

BAPTISMS

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

MARRIAGE

Marriage preparation must begin at least 6 months before a desired wedding date. All inquiries begin on the Parish website at www.stmatthew.net/marriage.

ANOINTING & VISITATION OF THE SICK

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

PARISH CLERGY – 614-471-0212

Fr. Theodore K. Sill, Pastor

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 Shiningier – 614-532-0627

Facilities Superintendent: George Harvey

Office & Ministry Coordinator: Michelle Dougherty

Safe Environment: Michelle Lantz

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

Jennifer Cabe – 614-532-0626, jcabe@stmatthew.net

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Family Life and Marriage Formation Coordinator:

Julie Ratliff – jratliff@stmatthew.net

Baptism Coordinator:

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Maggie Allwein – mallwein@stmatthew.net

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www.cdmatthew.org

Principal: John Rathburn, jrathburn1@cdeeducation.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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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



ST. MATTHEW

THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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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, AUGUST 14 – Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

6:30 a.m. Gail HIRN/Linda Russell
8:30 a.m. Joseph & Catherine Biega/Family
7:00 p.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

6:30 a.m. Margaret HIRN/Hank & Tess Thibaut
8:30 a.m. Jim Gillilan, Jr./Joanne Mangia
7:00 p.m. Noreen Carstens/Hartge Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 – Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

6:30 a.m. George Victor Johnston/Emily Napolitano
8:30 a.m. Bill McConnell/Patti & Steve Herrick

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 – Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17;
Mt 18:21-19:1

6:30 a.m. Barb Foley/Gerry Gast Family
8:30 a.m. George F. Schweitzer/George & Helen Schweitzer

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 – Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Rita Wellman/Chuck & Mila McNamee
8:30 a.m. Doug Hochuli/Marilyn Jenkins

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 – Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

8:30 a.m. Nora McLaughlin/Paul & Joan Rovnak
5:00 p.m. Alex Gray/Gray Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 – Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
Mt 15:21-28

8:00 a.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill
10:00 a.m. Harry Blausey/RCIA
12:00 p.m. Rosa & Nemo Perito/Anthony Perito

STEWARDSHIP

2023-2024 Through	August 6, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$257,742.00
Contributions	\$35,123.50	\$228,432.19
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$7,833.50)	(\$29,309.81)
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 19 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 12:00 P.M.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	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>)			
	Joseph Thomas Vicki Wengert Brooke Warren Jim Gernetzke	Kathy Martin Tish Hoffman Nancy Nelson Tim McMullen	Gary Strapp Erica Gleich Maria Alfaro Linda Strapp	Tim Bray Debbie Sears Angel Rice Andy Prociuk
IN HOME	Angela McNair (2); Nancy Nelson (4); Karen Lackey (5); Steve Testa (6); Tom & Teresa Ozarzak (7)			
LECTORS	Emily DeArdo Jim Gerntzke	Tim McMullen Kathy Martin	Maria Alfaro Kyle Gleich	Angel Rice Andy Prociuk
SACRISTANS	Vicki Wengert	Kristin Paulus	Eileen Masoni	Allison Cameron
SERVERS	MC – Luke Aaron Giavanna Brown Clare Donovan	MC – Conner Norman Evan Callam Owen McNair Mackenzie Norman	MC – Carter Lantz Arianna Akemati Ayden Akemati Jessica Gebhart Owen Gibson Finn Shirey	MC – Teddy Williams Anthony Golladay Lilliana Golladay John Kahwash Grant Warner

FAMILY OF FAITH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR K-8 IS OPEN – Registration for the 2023-2024 year is now open. Find more information and register at our website: <https://stmatthew.net/religious-education>. Please contact Ashley Allwein (aallwein@stmatthew.net) with any questions.

IN OUR PARISH

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are **Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

APPEAL THANK-YOU – Thank you to everyone who donated to the The Appeal and helped us exceed our goal! To read the letter of thanks we received from Bishop Fernandes, go to <https://stmatthew.net/announcements>.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION – “My aim is to institute perpetual adoration, for this is the most important activity.” St. Maximilian Kolbe (Memorial August 14). Learn more of our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at <https://stmatthew.net/dmc>.

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 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.

GOLDEN MUSTANGS (55+ group) will meet at **6:00 p.m.** this **Wednesday, August 16** in the St. Anthony Room. We will celebrate “Crazy Days of Summer” by having breakfast for dinner and wearing our crazy T-shirts and socks (optional). Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Call Joan or Paul Rovnak with questions at 614-205-9396. We hope to see you there!

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@cdeeducation.org if you are interested and/or would like more information.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND – The Rosary will be said for the sick and homebound of the parish this **Friday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome to join us every third Friday of the month to pray for our loved ones.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

IN A EUCHARISTIC HEARTBEAT WITH THE SAINTS

– “I have always sought remedies for the universal indifference that afflicts so many people, and I have found only one: the Eucharist, love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Loss of faith comes from loss of love.”

