

## 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) or by contacting Julie Ratliff at [jratliff@stmatthew.net](mailto: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 Shining – 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](mailto:jcabe@stmatthew.net)  
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Dorothy Allwein – [dallwein@stmatthew.net](mailto:dallwein@stmatthew.net)  
Director of Family Life Ministries:  
Julie Ratliff – [jratliff@stmatthew.net](mailto:jratliff@stmatthew.net)  
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Katie Ryzenga – [kryzenga@stmatthew.net](mailto:kryzenga@stmatthew.net)  
Youth and Young Adult Ministry:  
Maggie Allwein – [mallwein@stmatthew.net](mailto:mallwein@stmatthew.net)

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

[www.cdmatthew.org](http://www.cdmatthew.org)  
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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Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
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As a community of believers who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ, we celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, proclaim the saving message of Christ, and share the love of the Lord, especially with the least, the poor, and the suffering.

## MASSES

### Weekends

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Vigil  
Sunday – 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

### Holy Days

Please consult the bulletin or website.

### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday, 6:30 & 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday – 8:30 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 7:00-7:30 a.m.

Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Sunday 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Or by appointment

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES****MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6** – *Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14*6:30 a.m. Mary Sue Malone/Friends & Family  
8:30 a.m. Joe Lawhead/Sue Lawhead**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7** – *Rom 12:5-16ab; Lk 14:15-24*6:30 a.m. Angelo Sciarroni/Frank Blateri  
8:30 a.m. Doug Hochuli/Bill & Shirley Stone  
& Family**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8** – *Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33*6:30 a.m. Sean Gilmore/Kat Graham  
8:30 a.m. Creta Purpura/Joanne Mangia**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9** – *Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22*6:30 a.m. Frank Hartge, Jr./Hartge Family  
8:30 a.m. Mary Elen Guntzelman**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10** – *Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8*6:30 a.m. Bob Hobart/Ann Hobart  
8:30 a.m. Sandra Kopas/Whitney Cole**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11** – *Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27;  
Lk 16:9-15*8:30 a.m. Joseph Phong Vu/Ron Vu  
5:00 p.m. John Alexander/Migliozzi Family**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12** – *Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18;  
Mt 25:1-13*8:00 a.m. Doug Hochuli/Springer Family  
10:00 a.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/  
Fr. Theodore K. Sill  
12:00 p.m. Joseph Phong Vu/Hue Vu**STEWARDSHIP**

2023-2024 Through	October 29, 2023	Year to Date
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,957.00	\$773,226.00
Contributions	\$32,207.55	\$742,122.73
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$10,749.45)	(\$31,103.27)

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, NOVEMBER 11 5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 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> )			
	Jennifer McConnell Max Maksimoski Denise Maksimoski Erin McConnell	Jeff Klein Tim McMullen Alan Ratliff Rita Klein	Anne DeLeonardis Brian Whitlatch Michelle Lantz Cheryl Harmon	Debbie Sears Tom Mignery Heather Thompson Mary Thompson
<b>IN HOME</b>	Lorraine Curtin (2); Jeff Solinger (4); Mary Burkett (5); Jilleen Bastian (6); Mila McNamee (7)			
<b>LECTORS</b>	Max Maksimoski Emily DeArdo	Alan Ratliff Tim McMullen	Bryan Ghiloni Anne DeLeonardis	Bill Blashill Andy Prociuk
<b>SACRISTANS</b>	Jane Linville	Ezra Escudero	Brian Gifford	Allison Cameron
<b>SERVERS</b>	MC – Dominik Eppler Devin Canter Ryan Folan Jessica Gebhart Jeffrey Iruthaya Lucas McNeil Jameson Yates	MC – Conner Norman Gabriella Grunder Mackenzie Norman Zoey Thompson	MC – Finn Shirey Samantha Bernard Joshua Bernard Joey Brown Johnny Brown Josie Divis Aiden Teeters	MC – Logan Geig Isabella Barrera Finnley Helms Kieran Nowalk Joseph Williams

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Let us pray for those preparing for marriage:  
II 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. 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

