net)

Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

Maggie Allwein – [mallwein@stmatthew.net](mailto:mallwein@stmatthew.net)

Discipleship Coordinator:

Mark Hale – [mhale@stmatthew.net](mailto:mhale@stmatthew.net)

## 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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807 Havens Corners Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
614-471-0212 • [www.stmatthew.net](http://www.stmatthew.net)

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, AUGUST 7** – Nm 11:4b–15; Mt 14:13–21

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Joe &amp; Connie Wood

8:30 a.m. Kenneth Schmidt/Mary Chandler

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8** – Nm 12:1–13; Mt 14:22–36  
or 15:1–2, 10–14

6:30 a.m. Mary Couden/Friend

8:30 a.m. Louis &amp; Helen Reichert/George &amp; Helen Schweitzer

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9** – Nm 13:1–2; 25–14:1; 26–29a,  
34–35; Mt 15:21–28

6:30 a.m. Tom Lauer/Upp Family

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Helen Breitfeller/Her Children

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10** – 2 Cor 9:6–10; Jn 12:24–26

6:30 a.m. James Rodgers/Lisa Fugger

8:30 a.m. Susie O'Neill/Askew Family

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11** – Dt 4:32–40; Mt 16:24–28

6:30 a.m. Dave Brandt/John Haemmerle

8:30 a.m. Rebecca Fouts/Patrick &amp; Donna Higgins

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12** – Dt 6:4–13; Mt 17:14–20

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Anna Vu/Hue Vu

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13** – 1 Kgs 19:9a; 11–13a; Rom 9:1–5;  
Mt 14:22–33

8:00 a.m. Art Ulrich/Mary &amp; Bob Clark

10:00 a.m. Dale Young/Askew Family

12:00 p.m. Mike Whitt/Whitt Family

**STEWARDSHIP**

2023-2024 Through	July 30, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$214,785.00
Contributions	\$34,736.04	\$193,308.69
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$8,220.96)	(\$21,476.31)
Note: St. Matthew's fiscal year is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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**

	SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 12:00 P.M.
<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> )			
	Jennifer McConnell Denise Maksimoski Max Maksimoski Erin McConnell	Mary Humphrey Mary Campanelli Adam Greger Ted Deibel	Olga M. Magyar Nick Miller Abbey Morante Michael Morante	Kristin Williams Mary Thompson Heather Thompson Beth Huddy
<b>IN HOME</b>	Shawn Miller (2); Jeff Solinger (4); Mary Campanelli (5); Max Maksimoski (6); Mila McNamee (7)			
<b>LECTORS</b>	Therese Eppler Max Maksimoski	Mary Humphrey Ezra Escudero	Christopher Mathis Abbey Morante	Michael Motil Kristin Williams
<b>SACRISTANS</b>	Vicki Wengert	Kat Graham	Brian Gifford	Tom Minser
<b>SERVERS</b>	MC – Dominik Eppler Jeffrey Iruthaya Jameson Yates Leah Stacklin	MC – Conner Norman Caleb Lemle Ethan Lemle Mackenzie Norman	MC – Graham Sanders Audrey Lackey Ben Lackey Reagan Sanders Cecilia Warnement 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

### DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

"The Lord is present in the tabernacle in his divinity and in his humanity. He is not present for his own sake but for ours: it is his delight to be with the 'children of men.' He knows, too, that, being what we are, we need his personal nearness." St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Memorial, August 9). Learn more of our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at <https://stmatthew.net/dmc>.

Divine Mercy Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration							
Numbers indicate the <u>total adorers STILL NEEDED to reach minimum</u>							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 AM	1	1	-	1	1	1	2
1 AM	-	2	2	2	1	2	1
2 AM	2	2	2	-	1	2	2
3 AM	1	2	1	3	1	2	1
4 AM	1	-	-	1	1	1	1
5 AM	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
6 AM	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
7 AM	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
8 AM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 AM	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
10 AM	1	1	-	1	1	1	-
11 AM	2	-	-	1	-	-	1
12 PM	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
1 PM	1	1	-	-	1	-	1
2 PM	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
3 PM	1	1	1	-	-	-	1
4 PM	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
5 PM	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
6 PM	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
7 PM	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
8 PM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
9 PM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
10 PM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
11 PM	1	-	-	-	1	Cleaning Hr.	1

ADORERS STILL NEEDED—VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!

