

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. Peter Claver 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

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE – 614-532-0620

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

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

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Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

Maggie Allwein – mallwein@stmatthew.net

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

www.cdmatthew.org

Principal: John Rathburn, 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.

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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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 28** – 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

6:30 a.m. Robert & Phyllis Casey/Hartge Family

8:30 a.m. Barb Foley/Collection Committee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 – 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

6:30 a.m. Leonor Benegas/Pen Ripke

8:30 a.m. Doug Hochuli/John Howard

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 – 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

6:30 a.m. Larry Thompson/Steve & Gayle Blubaugh

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 – 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Josephine Miller/Tabatha Dillman

8:30 a.m. Doug Hochuli/Mike & Kathy Wodarczyk

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Jake Bickett/Paul & Joan Rovnak

8:30 a.m. Anthony Mangia/Joanne Mangia

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Laura Campos

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

8:30 a.m. Vera Fronczkowski/Jenkins Family

5:00 p.m. Patricia Ryan/Ryan Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

8:00 a.m. Juna Cutlip/Nancy & Andy Sonderman

10:00 a.m. Susa Stertzer/Mom & Dad

12:00 p.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

STEWARDSHIP

2023-2024 Through	August 20, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$343,656.00
Contributions	\$29,982.00	\$356,398.34
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$12,975.00)	\$12,742.34
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

	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 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>)			
	Vicki Wengert Paul Koors Mindy Mays Wayne Stertzer	Mike Huff Kathy Martin Mary Jedlicka Susan Mulligan	Karen Lackey Olga M. Magyar Chris Vonau Cheryl Harmon	Beth Escudero Angel Rice Beth Huddy Mary Thompson
IN HOME	Lorrain Curtin (2); Mike Huff (4); Connie Wood (5); Rhea Neugebauer (6); Greg Schmiedebusch (7)			
LECTORS	Steve Blubaugh Therese Eppler	Kathy Martin Mike Huff	Joan Schlagheck Shawn Miller	Mark Huddy Alysa Li
SACRISTANS	Kathy Wodarczyk	Kat Graham	Eileen Masoni	Vicki Wengert
SERVERS	MC – Dominik Eppler Austin Buerger Bailey Buerger Devin Canter Zach Nusbaum	MC – Landon Miller Natalie Dinovo Ben Prier	MC – Thomas Dougherty Cecilia Dougherty Anissa McSweeny Molly See	MC – Teddy Williams Gabby Dages Ava Navarro Claire Navarro

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Let us pray for those preparing for marriage:

♥ I – Lexi Bubenchik & Blake Hartford ♥

MARY GARDEN PAVERS – Purchasing an engraved paver in our St. Matthew Mary Garden is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. If interested in this permanent remembrance, please pick up a brochure with ordering instructions in the Gathering Space or Parish Office. Brochures and donations may be returned to the Parish Office. Orders will be submitted monthly. Thank you ~ The Mary Garden Committee.

GRIEF SHARE – If you have recently lost a loved one or a close friend, please join us for the next GriefShare session. We will accompany you on your grief journey and offer you loving support and comfort. The session begins on **Monday, September 11** and runs through **Monday, November 20**. Sessions will be held from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room. A workbook is available for use throughout the session for a one-time fee of \$30.00. Please contact Mary Lager at 614-395-9099 or mary0613@hotmail.com with questions and to preregister. We look forward to helping ease the pain and sorrow accompanied with your loss.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION – “The daily Adoration or visit to the Blessed Sacrament is the practice, which is, the fountainhead of all devotional works.” St. Pius X (Memorial August 21). Learn more about our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at <https://stmatthew.net/dmc>.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY – Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us in this prayerful dedication to honor Our Lady and the devotion to her Immaculate Heart after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, next **Saturday, September 2** in the church.

ST. MATTHEW FALL 2023 DIVORCECARE GROUP – Find help, healing and hope from the hurt of divorce. DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. A 13-week video series that includes several accounts from individuals on how divorce affected their lives. The program contains material from many acclaimed counselors, doctors and clergy on dealing with divorce and its recovery. It begins on **Sunday, September 24** from **7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room. There is a one-time charge of \$30.00, which includes the workbook. For more information, contact Mike Workman at 614-517-8408 or search for us at <https://www.divorcecare.org/>.

HELP MAUI RECOVER FROM THE WILDFIRES – The Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, has requested your prayers for all those affected by the wildfires that have ravaged Maui. Additionally, he has requested support for the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, to rebuild lives and restore hope by aiding the relief efforts for parish and school communities. To make a tax deductible contribution visit <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>.

