

## Who we are

A People of God

[2 Corinthians 6:16](#)

A People of True Faith

[Rom 1:17](#)

A Faithful People

[Mat 25:23](#)

A People of Prayer

[Eph 6:18a](#)

A People of Worship

[1 Chron 16:28-29](#)

A Caring People

[1 John 3:16, 18](#)

A Servant People

[Mat 20:28](#)

An Open People

[John 20:21-22](#)

A People who Stop

[Ps 37:7a](#), [Ps 46:10a](#), and [Acts 3:19](#)

**To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known  
and to Love one another as Christ has loved you**

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# St. Matthew's Parish Profile



## Parish Activities

The congregation of St. Matthew's likes to be involved in many activities at their Church with their Church Family.

We love to study the Bible together at our weekly Bible Study. The Women's and Men's Groups study God's word and a variety of other religious books to help us walk closer to our Lord. We also have a yearly retreat, one for men and one for women. The Parish enjoys a weekly Adult Sunday School, which benefits from a variety of leaders and source materials.

Dedicated members always hold an overnight Easter and Christmas vigil devotional time. Our Rite II service includes music with a full organ and our Manna music ministry group.

The Christian Education Department teaches our children the joy of the Lord in our weekly Sunday school classes. Their annual Christmas program is always a treat to watch! An Easter egg hunt is a yearly highlight. We also have a weekly Youth Group for our teens (who are planning a mission trip to Puerto Rico in 2018) and an AWANA program. AWANA brings in many children from outside our Parish to have fun learning God's Word.

Vacation Bible School is well attended by both our Parish members' children and guest children every year. A yearly visit from Santa Claus at the 'Santa Breakfast and More' program is also an outreach to the Community and collects food for the Feed Your Neighbor program. After eating and playing games, Santa tells the Gospel story of Christmas to a roomful of attentive small children and their parents. We have made many good friends through these programs.

Our outreach programs include (among others) collecting food for Feed Your Neighbor, ringing the bell with the Salvation Army in December, and serving lunch at a local shelter at our February 'Great Event'.

We serve both our in need Parish members and others at holidays with food and gift baskets and our home bound receive with visits and gifts.

Kairos Prison Ministry and Koinonia Retreats are also opportunities to serve and spread the word of God here at St. Matthew's.

We also have intercessory prayer teams. Coffee hours and occasional potlucks are favorite activities and are always well attended.

SUMMARY OF MISSION AND YOUTH PROJECTS AND SUPPORT FOR 2016

Missionaries:	
David & Christy Greninger	\$5,000
Richard and Linda Ward	<u>\$15,000</u>
Local outreach – Christmas offering (Includes Cherry St. Mission, Guy Rainsford Toledo Campus Ministries)	\$1,535
Youth programs	\$1,982
Other charities supported directly:	
Operation Christmas Child	
Food for the Poor	
The Gideons	
Feed your Neighbor	
Salvation Army	

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL PICTURE OF ST. MATTHEWS FOR  
2016 THRU APRIL 2017

Operating Income 2016	\$273,735
Operating Expense 2016	- <u>285,275</u>
Deficit for 2016	(\$11,540)
We had a challenging year with our restoration of our church in 2016 (See below). We are currently maintaining our expenses and expecting T o eliminate our 2016 shortfall by end of Summer.	
Total cost of church restoration due to Termite infestation	\$525,000 (approx.)
Total monies paid toward debt	348,000 (approx.)
Total amount due to Diocese (loan)	177,000
Monies raised in 2107 thru April	14,781



## **A Thumbnail History of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**

In 1916, two dedicated Christians recognized the need for an Episcopal parish in rapidly growing West Toledo. Louis Bartlett of St. Mark's and George Apple of Trinity called on Episcopal families in this new area, enlisting support for a new parish they wished to establish. A handful responded . . . and met together as the Mission of the Holy Spirit.

A small room over Bolton's Grocery at Phillips and Lewis, vacated by Augsburg Lutheran Church, was the home of the new mission. Mr. Bartlett, as Lay Reader, conducted services and an occasional visiting priest celebrated Holy Communion.

The small mission grew with West Toledo, and in 1922 a small frame church was constructed on the corner of Parakeet and Sylvania. New furnishings were not in the budget, so the grocery mission bestowed the worn out bounty and the Mission of the Holy Spirit became known as "the kitchen chair parish."

