

## 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).

## 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

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Director of Music: Dawn Shiningier – 614-532-0627

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Principal: John Rathburn, [jrathburn1@cdeeducation.org](mailto: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](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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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, SEPTEMBER 18** – 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-106:30 a.m. Jean Schoenstein/Steve & Gayle Blubaugh  
8:30 a.m. Jim Gillilan, Jr./Joanne Mangia**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** – 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-176:30 a.m. Kirk McFarland/Upp Family  
8:30 a.m. William Meyer/Eilerman Family**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20** – 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-356:30 a.m. Gerald Ross  
8:30 a.m. Pearl Kuhn/George & Helen Schweitzer**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** – Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-136:30 a.m. Intentions of Kristine Ross  
8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Ellos Family**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22** – 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-36:30 a.m. Ben Merkle/Family  
8:30 a.m. Francis Schweitzer/George & Helen Schweitzer**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23** – 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-158:30 a.m. Maria Hong Pham/Hue Vu  
5:00 p.m. Intentions of Phil Bickel/Eilerman Family**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** – Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;  
Mt 20:1-16a8:00 a.m. Kenneth Schmidt/Bob & Pat Albert  
10:00 a.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/  
Fr. Theodore K. Sill  
12:00 p.m. Fr. Michael Tabit/Whitt Family**STEWARDSHIP**

2023-2024 Through	September 10, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$472,527.00
Contributions	\$55,586.64	\$491,072.97
Surplus (Shortage)	\$12,629.64	\$18,545.97

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**

	<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 12:00 P.M.</b>
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Max Maksimoski, rmaksimo@stmatthew.net – 614-607-4799 ( <i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors</i> ); Vicki Wengert, vwengert@icloud.com – 614-270-2118 ( <i>Sacristans</i> )			
	Vicki Wengert Joseph Thomas Jim Gernetzke Mike Barr	Nicholas Hess Tim McMullen David Macynski Kathy Martin	Cheryl Harmon Chris Vonau Erica Gleich Carol Ann Lombardi	Beth Escudero Tom Mignery Eric Thompson Angel Rice
<b>IN HOME</b>	Angela McNair (2); Jeff Solinger (4); Connie Wood (5); Tess Thibaut (6); Dave Macynski (7)			
<b>LECTORS</b>	Jim Gernetzke Emily DeArdo	Kathy Martin Tim McMullen	Carol Ann Lombardi Christopher Mathis	Angel Rice Eric Thompson
<b>SACRISTANS</b>	Vicki Wengert	Kristin Paulus	Brian Gifford	Beth Escudero
<b>SERVERS</b>	MC – Luke Aaron Clare Donovan Devin Canter Cole Dittmer	MC – Conner Norman Mackenzie Norman	MC – Thomas Dougherty Claire Blake Miles Blake Will Blake Cecilia Dougherty Ben Riesbeck	MC – Graham Sanders Isabella Barrera Eugene Mwesiga Jackson Montgomery Reagan Sanders

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Let us pray for those preparing for marriage:

I Jessica Maus & Christopher Whitt

III Jennifer Meyer & Joseph Penrod

### MUSIC MINISTRY

**YOUTH CHOIR** – All students of the parish in grades 2-6 are invited to participate in the Parish Youth Choir. Rehearsals begin in early October and run for two sessions, fall and spring. A schedule is available at <https://stmatthew.net/music-ministries> or by contacting Dawn Shining, Director of Music, at [dshining@stmatthew.net](mailto:dshining@stmatthew.net).

## IN OUR PARISH

**DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION** – “While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, ‘Take and eat; this is my body.’” (Matthew 26:26) (St. Matthew Feast September 21). Learn more about our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at <https://stmatthew.net/dmc>.

**SEND BIRTHDAY WISHES TO BISHOP FERNANDES!** Bishop Fernandes will visit here for the **8:30 a.m.** Mass this **Thursday, September 21**, the parish solemnity of St. Matthew, when our school students will attend Mass. September 21 is also Bishop Fernandes’ birthday, and all parishioners are invited to submit well-wishes to be given to him on that day. Drop-off boxes are available on the large tables in the Gathering Space, clearly marked for Bishop Fernandes’ birthday. Individuals or families are welcome to bring their own cards, letters, or drawings, and simple postcard spiritual bouquets are provided at each box to sign as well, before September 20. Thank you!

