

## 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

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joseph Meyer

Rev. Mr. Christopher Walsh

## PARISH STAFF – 614-471-0212

Business Manager: Leo Grimes

Director of Music: Dawn Shiningier

Facilities Superintendent:

George Harvey – [gharvey@stmatthew.net](mailto:gharvey@stmatthew.net)

Office & Ministry Coordinator: Michelle Dougherty

Safe Environment: Michelle Lantz

Director of Family Life Ministries: Julie Ratliff

Catholic Inquiry/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Jennifer Cabe

Religious Education Coordinator: Dorothy Allwein

Baptism Coordinator: Katie Ryzenga

Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Maggie Allwein

## PARISH SCHOOL

[cdstmatthew.org](http://cdstmatthew.org)

Director Pre-K: Sr. Paulina Porczynska – 614-557-7571

Principal K-8: John Rathburn – 614-471-4930

## 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

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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, JANUARY 15** – 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

6:30 a.m. Jim Martin/Kathy Martin

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Betty Walsh/Liz &amp; Dave Backes

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16** – 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

6:30 a.m. Bobby Knueven/Betty &amp; Jack Ferris

8:30 a.m. Joanna Mann/Rikk Family

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17** – 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;  
Mk 3:1-6

6:30 a.m. Dave Elekes/Vic &amp; Marlene Elekes

8:30 a.m. Thelma Meechan/Family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18** – 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

6:30 a.m. Mary Sue Malone/Mel &amp; Lin Avendano

8:30 a.m. Bob Williams/Sirois Family

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19** – 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

6:30 a.m. Dcn. Ron Fondriest/Dcn. Chris Walsh

8:30 a.m. Arlene Deibel/David Nelson Family

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20** – 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
Mk 3:20-21

8:30 a.m. Cosmo Bertino/Ken &amp; Tina Morwick

5:00 p.m. Ruth Greenwald/Jo Ann Carpenter

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21** – Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31;  
Mk 1:14-20

8:00 a.m. Dick Wood/Joe &amp; Connie Wood

10:00 a.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/  
Fr. Theodore K. Sill

12:00 p.m. Richard Luongo/Jana Testa

**STEWARDSHIP**

| 2023-2024 Through        | January 7, 2024 | Year to Date   |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Parish Budgeted Expenses | \$42,957.00     | \$1,202,796.00 |
| Contributions            | \$77,326.20     | \$1,272,640.03 |
| Surplus (Shortage)       | \$34,369.20     | \$69,844.03    |

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,<br/>JANUARY 20<br/>5:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                                                                                  | <b>SUNDAY,<br/>JANUARY 21<br/>8:00 A.M.</b>                                             | <b>SUNDAY,<br/>JANUARY 21<br/>10:00 A.M.</b>                                                                 | <b>SUNDAY,<br/>JANUARY 21<br/>12:00 P.M.</b>                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>EXTRAORDINARY<br/>MINISTERS OF HOLY<br/>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> ) |                                                                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                     |
|                                                          | Molly Fanning<br>Max Maksimoski<br>Denise Maksimoski<br>Vicki Wengert                                                                                                                          | Rita Klein<br>Jeff Klein<br>Mike Huff<br>Tim McMullen                                   | Joe Farry<br>Carol Ann Lombardi<br>Karen Lackey<br>Mindy Farry                                               | Kristin Williams<br>Heather Thompson<br>Beth Escudero<br>Andy Prociuk                               |
| <b>IN HOME</b>                                           | Angela McNair (2); Debbie Sears (4); Mary Burkett (5); Rhea Neugebauer (6); Greg Schmiedebusch (7)                                                                                             |                                                                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                     |
| <b>LECTORS</b>                                           | Max Maksimoski                                                                                                                                                                                 | Tim McMullen<br>Mike Huff                                                               | Carol Ann Lombardi<br>Bryan Ghiloni                                                                          | Kristin Williams<br>Andy Prociuk                                                                    |
| <b>SACRISTANS</b>                                        | Mickey & Carmen<br>DeArdo                                                                                                                                                                      | Kristin Paulus                                                                          | Brian Gifford                                                                                                | Beth Escudero                                                                                       |
| <b>SERVERS</b>                                           | MC – Luke Aaron<br>Ryan Folan<br>Lucas McNeil<br>Abe Porter<br>Bobby Porter<br>Leah Stacklin                                                                                                   | MC – Landon Miller<br>Natalie Dinovo<br>Adalynn Hootman<br>Owen McNair<br>Zoey Thompson | MC – Finn Shirey<br>Giosu  Calendo<br>Lucia Calendo<br>Roman Rush<br>Cecilia Warnement<br>Victoria Warnement | MC – Jackson Montgomery<br>Carson Dieter<br>Anthony Golladay<br>Lilliana Golladay<br>Eugene Mwesiga |

IN OUR PARISH

**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).

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** – Deacon Chris Walsh will be holding three training sessions for any child grade 5+ who is interested in becoming an altar server. The dates are **Sunday, January 14, 21 & 28** from **2:00-3:00 p.m.** in the Church. Please register your child for the training at <https://www.stmatthew.net/server-training> and email Deacon Chris at [cwalsh5358@gmail.com](mailto:cwalsh5358@gmail.com) with any questions.