**THE 2023 CHALLENGE IS COMING!** The Saint Matthew Charitable Works Challenge will be the weekend of **November 18/19**. Our “anonymous donor” will match up to **\$45,000.00!** The Challenge, coupled with the monthly collections, enables CWM to perform its mission to operate our Parish Food Pantry and care for the less fortunate within our community throughout the coming year. There will be no collection during the month of December. Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE TEENS AND ADULTS

– St. Matthew Parish is taking on a new partnership this year with a Catholic ministry on the west side of Columbus called Urban Encounter. Urban Encounter works to return neighborhoods back to the heart of Jesus through proclamation, demonstration, and discipleship. There is currently a missionary house of five men who are devoted to bringing Jesus to the Hilltop area where homelessness and poverty are the norm. Every Saturday morning, the men go out on a “street walk” to give resources to people on the street as well as develop friendships with them and pray with them. Our high school youth ministry program, The Flame, is partnering with Urban Encounter for the “Hilltop Mission Retreat” which is the first weekend of December. The teens and missionaries will go out and hand out backpacks to vulnerable people on the street and offer to pray with them. Each backpack will include a Kroger gift card, a fast food gift card, a day bus pass, socks, hand warmers, hand sanitizer, lip balm, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, and nonperishable snacks. No donation is too small. Please join us in the mission to bring Jesus to those in need in our very own city! Checks can be made payable to Saint Matthew Church and placed in an envelope labeled “Hilltop Mission Retreat.” For more information, contact Maggie Allwein at [mallwein@stmatthew.net](mailto:mallwein@stmatthew.net). To sign your high schooler up for the retreat, scan the QR code.



**DONUT SOCIAL** – Join us for the donut social today, **Sunday, November 5** in the Saint Anthony Room immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Come gather for donuts, coffee, and juice. Enjoy the company of old friends and welcome others into the Saint Matthew Community. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

**CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION** – We are collecting Christmas cards for a parishioner who is stationed on the USS Carl Vinson and for her fellow sailors. If you would like to send some troops a Christmas card, please leave it in the red box near the Welcome Center by the weekend of **November 11/12**. Thank you!

**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.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

“Our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ has no other purpose than to transform us into that which we receive.” (St. Leo the Great, November 10). Learn more about our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at <https://stmatthew.net/dmc>.

Divine Mercy Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration							
Numbers indicate the total adorers STILL NEEDED to reach minimum							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 AM	2	1	-	1	1	1	2
1 AM	-	2	2	2	2	2	2
2 AM	2	2	2	-	1	2	2
3 AM	1	2	1	3	3	2	2
4 AM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5 AM	2	-	1	-	-	-	1
6 AM	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
7 AM	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
8 AM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 AM	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
10 AM	1	1	-	-	1	1	-
11 AM	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
12 PM	1	-	-	1	1	-	1
1 PM	2	1	-	1	1	-	2
2 PM	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
3 PM	2	1	-	-	-	-	1
4 PM	1	-	1	-	1	1	-
5 PM	1	-	-	-	1	2	-
6 PM	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
7 PM	2	-	-	-	1	1	1
8 PM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
9 PM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
10 PM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
11 PM	1	-	1	-	1	Cleaning Hr	1
ADORERS STILL NEEDED—VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!							

**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 [spmherrick@gmail.com](mailto:spmherrick@gmail.com).

**ST. MATTHEW BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Wednesday, November 29** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Saint Michael Room. We will be reading the book, *The True Meaning of Christmas* by Dr. Michael Barber. (Please note the date change to the 5th Wednesday of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.) All are welcome! Also, there will be no book club meeting in December.

**BLOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2** – Make a difference in someone’s life! The need is constant and the gratification is instant. Every unit of blood has the potential to save three lives in Central Ohio. Remember, “To whom much is given much is expected.” Anyone who is 17 years or older, weighs at least 110 pounds, and is in general good health can be a blood donor. Eligible blood donors must have made their last donation on or before, October 7, 2023. Our next Blood Drive is on **Saturday, December 2** in the Hutta Gym from **7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Schedule an appointment today by calling 1-800-REDCROSS, or visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (Sponsor Code: MatthewApChurch), or sign up at the table in the Gathering Space; or call Teresa Baird at 614-404-3130/email [tburkebaird@gmail.com](mailto:tburkebaird@gmail.com). Your donation is always appreciated!



