

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 or by contacting Julie Ratliff at jratliff@stmatthew.net.

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

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE – 614-532-0620

Catholic Inquiry/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):
Jennifer Cabe – 614-532-0626, jcabe@stmatthew.net

Religious Education Coordinator:
Dorothy Allwein – dallwein@stmatthew.net

Director of Family Life Ministries:
Julie Ratliff – jratliff@stmatthew.net

Baptism Coordinator:
Katie Ryzenga – kryzenga@stmatthew.net

Youth and Young Adult Ministry:
Maggie Allwein – mallwein@stmatthew.net

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

www.cdsmatthew.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, OCTOBER 16** – *Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32*6:30 a.m. Elizabeth Dages/Paul & Joan Rovnak
8:30 a.m. Barbara Hager/Teegarden Family**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17** – *Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41*6:30 a.m. Toni Barr/Paul & Joan Rovnak
8:30 a.m. Larry Lager/Family**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18** – *2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9*6:30 a.m. Odelia & Joseph Frueh/Family
8:30 a.m. William Meyer/Eilerman Family**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19** – *Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54*6:30 a.m. Toni Barr/Maietta Family
8:30 a.m. Danny Askew/Family**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20** – *Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7*6:30 a.m. Victor Lombardo/Valerie Conway
8:30 a.m. Frank & Betty Everson/Family**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21** – *Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12*8:30 a.m. Maria Madalena Han Dang/Hau Dang
5:00 p.m. Racial Healing/Julia Greeley Committee**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22** – *Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b;**Mt 22:15-21*8:00 a.m. Doug Hochuli/Mary Helen Wurtz
10:00 a.m. Angel Svirinavicius/Family
12:00 p.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/
Fr. Theodore K. Sill**STEWARDSHIP**

2023-2024 Through	October 8, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$644,355.00
Contributions	\$46,022.63	\$644,305.86
Surplus (Shortage)	\$3,065.63	(\$49.14)

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, OCTOBER 21 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 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>)			
	Kathy Wodarczyk Patti Herrick Molly Fanning Paul Koors	Gary Frazee Michael Wodarczyk Susan Mulligan Mary Anne Frazee	Michael Springer Cheryl Harmon Michael Morante Abbey Morante	Mila McNamee Eric Thompson Mary Thompson Kristin Williams
IN HOME	Michael Wodarczyk (2); Mary Anne Frazee (4); Sarah Kaminski (5); Rhea Neugebauer (6); Tom & Teresa Ozarzak (7)			
LECTORS	Dylan Drugan Patti Herrick	Ezra Escudero Mary Anne Frazee	Abbey Morante Michael Springer	Eric Thompson Kristin Williams
SACRISTANS	Kathy Wodarczyk	Kat Graham	Brian Gifford	Tom Minser
SERVERS	MC – Luke Aaron Giavanna Brown Maddie Klein Jameson Yates	MC – Landon Miller Natalie Dinovo Owen McNair	MC – Carter Lantz Arianna Akemati Ayden Akemati Jessica Gebhart Owen Gibson	MC – Teddy Williams Anthony Golladay Lillian Golladay John Kahwash Grant Warner

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Let us pray for those preparing for marriage:

III Jessica Firestone and Andrew Zedella
I Caitlyn Moriarty and Zak Harrod

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.

IN OUR PARISH

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – Throughout October, all are invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones, friends and acquaintances in the Book of Remembrance found in the Gathering Space, which will be offered in the Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday, November 2**, the Feast of All Souls, at **7:00 p.m.** in the church. The Book will then remain near the Baptismal Font, a prominent symbol for both Baptisms and funerals, open for any addition of names of the deceased throughout November, the month of the Holy Souls.

GOLDEN MUSTANGS (55+ Group) will meet this **Wednesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room. We will recite the Rosary to start the evening. Join us for an evening of prayer, “German” food, fun and socialization. Please contact Paul or Joan Rovnak at 614-205-9396 for additional information. We hope to see you there!

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING! If your children (child) are interested in serving at Mass and do not attend St. Matthew School, or if they are St. Matthew students and need to make up a missed session, we will be offering Server Training on **October 15 and 29 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Church. Students need to attend all training sessions and pass the two server tests in order to be qualified to serve at Mass. Please see the St. Matthew Parish website at <https://stmatthew.net/servers> for more details and to register for training. Please contact Deacon Christopher Walsh at cwalsh5358@gmail.com if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION – “I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament.” (Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Feast October 16). Learn more about our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at <https://stmatthew.net/dmc>.

