

## 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)  
Religious Education Coordinator:  
Dorothy Allwein – [dallwein@stmatthew.net](mailto:dallwein@stmatthew.net)  
Director of Family Life Ministries:  
Julie Ratliff – [jratliff@stmatthew.net](mailto:jratliff@stmatthew.net)  
Baptism Coordinator:  
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@cducation.org](mailto:jrathburn1@cducation.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

WORSHIP · SERVE · EVANGELIZE

807 Havens Corners Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
614-471-0212 • [www.stmatthew.net](http://www.stmatthew.net)

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   |   |
|--|---|
| <b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13</b> – <i>Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6</i>   |   |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Diane Lehman/Family                                     |
| 8:30 a.m.  | Helen Reichert/George & Helen Schweitzer                |
| <b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14</b> – <i>Wis 2:23–3:9; Lk 17:7-10</i>  |   |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Mary Sue Malone/Friends & Family                        |
| 8:30 a.m.  | Susie O'Neill/Pat Askew                                 |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15</b> – <i>Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19</i>   |   |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Angelo Sciarroni/Frank Blateri                          |
| 8:30 a.m.  | Eric Zoog/Caryl Schull                                  |
| <b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16</b> – <i>Wis 7:22b–8:1; Lk 17:20-25</i>   |   |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Toni Barr/Vicki Wengert                                 |
| 8:30 a.m.  | Creta Purpura/Tony Purpura                              |
| <b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17</b> – <i>Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37</i>  |   |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Intentions of Joan Rovnak/Helen                         |
| 8:30 a.m.  | Art Ulrich/Family                                       |
| <b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18</b> – <i>Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8</i>  |   |
| 8:30 a.m.  | Maria Madalena Han Dang/Hau Dang                        |
| 5:00 p.m.  | John Zaino/Joanne Mangia                                |
| <b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19</b> – <i>Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21</i> |   |
| 8:00 a.m.  | For Saint Matthew Parishioners/<br>Fr. Theodore K. Sill |
| 10:00 a.m.   | Karl Rieman/Friends of Family                           |
| 12:00 p.m.   | Alex Gray/Patti Maietta                                 |

| STEWARDSHIP   |                  |               |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| 2023-2024 Through   | November 5, 2023 | Year to Date  |
| Parish Budgeted Expenses  | \$42,957.00      | \$816,183.00  |
| Contributions   | \$51,849.81      | \$793,972.54  |
| Surplus (Shortage)  | \$8,892.81       | (\$22,210.46) |
| Note: St. Matthew's fiscal year is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Contributions include offertory and parish facilities fund donations. |                  |               |

| DISCIPLESHIP  |
|---|
| How can I begin my Journey? It's as simple as 1-2-3:                |
| 1. Participate 1 hour per week in community prayer (Sunday Mass).   |
| 2. Devote 1 hour per week volunteering in a parish ministry.        |
| 3. Contribute 1 hour of weekly income (2.5%) for financial support. |
| WORSHIP + SERVE + EVANGELIZE  |

| UPCOMING SPECIAL ENVELOPES  |
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| 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 <a href="https://www.osvhub.com/stmatthew">https://www.osvhub.com/stmatthew</a> and select the fund to which you'd like to donate. Thank you! |

