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 Shininger - 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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Dorothy Allwein - dallwein@stmatthew.net

Director of Family Life Ministries:

Julie Ratliff – <u>jratliff@stmatthew.net</u>

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.cdstmatthew.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 <u>www.stmatthew.net/online-parishioner-registration</u>.

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.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH GAHANNA, OHIO

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 - Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

6:30 a.m. Jack Benson/Christie & Mark Finkel

8:30 a.m. Jack Benson/Benson Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 - Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

6:30 a.m. Priscilla & Norman Miller/Family 8:30 a.m. Rosemary Lehner/Steve Blubaugh

VIGIL MASS - ALL SAINTS DAY

7:00 p.m. Creta Purpura/Joanne Mangia

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY -

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

6:30 a.m. Mary Sue Malone/Friends & Family 8:30 a.m. Mary Jane Fuller/Nelson Family

7:00 p.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS' DAY – *Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40*

6:30 a.m. Norbert Pschibul/Vicki Wengert

8:30 a.m. Thomas Aloysius Droughton/Gary & Tama Bloch

7:00 p.m. Deceased Family & Friends of our

Parish Community

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

6:30 a.m. Ken Schneider/Teegarden Family 8:30 a.m. Maria Madalena Han Dang/Hau Dang

SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 4** – *Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;*

Lk 14:1, 7-11

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Conroy Family 5:00 p.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/Fr. Theodore K. Sill

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10;

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

8:00 a.m. Doug Hochuli/Springer Family 10:00 a.m. Robert Meechan/Family 12:00 p.m. Joseph Phong Vu/Hue Vu

STEWARDSHIP					
2023-2024 Through	October 22, 2023	Year to Date			
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$730,269.00			
Contributions	\$31,500.55	\$709,915.18			
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$11,456.45)	(\$20,353.82)			

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:

- 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, NOVEMBER 4 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 12:00 P.M.	
EXTRAORDINARY	Max Maksimoski – rmaksimo@stmatthew.net – 614-607-4799 (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors); Vicki Wengert – vwengert@icloud.com – 614-270-2118 (Sacristans)				
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Paul Koors Paul Rovnak Joan Rovnak Joan Hess	Mary Campanelli Dave Macynski Susan Mulligan Kathy Martin	Lee Ettenhofer Tom Whitlatch Erica Gleich Ann Whitlatch	Crystal Cockerell Tim Bray Beth Escudero Mila McNamee	
IN HOME	Shawn Miller (2); Donato D'Alberto (4); Karen Lackey (5); Steve Testa (6); Dave Macynski (7)				
LECTORS	Dylan Drugan Joan Hess	Kathy Martin Phil Mullin	Ann Whitlatch Tom Whitlatch	Tim Bray Kat Graham	
SACRISTANS	Vicki Wengert	Kristin Paulus	Teresa Altman-Ozarzak	Cathy Buzenski	
SERVERS	MC – Luke Aaron Austin Buerger Bailey Buerger Cecilia Dougherty Zach Nusbaum	MC – Landon Miller Caleb Lemle Ethan Lemle Claire Smith	Giosué Calendo Lucia Calendo Ben Lackey Anissa McSweeny Reagan Sanders	Gabby Dages Claire Navarro Trae Rogers Andrew Uzomba	

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Let us pray for those preparing for marriage:
III Caitlyn Moriarty and Zak Harrod
I Mary Glenn Y. Falcon & Marius Svirinavicius

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 Shininger, Director of Music, at dshininger@stmatthew.net.

IN OUR PARISH

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES – All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows: this **Tuesday, October 31** at **7:00 p.m.** and **Wednesday, November 1** at **6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.** (with the School) and **7:00 p.m.**

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE – Please join us at the Memorial Mass this Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. Our annual Memorial Mass is celebrated on the Feast of All Souls in memory of all those who have died, especially those who have died this past year. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Remembrance Book, located in the Gathering Space.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION "The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world ... Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek." St. John Paul II (Feast October 22). Learn more of our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at https://stmatthew.net/dmc.

RELIC OF ST. JUDE – A relic of St. Jude the Apostle, known as the patron saint of hope and impossible causes, will be displayed at three sites in the Columbus area on three consecutive days. The relic will be in Westerville at St. Paul Church, 313 N. State Street, on Monday, October 30; the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Avenue, on Tuesday, October 31; and the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, on Wednesday, November 1. Veneration of the relic at all three places will be from 1:00-10:00 p.m. For more information, visit https://catholictimescolumbus.org/news/the-catholic-times/st-jude-relic-to-be-displayed-at-3-area-sites.