GARDEN MINISTRY – Join us in the flowerbeds to help God’s beauty shine through ~ **Thursdays, October 19 and October 26 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** and **Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.** Dress for the weather and contact Denise at stmatthewsgardenministry@gmail.com for details.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS – BOY SCOUT TROOP 317 FUNDRAISER
Boy Scout Troop 317, sponsored by St. Matthew Parish, is taking orders for Christmas wreaths and door sprays. The deadline to order is Sunday evening, **October 22**. Delivery will be around the third week of November. Checks should be sent to Mr. Tom Liskay, 457 Tresham Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. Assistant Scoutmaster Liskay can be reached at tom.liskay@yahoo.com or 614-476-2044 (please leave your name and return phone number while speaking slowly and clearly). Checks should be made out to “Boy Scout Troop 317 BSA.” Our products for sale include our 25-inch Classic wreath (\$35.00), and our Classic door spray (\$30.00), and our 25-inch Victorian wreath (\$40.00). Our Boy Scout prayer is that you stay safe and well during this season.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND – The Rosary will be said for the sick and homebound of the parish this **Friday, October 20 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.

THE MAIN EVENT is St. Matthew School’s largest yearly fundraiser, taking place on **Saturday, October 21** at Jefferson Country Club. The event features dinner and drinks, silent auction, Fund a Need, entertainment and more. The funds raised at the Main Event have supported many initiatives over the years, including SPICE, teacher and classroom needs, technology upgrades, and much more. Tickets are currently on sale and are selling quickly. If you are unable to attend the event this year, there are sponsorship and donation opportunities available, as well as an online Silent Auction. To learn more about this event and to purchase tickets, please visit the website: <https://one.bidpal.net/thestmatthewmainevent2023/welcome> or The St. Matthew Main Event 2023 Facebook page. We are so grateful for your support. Thank you!

GOT STOCKS? SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW AND MAXIMIZE YOUR 2023 GIVING – St. Matthew has an Endowment Fund that The Catholic Foundation manages. This fund is a long-term, sustained investment designed to provide a perpetual source of income to our parish. Transferring appreciated stocks to St. Matthew Parish Endowment Fund is the most effective way to maximize the impact of your giving. In donating stock, you can avoid capital gains tax while benefiting from the tax deduction on your charitable gift. For more information on how you can make a real-world impact on the future of St. Matthew and the Catholic faith, please contact Jim Hahn at jhahn@catholic-foundation.org or 614-443-8893, ext. 112.

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.

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR 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 and Monday mornings. For more information and registration, go to www.stmatthew.net/first-steps-in-faith or contact Katie Ryzenga at kryzenga@stmatthew.net.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The Ohio March for Life last Friday, October 6, drew an even larger crowd than last year. It was estimated that over 5,000 people attended. The opening prayer was led by Bishop Fernandes, who has been very outspoken in urging the defeat of Issue 1 ("reproductive rights" amendment). In an interview with the Catholic News Agency, Bishop Fernandes stated that "Issue 1 will be absolutely devastating for Ohio, worse than what we had under *Roe vs. Wade*. This is more than allowing abortion up to the moment of birth, its broad language could be used to remove any limits on gender selection, chemical castration, transgender surgeries, and gender reassignment on minors – all without parental notification." At the Cathedral Mass before the March, Bishop Fernandes urged all Catholics "To say 'no' to the killing of innocents and to say 'yes' to the gift of life."

One of the dangers of Issue 1 that has not received much attention is that it opens the door for telehealth abortion pill distribution. Currently, this is restricted in Ohio, and in-person doctor appointments are required. The use of telehealth for abortion is a rapidly growing trend, and in fact, there are six states which now allow "out-of-staters" to use this method. Michigan dropped their restrictions on telehealth abortion once their abortion amendment was passed, for in-state only (for now). Allowing telehealth abortion not only puts women at more risk for unforeseen complications, but it also becomes even more onerous when allowing minors to use this method and not notifying parents.

Recent polling data indicates that once people are aware of the dangers and extremes of Issue 1, many will vote against it. If not informed, and left to rely on the deceptive pro-abortion ads, many will vote for it. We need to cast our vote against Issue 1 and educate our family and friends to see why they should do the same. As Bishop Fernandes concluded, we should not only vote, but more importantly, "we should not underestimate the power of prayer and the Rosary in particular in the defense of human life."

Upcoming Events

- Join our parish-wide 54-Day Rosary Novena in person in the Church or on Zoom. See the Pro-Life page on the St. Matthew website for more details.
- **October 11** – The beginning of early voting for the November 7 election. Early voting ends on November 5.

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.

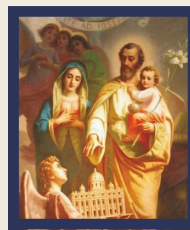
SUNDAY MASS READINGS EXPLAINED – NOW AVAILABLE BOTH MORNING AND EVENING

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.** 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.