**GOLDEN MUSTANGS** (55+ Group) will meet this **Wednesday, January 17** at **6:00 p.m.** in the St. Anthony Room. We will travel down memory lane with a Blue Plate Special, music of our high school days, a trivia test from our childhood and teens and more. Join us as we remember how life was. Contact Paul or Joan Rovnak at 614-205-9396 for additional information. We hope to see you there!

**SAVE THE DATE OF MARCH 13** – Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at St. Matthew with internationally acclaimed Irish tenor Emmet Cahill in a benefit concert singing Irish songs and liturgical hymns. Emmet is the lead singer for the group Celtic Thunder, has been guest soloist with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and St. Patrick’s Cathedral Choir and performed for sold-out audiences at Carnegie Hall and the Irish National Concert Hall in Dublin. Tickets can be purchased at <https://emmetcahill.com/tour>. Please contact Pat Martin at [padhragin@icloud.com](mailto:padhragin@icloud.com) with any questions.

**ROSARY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND** – The Rosary will be said for the sick and homebound of the parish this **Friday, January 19** 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.

DIVINE MERCY  
PERPETUAL ADORATION

*“I have but one desire: that of being near You in the Blessed Sacrament.”* St. John Neumann. Learn more about our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel online at <https://stmatthew.net/dmc>.

| Divine Mercy Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration                            |        |        |         |           |          |             |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Numbers indicate the <u>total adorers STILL NEEDED to reach minimum</u> |        |        |         |           |          |             |          |
|                                                                         | 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        |
| 6 AM                                                                    | 2      | -      | -       | -         | -        | -           | 1        |
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| 11 AM                                                                   | 2      | -      | 1       | 1         | -        | -           | -        |
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| 10 PM                                                                   | 1      | -      | -       | -         | -        | -           | 1        |
| 11 PM                                                                   | 1      | -      | 1       | 1         | 1        | Cleaning Hr | 1        |
| ADORERS STILL NEEDED—VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!                           |        |        |         |           |          |             |          |

**ST. MATTHEW SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE** – Our parish has formed a Social Concerns Committee that will advocate for multiple aspects of Catholic Social Teaching, including pro-life work, advocacy for the poor, and other social issues. If you are interested in learning more about this group or would like to be involved, please contact Jim Gernetzke at [jimgernetzke@noslumine.com](mailto:jimgernetzke@noslumine.com).

PRO-LIFE CORNER

It is common for parents who receive an assessment that their unborn child has a debilitating or life-threatening diagnosis, to be pressured into getting an abortion. For example, the parents of 8-month old Olivia-Jax received three such assessments: her intestines were outside of her body, her legs and feet were deformed, and she had Trisomy 18 (birth defects in organs that could be life-threatening). In each case, abortion was recommended as the next step, but the parents refused. It turns out that Olivia-Jax had none of these problems when she was born and is a healthy 8-month old baby. Her parent’s courage and perseverance in the face of high-risk pregnancy specialists and their recommendations, is admirable.

The fact is that many times these prenatal assessments are incorrect, or the defect detected is less disabling than predicted. A study from the University of Cambridge showed that many unborn children who are detected with “bad cells” leading to defects, actually self-correct by replacing the bad cells with good ones. In some cases, prenatal or postnatal surgery can correct the problem, and there have been many medical advances in this specialty.

Doctors make these recommendations based on their perception of quality of life. There are children who are born with physical defects or potentially life-threatening conditions. But the question is not quality of life, but the equality of life. A child has the right to be born regardless of the circumstances. Doctors who are treating pregnant women are treating two patients and have a moral and medical duty to both to “do no harm.” Documented cases and medical evidence show that terminating a pregnancy due to a negative diagnosis should not be an option.

While we are praying the Novena for the 9 Days for Life, let us include parents who receive a troubling prenatal diagnosis. That God will give them the strength and courage to persevere to bring the baby to term. You can join the 9 Days for Life Novena this January 16-24.

Upcoming Events:

- **January 22** – *Roe* Remembrance. Mass celebrated by Bishop Fernandes at **10:30 a.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral, followed by a rally/speakers for Life at the Statehouse.
- **January 22** – Designated for all U.S. Catholic Dioceses as a “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.”

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 at 614-506-2382.