**RADIO FUN THAT WILL LEAVE YOU SMILING** – Fr. PeterClaver will be on the radio on **Friday, September 22** from **10:00-10:45 a.m.** Fr. PC will be playing on a team with two other priests, in a basketball tournament to see which priest team will win the gold medal! For every donation made in his name prior to or during the AM820 radio event, Fr. PC’s team will receive additional shots. To make a donation, call 614-459-4820 or go to [www.StGabrielRadio.com](http://www.StGabrielRadio.com) and be sure to write Fr. PeterClaver Kasasa Kiviiri’s name in the “comments” section.

**GOLDEN MUSTANGS** – Support your favorite football team at the Golden Mustangs (St. Matthew age 55+ group) meeting this **Wednesday, September 20** at **6:00 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room. Wear your favorite team’s jersey or colors and join us for a tailgate celebration of football. We have plans for an evening of prayer, fellowship, fun, and tailgate food. Call Paul or Joan for more information at 614-205-9396.

**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 began **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](mailto:mary0613@hotmail.com) with questions and to preregister. We look forward to helping ease the pain and sorrow accompanied with your loss.

**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/>.

**CUB SCOUTS PACK 317 POPCORN SALE THIS WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 16-17** – The St. Matthew Cub Scout Pack 317 will conduct its annual popcorn sales after all Masses this weekend. The Scouts are raising money to fund their activities for the coming year. They have a variety of ready-to-eat popcorn in giftable tins, microwaveable popcorn, trail mix and pretzels. Prices range from \$10.00-\$55.00 and they also accept military donations. If you do not have a favorite Cub Scout seller, please consider buying your popcorn from Pack 317. Cash, check, or credit will be accepted. If you are unable to attend Mass at St. Matthew this weekend and would like to order popcorn, please contact Lisa Salter at [lsalt975@yahoo.com](mailto:lsalt975@yahoo.com).

**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.

**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).



**HOLY HOUR FOR REPARATION, PURIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION OF THE CHURCH** – Please join us on the Fourth Friday of the month for an hour of prayer for the Universal Church. The next Holy Hour will be held this **Friday, September 22** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone is 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:rkuhns1@cdeeducation.org) if you are interested and/or would like more information.

### PRO-LIFE CORNER

Protect Women Ohio (PWO) leads the coalition of pro-life groups in Ohio dedicated to defeating Issue 1, the abortion amendment. They are responsible for media communications about this amendment. In March of this year, they released a video for TV and social media that pointed out the dangers of this amendment in nullifying parental consent for teenage abortions and gender changing treatments. They were roundly criticized by the pro-abortion advocates, and the press, for “gaslighting” the public with misinformation and using scare tactics. They stated that parental rights and transgender treatments are not even mentioned in the amendment. But it turns out that PWO’s warnings were well-founded. The director of Protect Choice Ohio admitted in a published interview that the amendment would supersede state laws on abortion, adding that pro-abortion activists need to “deal with parental consent.” The basis of their argument is that minors who cannot confide to their parents the “reproductive decision” they are about to make, are being denied a fundamental right. As PWO has characterized it, “this amendment is an anti-parent trojan horse.” All the major groups supporting this amendment view parental notification as an unnecessary burden.

The PWO point about the implied right to gender transformations became more apparent with the recent support from the Human Rights Coalition (HRC). This is a national group, which claims to have two million supporters in Ohio, that specializes in LGBTQ+ rights and gender treatments for minors. They are not only endorsing the amendment, but they are also committing on-the-ground resources to convince voters to pass this amendment. Why would a group whose primary focus is “gender affirming care” put this kind of effort into supporting an amendment that is supposed to be about abortion?

To say that this amendment is extreme is an understatement. It violates every principle of the Church’s proclamation in the Gospel of Life. We should not only vote NO on this amendment, but we should follow the counsel of the Gospel of Life and “walk as children of light, bringing about a transformation of our culture.”

#### Upcoming Events

- **September 15** – 54-day Rosary Novena to pray for the defeat of Issue 1. Join us in person at the Church or on Zoom.
- **October 6** – Ohio March for Life, at the Statehouse.
- **October 13** – St. Matthew parish day for 40 Days for Life. Sign up for a time at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4EAEAF2DA2FD0-stmatthew2#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4EAEAF2DA2FD0-stmatthew2#/).

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.