SAINT MATTHEW CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTION is this weekend, **August 26-27**, after all Masses. Your kindness is appreciated.

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 today, **Sunday, August 27 and runs through 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.

JOIN CUB SCOUTS PACK 317 – Cub Scout Pack 317 will host a Sign-Up Night to join the Pack sponsored by St. Matthew Parish. Sign-Up Night is **Thursday, September 7** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Hutta Gym. The cost to join the Pack for the year is \$180.00. Boys in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are eligible for membership. Families and future Cub Scouts are welcome at the Sign-Up Night. Our Pack hosts a traditional Cub Scouting program with family camping, pinewood derby, and pack meetings with skits and activities. Our dens are where the Scouts complete their rank advancements. Join us and start the "Trail to Eagle." The Cubmaster is Greg Warren. If you cannot make the sign-up meeting, please text Cubmaster Warren at 614-597-1408 for an alternative option.

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

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.

ATTENTION, LADIES – Now is the time to register for Walking With Purpose! You can register online on the St. Matthew website at <https://stmatthew.net/>. Look for “Walking with Purpose” under the Quick Links at the bottom of the homepage. You may either submit your registration electronically or download a PDF copy and submit the form to the Parish Office. Additional paper copies will be available in the Gathering Space. Look for the pink and green Walking with Purpose mini-poster.

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, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Live the
Gospel of *Life*

The Catholic Catechism states that “By creating the human being as man and woman, God gives personal dignity equally to the one and the other. Each

of them, man, and woman, should acknowledge and accept their sexual identity.” Altering this identity through medical treatments is morally wrong, and considering this, the USCCB has issued a ruling that Catholic hospitals cannot perform gender transformations. The Church acknowledges that some people experience feelings that their personal characteristics do not match their biological gender, but this should be treated by appropriate counseling and therapy, not physically. Attempting to change your gender is embracing a falsehood.

But the November “Reproductive Freedom” amendment subtly implies that gender transformation is a right of all individuals, adults, and minors. It does this in two ways. When it lists the five specific reproductive rights, it begins this list with the phrase “includes, but is not limited to.” If they just wanted to enshrine abortion in our constitution, this phrase is unnecessary. But this phrase opens the door for other reproductive treatments such as gender transformation and sterilization. The ACLU and Planned Parenthood have a long history of litigating the rights of minors to access gender change treatments. Planned Parenthood, in fact, forecasts hormone blockers as their next big money maker.

Secondly, the amendment never mentions the word “woman” in relation to abortion but refers to the woman as a “pregnant person.” This is to account for the possibility that transgender men can become pregnant, and they don’t want the biological term of woman to stand in the way. Supporters of the November amendment assert that transgenderism isn’t even mentioned in the text. It isn’t, but the implication is clearly there, they were just smart enough not to state it explicitly knowing for Ohioans this would be a red flag. Especially with the passage in the House of HB 68 which prohibits doctors from providing “gender affirming care” to minors. This bill was in its earlier stages while the amendment was being drafted.

Upcoming Events

- First Saturday Rosary on **September 2 at 10:30 a.m.** at the Planned Parenthood building on 3255 E. Main Street.

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.

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.

Please drive carefully, as of Monday, all staff and students are back in session for the 2023/2024 school year. We have accomplished much in the last eleven weeks, with still more to do.

Last week, we were tasked with planned as well as unplanned major undertakings. A small water leak in the church undercroft resulted in closing the church Tuesday to replace a four-inch water main connection and valve. As the Facilities Team attempted to remove trees and abandoned conduits next to the school, a fiber optics cable was cut resulting in the Church Office closing for a day until repairs could be made. The PAC experienced a major drain clog. As we brought back the students during a staggered start last week, we removed several large portions of deteriorating and dangerous sidewalks from the playground to the Kindergarten classrooms, including two entrances. New concrete was poured on Friday to allow curing over the weekend. Although inconvenient, the above work was completed prior to everyone’s return.

With campus (school and church) safety remaining our priority, the fire department conducted an exhaustive inspection and assessment of our school last week. The placement of three-foot spheres and cement planters in front of main entrances is part of a larger security initiative including new entry door hardware, ballistic glass film installation, and enhanced lockdown procedures during school Masses. All these security measures are thanks to a Corporate Safety Grant we received last year.

We know the Sanctuary repairs and remodeling have caused major inconveniences, particularly during days of obligation. Your continued patience is greatly appreciated as we push toward completion. Thank you.

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.

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.