## JANUARY AND THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS



In January, the Church traditionally calls attention to the Most Holy Name of Jesus, "the name that is above every name," as St. Paul writes to the Philippians (2:6-11). You may notice that our clergy bow their heads during Mass at every mention of Jesus' name.

We invite our parishioners to do the same, even outside of Mass. What an opportunity we have to evangelize others with this small but powerful gesture to honor the Name of Jesus wherever and whenever we hear it!

Another way to contemplate His Holy Name this January is praying with the Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, available in our red pew missal, starting on page 1035. These short meditations of His Name will draw us closer to Him.

The Holy Name is often depicted as "IHS," a type of Christogram, which is an abbreviation of the name Jesus Christ. The English letters "IHS" come from the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek, ΙΗΣ. (The Greek letter sigma is written in the English alphabet as an S.) When you're at Mass this weekend, see if you can find where the "IHS" is in our church!

**THANK YOU** to all who donated to the Urban Encounter Hilltop Retreat Mission, held in December for St. Matthew and Christ the King youth. Prior to going out on mission, the youth gathered in prayer and in formation and understanding the mission of Urban Encounter. In the afternoon, they walked the streets and interacted with the residents while distributing blessing bags that included a gift card, a day bus pass, a rosary and Miraculous Medal, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, hand warmers and nonperishable snacks. Colin Meyer, a senior at St. Francis DeSales High School shared his experience, "Working in the Hilltop neighborhood was both humbling and moving. The people I met were all very kind even if they weren't as financially stable as they would like to be. The blessing bags given to us helped me stop a man from eating out of a trash can so I could give him some real food alongside other essentials such as socks and hand warmers. All of the residents of the area were extremely grateful for our presence and were sure to tell us how important the work we were doing was. I came out of the experience as a different person with a deeper relationship to Christ. I learned that I love helping others in need, and plan on making it a more frequent part of my life."

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3** – 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, December 9, 2023. Our next Blood Drive is on **Saturday, February 3** in the Hutta 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 in the Gathering Space; or call Teresa Baird at 614-404-3130/email [tburkebaird@gmail.com](mailto:tburkebaird@gmail.com). All who give blood in February will receive a \$20.00 Amazon.com gift card by email.



**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, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S & MEN'S CONFERENCES BEING HELD FEBRUARY 17 & 24** – This year, both Conferences are dedicated to the Glory and Beauty of the Eucharist. The Women's Conference features a day of inspired speakers like Heather Khym, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Father John Burns, Claire Dwyer, and Father Timothy Anastos. The Men's Conference features speakers Chris Stefanick, John Edwards, and Father Burke Masters (Chaplain for the Chicago Cubs). Both events will include Mass by Bishop Fernandes, religious organizations, Adoration, and plenty of food and fellowship. You truly don't want to miss this incredible opportunity, guaranteed to ignite your faith and take you even further along your personal journey with Christ. Please visit <https://stmatthew.net/conferences> for more information and to register.

## 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.

The first major order of business undertaken by the Facilities Team this year is another attempt to gain approval for a new electronic monument sign on Havens Corners Road. Replacing our current outdated and in need of major repairs, wood sign has been on our wish list for several years. The decision was made to replace the wood sign with an electronic sign, following the lead of many other parishes in the area and in our Diocese. Our intent was the elimination of countless banners and temporary signs with a professional display able to communicate multiple messages and events clearly and professionally from our many parish organizations.

With a zoning size limitation of 50 square feet, we asked for several variances within the sign code to enhance the electronic portion of the sign. The code limits the electronic portion to 33%, we requested 66% to identify the Parish on the top third and allow us to focus on the activities of our four primary organizations: Church, School, Charitable Works, and Athletics. The code allows for one message a day. We asked for multiple messages a day as a community service, sharing activities of multiple organizations with the over 18,000 vehicles that pass daily. Code allows one color electronic display. We requested the ability to utilize color when appropriate. All three of these requests were unanimously denied without compromise.

The City of Gahanna Board of Zoning and Building Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on **Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers, 200 S. Hamilton Road. Appeal documents can be found online by searching **BZA-0002-2023** at <https://gahanna.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>.

As a major contributor and supporter of our community, we ask for your prayer support as we work toward a compromise to share as much information as possible about the services and activities of our Parish in a professional and efficient manner. Please feel free to attend the hearing.

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 you during the new year.

## STUDY SCRIPTURE...WHY?

Last August, Fr. Sill appealed to the parish to make an effort in becoming more intentional disciples. The Genesis to Jesus program was a great success, but it is just the beginning. In his appeal, he reminded us that our journey to becoming better disciples begins with understanding the Holy Scriptures. He reminded us what St. Jerome is famous for saying... *"to be ignorant of scripture is to be ignorant of Christ."* To know Christ is to better conform to His will for us in the great salvation story told through Sacred Scripture. The next step in the parish's vision for Casting Your Nets is a formal scripture study. This naturally follows Genesis to Jesus' introduction into the big picture of salvation. Now it is time to dive into the details!