## PRO-LIFE CORNER

It is critical to cast your NO vote for Issue 1 this coming **Tuesday, November 7**. Even though the abortion lobby has outspent the pro-life groups on advertising by 3:1 (\$30 mm to \$10mm) the polling indicates that the margin is very close. The small sacrifice to take the time to vote in an off-cycle election is well worth the effort. Especially given the extremes that the "reproductive health" amendment will introduce into Ohio:

- Allow abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy and open the door for taxpayer funding of abortions.
- Negate parental consent rights for minors seeking abortion or gender transition medical treatments.
- Provide protection for "influencers" who want to coerce women or teenagers into unwanted abortions or other reproductive related procedures.

Bishop Fernandes has asked us to take a stand for the fundamental Catholic truth that God has given us a right to life, and dignity, from conception to natural death. Voting NO on Issue 1 is a concrete way for us to put our faith into action. This is not a political issue that can be ignored if we so choose, but it is an issue of morality that will have long-term consequences. Vote, and pray, for the defeat of Issue 1 on November 7.

### Upcoming Events

**November 7** – The polls are open this day from **6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.** If Tuesday, November 7 has the potential to be too busy for taking time to vote, early voting is available **Saturday, November 4** from **8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**, and **Sunday, November 5** from **1:00-5:00 p.m.** The Franklin County location for in-person early voting is 1700 Morse Road.

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.

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

**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](mailto:jhahn@catholic-foundation.org) or 614-443-8893, ext. 112.

**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! Livestreaming is also available on [StGabrielRadio.com](http://StGabrielRadio.com).

**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).

## 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.

We sincerely hope you are enjoying our newly renovated Sanctuary. Last week, the remaining construction equipment was removed from the church. It will now take some time to get everything as clean as it was before we started this major project. A presentation, Q&A and a reception with our Sanctuary Architect, William Heyer, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass will be posted on our website. This program was planned for our parishioners to learn more about this project. The presentation was posted for those unable to attend.

The next priority in the renovation process is the sound system. As with many churches in the Diocese, sound systems are one of the most challenging components of a Mass. We are covering a large space with unique acoustics from nine different types of microphones in nine different locations amplifying all types of speaking and singing voices to an audience of 1 to 1,000. Currently, where you sit has everything to do with how clear our speakers are. There is a fine line between volume and clarity, as volume goes up clarity goes down. The more parishioners in the church, the more sound is absorbed, which also helps clarity. We will get the sound system adjusted as quickly as possible with the help of professionals and your feedback. Thank you for your patience.

Great news from the Catholic Foundation. Supported by donations from parishioners like yourselves, our parish has been awarded with two Grants based on applications from our Family Life Team and our Facilities Team. Family Life was awarded \$3,000.00 this year toward the St. Matthew Messy Family Project University Program furthering Christ's mission on this earth through this ministry. Facilities was awarded \$5,000.00 to help with the St. Matthew Church Lockdown Project enabling us to electronically lockdown the church in an emergency and during school Masses when the church has many of our students in the Sanctuary. These funds are in conjunction with a \$50,000.00 Corporate Security Grant that was utilized for security enhancements at school and church. Congratulations.

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.

## 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.** 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).

**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.com](mailto:stmatthewsgardenministry@gmail.com) for details.

**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.

**CHILDREN’S BULLETINS** are available in the Gathering Space. These activity pages for Catholic kids are published weekly and they correspond with each Sunday’s readings. Pick one up to help your child participate more fully in the liturgy.