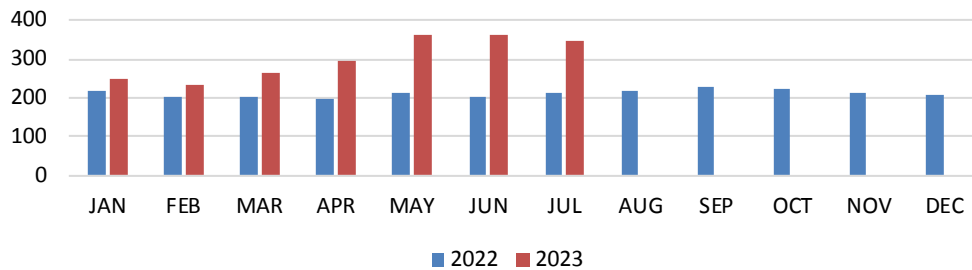


CALL TO PRAYER FOR OUR NATION – We can help our country turn back to God through prayer. It can change hearts, our families, our communities, our country and our world. Please join us for an hour of prayer for our nation, our leaders, journalists and social media. It will be held in the church on **Sunday, September 3 at 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

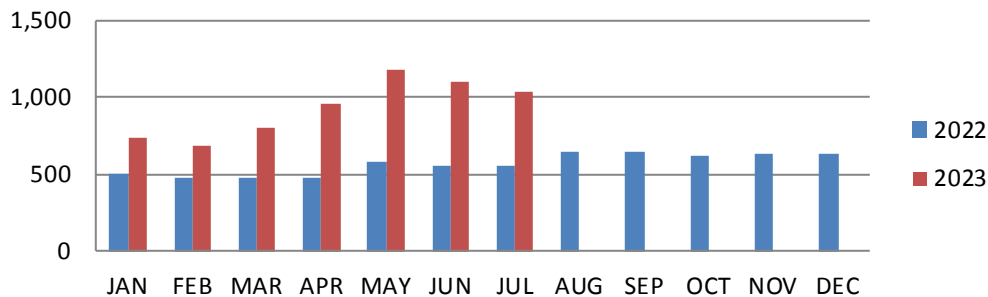
CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

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 graphs below 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.

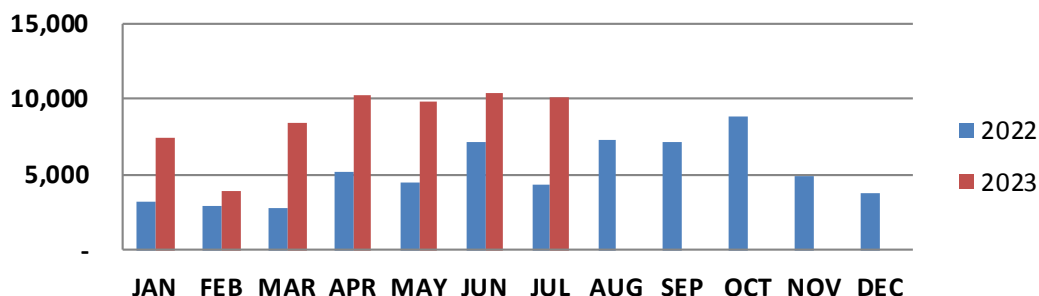
Families Served



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#/)

WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using “individual” instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents’ consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a “burden” and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** “health” includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman’s age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to “miscarriage care” promotes a myth that a “right to abortion” is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