Please join the parish effort of "The Sunday Mass Readings Explained" by the distinguished professor from The Augustine Institute, Dr. Brant Pitre. **This study runs independently each week with no homework or reading assignments.**

If you are new to studying the Bible, you will better recognize the context of the Old Testament books within the promises made to God's chosen people and then connect it with the salvation He offers us through Jesus Christ. Do not be surprised how comfortable you become reading any book of the Bible while developing the habit of reading it and praying through it daily!

If you are an experienced student of scripture, you will be delighted to learn the deeper nuggets that Dr. Pitre brings forth due to his expertise in Jewish history and the Old Testament. Your contribution to our short discussion following the video will be invaluable. If you fall somewhere in-between, you will continue to deepen your relationship with Jesus as you strengthen your habit of prayer through the daily scriptures.

Please join us beginning this week in the LIBRARY of the undercroft: **Thursday mornings: 9:15-10:45 a.m.** or **Thursday evenings: 6:30-7:45 p.m.** Questions? Please contact Lorraine Curtin at [lorraine.curtin@icloud.com](mailto:lorraine.curtin@icloud.com).



## 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 today, **Sunday, January 14** (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!

**FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP** – The Knights will hold the 2024 Free Throw Championship on **Saturday, January 20** from **5:00-7:30 p.m.** in the St. Matthew PAC. Reservations are not required. Any waiting time to participate will be short. The event is **FREE** and is both fun and challenging for boys and girls. Free Throw contestants, ages 9-14, will compete against other contestants their own age and gender. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1. More information at <https://www.kofc5801.org/> or email [AllenPerk@gmail.com](mailto:AllenPerk@gmail.com).

## CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

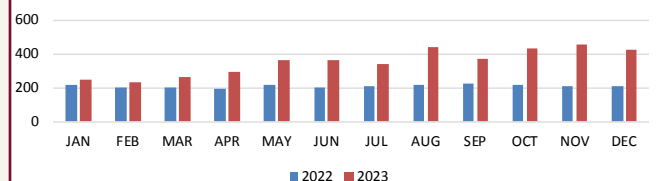
**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** We are truly blessed to have such a generous and kind community here at St. Matthew Parish! Thank you for all of the donations and Christmas letters for the Adopt-A-Family effort. These helped to evangelize to our clients. Thank you for all of the gently used toy donations for our Christmas Shoppe. The families that "shopped" were so thankful and appreciative. And, lastly, thanks to all who donated canned goods and nonperishable items through the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel drive. May Our Lord Jesus Christ bless all of you!

**Recap of December and 2023** - The volume of families that we were able to help this past year was truly staggering:

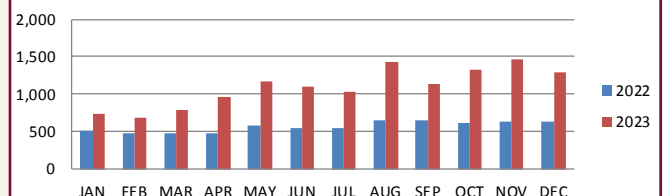
- 4,248 families served in 2023 (a 68% increase over 2022)
- 13,132 individuals served in those families (94% increase vs. 2022, so larger families)
- Nearly 197,000 meals provided to these families (15 meals/person)

December was another big month, even though we were closed the last week and do not include any of the Christmas meals. We do not foresee this slowing in 2024. Thank you for your continued support to those families who are experiencing difficult times through your financial support and volunteer efforts.

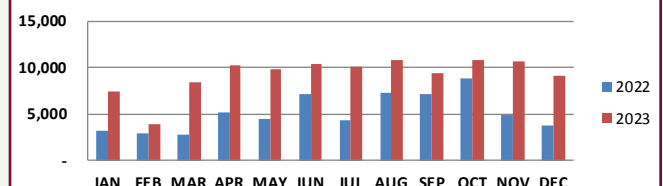
### Families Served



### Individuals Served



### Food Cost



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 PSC 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 first half of 2024 at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945aeaa2aa5f94-charitable>.



# JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY JANUARY 28

1:00-2:30 PM

WE SERVE STUDENTS PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE



**ST. MATTHEW**  
THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MEET OUR STAFF, TOUR OUR CAMPUS,  
AND LEARN ABOUT OUR CURRICULUM



SCAN CODE FOR  
REGISTRATION  
FORM

795 HAVENS CORNERS RD, GAHANNA OH 43230 614.471.4930

St. Matthew School

16th Annual

Spaghetti Dinner



**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner served until 8:00 p.m.

**St. Matthew School – Hutta Gym**

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