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Apostle of the Eucharist, Feast Day: August 2

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/08/02/st--peter-julian-eynard--priest-founder-of-the--sacramentini.html>

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

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.

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 fourth 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.

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 or contact Katie Ryzenga at kryzenga@stmatthew.net.

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.

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 this **Wednesday, August 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir loft. Contact Deacon Christopher Walsh at cwalsh5358@gmail.com or 614-580-7059. Hope to see you on the 16th!

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 as they prepare to return from summer break.

Our dedicated teaching staff have already started preparing their classrooms in anticipation of their first official days this week. The Facilities Team continues final preparations for our students' return.

Some of the final details last week included installation of more Smart Boards in new tutor rooms, additional Internet access points, a couple more cameras on school entries, final placement of furniture, uniform sales, delivery of school supplies, and cleaning up the campus grounds.

We still have some safety related installations to complete, including sidewalk and playground repairs, fence repairs and painting. The Sanctuary is not ready for an all-school Mass, but we anticipate it will be in time for Bishop Earl's visit on September 21.

The Sanctuary remains the largest unfinished campus project. As the inside continues to progress despite some equipment challenges, the outside roof and foundation issues continue to stretch our resources. We have been walking a fine line between making urgent repairs, designing, and implementing long-term solutions, without impacting the original project timelines. The inside must be completed in a timely manner, and the outside must be ready for winter. We appreciate your continued patience and enduring the inconveniences of our construction zone. We will continue to spend whatever effort is necessary to keep weekend Masses in the Sanctuary. It takes a dedicated team to reassemble the Altar, set up sound and to make sure you are not sitting in drywall dust. Thank you for your attendance.

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.

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.



HOLY HOUR FOR REPARATION, PURIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION OF THE CHURCH – Please join us on the fourth Friday of the month for an hour of prayer for the Universal Church. The next Holy Hour will be held on **Friday, August 25 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 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.

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.

BOOK CLUB – There will be no book club in August. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 27** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Saint Michael Room. We will be discussing the book *Jesus – A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, SJ. All are welcome!

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.

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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Live the Gospel of *Life*

The Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the highlight of this month is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast day reminds us that our destiny should be to follow in Mary's footsteps to share, body and soul, in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a testimony that God did not create life to be discarded.

Contrary to the secular view represented in the "Right to Reproductive Freedom" amendment, Mary's Assumption demonstrates for us that God loves human life from conception to its natural end. Mary models for us protection for the unborn, support for parents raising their children, and respect for the person created by God, including their gender. The "Reproductive Freedom" amendment violates all of these principles. All of us have a part in seeing that this amendment is defeated in the November election through our vote, prayer, and interaction with others.

Voting NO on this amendment is straightforward given its denial of the truth on fundamental church teaching on abortion, parental guardianship, and gender changing treatments. For prayer, the Ohio Conference of Bishops is encouraging all Catholics to join in a 54-day Rosary Novena beginning on September 15 – the feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows. To discuss with other people why this amendment is so counter to basic Christian values, educate yourself on the highlights of what is stated, and what is subtly implied. An objective analysis which does not take long to read has been compiled by Greater Columbus Right to Life at this link https://www.gcrtl.org/uploads/4/7/1/2/4712557/extreme_abortion_two_pager.pdf. The analysis is only two pages, and it covers the amendment, current Ohio law, and the implications and dangers of the ballot language.

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.



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. tomorrow, Monday, August 14.** Order via email KofC5801Smoker@gmail.com or at 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.

Dear St. Matthew Community,

As children are a great gift to families, so are they a great gift to our community. They remind us of the wonder, energy, curiosity, and joy of life. Most of all they remind us that Jesus calls us to be like them in their innocence and purity. They, like all of us, have a place at the Eucharistic table as members of the Body of Christ. We not only welcome them to Mass; we want them there.

When children are in Mass, even as babies and toddlers, they build a habit of faith. They see their parents worshipping with a community of faith and they, themselves, receive graces and blessings merely by their presence before the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Catholic faith; it unifies our Christian witness. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus frequently refers to children as not only acceptable participants in Christian witness, but ideal ones. Children are a vital part of the Christian community, and when they are in a separate location during Mass, the Body of Christ in a sense is divided and our children are missing out on the graces available to them at Mass.



Let the children
come to me,
for the
kingdom of God
belongs to
such as These

Because we value our children and their place in our faith community, our nursery will no longer be staffed during Mass beginning September 2023. Rather, we are expanding our faith formation opportunities for little ones and their families to build upon the foundations begun at Mass.

Parents, we want to partner with you to help your children grow in faith. If you need help during Mass, call our staff. We can provide resources and support for you. You are not being left alone. We know that it can feel like you don't get anything out of Mass when you're struggling with your kids, but God sees your struggles and receives them as your offering to Him. The graces of the Mass are present to you and available to you even if you spend the whole time wrestling with a toddler.

