

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." — Mk 9:39a, 40-41

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD).

MASSSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 25 5:00pm – Albert Brandt,
Pat Podjenski, Joyce Schab†
Sun. Sept 26 9:00am – St. Matthew Families
11:00am – Joseph Alan Lomax†

MASSSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Sept 28 9:00am – Ted Heinen †
Wed. Sept 29 9:00am – Don Maitland †
Thur. Sept 30 9:00am – Charles Brioschi †
Fri. Oct 1 9:00am – Special Intentions

MASSSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Oct 2 5:00pm – St. Matthew Families
Sun. Oct 3 9:00am – Darlene Veylupek
11:00am – Vinny & Mary Ann Sabato †

MASS INTENTION CHANGES

Due to Archdiocesan policy, we can only take Mass Intentions for a year out. We are now scheduling intentions between now and August of 2022. We may also send Mass intentions to the Archdiocese to have them sent to missions. These masses may not be able to be offered on a specific date. Even if we don't witness the mass, all spiritual graces are still conferred. Please email all mass requests to Patsy at pahart@archomaha.org

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

October 16.....Maintenance

If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. Maintenance etc.) in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, contact the parish office.



EUCHARIST ADORATION NEW DAY AND TIME ADDED

Exposition of the Eucharist is every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 7:00pm on Thursday and ending at 8:00am on Saturday. To participate regularly or substitute as needed, please contact Donna Buell buelldonnajm@gmail.com or Phil McEvoy pmcevoy@gmail.com. Currently, we have openings in the Eucharistic Adoration schedule. There is already one person scheduled at each of these hours, but two people are needed. A second person is needed for Thursday: 11:00pm; Friday: 1:00am, 2:00am, 7:00am, 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm; Saturday: 1:00am. We would like to expand the Adoration hours either before the current 7:00pm start time on Thursday or after the 8:00am closing on Saturday. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CELEBRATION

In honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will be having a candlelight procession on Thursday, October 7. The evening will begin with benediction at 6:45pm, followed by reciting the rosary in an outdoor procession. In the event of inclement weather, we will recite the rosary in the church. Please mark your calendars now for a grace filled evening.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Recently you received a letter from Archbishop Lucas inviting your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to your response. Our financial goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$42,734.00 and our participation goal is 24.3%. Together, through the help of the Holy Spirit, we will create a culture of unity, evangelization, leadership and mercy.



CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY

Commitment:	\$2,249,082.17
Pledges Collected:	\$ 666,706.28



HEALTHCARE

PROFESSIONALS NEEDED!

We would like to identify a pool of medical personnel that would be available to provide care, if needed, at each mass. If interested, please contact Mark Lockwood at 402-215-7835 or Amy Adams at 402-689-1093.



SECURITY-SECURITY-SECURITY

The parish of Saint Matthew has established a Safety Board under which falls our Security Team. This team provides security services for all the weekend and holy day masses. If interested or for additional information, please call Greg Stoiber at 402 203-3685 or Dick Lewis at 402 301-5849.

SEEKING MASS GREETERS

The Evangelization Committee is seeking parish members who would be willing to welcome worshippers in the narthex before all of the weekend Masses. It is a small commitment which can reap great rewards! If you are interested, please call Mary at 402-536-0915

MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO PARISH

Memorial donations for the parish should be made payable to St. Matthew, with the memo line designating specifics (i.e., Building Fund, General Use, etc., and name of honoree or deceased). Checks made out to families or other organizations are not acknowledged by the parish Memorials Committee unless St. Matthew is the payee.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

October 12-16

We are updating our photo directory and we are hoping you will be a part of it. Every family that participates will receive a free 8x10 photo and a St. Matthew photo directory. Starting September 4 through October 9, after each mass, we will begin assisting our parish members with making their appointments for the church directory. Computers will be set up in the Narthex. If you would like to volunteer to help with making appointments after masses, please email Pat Dolezal at pdolezal@cox.net.