**CALL TO PRAYER FOR OUR NATION** – We can help our country turn back to God through prayer. It can change hearts, our families, our communities, our country and our world. Please join us for an hour of prayer for our nation, our leaders, journalists and social media. It will be held in the church today, **Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

**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.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

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

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be next **Sunday, November 12** (and will be held every second Sunday through March) after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Hutta gym. Proceeds will benefit the Women’s Care Center. Come and join us for a delicious breakfast!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOVEMBER 19 SMOKER/BBQ EVENT** – Let the Knights take the work out of your Thanksgiving family gathering this year with our menu. Whole Turkey – 14#; Bone-in Turkey Breast – 6#; and Whole Chicken – 6#. Orders must be placed prior to **6:00 p.m.** on **Monday, November 13.** Place your order by email [KofC5801Smoker@gmail.com](mailto:KofC5801Smoker@gmail.com) or at [www.kofc5801.org/events-list](http://www.kofc5801.org/events-list). Paper order forms will be located at the KofC bulletin board in the Gathering Space near the Parish Office. Pick-up time will be on Sunday, November 19 from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the basement of Charitable Works.

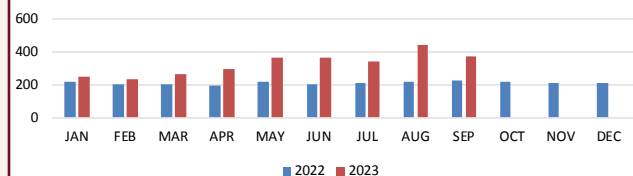
## CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

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

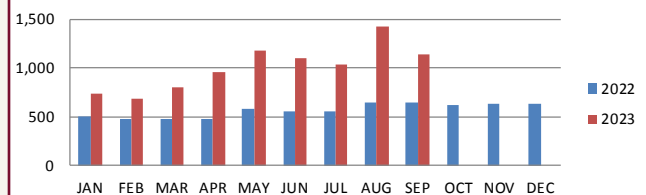
- 375 families served
- 1,143 individuals served in those families (Nearly double what we did a year ago)
- 2,925 families served to date in 2023 (15% more than all of 2022)

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.

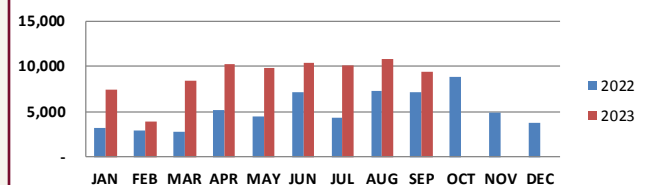
### Families Served



### 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, & 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#/).



**St. Matthew**  
**Hometown Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 11th**

9am-3pm

Admission \$5

*Gifts for your whole list*

Handmade items

Direct Sales

Bake sale

Santa photos

50/50 raffle

\*sorry, no strollers\*

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**Vote NO to Stop Abortion through Nine Months**

This Tuesday, the rights and safety of women, children, and parents are on the ballot. Issue 1 not only puts women at risk and threatens parental rights, but this extreme amendment also allows abortions through all nine months of pregnancy. The vague language of Issue 1 endangers preborn children and Catholics cannot be silent when the most vulnerable are in harm's way.

**Catholics must Vote NO on Issue 1** because it endangers children by...

- **Allowing abortion through all nine months** by using the overly broad term "health" to permit painful, late-term abortions. In U.S. law, "health" includes age, as well as psychological, emotional, or physical well-being, so an abortion providing-physician could justify an abortion in the third trimester by citing a woman's age or emotional well-being.
- **Leaving preborn children without protection** by giving abortion providers the ability to determine on a "case by case" basis when a preborn child is protected by state laws. If abortion-providing physicians can decide when a preborn child is viable, this allows the same clinician to sidestep regulations and end the lives of potentially viable children.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that every human being deserves protection, love, and care – especially the most vulnerable. This Tuesday, to defend the preborn from painful, late-term abortions and to protect children in the womb, Vote NO on Issue 1.

Visit [www.voteohio.gov](http://www.voteohio.gov) to find your polling location or be sure to postmark your absentee ballot no later than November 6<sup>th</sup>.



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**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](http://www.sfdstallions.org) – to register.

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