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**, **November 4** in the church.

FAMILY ROSARY GROUP – All are invited to join other families in praying the Rosary at **4:00 p.m.** on Saturdays, downstairs in the parish nursery. Little ones are welcome to play as we pray. Parents will have the opportunity to go upstairs for Confession after the Rosary before 5:00 p.m. Mass begins. All are welcome, even if you don't have children.

ST. MATTHEW MOMS GROUP – Our Moms Group will meet this **Thursday, November 2**, beginning at **9:30 a.m.** in the parish nursery. Please bring your little ones and come enjoy some socializing and support with other moms.

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.

JULIA GREELEY COMMITTEE BOOK CLUB – You are invited to read *Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood*, by Michael Heinlein, along with the Julia Greeley Committee. They will read the first half of the book and meet to discuss it on **Wednesday**, **November 8**. They will discuss the second half of the book on **Wednesday**, **December 13**. Both meetings will be from **7:00-8:00 p.m.** in the St. Michael Room. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Herrick at spemherrick@gmail.com.

GARDEN MINISTRY – Join us in the flowerbeds to help God's beauty shine through ~ the final work day is **Saturday**, **November 18** from **9:00 a.m.-12 noon**. Dress for the weather and contact Denise at stmatthewsgardenministry@gmail for details.

SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW & LOWER YOUR TAXES – St. Matthew has an endowment fund that The Catholic Foundation manages. This fund is a longer-term, sustained investment designed to provide a perpetual source of income to our parish. Contributing cash, appreciated stocks, IRA rollovers, and other forms of assets to the Fund can lower your tax exposure and provide a lasting impact on St. Matthew and the future of our Catholic faith. For more information on end-of-the-year giving to benefit St. Matthew, please contact Jim Hahn at jhahn@catholic-foundation.org or 614-443-8893, ext. 112.

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.

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, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

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.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH GAHANNA, OHIO

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Reliable polling indicates that ~ 60% of Ohioans have a "middle of the road" position on abortion. They believe that abortion should be legal in the early stages of pregnancy but should not be allowed at some point in the later stages. Based on this, pro-life groups have been emphasizing that the Issue 1 amendment is extreme from this position. It would allow late-term abortions and it would negate parental consent rights. The goal is to persuade those who are "partially" pro-choice to vote NO on an amendment which goes beyond what *Roe vs Wade* allowed. This approach makes sense given that tactically many people are not going to be convinced to become pro-life in a short period of time.

But is there really a middle ground position on abortion? Are we wasting our time holding to a position that life begins at conception? Not according to St. John Paul II and the Gospel of Life. In summary, he says, from the time of conception, a life has begun of a new human being with its own growth. It would never become human if it were not human in the first place. Genetic science has confirmed that this living being has its own characteristics from the moment of fertilization. The Church has always taught that the result of human procreation, from its first moment of existence, must be guaranteed unconditional respect. The human being is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception, and first among its rights, as a person, is the right to life.

While persuading people to vote NO on Issue 1 is a good thing, it is not an indication that the Church believes there is a viable middle ground position on abortion. We believe that life begins at conception and that we should actively support women in distressed pregnancies both before and after their delivery.

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.
- October 30-November 1 Exposition of the relics of St. Jude at St. Paul, St. Thomas More Newman Center, and Resurrection. Details are available at https://apostle oftheimpossible.com, join us in prayer to the Apostle of the Impossible in defeating Issue 1.
- **November 4** First Saturday prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood building on 3255 E. Main Street at 10:30 a.m.
- If you are interested in learning more about the St. Matthew Pro-Life group, please contact Jeff Solinger at jksolinger@ aol.com or at 614-506-2382.

ST. GABRIEL RADIO – Our St. Matthew School **4th Graders** will be On-Air with St. Gabriel Radio AM820! Please listen **November 20-24** at **3:00 p.m.** daily, to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with our students! Live streaming is also available on StGabrielRadio.com.



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**, **November 5** at **3:00 p.m**. 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 ongoing initiatives to provide a safe, healthy, and prayerful environment for you and our children.