### 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.

Your Facilities Team had been looking forward to the completion of summer projects and the start of routine campus maintenance and support that never happened. With the return of students, a wedding and Baptisms this weekend, plus the planned visit of Most Reverend, Bishop Earl K. Fernandes on Thursday for the school Mass continues to test the limits of our team’s resources.

The church remains the focal point inside and out. The Altar area and north end of the Sanctuary are nearing completion. Plastic coverings have been removed, wood panels replaced, Stations of the Cross are being cleaned before being lifted onto their corbels, and pews are returning from the storage containers. Our cleaning efforts have escalated to vacuuming ceiling tiles, stripping/waxing floors, and scrubbing carpets multiple times to get all the dirt out. Before the big lift was removed, the rose window and the Crucifix over the Altar were cleaned. Speakers and side lights are being painted as they are installed in their permanent locations. We are relieved that the weekly clearing of the Altar (including the heavy Tabernacle) since June is now over. The Friday night cleanings will continue until the end of construction and daily Masses are moved back to the Sanctuary.

Outside the church we have removed landscaping, lowered elevations, installed drainage, sealed the foundation, added a retaining wall and privacy fence, fixed grading, brought in topsoil and seeded. We will continue to repair and paint fences until the weather turns. Flowerbeds will return in the Spring.

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.

**SAINT MATTHEW CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTION** is next weekend, September 23-24, after all Masses. Your kindness is appreciated.

#### 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.** which began **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).

**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!



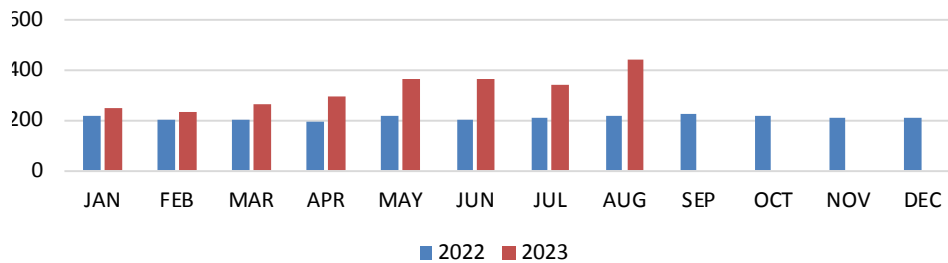
## CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

~ **Recap of August 2023 – Busiest month ever for CWM.** The numbers for August are quite staggering:

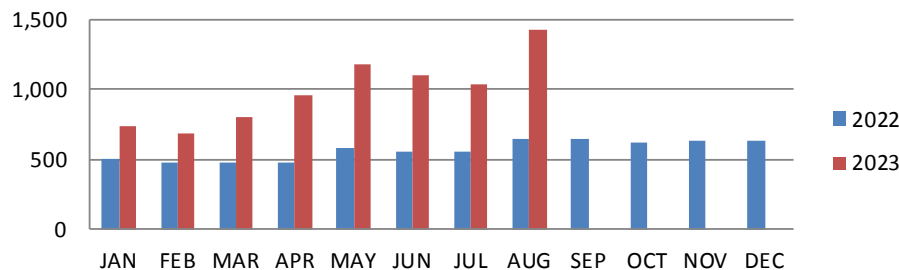
- 444 families served (more than double from August 2022; >20% above previous high month)
- 1,424 individuals served in those families (also >20% higher than previous record)
- 2,571 families served to date in 2023 (more than all of 2022)

We continue to strive to control food costs, but with the effect of inflation and less free/low cost food from Mid-Ohio Food Bank, this is an ongoing challenge. 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.

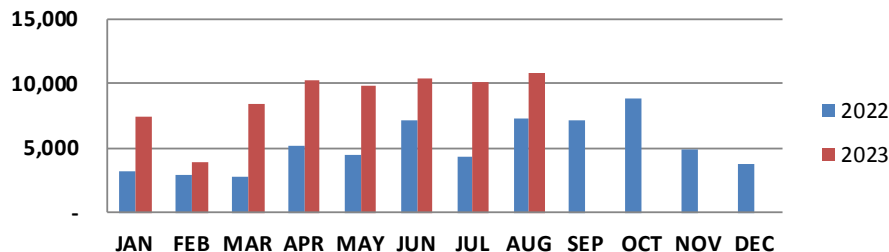
### Families Served



### Individuals Served



### Food Cost



We want to make a special thanks to two volunteers who help us at CWM, Jerry Jones and Gregg Ehlen. They do the majority of our retail purchases and continually scour Mid-Ohio's inventory and retail for the best deals. Without their efforts, our food costs would be significantly higher. Thanks Jerry & Gregg!!