SAINT MATTHEW CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTION is next weekend, **October 21-22**, after all Masses. Your kindness is appreciated.

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, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church.

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.



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, October 27 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH PROJECTS

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

Our Sanctuary renovation updates are coming to an end. Thankfully. Only trim and paint contractors remain as the last section is finished. The Facilities Team has been transitioning into the space, cleaning, updating info and hymn screens, making sound system adjustments, and installing additional wireless light controls.

We have been getting our students back in the routine of all school Masses the past couple weeks by utilizing the school's Fr. Noble Parish Activity Center. School Masses and daily Masses will be returning to the church when the last section of pews are reinstalled permanently. Notices and signs will be posted as we make this welcomed transition.

As mentioned a couple weeks ago, many security updates have been implemented in recent months. Next week, the Diocese Security Team will be back on campus observing a fire drill and providing an updated campus security assessment. Current assessments are required to apply for private and state-sponsored grants. We have excellent campus surveillance, and our buildings have good intruder resistance. Access control into the church building during school activities and after hours are being addressed. There are opportunities to enhance outside lighting, additional playground barriers, enhanced fire and emergency alarms, and a redesign of the school entrance with additional secured vestibules and lobby. Our focus remains on a philosophy of continual campus-wide safety and security improvement.

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.

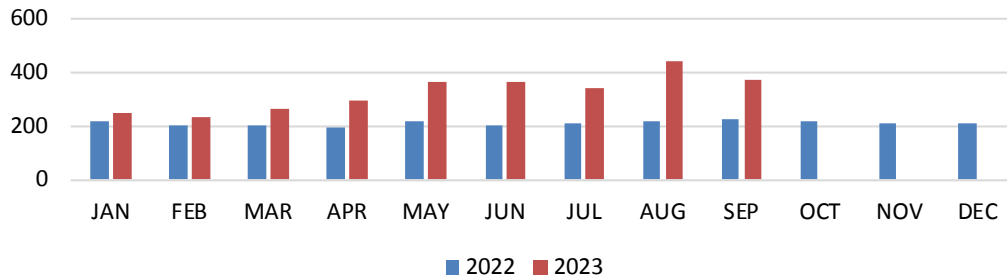
CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

~ **Recap of September 2023** – It was another busy month for CWM but we did not exceed the record that we set in August:

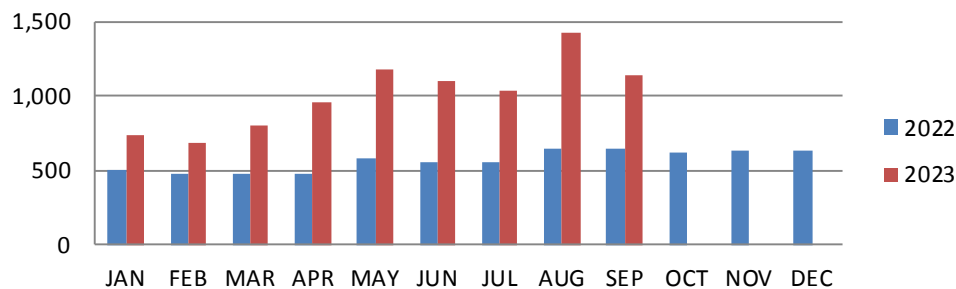
- 375 families served
- 1,143 individuals served in those families (Nearly double what we did a year ago)
- 2,925 families served to date in 2023 (15% more than all of 2022)

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 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.

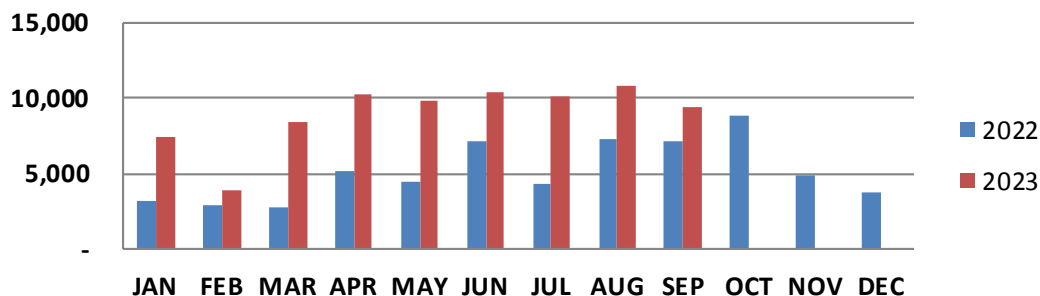
Families Served



Individuals Served



Food Cost



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – This month, we want to recognize our three long-time octogenarian volunteers: Jim Arens, Dick Everhart, and Paul Hochuli. They are active many days throughout the week packing food boxes, making deliveries, and keeping us organized. Their knowledge, experience, and guidance is invaluable to the effective operation of our Food Pantry. Thank you Jim, Dick and Paul!!