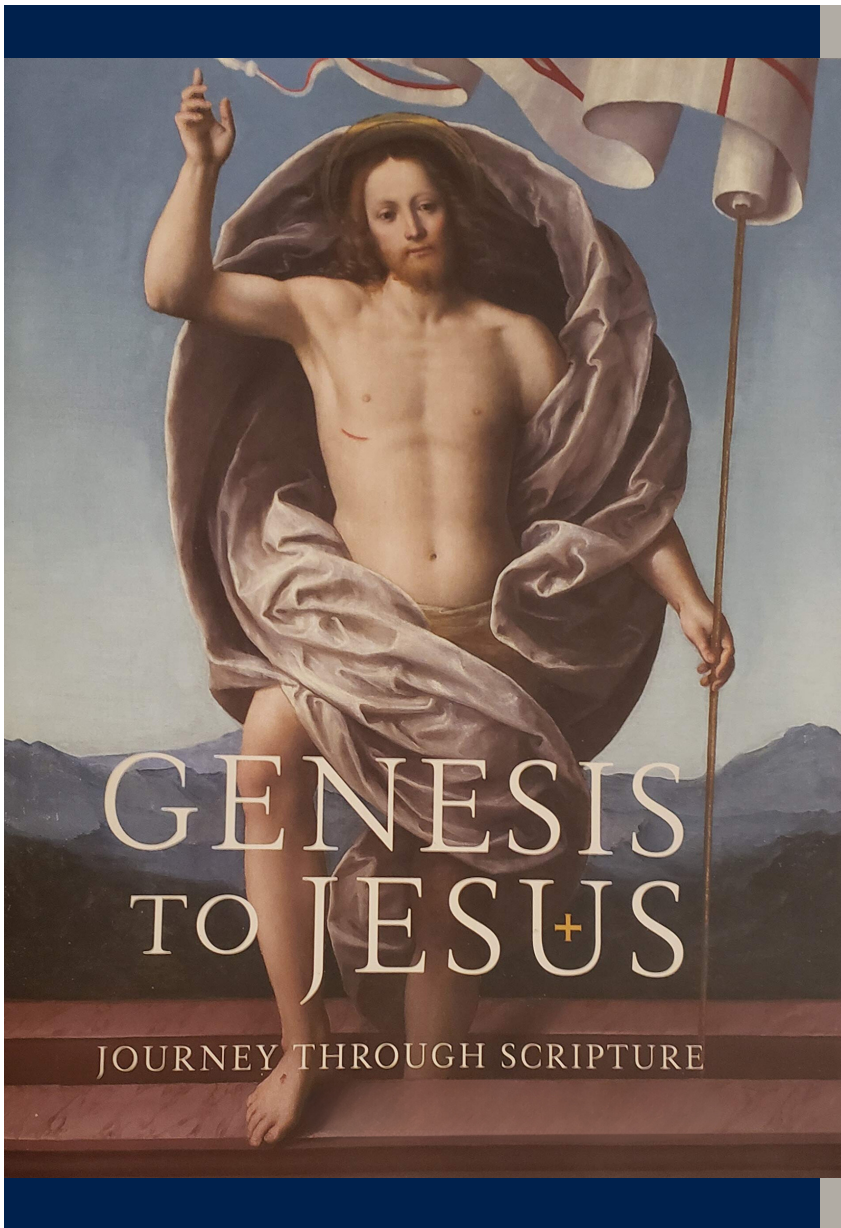
*The Right to Reproductive Freedom
with Protections for Health and Safety*

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one’s own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one’s own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual’s voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual’s health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient’s life or health.
4. As used in this Section, “Fetal viability” means “the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis”; and “State” includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
5. This Section is self-executing.

* Ohio Revised Code, Sections
2317.56 & 3702.303

** Based on Doe v. Bolton





Join us for this weekly program designed to help us grow in scripture, in our relationship with Christ, and in community with each other.

Genesis to Jesus is part of our Cast Your Nets initiative, helping us grow in intentional discipleship and to learn how to share our love of Jesus with all we meet!

We'll begin Sunday, September 24, and will meet each Sunday, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm through December 17.

We hope you'll join us!



<https://stmatthew.net>

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.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Bob Williams, husband of Cecilia Williams and father of Paul Williams.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

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

OPEN HOUSE – The Knights of Columbus will be having an Open House for men of the parish who would like to learn more about the organization and how we work to support our Church, our School, our community, and clergy. The event will be held on **Wednesday, September 27** in the Knights Hall, which is upstairs in the Parish Service Center. The hall will be open from **7:00-9:00 p.m.** and families are welcome. Food will be served. This is your chance to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and how to join!

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 – 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!

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.

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. Our September luncheon is sponsored by St. Gabriel Radio AM 820 Central Ohio & FM 88.3 Southern Ohio or at www.stgabrielradio.com. 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.

HOLY FAMILY ALUMNI GROUP REUNION ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9 – The Holy Family Alumni Association will hold its annual homecoming **Saturday, September 9**. A **4:00 p.m.** alumni vigil Mass will be held at Holy Family Church, West Broad at Skidmore, followed by refreshments in the church undercroft. The festivities will include a raffle. The church and the undercroft are now accessible by an elevator on the east entrance of the church. For more details, contact Genny (Welker) Temple at vttemple@gmail.com or 614-539-4815.

ST. BRIGID PARISH IS HIRING – The Parish Office needs a Receptionist/Administrative Assistant to welcome guests and perform a multitude of administrative tasks. This is a 12-month full-time position, with generous full-time benefits. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Application instructions and full job descriptions are available at stbrigidofkildare.org (scroll to Latest News or search "hiring"). Please submit resumé and cover letter to mailto:stbrigidbulletin@stbrigidofkildare.org.

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. Registration: \$45.00; \$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.

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.

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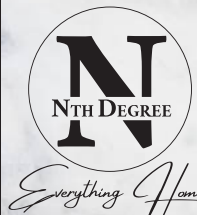
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