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#/>.

# THE MAIN EVENT SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



## PRESENTING

- EVENING PRESENTED ON YOUR BEHALF. DONOR NAME/LOGO WILL BE FEATURED ON ALL EVENT MATERIAL. THIS LEVEL INCLUDES 2 TABLES (20 PEOPLE TOTAL) AND VIP DINNER RELEASE.

**\$25,000**

## MUSTANG PREMIER

- DONOR NOTED AS PRESENTING ON ONE OF THE NIGHTS PREMIER ELEMENTS, SUCH AS THE SILENT AUCTION. DONOR NAME/LOGO WILL BE FEATURED ON ALL EVENT MATERIAL. THIS LEVEL INCLUDES 1 TABLE (10 PEOPLE TOTAL) AND VIP DINNER RELEASE.

**\$10,000**

## GOLD

- DONOR NAME/LOGO WILL BE FEATURED ON ALL EVENT MATERIAL. THIS LEVEL INCLUDES 1 TABLE (10 PEOPLE TOTAL) AND VIP DINNER RELEASE.

**\$5,000**

## SILVER

- DONOR NAME/LOGO WILL BE FEATURED ON ALL EVENT MATERIAL. THIS LEVEL INCLUDES 1 TABLE (10 PEOPLE TOTAL).

**\$2,500**

## MAROON

- DONOR NAME/LOGO WILL BE FEATURED ON ALL EVENT MATERIAL. THIS LEVEL INCLUDES 2 EVENT TICKETS.

**\$1,000**

## FAMILY

- THIS LEVEL IS FOR FAMILIES LOOKING FOR LITTLE MORE. YOUR NAME WILL BE LISTED AS ONE OF THE EVENING SPONSORS.

**\$250**

## GRANDPARENT

- FOR GRANDPARENTS LOOKING TO DO A LITTLE EXTRA AND SPONSOR THE EVENING EVENT. WE HAVE A SPECIAL GIFT TO SAY THANK YOU.

**\$100**



614.561.9873



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<http://one.bidpal.net/thestmatthewmainevent2023/welcome>

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ISSUE 1



## What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would endanger the health and safety of women, threaten parental rights, and allow for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Ohioans will vote on November 7, 2023, whether to make this change to the Ohio Constitution.

## What would Issue 1 do?

### Put women at risk:

- **Health and safety standards in Ohio could be eliminated.** Doctors could no longer need to examine a woman or explain the risks of the abortion procedure ahead of time.

### Threaten parental rights:

- **A fifteen-year-old could have an abortion without her parents knowing.** Current Ohio law requires parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion. These parental right protections could be removed as they directly conflict with the amendment which would allow all individuals, including minors, to make their own reproductive decisions.

### Allow for abortions of fully formed babies:

- **Abortion would be legal through all 9 months of pregnancy.** Physicians at an abortion clinic could use a woman's age or emotional well-being as a reason to perform an abortion in the 3rd trimester.

See "[Where Does it Say That?](#)" for specific information.

## Would abortion be illegal in Ohio if Issue 1 does not pass?

If Issue 1 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Ohio until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. This standard was challenged in court and placed on hold, allowing for abortions up to 22 weeks as of September 15, 2023. Current laws that protect the safety of women and parental rights would stay in effect.

## Doesn't Issue 1 simply restore Ohio back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

**Issue 1 goes dangerously beyond what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling.** It opens the door to remove important health and safety measures that protect women, threatens parental consent and notification of any minor seeking an abortion, and allows for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

## Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Issue 1 fails?

The passing or failure of Issue 1 will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives when her life is in danger, even if the treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage. In the case of an ectopic pregnancy, the life-affirming option is to surgically remove the mother's fallopian tube in which the embryo has implanted. No law restricts this care in Ohio or any other state in the country.

## How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born. Project Rachel helps those struggling post-abortion. Every woman should be able to depend upon a community for support and the Catholic Church remains committed to woman in need.