Please make appointments at this link: <https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=763&typId=63655&step=2>

SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you are interested in participating in a quarterly widow/widowers support group please contact Mary Fran Williamson, mfw822@hotmail.com, please name and phone number.

AMAZON SMILE

We received \$204.93 for last quarter's rebate!

If you order from Amazon, please consider using Smile. Amazon and designate St. Matthew as your charity. Or use this direct link every time you shop <http://smile.amazon.com/ch47-0800122>. Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase price to St. Matthew. Thank you for your support!

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$28.52

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program To order Scrip online. <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/> Parish Office also has scrip on hand and ordering every two weeks.

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

We received \$756.55 for last quarter's rebate!

Thank you to the 174 families who participate in this program. Remember this does not cost you anything or take away from any other reward points you receive. To link your rewards card to St. Matthew: www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards

1. Click on "I'm a Customer" and sign in to your online account, or create a new account if needed;
2. Select "Community Rewards";
3. Click on "Enroll Now";
4. Enter PF663 and select "St. Matthew"

You may also call: 866-221-4141 to enroll your card.



TEXT TO GIVE OPTION

To securely make a gift, TEXT a dollar amount to
402-809-4948

You will be asked to complete a one-time registration page with your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to our phone number. To make it easier, save this number as a contact in your phone for future giving.

FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving. Visit www.faithdirect.net simply click "Give Now" and enter our church code: NE489. Or call 1-866-507-8757. You can give a one-time gift or sign up for recurring gifts.



FLOCKNOTES

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US!

Receive Parish information and have access to ministry notifications. Text SMTE to 84576 or connect with us online

at: stmatthewbellevue.flocknote.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes begin this week and will be held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. It is not too late to sign up. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact Lisa Deall in the RE Office 402-547-5361. Next class will be October 6.

The St. Matthew Religious Education Program has begun. Starting this year, we are returning to a traditional religious education meeting twice per month. While waiting for students, parents can enjoy snacks and "Sunday Mass Preparation" with Deacon Tom, in the main conference room, at 6:30. With more than seven years in religious education, I am honored and excited to serve our parish and families as the Religious Education Director. Thank you and God Bless! Lisa Deall

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers as a community, and close with Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Benediction. A Sunday evening Holy Hour and Vespers is not just a randomly scheduled event. According to Church tradition, parishes are encouraged to join in community for the Liturgy of the Hours, especially the Evening Prayer on Sundays (Sacrosanctum Concilium). Accordingly, we as the St. Matthew's Catholic Community join our prayers, in union with the universal church, for the mission of the Church-the salvation of souls. Come offer your prayers for this intention, as well as your own, in the presence of Jesus during this Holy Hour of Exposition. Contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org) with questions.

SUNDAY PREP BIBLE STUDY

Join us for one hour of food, fun, history, and preparation toward understanding Sunday readings. This is held Wednesdays, 6:30pm, in the CSR conference room. To attend, come to the southwest corner at the back of the church. Come in the doors by the sign "Parish Office". Deacon Tom Deall facilitates the bible study.

NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY!

This is Year B in our liturgical cycle, which focuses on the Gospel according to Mark. What does Mark's gospel have to tell us about Jesus, and why is it important to hear this unique perspective?

We explore these questions (and more) in a Scripture study every Tuesday evening via Zoom. Using the book *Ponder* from Little Rock Scripture, we pray with the Sunday readings and listen to what God is revealing to us. Our prayer method is *Lectio Divina*, but we have also used Ignatian contemplation, and our own life experiences, along with lively and life-giving discussion. If you would like to join, email me at srtracy2@icloud.com and I will send you a link to the Zoom meeting, and also make sure you have a book. This is an ongoing study, meeting every Tuesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, but you are welcome to "drop in" when you are available.