| LITURGICAL MINISTRIES                           |  |  |   |   |
|---|--|--|---|---|
|   | SATURDAY,<br>NOVEMBER 18<br>5:00 P.M.  | SUNDAY,<br>NOVEMBER 19<br>8:00 A.M.                                  | SUNDAY,<br>NOVEMBER 19<br>10:00 A.M.  | SUNDAY,<br>NOVEMBER 19<br>12:00 P.M.  |
| EXTRAORDINARY<br>MINISTERS OF HOLY<br>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> ) |  |   |   |
|   | Patti Herrick<br>Blake Goedde<br>Mindy Mays<br>Mike Barr   | Mike Huff<br>Kathy Arnold<br>Nicholas Hess<br>Michael Wodarczyk      | Andrew DeLeonardis<br>Olga M. Magyar<br>Jen Lawrence<br>Carol Ann Lombardi  | Tim Bray<br>Kristin Williams<br>Andrew Prociuk<br>Beth Escudero                         |
| IN HOME   | Michael Wodarczyk (2); Mike Huff (4); Connie Wood (5); Max Maksimoski (6); Greg Schmiedebusch (7)  |  |   |   |
| LECTORS   | Blake Goedde<br>Patti Herrick  | Ezra Escudero<br>Mike Huff   | Andrew DeLeonardis<br>Carol Ann Lombardi  | Michael Motil<br>Alysa Li   |
| SACRISTANS                                      | Kathy Wodarczyk  | Corinne Miller   | Eileen Masoni   | Beth Escudero   |
| SERVERS   | MC – Luke Aaron<br>Giavanna Brown<br>Cole Ditmer<br>Clare Donovan<br>Abe Porter<br>Bobby Porter  | MC – Landon Miller<br>Natalie Dinovo<br>Adalynn Hootman<br>Ben Prier | MC – Thomas Dougherty<br>Evan Callam<br>Penny Tilson<br>Cecilia Warnement<br>Victoria Warnement<br>Liam Whitlatch<br>Noah Whitlatch | Anthony Golladay<br>Lilliana Golladay<br>Nash Lacey<br>Eugene Mwesiga<br>Reagan Sanders |

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Let us pray for those preparing for marriage:

- III Mary Glenn Y. Falcon & Marius Svirinavicius  
II Denise Lager & Derek Cantor

**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**

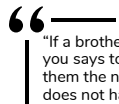
**2023  
Charitable  
Works  
Matching  
Challenge**



## Double the impact of your donation.

Donations to our Charitable Works Food Pantry received through the end of November will be matched by an anonymous donor, up to \$52,000. We are one of the largest food pantries in the Gahanna area. We are grateful for your assistance in helping our friends and neighbors!

Donate via cash or check or online at <https://osvhub.com/stmatthew>.



“If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and no food for the day, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,’ but do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” – James 2:15-17

**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 **\$52,000.00!** 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!

**KNITTING CROCHETING MINISTRY THANK YOU** – Thank you everyone for all your help this past year in supporting The Knitting Crocheting Ministry by making warm items, donating fleece, yarn, monetary donations, your prayers and helping with distribution. In 2023, we made **27,240 items** (hats, scarves, lap robes, blankets for babies, children, adults, prayer shawls and other warm items) and gave them to **53 organizations**. From 1995 to present, we have given out **261,803 items** to the homeless and the needy. We can always use donations of yarn, money to purchase yarn and fleece and people to make items. Please contact Glenda at 614-563-0275 for more information. Thank you for your continued support!

**DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION** – “Every time, we look at the Blessed Sacrament, our place in heaven, is raised forever.” St. Gertrude (Feast November 16). Learn more about our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at <https://stmatthew.net/dmc>.

**ANNUAL SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE TEENS AND ADULTS**

– St. Matthew Parish is taking on a new partnership this year with a Catholic ministry on the westside 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.



**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 this weekend, **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.

**GOLDEN MUSTANGS** (55+ Group) will meet this **Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room. We will celebrate All Saints by reciting the Litany of Saints and by displaying members’ statues of Saints. Join the Golden Mustangs for an evening of faith, food, fun, and fellowship. Call Joan or Paul Rovnak at 614-205-9396 for additional information.

**ROSARY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND** – The Rosary will be said for the sick and homebound of the parish this **Friday, November 17 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.