By 1929, the parish house had been added and the kitchen chairs replaced by handsome new pews. In May, 1931 the name St. Matthew's was adopted and in 1953 we became a self-supporting parish within the

Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. Near this time the parish hall was enlarged, but as the nineteen fifties neared the sixties, it became apparent that the growing needs of the church and church school would outpace existing facilities. In 1958 plans were started for the selection of new property and for a new St. Matthew's.

Now located on Talmadge Road in its beautiful and spacious setting, St. Matthew's is some miles and many years removed from Bolton's Grocery. The Mission of the Holy Spirit, however, has not moved from us and St. Matthew's remains a place and community in which all may worship, gather and enjoy our Lord's blessings.

In 2001, a new chapel, in memory of Martha Knowlton, was designed and built by members of the Knowlton family on the grounds of St. Matthew's. The chapel offers a place for solitude and prayer as well as our occasional outdoor services. In 2002 a walkway was added on the north side of the church leading to the chapel. The walkway was constructed in memory of Bill Jarchow, Kathy Jorgensen's father. Now, a twelve foot high cross built in memory of Richard Tantari, with matching benches, stands in the ellipse of the walkway.

We invite you to celebrate the Eucharist with us at St. Matthew's and become a member of our church family as we continue to grow together in Jesus Christ.

# A PROCLAMATION OF ST. MATTHEWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Matthew's Church is a traditional, biblically based parish that stands on the Word of God as written. We believe that the Scriptures are Holy Spirit inspired and infallible, and we strive to live our lives according to those scriptures. We believe that ALL OF US are sinners and fall short of the Glory of God. Not one of us can reach the Kingdom of God without Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and we proclaim and attest to that fact.

We also believe that marriage is only between a man and a woman, with Jesus Christ in the center to guide and to enhance that relationship as we put Him first above all things. We also believe that the homosexual lifestyle is contrary to God's Word and His Will. With that understanding, we recognize that we are all sinners and we will not discriminate any sin above any other.

Everyone is welcome at St. Matthew's, and all baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion, as we come together to seek God's forgiveness, mercy and grace. As we receive His gifts, let us all share those gifts with everyone. Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life, and it is our mission to spread His Good News.

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Held every year, our Easter Egg hunt is designed for our Parish family children. The younger children have their own area to hunt. This year we hid over 300 eggs!

## Awana Program



Our Awana program meets every Wednesday night during the school year. We have a free family dinner and learn Bible verses. We also play games!

## Foot Washing



We have foot washing every Maundy Thursday. It is a great Biblical example of how we are to serve one another.

# Our City, Your Home

## This is Your Home

In 1913 Toledo adopted a slogan that stated “You will do better in Toledo!” It’s still true today. Let’s explore why!

Once known as the Glass Capital of the region, Toledo has the Glass Pavilion, part of the Toledo Museum of Art which is rated highest in the country. Inside is the Peristyle Theater for concerts and other events.

Our Toledo Zoo was founded in 1900 with a single woodchuck, and now is a world class zoo including polar bear cubs and a beautiful new aquarium. In 2016 it was rated best in the country for the Lights Before Christmas.

Some other attractions are the many Metroparks in the area, including Oak Openings (with sand dunes!). Wildwood Preserve has the Manor House, once home to the Stranahan family who donated the land for this park. Toledo Botanical Garden has a beautiful array of flowers and has an amazing craft show with local artisans.

As for cultural events, Toledo offers many theaters including the Valentine, Stranahan, Huntington Center, Seagate Center and the aforementioned Peristyle, as well as the Toledo Repertoire Theater. The concert arena includes the Toledo Symphony, Toledo Opera, Toledo Choral Society and the Sweet Adeline’s. Christian concerts

are offered including Toby Mac, Mandisa and Toledo’s own Sanctus Real.

If you need an island get-away, Kelly’s Island and Put-In-Bay are just a boat ride away. Our Lake Erie offers many fishing and boating activities as well as nationally known bird watching. Maumee Bay State Park is available for camping only a short car ride away. On the Maumee River we have one of the largest walleye runs in the spring. The Maumee also boasts the Sandpiper available for a river cruise!