Learn more: [ohiocathconf.org](http://ohiocathconf.org)

## What is the Church doing to protect life and defeat Issue 1?

Each diocese in Ohio is working together, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Issue 1 to women, parents, and life. We are also part of the Protect Women Ohio coalition to let all voters know Issue 1 is harmful for Ohioans.

## What can I do to help defeat Issue 1?

1. PRAY & Fast
2. EDUCATE Yourself and TELL OTHERS about the dangers of Issue 1
3. Register & VOTE NO on Issue 1

## Where can I learn more?

Read the full text of the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution and learn about the concerning language that puts women at risk, threatens parental rights, and allows for abortions through all nine months of pregnancy:



Click to View  
"[Where Does It Say That?](#)"

Or visit  
[www.ohiocathconf.org/protect](http://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect)



## 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!

**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.

**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.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**ST. CHARLES HOLDING WOMEN’S AUDITIONS FOR FALL PRODUCTION, *INSPECTING CAROL*** – The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold women’s auditions for its fall Production, *Inspecting Carol*, by Daniel Sullivan, Tuesday & Wednesday, **September 19 & 20** at **4:00 p.m.** in the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 E. Broad Street (You need only attend one of the two days). Auditions are open to all high school women in Central Ohio. Rehearsals for *Inspecting Carol* will begin Monday, September 25, at 4:00 p.m. Production dates: November 16-19, 2023. For additional information, email Doug Montgomery at [dmontgomery@scprep.org](mailto:dmontgomery@scprep.org).

**ODU TO HOST FALL LECTURE SERIES EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 28** – Ohio Dominican University’s Center for Dominican Studies will host the second of four lectures focusing on the university’s theme for the 2023-24 academic year: truths we have learned. ODU Associate Professor of Education Dr. Marissa Stauffer will present “Considering How Changing Ideas on Truth Impact Students” at **3:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, September 28**. The free event is open to the public and will take place in Sansbury Hall in the Colonial Room located on ODU’s campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219.

**CATHOLIC MEN’S LUNCHEON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 – SPEAKER JOHN BRADFORD** – Join us **Friday, October 6** at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk titled “What is a Man? The Hunt for Manhood” by John Bradford, Founder and President of Wilderness Outreach, a 501(c)(3) public nonprofit corporation. Learn more about Wilderness Outreach at <https://www.wildernessoutreach.net>. If you are interested in sponsoring this or another 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 Mr. Bradford’s presentation. No reservations are necessary and \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is **Friday, November 3** and will feature a talk by the Columbus Diocese only newly ordained priest in 2023, Father Peter Claver Kasasa Kiviiri, Parochial Vicar at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish.

**ST. FRANCIS DESALES CLASS OF 2028 ADMISSION PREVIEW** – Every Tuesday afternoon through the month of October, the Enrollment Team at St. Francis DeSales High School will lead a live 30 minute presentation via Zoom introducing families to St. Francis DeSales High School and the Class of 2028 admissions process. Immediately following the presentation, families have an opportunity to ask questions and speak with members of the Enrollment Team. Visit [www.sfdstallions.org/visit-sfd](http://www.sfdstallions.org/visit-sfd) to register in advance for this webinar.

**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.

**SHEPHERDS FEST** – Come explore Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center (987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick) on **September 23** from **1:00-3:30 p.m.** Meet a sheep, take a hayride to their new wetland, explore their trails, walk a labyrinth and more, for FREE! Visit [shepherdscorner.org](http://shepherdscorner.org) for more information.

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR MOMMIES MATTER ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER!** Join us for the 5th Annual Mommies Matter Fall Fundraiser! This night will be filled with entertainment and fun and include food, beverage, a silent auction, and live entertainment from Two-time World Magic Award-Winning Escape Artist Michael Griffin! Michael has been featured on popular TV shows such as America’s Got Talent and Masters of Illusion and is widely regarded as one of the greatest escape artists of all time! The event will take place on **Thursday, October 5** at **5:30 p.m.** at Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center in Powell. Get ready to enjoy an evening of fun with live music, magic, moving testimonies from Mommies in our program, and the opportunity to participate in our online silent auction. Purchase tickets today at [www.tiny.cc/fallfundraiser23](http://www.tiny.cc/fallfundraiser23).



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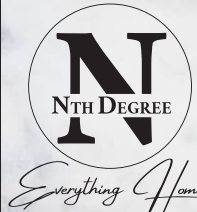
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