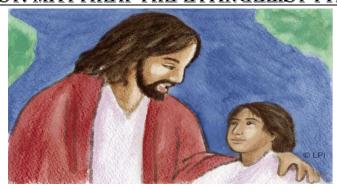
# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the

One who sent me." — Mk 9:36-37

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# **MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

Sat. Sept 18 5:00pm – Michael Bevan †

Sun. Sept 19 9:00am – Bill Price

11:00am – St. Matthew Families

### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

Tues. Sept 21 9:00am – Lynn Maitland †

Wed. Sept 22 9:00am – John Doyle †

Thur. Sept 23 9:00am – Forget Family

Fri. Sept 24 9:00am – Jeff Vastine †

# **MASSES NEXT 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†

# **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. If you would like to participate regularly or substitute as needed, please contact Donna Buell buelldonnajm@gmail.com or Phil McEvoy prmcevoy@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, 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**

Help build a Culture of Life through prayer and public witness! Join Archbishop Lucas for the Vigil for Life at 8:00am this Sat, Sept 25, at St. Mary Church, Bellevue (2302 Crawford St). There will be Mass followed by exposition and a rosary procession to the Bellevue abortion facility. Life Runners please wear your jersey.

# **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.

# 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.



# 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.



# SECURITYSECURITY-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.

### **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 <a href="mailto:mfw822@hotmail.com">mfw822@hotmail.com</a> 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.



# **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: \$100.90

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.



# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Classes begin this week and will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

# **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 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 lively with 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. What a wonderful way to help instill in our children the dignity and sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death!! 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. 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 if you would like to help.

LIFE Runners On Thurs, Sept 23, we celebrate the Feast of St. Padre Pio, our Patron Saint. We are so blessed to have the beautiful St. Padre Pio window in our new church. Thank you again to all those who sponsored it!! Please wear your LR jersey to celebrate! If you missed Dr. Pat Castle's "I Met Padre Pio" presentation at St. Matthew back on Jan 13, watch it here: https://www.facebook.com/776216409069660/videos/35 95775357204259. Learn more about Padre Pio on FORMED.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN From Sept 22 through 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/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 – 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.

**Save the Date: ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN** – Sun, Oct 3, 2:00-3:00pm

**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.

# "You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ~ 1 Cor 10:21

**Reflection:** Some public officials who refuse to oppose child-killing continue to receive Holy Communion. But communion means union.

To desire union with Jesus is to desire union with life, and to be in communion with His teachings means to accept them. When we come to Jesus, we are the ones who have to change to be like Him.

**Prayer:** Lord, give us the strength to be in union with You and therefore to reject evil practices. (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 "Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness, and even as of old thou didst rescue the child Jesus from the peril of his life, so now defend God's holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity." ~ Pope Leo XIII (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!

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. 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 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. 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 Thanks for your continued support, August collection was 129 pounds of food and clothing to the Stephen Center, 169 pounds to Bellevue Food Pantry.



# **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, stmatthewschoolcraftshow@gmail.com



# **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

# Grandparents Day Mass.....September 22, 9:00

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.smore.com/fb149



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# 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 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.



Receive Parish information and have access to ministry notifications. Text SMTE to 84576 or with online connect us at: stmatthewbellevue.flocknote.com

# 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

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 by Pope St. John Paul II Deacon Mike Conzett 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 welcomel

"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 ~

# **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. We are going to bring the Stephen Ministry to our church (see https://www.stephenministries.org/). This is a 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 check is automatically mailed to all winners. A meeting will be held at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Bellevue at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>., We will talk about the training and answer any other questions you may have. Please contact me, Dan Taylor (402) 707-4581, or a StephenMinisterDanTaylor@gmail.com, questions.

# **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://instantscheduling.com/sch.php?kn=763&typId=63655&step=2



WELCOME Kolt Alan Welsh Baptized September 11, 2021

Aíla LeaAnn Haussermann Baptized September 12, 2021

Isabella Renne Eileen Kozak Baptized September 12, 2021

Xavier Maxwell Metzger Jr. Baptized September 12, 2021



# **CALENDAR LOTTERY** WINNERS **CONGRATULATIONS!**

September 12	Mary F. Williamson	\$ 50
September 13	Kristina McLoud	\$ 25
September 14	Jasper Irons.	\$ 25
September 15	Sophia Barnes	\$ 25
September 16	Lola Koubsky	\$ 25
September 17	Angelica McFall	\$ 25
September 18	Patti Vevlupek	\$ 25

A check is automatically mailed to all winners.





# "STEP UP" TO FEED THE HUNGRY! ST. MATTHEW FEAST DAY FOOD DRIVE FOR THE BELLEVUE FOOD PANTRY

SPONSORED BY ST. MATTHEW PTO AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BRING IN YOUR DONATIONS OF CANNED GOODS AND DRY CEREALS TO THE COLLECTION WAGONS IN THE NARTHEX OR COMMONS BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>.

(NO CANS LARGER THAN 32 OZ. PLEASE)

OUR GOAL IS TO "FILL THE STEPS" IN THE ST.
MATTHEW GYM WITH YOUR DONATIONS!

HELP PASS OUR TOTAL FROM LAST YEAR OF 750 POUNDS! OUR TOTAL TO DATE IS 382 POUNDS. THANKS.

MATTHEW 25: 37, 40 - "THEN THE RIGHTEOUS WILL ANSWER HIM, "LORD, WHEN WAS IT WE SAW YOU HUNGRY AND GAVE YOU FOOD, OR THIRSTY AND GAVE YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK?"... AND THE KING WILL ANSWER THEM, "TRULY I TELL YOU, JUST AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY, YOU DID IT TO ME.""





# PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 19, 2021

# WATCH

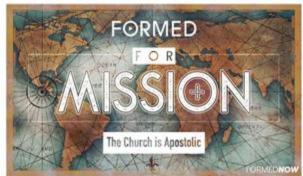
# PADRE PIO BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Filmed on location in Italy, starring Michele Placido in a moving performance, this film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where millions of pilgrims now annually visit Padre Pio's grave.



# LEARN

# FORMED FOR MISSION EPISODE 20: AN APOSTOLIC SPIRITUALITY



Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down for a weekly show on evangelization and mission. "Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize" (EN, 14). We pray that these discussions may help all the faithful be further conformed to Christ and become powerful evangelists in the world today.

# LISTEN

# THE LEGENDS OF ROBIN HOOD AUDIO DRAMA

The child of a reputable family and a faithful son of the Church, Robert of Locksley had no intention of becoming an outlaw. But the relentless cruelty and tyranny by the elite nobility of England demanded that someone rise up to give answer. And so Robert of Locksley became Robin Hood — a man thrown into a fierce struggle to balance his deep faith with a call to action in a violent age.