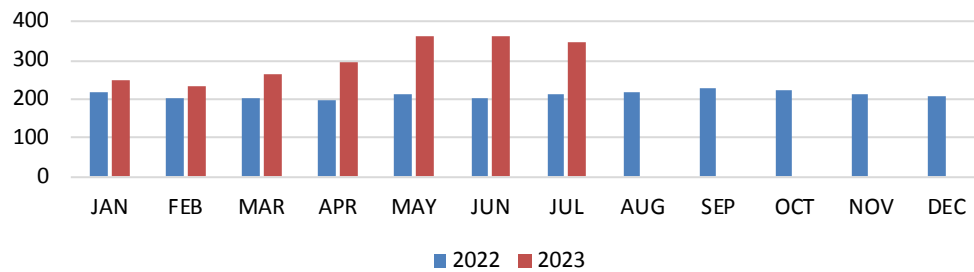
We call on our parishioners without young children to be supportive, to offer words of encouragement, to exercise patience, and to greet and welcome families with young children. Pray for them and support them however you can. We are a family of families. We want to encourage each other along the way.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Ted Sill and Fr. PeterClaver Kasasa Kiviiri

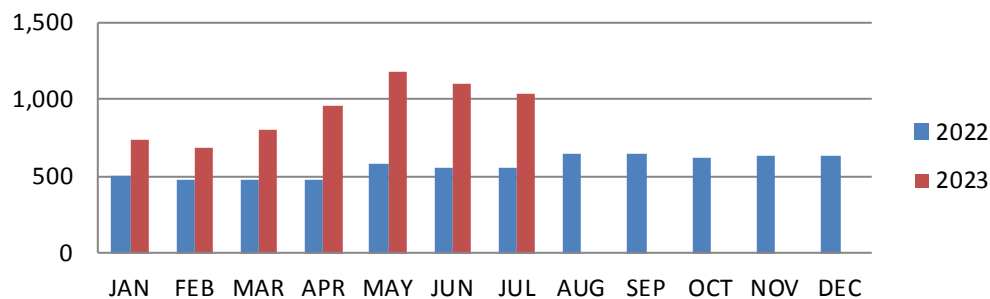
CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

RECAP OF JULY 2023 – Another busy month for CWM. Although we did not set a new record for July, we still served 346 families. The St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **15,585** meals to **1,039** individuals in **346** households within the greater Gahanna community during the month of July. 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.

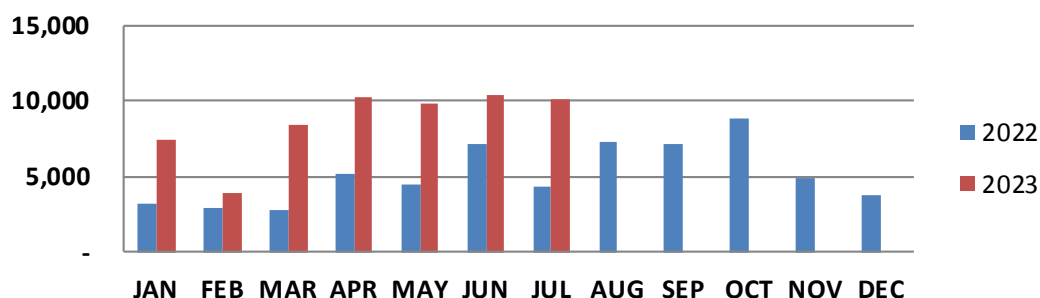
Families Served



Individuals Served



Food Cost



I want to make a special call out to all of the volunteers who help us at CWM. As we have continued to serve more families, we also get more volunteers to help, both in the daytime hours and in the evening hours. Thanks to all of you who help out at the Pantry!

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#/)

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.

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 child who was baptized on Saturday, August 5: Ethan Matthew Cira.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED – Norbert Pschibul.



Monday, August 14, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 15, 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 7:00 pm

All Masses will be held in the
St. Anthony Room

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MYSTICAL ROSE MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA is being held on **Saturday, September 9** from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** at the St. Catharine Parish Center for girls 5th grade and older and their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, etc. The cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for girls under 18 years. The featured speaker is Emily Jaminet. Please register online at <http://www.stcatharine.com/tea> or by emailing lisareis06@gmail.com.

2023 JOSEPHINUM 4-MILER RUN/WALK ON SEPTEMBER 30 – The Friends of the Josephinum will again present the Josephinum 4-Miler Run/Walk on **Saturday, September 30** at the Pontifical College Josephinum. The event will start at **9:00 a.m.** Proceeds are used for scholarships and the financial needs of seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Early Registration: \$40.00 through August 20; \$45.00 after. \$15.00 discount for a group of three (registered at the same time). See <https://m3ssports.com/events/josephinum-4-miler-run-walk/> for more details and to register.

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. 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.

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>.

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 or call 380-209-2239. Proceeds benefit students at St. Charles in need of tuition assistance.

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 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 or contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.

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