**RCIA** – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which those who wish to join the Catholic faith community are welcomed and introduced to the beliefs and practices of the Church. If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please register at <https://www.stmatthew.net/rcia-registration> or contact Jennifer Cabe at 614-532-0626 or [jcabe@stmatthew.net](mailto:jcabe@stmatthew.net) for more details. Our next Period of Inquiry will be on **Sundays, August 27-October 1** from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the St. Gabriel Room. Following the Period of Inquiry, those who choose to continue formation will join the existing RCIA group on Tuesday evenings. **NOTE: This Inquiry session is for those who have already been baptized in another Christian tradition (Lutheran, Methodist, etc.) or adult Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.** Those who have never been baptized should plan to begin formation with the Inquiry session starting in the spring.

**VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED** – St. Matthew School is in need of two volleyball coaches and two volleyball assistants for their **7th/8th grade girls rec team** and their **6th/7th grade boys rec team**. Evaluations are being held this week. If interested, please email Lyndsey Barr at [lyndsey.barr85@gmail.com](mailto:lyndsey.barr85@gmail.com).

**WE NEED YOU! 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](mailto:rkuhns1@cducation.org) if you are interested and/or would like more information.

**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@cducation.org](mailto:jrathburn1@cducation.org).

### 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

**To register:** Contact Lorraine Curtin at [lorraine.curtin@icloud.com](mailto:lorraine.curtin@icloud.com)



**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 woman'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!

**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!

**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).

**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](mailto:vwengert@icloud.com).

## PARISH PROJECTS

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

As you look around the Sanctuary, you can see all stages of our repairs and renovation. Painting has started, which is a sign areas are approaching completion. Construction has been going faster as the project moves forward. An opportunity has presented itself to get back one of the two weeks we fell behind early in the project. It will require the removal of a few more rows of pews before the first pews are reinstalled. This further reduction in seating is only temporary. We appreciate your patience and willingness to sit closer to each other. Continuing to celebrate weekend Masses in the church remains a priority.

Our new proposed electronic monument sign went before the Planning Commission on July 26. We participated in a spirit of compromise to get approval. Our stated objective before the Commission was to give into their demands of a single color, agree on message changes hopefully more than once a day, and to have more than 33% of the sign electronic. It was noted that Burger King was allowed message changes every minute with 56% of their sign being electronic. It is worth noting that since 2015, BK was the only sign granted a variance – all others were denied. Peace Lutheran got approval by appeal. After much seemingly positive conversation and compromise, the vote was unanimously against approval.

It was clear prior to the hearing that the Commission had already decided that we don't need an electronic sign, we are on a minor road in the middle of a residential neighborhood, the sign would be distracting, block line of sight, and they just don't like electronic signs. There was no consideration given to the multiple communities our campus serves (Church, School, Charitable Works), our willingness to work with the Commission, or the unsightliness of utilizing banners and signs to share parish information and events.

The entire hearing is on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jvp2wc0gS-A&t=2185s> from minute 17 to 57. We will be appealing their decision. Our sign serves to inform the community and is necessary for the benefit, growth and development of our school, church, and ministries.

Final note: The Columbus Diocese is encouraging us to vote "Yes" on issue 1 on Tuesday, August 8.

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



## 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, August 6 at 3:00 p.m.** 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 longtime 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).

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

**SUNDAY MASS READINGS EXPLAINED – NOW AVAILABLE BOTH MORNING & 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.

**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, August 23 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room.

**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.

**BOOK CLUB** – There will be no Book Club in August. Stay tuned for the September book choice!

**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).



### 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 AUGUST 20 SMOKER/BBQ EVENT** – Let the Knights take the work out of your family gatherings/parties this summer with our full menu. The menu options include: pulled pork, whole chickens, pork ribs (half or full rack), whole beef brisket, and cedar plank Faroe Island salmon; sides: Arkansas green beans with or without bacon and coleslaw. Family Packs are available (pulled pork, pork ribs and whole chicken). **Orders must be placed by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14.** Order via email [KofC5801Smoker@gmail.com](mailto:KofC5801Smoker@gmail.com) or at [www.kofc5801.org/events-list](http://www.kofc5801.org/events-list). Paper order forms are located at the KofC bulletin board in the Gathering Space near the Parish Office. Pick-up time will be on Sunday, August 20 from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the basement of Charitable Works.



**DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.**

**Blood Drive**  
**St Matthew the Apostle Church**

Hutta Gym  
795 Havens Corners Rd.  
Gahanna, OH 43230

**Saturday, August 12, 2023**  
**7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org), sponsor code:  
MatthewApChurch or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

If you last donated on or before June 17, you may be eligible to give.

**Along with Warner Bros. & the theatrical release of MEG 2: THE TRENCH, we're saying thanks with a chance to win a 3-night trip to New York, a private shark dive at Long Island Aquarium & more when you come give July 12-Aug. 12! Terms: [rcblood.org/shark](https://rcblood.org/shark).**



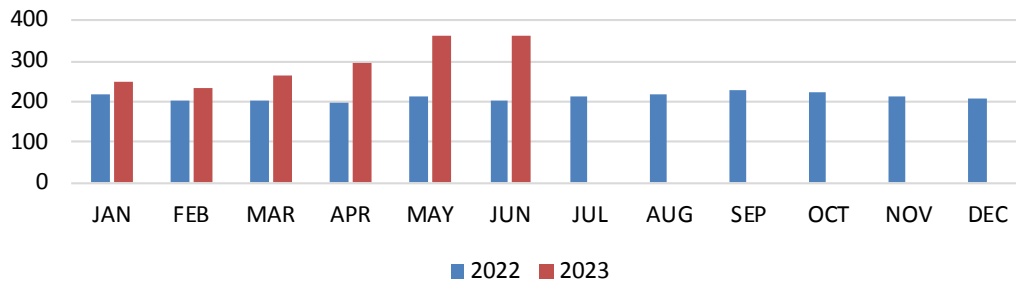
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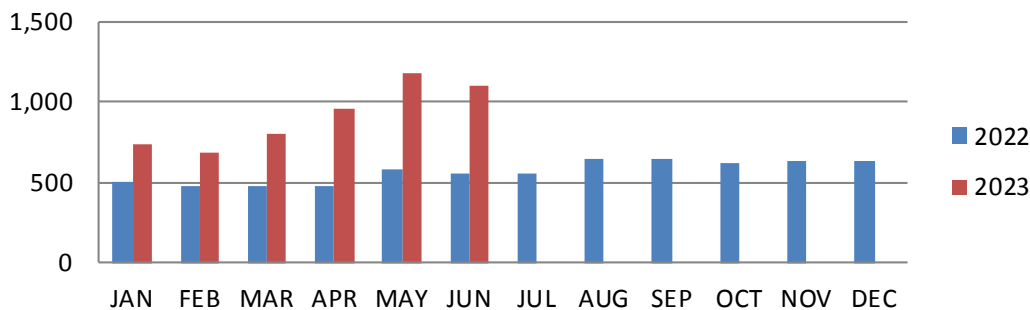
## CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

**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.

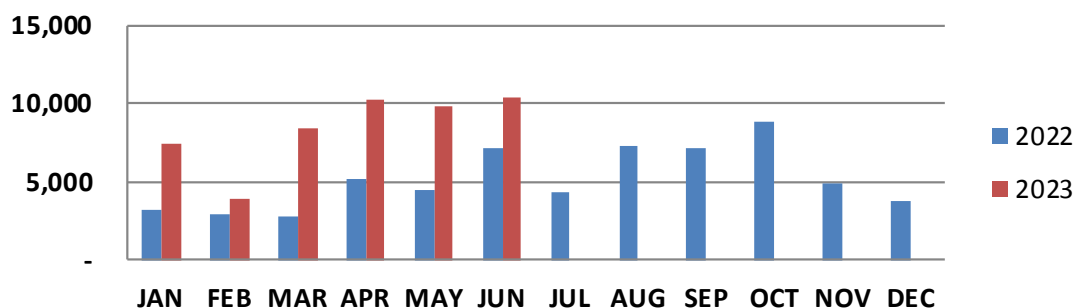
### Families Served



### Individuals Served



### Food Cost



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#/).



## PRO-LIFE CORNER

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There has been a lot of back and forth in the press and social media between pro-life and pro-abortion advocates, as to what is actually in the "Reproductive Freedom" November 8 amendment.