As of now, the Sanctuary has been returned to full utilization including daily and all school Masses! Over the next several weeks, work will continue on punch list items, outside stone repairs, sound adjustments and lighting controls.

The church has essentially been in construction mode for the better part of 2023. December 24, 2022, the last pictures were taken of the Sanctuary in its original construction state. New lights had been delivered and installation was planned for after the first of the year. Little did we know, frozen pipes in all three of our primary buildings on Christmas Day would uncover major deficiencies in the church building leading to the largest construction project since the church was built in 2004.

At the time, we were in the middle of an ongoing Sanctuary beautification project started five years ago. The project was broken down into stages to cover costs as we proceeded with sponsorships and individual donations. Projects included new Stations, Altar artwork, Apse painting, new Nativity, lights, and stained glass. Ultimately, these phases would lead us to an overall Sanctuary renovation. With the discovery of the wall and insulation issues at Christmas, the renovation became the priority while walls were being dismantled. It was only after the start of the project in June that the true extent of the construction issues were revealed. Every week, we found additional issues.

In late July, inside problems were compounded by the lack of drainage outside, leading us to exposed structural components with gaps at the base of the outer walls enabling varmint and water intrusion. At that point, an investigation was launched into possible liability issues during the original construction of the church. Last week, the Diocese was finally able to compile all the original construction documentation and contracts; we only have drawings on-site. We are looking into architectural design, construction shortcuts, project management, and inspections. All these areas could have contributed to our current situation. The total cost and ultimate responsibility are still to be determined. When a major structural problem occurs to your home, you sometimes must address the problem to find the root cause before understanding the extent and cost of repair. That's where we are on a much larger scale. Updates are forthcoming as the investigation progresses.

A couple campus notes. We continue to apply for grants to improve our campus programs, safety, and security. We have been very successful at being awarded funds from the Catholic Foundation, Ohio EPA, Ohio Non-profit funds, Corporate Grants, and personal donations. For example, a parishioner underwrote the cost of a new monument sign almost two years ago based on its poor condition. That project is ongoing.

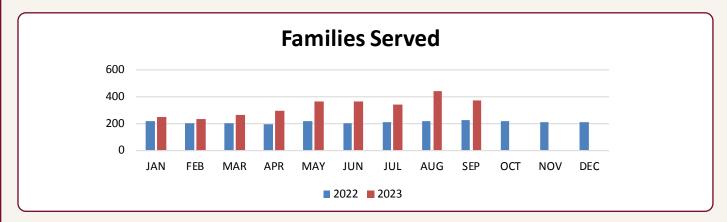
Suggestions on how we can better serve you and the parish are always welcome. Send requests and suggestions to gharvey@ stmatthew.net. Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.

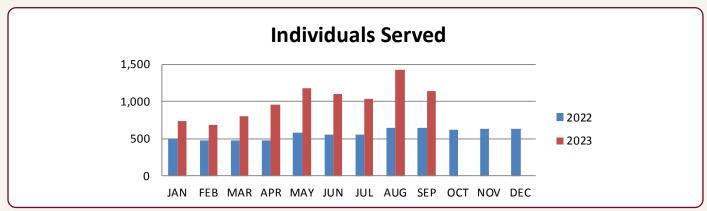
WE NEED YOU! ST. MATTHEW AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM IS HIRING – St. Matthew School is looking for individuals who enjoy working with children and are interested in working part-time. It is a great opportunity for college students and retirees. The program is open from 2:00-6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, 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.

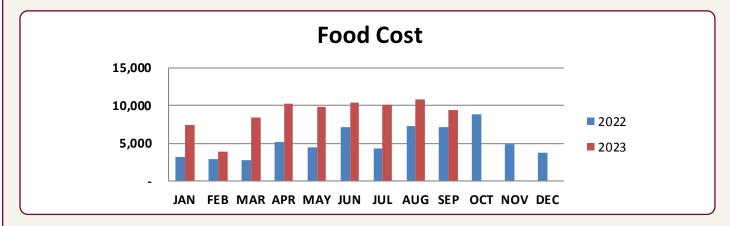
CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

- ~ 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 <u>all</u> 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.







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#/.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH GAHANNA, OHIC



Early Voting - Misleading Facts About Issue 1

The Catholic Church supports and defends women, children, and vulnerable Ohioans through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance. A misleading amendment on the ballot this November suggests that a "right to an abortion" is needed to protect women and children, while the amendment would actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children.