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#/)

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29

1:30-3:30 pm

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Issue 1 Puts Women at Risk - Vote NO by November 7

The Catholic Church honors Mary, the Mother of God, as the perfect model of the love that God wants to share with every person. When Catholics look to Mary, her cousin Elizabeth, or her ancestor Ruth, we see that God's plan for the world's salvation was entrusted to women. In Ohio, an amendment on this November's ballot puts women at risk and the Catholic Church cannot stand by as women are threatened in our state. The Catholic bishops of Ohio urge the faithful to Vote NO on Issue 1, which puts women at risk by...

- **Endangering health and safety standards for women** – Ohio laws that require that a woman has guaranteed access to a hospital during an abortion in case of an emergency or the 24-hour waiting period before having an abortion could be struck down.

Issue 1 claims to help women, but this policy would put women at risk. Our faith teaches us that pregnant women deserve a community of support, so Catholics cannot be silent when an extreme amendment threatens to remove protections for women's health and safety.

Learn more at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect.

Your vote is needed to save Ohio from this extreme amendment. Look up your early voting location at www.voteohio.gov and protect women in Ohio by **Voting NO on Issue 1.**



The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. www.ohiocathconf.org



First Annual Fundraiser

*Join us for an evening of charity, food, and fun
as we empower our communities and show
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023 6 PM – 10 PM
The Golf Club at Little Turtle
5400 Little Turtle Way, Westerville, Ohio



*VIP Casino Events will provide casino gaming tables.
* Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle **

RSVP by October 17, 2023
Chairperson: Linda@josephs-coat.org
Or Operations Manager: 614-852-4228

NEW TO THE PARISH? YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE – To register as a parish member, you can stop in the office or register online at <http://www.stmatthew.net/new-parishioners> and we will contact you with more information.

FOLLOW ST. MATTHEW ON SOCIAL MEDIA! Follow our social media accounts for updates on Parish events, worship times, and more! Facebook: @StMatthewGahanna; Twitter: @GahannaStMatts; Instagram: @stmatthewapostle.

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 the 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.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Bernie Koch, brother of Mary Helen Wurtz and uncle of David Wurtz; Dan Sewell, father of Jimmy Sewell; Cosmo A. Bertino, Jr., husband of Paula Bertino; and Antoinette “Ann” Balzano, mother of Jeff Balzano and grandmother of Jared Balzano.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT ISSUE 1 – Peter Range, the CEO of Ohio Right to Life, will be at **St. Pius X** (1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg) on **Sunday, October 22 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center, to explain and answer any questions on Issue 1, and clarify the wording of this drastic and dangerous proposed amendment. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Wood at gailwood0630@gmail.com or 513-515-9444.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023 – SPEAKER FATHER PETERCLAVER KASASA KIVIIRI – Join us **Friday, November 3** at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father PeterClaver Kasasa Kiviiri, Parochial Vicar at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish, who was ordained earlier this year by Bishop Fernandes. Fr. Kiviiri will share his vocation story and observations from his first months as a priest. If you are interested in sponsoring this or another luncheon, please contact Pat Foley at foleyp513@gmail.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Kiviiri's presentation. No reservations are necessary and \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Mark your calendar for our final luncheon of the year on Friday December 1, 2023, when Bishop Earl Fernandes will give his annual talk to the luncheon club.

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 to register in advance for this webinar.

MASS FOR LIFE ON OCTOBER 19 – Do YOU want to do something locally to make an impact for the moms and babies of our community? Come join His Excellency, Earl K. Fernandes and the Women's Care Center in celebrating a Mass for Life on **Thursday, October 19 at 5:30 p.m.** in honor of families and the protection of life ahead of our upcoming elections. Please join us after Mass for Exposition, a Rosary, and Benediction followed by pizza-to-go! The Mass will be held at St. Catharine Parish, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus, OH, 43209. All are welcome!

SUPPORT LEARNING IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WITH A DONATION TO TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS! Every year, teachers in the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Columbus spend hundreds of dollars of their own money to equip their classrooms with basic supplies for students or to purchase special items to make learning fun and relevant. The Tools for Schools program helps lessen these out-of-pocket costs for our educators, so they can focus on what matters most for students – exceptional academics, service to others, and teaching them what it means to be a child of God. To make a donation, visit www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/tools-for-schools. You also may send a check to: Office of Catholic Schools, ATTN: Tools for Schools, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Thank you for your support!

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

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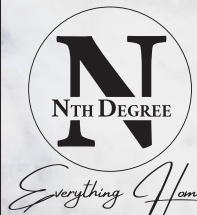
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