## PRO-LIFE CORNER

The abortion amendment was decisively passed November 7 with 57% voting Yes and 43% voting No, and about half of Ohio's 8 million registered voters participated. Polls have consistently shown that many Ohioans believe that abortion is acceptable in the first trimester and that exceptions should be made for rape/incest at any stage. Based on this, the abortion lobby organized a well-funded TV and social media campaign to highlight the Heartbeat Bill. Though currently under injunction, this bill bans abortion after 6 weeks, and has no exceptions. In addition, the ads emphasized that there is no mention of parental rights in the amendment and that the state can restrict abortion after viability. Both of which are not true, but people were persuaded that voting Yes would maintain the current status quo. Many young people voted Yes thinking they were preserving a "right" that they may need to exercise (or already have), and those over 45 voted Yes thinking "let the woman decide what to do, not the government."

What does this tell us? That we still have a lot of work to do to change the hearts and minds of people to accept the grace of God's revealed truth that life begins at conception. To believe that first trimester abortion is acceptable completely undermines this principle, when over 85% of all abortions are committed in the first trimester. While the passage of Issue 1 is a tactical setback, we need to continue our perseverance in prayer and service to witness to another belief: that God's truth will ultimately prevail. God may not answer our prayers in exactly the way we expect, but God will answer our prayers and only asks that we persevere in proclaiming the Gospel of Life.

When the same amendment passed in Michigan last year, their pro-life movement did not give up. They renewed their efforts to witness to life at abortion clinics, support pregnancy care centers, and publicly oppose abortion legislation. Let us follow their example and continue our efforts to establish a culture of life. We do not want to abandon our goal of changing one heart at a time in our daily interactions with people.

### Upcoming Events

**November 28** – Pro-life Rosary in the main Church at **7:00 p.m.**, followed by the Pro-Life meeting in the Parish Library.

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.

## HONORS AT ST. MATTHEW PARISH PEACE MEMORIAL –

Located on a small site between the rectory and Helmbright Drive is the Parish Peace Memorial. Beside the "peace pole" and two benches, you will find carved in stone the names of two sons of the parish who died in 2005 in the War Against Terrorism: Army Private First Class Nick Messmer, son of Richard and Shirley Messmer; and Marine Lance Corporal Ryan E. Miller, son of Ed and Mary Miller. Also, our memorials include Army Private First Class Harrison James Meyer, nephew of our Deacon Joe Meyer (Maureen) who died in 2003 and Army Specialist Donald "DJ" Wheeler, brother of St. Matthew Cub Scout mom Mrs. Bernadette McNeil (Paul) who also died in 2003. Our Marine and three Soldiers were killed in Iraq. We also remembered Gahanna Police Officer Charles C. DuVernay who was struck by a vehicle while directing traffic out of the St. Matthew parking lot and died in 1982. His memorial stone is on the west side of our current exit drive to Havens Corners Road. We remember their sacrifice. We are in a time of war and rumors of war. Pray for peace. (Charles "Trey" Porter, Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 317, St. Matthew Parish).

**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 discuss the second half of the book on **Wednesday, December 13** 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](mailto:spemherrick@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.

**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.

**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](http://StGabrielRadio.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.

As our church returns to full utilization including school Masses, weddings, and funerals, we also hosted several presentations in the Sanctuary worth checking out. Last Saturday evening, William Heyer, the architect for the Sanctuary project made a presentation on many of the design features of the space. He also explained construction considerations to increase wall insulation, the elimination of stud ghosting (dark stripes on the walls), and how the Stations of the Cross were secured to the walls ranging in weight from 200 to 300 pounds each. His complete presentation has been uploaded to our website and YouTube channel.

Last Saturday evening, Alan Ratliff introduced us to the National Eucharistic Revival coming through Columbus next summer. His presentation was also posted to our website and YouTube channel. There are links to additional information and contacts.

The Facilities Team is now focused on supporting the many activities in the church, cleaning, conditioning all the wood trim, and doing the windows inside and out.

**Please note for clarification on the security measures we are taking during school Masses; typically on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.** During all school Masses, the doors to the church will be locked. There are people manning the doors, but if you are trying to enter the church after 8:25 a.m. on school Mass days, someone will need to let you in. We appreciate your patience in this effort to keep our students safe. Thank you for your kind understanding.