Catholics must Vote NO on Issue 1 to reject this misleading amendment because...

 Miscarriage care and ectopic pregnancy treatments are already protected by state law; generations of women's healthcare in Catholic hospitals prove that our society can protect women without enshrining a "right to abortion" in our constitution.

As Catholics, we follow a Savior who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Catholics, therefore, must reject Issue 1 because it is NOT the way to protect women and children, it does NOT represent the truth about miscarriage care and ectopic pregnancy treatment, and it does NOT respect the dignity of human life.

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

Early Voting - Issues 1 & 2 Threaten Families

Our Catholic faith teaches that parents have a duty to protect and care for their children. These duties are the reason that parents have special rights regarding the education and welfare of children. A constitutional amendment on the ballot in this election would threaten a parent's ability to protect and care for their children. Catholics must Vote NO on Issue 1 and Issue 2 because...

- Parental rights are under threat Issue 1 challenges a parent's right to know about and consent to their child receiving any reproductive interventions, including abortion.
- **Children are at risk** Issue 2 endangers children as the legalization of recreational marijuana is shown to increase use by youth, therefore harming their development, especially neurologically. It could also increase traffic accidents and fatalities.

Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and it is in a family where we first learn to love. This is why the Catholic Church teaches that parents have special rights and responsibilities, so that a child's home can be a haven of love. To protect a parent's ability to love, protect, and care for their children, **Catholics in Ohio must Vote NO on Issue 1 and Issue 2**.

You can request an absentee ballot at www.voteohio.gov until October 31, then mail the absentee ballot to your local board of elections by November 6. Or, go to your board of elections to vote early in-person any day between now and November 5.

You are invited to an evening of

Celebration & Gratitude

for the completion of the church repairs and improvements

Saturday, November 4, 6:00 pm (or after 5:00 pm Mass)



We'll pray in thanksgiving with Fr. Sill, hear from our architect, William Heyer, about how the new design features developed from necessary structural repairs, and learn about the National Eucharistic Revival from parishioner Alan Ratliff. A reception with refreshments will follow in the St. Anthony Room.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH GAHANNA, OHIO

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 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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: William Graham, nephew of Lonnie & Marilyn Jenkins.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



12TH ANNUAL SACRED HEART CONGRESS will be held on **November 4** at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Westerville from **8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** The theme this year is "Reviving the Family Through the Sacred Heart and The Holy Eucharist." The Congress will include Mass celebrated by Bishop Fernandes, Confession, Adoration, and formation on how to abide in Jesus' heart and spread this devotion to others. There will be a special program for children led by sisters from the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus. You can register online at Welcomehisheart.com, the fee is \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for families.

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.

25TH ANNUAL HOLLYDAY CRAFT BAZAAR is being held on **Saturday, November 4** from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at Church of the Resurrection (6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany). There will be 70+ exhibitors, handmade items, cafeteria, bake sale and raffle. Admission is \$2.00, service animals only and no strollers.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL – All future Stallions are invited to our annual Open House on Sunday, November 12. To accommodate the high interest in our Open House and to provide individual attention to all of our guests, we will offer three unique start times (11:00 a.m., 11:50 a.m., and 12:40 p.m.) each beginning with a 20-minute Admissions Overview to introduce you to our community and programming. Please visit the school website – www.sfdstallions.org – to register.

BISHOP HARTLEY HIGH SCHOOL will host its annual Open House for prospective students and their families on Thursday, November 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Open House is a wonderful opportunity to hear from our Principal, meet teachers and coaches, learn about the House System, take campus tours, and see what amazing programs and facilities we offer our students. Visit www.bishop-hartley.org/admissions for more information and to register for the event.

ST. CHARLES ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE – Attention, prospective St. Charles Cardinals and families: you are invited to see our campus and learn about the school during our Open House program taking place on Sunday, November 5 starting at 1:00 p.m. Included is a presentation by Principal Jim Lower, tours of campus, and opportunities to learn about and speak to members of our many teams, clubs, and organizations. There will also be refreshments to enjoy in the company of your fellow future Cardinal families. Register for Open House today at stcharlesprep.org/admissions.

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.

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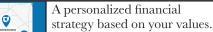
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