Introduction to the Bible begins September 22nd

Whether you have had a lot of experience with Scripture, or not very much at all, you can benefit from this course. Have you ever wondered about the difference between Catholic and Protestant Bibles? Is there a difference in the way Catholics study and use Scripture in liturgy and prayers? What is meant by "divine inspiration"? How has the Second Vatican Council shaped the way Catholics think about and interpret Sacred Scripture? We will explore these questions and much more in a 7-week course entitled, *An Introduction to the Bible*.

If there is enough interest, I plan to offer an in-person class in the conference room at St. Matthew on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 AM, and a Wednesday evening online option via Zoom from 7-8:30 PM. Please call or text Susan Tracy (402-630-9938) or email srtracy2@icloud.com if you have any questions or would like to register for the class. I think I can guarantee that your understanding of the Bible will be enriched by taking this class. Cost of the study set is \$15, but no one will be turned away because of lack of funds. Please join me!

SUNDAY EVENING ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

This Bible Study unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. In this beautiful and awe-inspiring series based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book *Hail, Holy Queen*, watch the Mary of doctrine and devotion come alive in a powerful, new way! The Bible Study will meet on Sunday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm starting on September 19. This is a twelve-week study which is scheduled to end before Christmas. Free pizza and "refreshments". The study will meet in the new conference room in the southwest corner of the lower level of the new building. If interested, please contact Rick Holdcroft, 350-4097.



Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Omaha Presents:
*A gathering of stories, song,
and reflection with*
Dan Schutte

member of the St. Louis Jesuits musical group and composer of familiar liturgical songs such as "Here I am, Lord," "Sing a new song," "You are near," "Table of plenty," and many more. Please join us for a wonderful gathering to delight in these treasured songs which have enriched our faith lives for many years.

\$40 Ticket Price - purchase online

\$100 VIP Option Concert Ticket

and meet & greet with Dan - includes drinks and appetizers - purchase online



Friday, October 1st, 7:00 pm Concert with VIP event 5:45-6:45 pm

Sunday, October 3rd, 2:00 pm Concert with VIP event 12:45-1:45 pm

Harper Auditorium at Creighton University 602 N 20th St, Omaha NE

Free parking is available on 20th & Cass Streets. Please plan to wear a mask.

Visit ivcusa.org/Omaha to purchase tickets

PET Blessing

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 @ 12:30PM
IN FRONT OF CHURCH



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE Runners Thank you to all our teammates who joined us for the Siena/Francis House “Hope for the Homeless” walk/run. We had a great turnout of teammates from St. Matthew and all over Omaha. What a beautiful morning and fun time! Some of our teammates even won medals for their age groups, including our own Pat and Angi Castle!! A huge thank you, also, to the Lomax’s, Medara’s, Weber’s, Janecko’s, Lukasina’s for helping “gift” jerseys to our new St. Matthew students, teachers, and staff!! We are within \$100 of covering the cost. If you would like to help, please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN (Sept 22-Oct 31) You’re invited to join other Christians around the world for the 40 Days for Life campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Pray at home, but more importantly, pray in front of the abortion facility in our city (1002 Mission St, Bellevue) or Planned Parenthood in Omaha or Council Bluffs. Mark your calendar for our St. Matthew Parish/LIFE Runners Prayer Day at Carhart’s on Sat, Oct 9, 8am-8pm. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/opJLvSm>. Order one of Shawn Carney’s (co-founder of 40 Days for Life) books to read during the campaign to be informed and inspired: 40 Days for Life, The Beginning of the End of Abortion, To The Heart of the Matter or What to Say When. Visit 40daysforlife.com for more info.

Gabriel’s Corner Pregnancy Center 15th Anniv Celebration of Life Dinner – This Fri, Oct 1, Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Council Bluffs. Keynote Pro-life Speaker is Jeannie Ewing. Visit gabrielscorner.com to register and for more info.

LIFE CHAIN The annual Life Chain is Sun, Oct 3, 2:00 – 3:00pm. We would love to fill our assigned block, the southeast corner of 72nd and Dodge, with our St. Matthew community and LIFE Runners. Come and be joyful witnesses for life in the center of Omaha! If you can’t join us, please pray for a successful event.....that many hearts and minds in our city will come to believe in and speak up for the dignity and sanctity of all human lives.