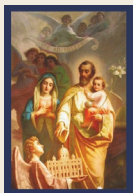
Suggestions on how we can better serve you and the parish are always welcome. Send requests and suggestions to [gharvey@stmatthew.net](mailto:gharvey@stmatthew.net). Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.

**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). All who come to donate from December 1-17 will receive a \$10.00 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Amazon](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Amazon) for details. Your donation is always appreciated!

**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.

**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).

**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, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

**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.

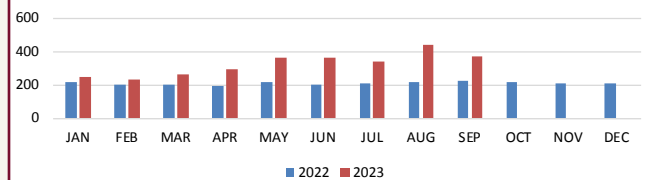
## CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

~ **Recap of October 2023** – Another busy month for CWM.

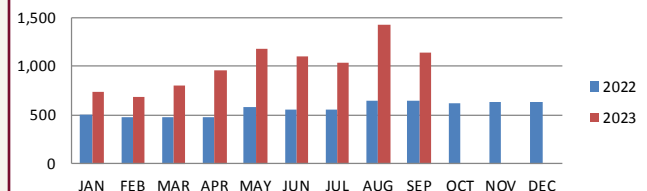
- 431 families served (Nearly double what we did in October 2022.)
- 1,331 individuals served in those families
- 3,357 families served to date in 2023 (on track to hit 4,000 for all of 2023)

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.

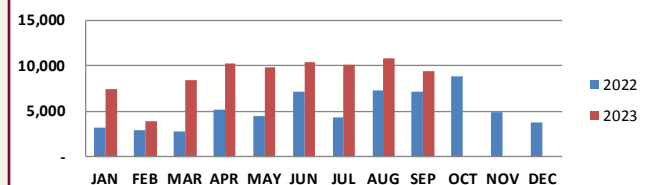
**Families Served**



**Individuals Served**



**Food Cost**



**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT** – This month, we want to recognize our three longtime 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#/).

# ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Join us as we prepare our hearts  
and our homes for Advent by  
making an Advent wreath!

**December 1,**  
6:30 pm-8:00 pm  
(adults 21+ only)

**December 2,**  
3:00 pm-4:30 pm

**December 2,**  
6:00 pm-7:30 pm

\$25 per wreath,  
which includes all  
supplies, live  
greenery and  
candles, and light  
refreshments.

To register, scan the QR code, go to our website  
(<https://stmatthew.net/wreath>),  
or fill out a paper form at the Welcome Center.



**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Mary Katherine Doersam, mother of Matt Doersam; Wayne Stertz, husband of Kasey Stertz; and John Wasko, father of Jessica Riesenber.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801

*Knights are the right arm of the Church  
and involved in charitable works in our  
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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be today, **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.** tomorrow, **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. Pickup time will be on Sunday, November 19 from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the basement of Charitable Works.

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**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023 – SPEAKER BISHOP EARL FERNANDES.** Join us **Friday, December 1** at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring his Excellency Bishop Earl Fernandes, Bishop of the Columbus Diocese, who will present his annual address to the luncheon club. The December luncheon is sponsored by The Catholic Foundation. Started in 1984, the Catholic Foundation has provided over \$200 million in funding for organizations throughout the Columbus Diocese and beyond. More information about the Catholic Foundation is available at <https://catholic-foundation.org/>. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, please contact Pat Foley at [foleyp513@gmail.com](mailto:foleyp513@gmail.com). Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' presentation. No reservations are necessary and \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! There is no luncheon in January, but plan on attending our luncheon on Friday, February 2, 2024, when Bishop Fernandes will return to present the Catholic Man of the Year Award.

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