Sports?! We have sports! Hockey by the Walleye! Baseball by the Mud Hens! The University of Toledo Rockets in the MAC conference.

We have a mixed congregation that roots for The Ohio State University/University Michigan football. Toledo Speedway rounds out our brief picture of sports in the Toledo area.

Museums vary in that along with the aforementioned Toledo Museum of Art we are home to a Firefighters Museum, the National Museum of the Great Lakes, the Imagination Station Science Museum and a Popcorn Museum!

The Toledo area is also home to many good schools, public and private, including the University of Toledo, Owens Community College, Mercy College, Lourdes University, as well as Bowling Green State University and the University of Michigan.

And this is just a sampling of what is available to do in your Toledo home!

Carruth Studio	<a href="https://www.carruthstudio.com/">https://www.carruthstudio.com/</a>
Cedar Point Amusement Park	<a href="https://www.cedarpoint.com/">https://www.cedarpoint.com/</a>
Cinemark Theaters	<a href="http://www.cinemark.com">www.cinemark.com</a>
Huntington Center	<a href="http://www.huntingtoncentertoledo.com/">http://www.huntingtoncentertoledo.com/</a>
Imagination Station	<a href="http://www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/">http://www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/</a>
Maumee Indoor Theater	<a href="http://www.greateasterntheatres.com/">http://www.greateasterntheatres.com/</a>
National Museum of the Great Lakes	<a href="http://www.inlandseas.org/">http://www.inlandseas.org/</a>
Sauder Village	<a href="http://www.saudervillage.com">http://www.saudervillage.com</a>
The Wolcott House	<a href="http://www.wolcotthouse.org/">http://www.wolcotthouse.org/</a>
Toledo Repertoire Theatre	<a href="http://www.toledorep.org/">http://www.toledorep.org/</a>
Toledo Area Metro Parks	<a href="http://www.metroparkstoledo.com/">http://www.metroparkstoledo.com/</a>
Toledo Botanical Garden	<a href="http://www.toledogarden.org/">http://www.toledogarden.org/</a>
Toledo Lucas County Library	<a href="http://www.toledolibrary.org/">http://www.toledolibrary.org/</a>
Toledo Mud Hens	<a href="http://www.mudhens.com">www.mudhens.com</a>
Toledo Museum of Art	<a href="http://www.toledomuseum.org">http://www.toledomuseum.org</a>
Toledo Opera	<a href="http://www.toledoopera.org/">http://www.toledoopera.org/</a>
Toledo Police Museum	<a href="http://www.toledopolicemuseum.com/">http://www.toledopolicemuseum.com/</a>
Toledo Symphony Orchestra	<a href="http://www.toledosymphony.com/">http://www.toledosymphony.com/</a>
Toledo Walleye Hockey	<a href="http://www.toledowalleye.com/">http://www.toledowalleye.com/</a>
Toledo Zoo	<a href="http://www.ToledoZoo.org">http://www.ToledoZoo.org</a>
Tony Packo's	<a href="http://www.tonypacko.com/">http://www.tonypacko.com/</a>
The University of Toledo	<a href="http://www.utoledo.edu">http://www.utoledo.edu</a>
Valentine Theatre	<a href="http://www.valentinetheatre.com/">http://www.valentinetheatre.com/</a>

## Good To Know

### Unwelcome Guests

In 2015, we discovered to our horror, that a substantial part of our beloved building had been destroyed by termites! We immediately began fund raising to remedy this. By Christmas of 2016 we returned to our newly restored Sanctuary. This was due to the dedication of our parish volunteers (and other Christians) who, along with a group of wonderful professionals, diligently worked on this project. From fundraising (insurance would not cover insect damage) to fetching, to toting, to hammering and sweeping, we faithfully worked together to overcome this challenge. We felt we demonstrated well that “the Church is the people, not the building.” We even gained three new families during this time!

### Sunday Services

8:00 am Rite I  
10:30 am Rite II

Average Sunday Attendance: 107

Sunday School : 25

Youth Group: 10

2016 Annual Operating Budget: \$273,735

2016 Average Weekly Offering: \$5,264

### Home Bound Parishioners

We currently have twelve members who are visited a minimum of four times a year with gifts from the congregation. They also receive visits from the Priest or a Licensed Eucharistic Minister as requested.