Most of the controversy centers around the right to have transgender changes and nullification of parental rights for minors. The pro-abortion lobby contends that these are not specifically stated in the amendment the pro-life side says they are implied. It is interesting to note that in the proposed 2024 Florida abortion amendment the wording now specifically states the right to abortion does not negate parental rights for minors, so that the Florida pro-abortion lobby does not get caught up in arguing parental rights.

Setting aside these debates, what the Ohio amendment does clearly state is that abortion is a right, and that the state cannot restrict it until after viability. Viability is decided on a case-by-case basis by the physician (an abortionist) and the baby must have a significant likelihood of survival. Most medical journals put "reasonable" viability at 24 to 26 weeks when the baby has a better than 50% chance of survival. Just taking this amendment for what it explicitly states would in essence legalize abortion. The Pew Research Center has found that 98% of all abortions are committed within 20 weeks of pregnancy. What is specifically stated in this amendment ignores the science of life beginning at conception and the moral teaching of our Catholic faith that killing the innocent is immoral. This is why this amendment is extreme.

Why is the abortion lobby opposed to Issue 1, the amendment to increase the threshold from 50% to 60% to pass an amendment? That, too, is simple. In 2022, there were six abortion-related amendments on a state ballot. Two of those states, Vermont and California passed their amendments with 70% – which was not a surprise given their pro-abortion culture. However, Michigan passed their abortion amendment at 56%, and three other conservative states (KS, KY, MT) declined pro-life amendments at less than 60%. The pro-abortion lobby fears that if Issue 1 passes, they will be in trouble getting the Reproductive Freedom amendment passed at 60%. They view that Ohio has similar conservative value as the four states where they succeeded at less than 60%. This is why Bishop Fernandes has encouraged us to vote YES in August and NO in November.

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.

**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, July 30: Lucas Villanueva Eckstein, Gianna Elena Iori, Anthony Michael Rice and Pasquale Lino Scisci.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** – Michael T. Harmon, son of Mary Ann Thiel.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1** – Join us **Friday, September 1** at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Attorney Don Brey and Dr. Michael Parker about the proposed Ohio Constitutional Amendment to expand abortion access in Ohio. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Jim Gernetzke at [jimgernetzke@noslumine.com](mailto:jimgernetzke@noslumine.com). Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and the presentation by Mr. Brey and Dr. Parker. No reservations are necessary and \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, October 6 and will feature a presentation by John Bradford.

**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 & 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.

**ST. BRENDAN PARISH FESTIVAL** (4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard) is **Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, 6:00-11:30 p.m.** (Family hours: 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Saturday) with games, rides, raffle, silent auction, hot food, LIVE music, cold beers, and more! For details and updates, please visit [www.stbrendans.net/festival](http://www.stbrendans.net/festival).

**MARRIED COUPLES** – Do you have a major anniversary coming up? Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th (and every year thereafter) anniversaries in 2023 are invited to the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries in honor of their marriages. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate Mass at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 10**, at St. John Neumann Church in Sunbury. Registration is now open at <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family>.

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION** in Columbus is sponsoring a one-day bus trip to Louisville, KY for the Notre Dame vs. Louisville football game on **Saturday, October 7**. Cost is \$239.00 per person which includes bus, ticket, sandwiches, snacks and soft drinks. Children accompanied by parent are welcome. Only 50 spots available. In addition, St. Mary Magdalene is also sponsoring a Cleveland Browns vs. Indianapolis Colts one day bus trip to Indianapolis on **Sunday, October 22**. Cost for this trip is approximately \$195.00 and includes all the same amenities as the other bus trip. Only 37 spots available. If you are interested in one or both of these trips, contact Julius Palazzo at [jmpalazzo@juno.com](mailto:jmpalazzo@juno.com) or 614-946-5729.

**EARLY FALL RETREAT** – Spend time this fall enriching your relationship. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2023 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is **September 8-10** in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [WWMEcolumbus.org](http://WWMEcolumbus.org) or contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.

**BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY** – Do you know someone who is suffering from a past abortion experience? Abortion changes everything...mood swings, intimacy issues, isolation and depression. Find compassion and understanding at Bethesda Healing Ministry. Please call: 614-309-0157.



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