PRAYER VIGIL Please mark your calendar for our next vigil on Fri, Oct 8, 10:00-11:00am, at the Bellevue abortion facility (1002 W Mission). We also encourage you to come pray for/with us each Saturday morning 7:30-8:30am. When the facility is open, we do sidewalk outreach to moms arriving for appointments; if it is closed, we pray for the end to abortion. Let us bring hope and be a joyful presence of love to mothers, fathers and families looking for help in the face of a desperate time, be the light of Christ in our community, and pray for the conversion of Carhart and the workers.

“The angel said to her, do not be afraid.” ~ Lk 1:30

Reflection: Such is Gabriel’s message today to every pregnant mother. “Do not be afraid” to welcome new life, even when it upsets your plans, changes the direction of your life, and requires you to mature in unexpected ways.

If God creates a life in the womb, He is making you ready, and has plans for that child and for you.

Prayer: Lord, remove all fear from the hearts of those who are pregnant, and fill them with Your peace and joy. (Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone; visit priestsforlife.org to sign up for daily Pro-Life Reflections emails)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH “The name of Joseph will be our protection during all the days of our life, but above all at the moment of death. ~ Blessed William Joseph Chaminade (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS PROGRAM

Join us as we continue the Hearts Afire Parish-based program with the book, Consoling the Heart of Jesus, by Fr. Michael Gaitley. This 10-week program focuses on the devotion to Jesus’ Sacred Heart and gives us an awareness of God’s infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy, showing us the way to console His heart by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely. It is based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Come learn more about Divine Mercy as depicted in our beautiful Divine Mercy Image! Classes will be on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm, in the school library (Bldg 2). We will begin Oct 7. Cost for the book is \$15. Please contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com to register by Oct 4 or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience needed. All are welcome!

GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select “Sign up as a parishioner” then enter “St. Matthew The Evangelist” (12210 S. 36th St., Ste A Bellevue, NE)
3. Enter your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

How to access your FREE FORMED account on a phone: It’s easy with email authentication! First, you open your email account on your phone. Then open formed.org and select “sign in” in the top right. Then type in your email address and go check your email which will contain a new email with a button to click to confirm. And you’re in!

Enjoy the Catholic faith On Demand. Thousands of movies, programs, audio talks and books instantly. Wonderful content for kids and families.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Officer Meetings are held the first Monday of each month. The general Member's Meeting is the third Monday of the month. Meetings are 7:00pm in the new church conference room (and via Zoom).

All Knights are invited and welcome to attend either meeting. If you are not receiving emails with general council information, contact Dave Boone to ensure your email address is current. If you need information to become a Knight, contact Mark Kyriss, Grand Knight, 402-661-4674, mkyriss@cox.net or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, 402-658-9636, or email dbauermeister3@gmail.com.

Need a ride to Church?

Contact Butch Songcuan 402-933-1646



WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

We are meeting again! All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our meeting on Tuesday October 19 at 6:30pm in the school commons. Please join us and we get reacquainted, meet new friends, and work for our parish. Please direct any questions to Shirrel Medara at smedara@gmail.com or 402 943 6919. Hope to see then!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Make a difference in your Bellevue community! The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) of St. Matthew assists our neighbors in their time of financial, emotional and spiritual need. If you would like to learn more about the mission of St. Vincent de Paul, or if you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, please join us on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the lower level conference room at St. Matthew. You may also call the church office and one of our Vincentians will respond to your request.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

September Collection:

Diapers Needed—all sizes. Any clothes and shoes gently used. All items will be donated to the Stephen Center. These can be placed in the blue bin at the school or the west entrance when you come into church. Thanks for your continued support, August collection was 129 pounds of food and clothing to the Stephen Center, 169 pounds to Bellevue Food Pantry.



