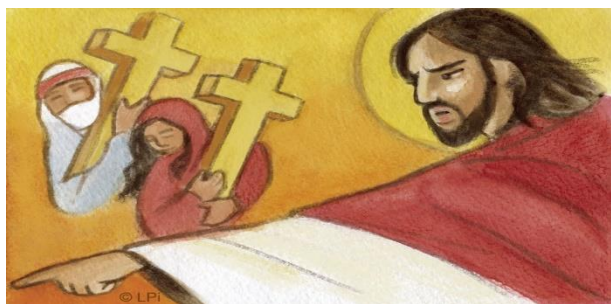


ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." — Mk 8:33-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 11 5:00pm – Michael Bevan †
Sun. Sept 12 9:00am – Pat Clapp †
11:00am – St. Matthew Families

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Sept 14 9:00am – Sean Doneen †
Wed. Sept 15 9:00am – Liz Becker †
Thur. Sept 16 9:00am – Robert Capaldo †
Fri. Sept 17 9:00am – Michael Dascalos †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 18 5:00pm – Michael Bevan †
Sun. Sept 19 9:00am – Bill Price
11:00am – St. Matthew Families

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

September 11.....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. If you would like to participate regularly or substitute as needed, please contact Donna Buell buellldonnajm@gmail.com or Phil McEvoy prncevoy@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. Additionally, 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 VIGIL FOR LIFE

September 25, 2021, 8:00am, St. Mary's Church in Bellevue. This is one of the most powerful Pro-Life events in the area. For more information, contact St. Mary's Church 402-291-1350, email rectory@stmarysbellevue.com

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2021 Annual Appeal is beginning in our parish. You will receive an invitation from Archbishop Lucas to support the work of the Church through a personal commitment. The Annual Appeal supports the parishes, schools, and ministries across the archdiocese. I hope you will join me in making a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Our financial goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$42,734.00 and our participation goal is 24.3%. As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to trust, to let go of fear and open our minds and hearts to God's saving work. What is holding you back from sharing your gifts?

**BLOOD GLUCOSE/BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING**

Operation Diabetes is part of the American Pharmacist Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) at UNMC College of Pharmacy. Pharmacy students will be offering blood glucose and blood pressure screens from 10:00am to 11:00am on Sunday, September 26, 2021. The goal is to increase awareness of diabetes and to educate on risk factors, prevention, and management of diabetes.

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: \$36.55

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.

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.

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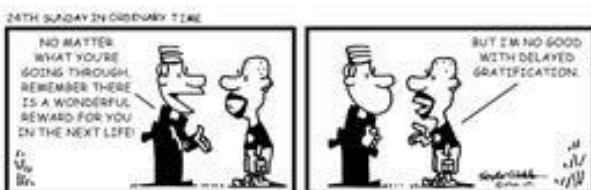
The parish of Saint Matthew has established a Safety Board under which falls our Security Team. This team provides security services for all the weekend and holy day masses. If interested or for additional information, please call Greg Stoiber at 402 203-3685 or Dick Lewis at 402 301-5849.

BABY HATS NEEDED

Get your crochet hooks and your knitting needles ready because we are starting to collect your hand-made baby hats again!. Please contact Mary Fran Williamson mfw822@hotmail.com for specifications on size, yarn type, etc.

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.



**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.



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 September 22.

With school beginning, so, too, is the St. Matthew Religious Education Program. 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in helping to raise our next generation of Catholics, please contact Lisa Deall 402-547-5361 to assist with the Religious Education Program.

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 and 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.



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE Runners-Donors Needed Each school year we “gift” LIFE Runners jerseys to the Kindergarteners and all new students, teachers, and staff. We have had generous donors help pay for these jerseys for the past three years that we have had our school LR chapter! We would like to have new jerseys in time for their First Friday huddle on Oct 3. Is there anyone that would be willing to help gift new jerseys this year? It would be awesome to have several donors help with the cost. Please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com.

LIFE Runners Huddle next Sunday Join us for the 27th Annual “Hope for the Homeless” 5K Walk/Run for the Siena/Francis House. Elmwood Park on Sun, Sept 19, 9:00am. Register now at www.sienafrancis.org! Before Sept 19: \$30 fee/Same Day Reg: \$40. (You do not need to be a LIFE Runner to participate with us!)

SAVE THE DATES--Upcoming Pro-Life events:

Bishops’ Pro-Life Banquet & Conference – Fri-Sat, Sept 17-18

40 Days Kick-Off Rally – Sat, Sept 18, 9:00am Bellevue

Abortion Facility/11:00am Omaha Planned Parenthood

40 Days for Life 2021 Fall Campaign – Wed, Sept 22-Sun, Oct 31

Annual Vigil for Life with Archbishop Lucas – Sat, Sept 25 at St. Mary’s, Bellevue

Gabriel’s Corner Pregnancy Center 15th Anniversary

Celebration of Life Dinner – Fri, Oct 1

Annual Life Chain – Sun, Oct 3

PRAYER VIGIL Thank you to all those who prayed on Fri. 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.

Reflection: Pro-abortion politicians will often say to us, “Abortion is the law of the land.” But the “law of the land” can be changed, just as it was changed regarding slavery and segregation. The law of the land is meant to protect the good of the people. Because imperfect people make the law of the land, they sometimes make mistakes and allow things which

experience later proves are not good for the people.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth; make us agents of change. (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 “Why was St. Matthew so keen to note Joseph’s trust in the words received from the messenger of God, if not to invite us to imitate this same loving trust?” ~ Pope Benedict XVI (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

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!

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 12, 2021

WATCH

THE RELUCTANT SAINT: THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



LEARN

BIBLE STUDY: GALATIANS

Galatians

with Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro

FORMED.ORG



Join Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro as they dive into St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This new multipart series walks through this pivotal book and how it fits in with the rest of the New Testament, as well as how Paul's writings can help us grow in relationship with Jesus.

LISTEN

DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS BY KIMBERLY HAHN

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



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 Kyriess, Grand Knight, 402-661-4674, mkyriess@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 September 21 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!



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.

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>



NEEDED...EXTENDED CARE AND PRE-K PARA

Seeking candidates to help in our Extended Care Program. Hours would be from 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 grade 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 CRAFT FAIR VENDORS NOVEMBER 13, 2021,



Looking for more vendors to fill booths at the Craft Fair. Contact Carin Crampton, stmattschoolcraftshow@gmail.com



GREAT NEWS!

STEPHEN MINISTRY COMING!

Father Leo and the Parish Council have made a historic decision that will affect the care provided by the Saint Matthew Church for many year to come. With their blessings we are going to bring the Stephen Ministry to our church (see <https://www.stephenministries.org/>). This is a caring ministry that empowers individuals to confidently reach out and help others who may be going through a tough time in their lives. It is Christ caring for people through people. A meeting will be held at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Bellevue at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 22nd, to provide details about the Stephen Ministry. We will talk about the training and answer any other questions you may have. Please contact me, Dan Taylor (402) 707-4581, or at StephenMinisterDanTaylor@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

 <p>CATHOLIC BUSINESS GROUP LEADING WITH FAITH</p>	<p>THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT PARTNERS:</p>  <p>Help Co-Sponsor this event... (Your LOGO Here) email: yachumja@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Sept. AFTER HOURS - SOCIAL/MIXER</p>	
<p>WHEN Thursday, Sept. 16th, 2021 4:30pm – 6:00pm A private event, social distancing practices followed.</p>	
<p>WHERE Rathskeller Bier Haus Tap Room 4524 Farnam St. (indoor/outdoor space)</p>	
<p>COST FREE BRING FRIENDS, ASSOCIATES, PARISH MEMBERS NO registration is required.</p>	
<p>INFO - ONLINE SEARCH FOR CATHOLIC BUSINESS GROUP OMAHA</p>	
<p>MISSION As Catholic men and women in the business world, we are called to live our faith at work, home and play, sharing the joy and peace received through Christ & a Christian Community.</p>	
<p>ATTEND This is the "Catholic Business Group Omaha's" relaxing, after-work opportunity to network & enjoy socializing with like-minded business leaders from the Omaha metro area.</p> <p>Share conversation, create business connections, learn from others about Catholic inspiration.</p> <p>NO registration is required. Bring a friend.</p>	

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS WITH ARCHBISHOP LUCAS SEPTEMBER 20 AT ST. MARGARET MARY *Includes Eucharistic Adoration before a Monstrance Blessed by Pope Saint John Paul II*



Monstrance blessed by Pope St. John Paul II

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites all the faithful to join us for a special Holy Hour for Vocations with Archbishop George J. Lucas, Rev. Ralph O'Donnell, and Rev. Frank Baumert on Monday, September 20, at St. Margaret Mary, 6116 Dodge Street in Omaha. Together we will pray a Rosary for Vocations before the Blessed Sacrament, exposed in a special Serra traveling monstrance that was blessed by Pope St. John Paul II. We will also recite the Litany for Vocations, and spend time in silent adoration as we pray for an increase in vocations throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha. This special prayer event begins with a welcome reception at 6:00 PM. Our speaker at the reception will be Deacon Mike Konzett who will talk about the need for vocations and share his discernment to



the permanent diaconate. At 7:00 PM we will gather in the sanctuary for the Holy Hour for Vocations. For questions, contact us at westomaha@serrainternational.org. All are welcome!

"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace."

~ Pope St. John Paul II ~

Grandparents

When God created grandparents,
the world was truly blessed
with all the special joys
that make a family happiest.

For grandparents know how to do the
little things that warm our heart...
they touch our lives with love and care
right from the very start...

They show that they believe in us
and all we're dreaming of...
When God created grandparents,
he blessed our lives with love...



Splash