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

September 19	Drew Price	\$ 50
September 20	Edward & Linda Janeczko	\$ 25
September 21	Melissa Bradford	\$ 250
	Parish Patronal Feast	
September 22	Colette Piccolo	\$ 25
September 23	Margarita Dickey	\$ 25
September 24	Adler Dohrt	\$ 25
September 25	Mark Dethlefsen	\$ 25

A check is automatically mailed to all winners.



THANK YOU GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS!

We had a wonderful time with our Grandparents and Special Friends attending mass, visiting our classrooms and playing bingo. We are blessed to have your support for our St. Matthew Catholic Community.

NEEDED...EXTENDED CARE AND PRE-K PARA

Seeking candidates to help in our **Extended Care:** 3:00pm-5:30pm M-F. Start date as soon as possible. Two Years of experience in a certified child care setting/school, Safe Environment trained, Loves working with children. Interested candidates should contact Barb White at bwhite@stmattschool.com

St. Matthew School is looking for someone to help as a **para in Pre-K** Monday-Friday. Interested candidates should love children and be willing to put on a smiling face daily! Please email Principal Angie Palmer if interested. principal@stmattschool.com

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Find out what our school children are up to. Find our newsletter at: <https://www.smores.com/fb149>



2021/2022 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Basketball teams for St. Matthew and Religious Education students in K-8th grades are now forming. For more information contact Nic Crampton, 402-650-5760, ntcrampton@outlook.com.



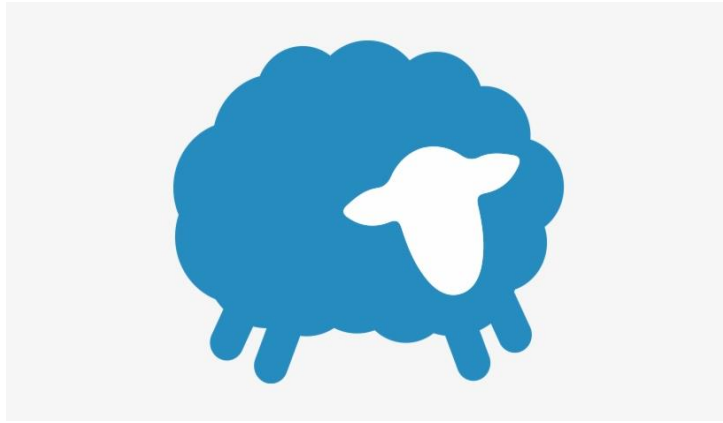
MARDI GRAS SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2022

The Mardi Gras committee is asking you to consider donating items for our silent and oral auctions. Items such as weekend or weeklong time shares, tickets to games or concerts, airline and hotel points, golf outings or dinners, symphony tickets, gift cards, new unopened items for camping, gardening, fishing, etc.. Monetary donations also accepted. Please contact Joann Price at 402-297-1027 if you have questions.



SAVE THE DATE VENDORS WANTED! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Matthew Annual Craft Show. Sponsored by St. Matthew School PTO. Saturday November 13, 2021 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. \$1 admission. Deadline for vendor sign up is October 2. Contact Carin Crampton for more information, stmattschoolcraftshow@gmail.com



Starting October 1

Flocknote will be the primary means of parish communication for ministries. Personal emails and phone numbers will be replaced in the bulletin with Flocknote Access Information, except in unique situations. If you are a Ministry Administrator still in need of training, please contact Suzi Brunner, or contact the Parish Office.

Sept 26, 2021

WATCH THÉRÈSE

A pampered child from a middle-class 19th century French family, Therese Martin journeys to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at the unheard-of age of 15. Once admitted she experiences the joys and rigors of monastic life, and makes the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion – a spiritual path she calls her “Little Way.”

Thérèse



LEARN ANGELS: BISHOP FULTON SHEEN



In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, "Life is Worth Living,"

Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In the first segment, "Angels," Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world.

LISTEN

THE CASE FOR JESUS BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Dr. Brant Pitre, Scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the "case for Jesus" by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years, resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian Faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.

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