

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.
And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ
would suffer and rise from the dead on the
third day." — Lk 24:45-46

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. April 17 5:00pm – Peter & Julia Caputo †
Sun. April 18 9:30am – Don & Irene Orcutt †
11:00am – St. Matthew Families

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. April 20 9:00am – Maurice & Joyce Current †
Wed. April 21 9:00am – Carol Ann Veylupek †
Thur. April 22 9:00am – Chuck & Carol Sand †
Fri. April 23 9:00am – Rita Johnson †
John Kirkpatrick †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. April 24 5:00pm – Steve Olson †
Sun. April 25 9:30am – Mike McGinley †
11:00am – St. Matthew Families

MASS INTENTION CHANGES

Due to Archdiocesan policy, we can only take Mass Intentions within a year, ie., we accept Mass intentions April to March 31; then May to April 30, etc. We may also send Mass intentions to the Archdiocese to have them sent to missions. Another option is we may send to Msgr. Furlong who will distribute the masses to other retired priests. The only stipulation is the Mass 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.

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

May 8 **St. Vincent de Paul**
May 15 **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.



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS!

April 11	Marcia Klein	\$ 50
April 12	Michael Buell	\$ 25
April 13	Tom Medara	\$ 25
April 14	Jasper Irons	\$ 25
April 15	Claire Veylupek	\$ 50
April 16	Mark & Sandi Lockwood	\$ 75
April 17	Arianna Green	\$ 25

A check will automatically be mailed to all winners.

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 simply call 1-866-507-8757. You can give a one-time gift or sign up for recurring gifts.



Welcome back to Mass! The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will end effective Pentecost weekend, **May 22-23, 2021**. Catholics who are not otherwise excused from the obligation will need to attend Mass that weekend. The faithful who, because of sickness, disability or some other serious cause, are prevented from taking part, should as best they can unite themselves with the celebration of Sunday Mass from afar, by means of the readings and prayers for that day from the Missal, as well as through their desire for the Eucharist. **Masks will still be required. Part of the church pews will still be roped off while the rest of the pews will be open for sitting.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021



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 7:00 PM in the new church administration conference room. All Knights are invited and welcome to attend the Members Meetings. 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 Dave Boone, Grand Knight, 402-291-1493, dbruceb1@gmail.com or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, 402-658-9636, or email dbauermeister3@gmail.com.

NOTE: Until further notice, monthly Officer and Member Meetings are held via Zoom.

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Need a ride to Church?

Contact Butch Songcuan 402-933-1646

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Columbian Squires Chief Counselor

Phil Earsley 402-214-7877



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WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Meetings will resume again in the Fall. See you then.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$48.62

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



EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Exposition of the Eucharist is now every Friday of the month

from 6:00am Friday to 8:00am Saturday. *Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact a sub.* Contact Donna Buell - BUELLDONNAJM@GMAIL.COM or Phil McEvoy PRMCEVOY@GMAIL.COM if you would like to participate regularly or substitute as needed.

MASS TIME CHANGE

**BEGINNING APRIL 25, 9:30
MASS WILL BE CHANGED TO
9:00 AM.**



JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Matthew School is looking for help next school year in the cafeteria. Hours will be 10:30 am to 12:30 pm each day that school is in session. If interested, please contact the Principal, Angie Palmer, for more details. 402-291-203

SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

Enrollment for the 21-22 school year is open for all families. Go to stmattschool.com to register or contact the school – 402-291-2030.

****NEW PROGRAM** DRIVE THRU**

Fresh Produce Pantry!

Wednesdays from 4:30pm-6pm we are providing a drive through fresh produce pantry in the South parking lot. This will continue through April. Aside from produce, a gallon of milk is also provided. If you are experiencing food insecurity, join us on Wednesdays. A mask is required, no sign-up or ID verification is required. Share this with others who may be experiencing this concern. This program is through Whispering Roots.

CAMPUS WIDE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE:

The Parish is forming a committee to oversee the maintenance of the landscape across the entire campus. If you enjoy working the ground, gardening, maintaining sprinklers, cutting grass, etc, consider joining this group. Contact Teresa Metzger, Greg Stoiber or Brian Carney for more information.

GARAGE SALE! SPRING CLEANING!

St. Matthew is planning a garage sale the third week of June. Help is needed!! Great opportunity for everyone to help if only for one hour. ☺ Also great for service hours for high school students! Contact Mary Kay Marshall, 402-506-4877.

Keep your items you do not want and save for the garage sale. We will take them the week of the sale. Please be sure they are clean, useable items.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the "Love and Mercy: Faustina" movie and the Divine Mercy Sunday prayer service. What a beautiful day of love, mercy, grace, and community! Thanks also to those who provided snacks!



FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS (FBC)

Religious Formation for the Entire Family. All parishioners are welcome to attend St. Matthew's Family-Based Catechesis (FBC). Sessions for the entire parish are typically on the **First Wednesday** of every month from 6:30p to 7:45p. This year's FBC focus will be on the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church--"Christian Prayer." Prayer is an essential gift from God that we've been created for and called to participate in so that we may deepen our bond with Him who is Love. St. Teresa of Calcutta said "Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself. Prayer begets faith, faith begets love, and love begets service on behalf of the poor." Come to this year's FBC sessions for opportunities for yourself, and your family, to grow more deeply in love with God through prayer. You can find more information about FBC on the parish website, or by contacting Deacon Mark at mhwhite@archomaha.org. We will be following COVID-19 safety guidelines for the youth and adult sessions.

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR.

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on **Sunday** evenings from **5 to 6p**. 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. answered! You may sign out the statue from the Parish Office M-F from 9-4 or Phil McEvoy at prmcevoy@gmail.com or 402-689-6457.

SUNDAY PREP BIBLE STUDY

Join us for one hour of food, fun, history, and preparation toward understanding Sunday readings. This is held Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, 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.



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE Runners Not a teammate yet? Please join our St. Matthew Church or School LIFE Runners chapter at liferunners.org. Running is optional! Already a teammate? Invite others to join. ☺ LIFE Runners is the largest Pro-Life team in the world with now over 16,000 teammates. Sign up, order your "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey, then wear it in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. The LIFE Runners Daily Devotions: All In Christ for Pro-Life! book is available on Amazon. Great for daily reflection and inspiration. Get one for yourself and give as gifts to others! Registration is now open for the A-Cross America relay -the largest spanning Pro-Life event with 1,528 legs covering 5,359 miles (12 million steps)! Register at <https://www.liferunners.org/race/across/> to run or walk 5K legs on the Relay course or from anywhere in the world, anytime from Jul 4th kickoff to Aug 8th finish line. We will also walk as a St. Matthew chapter, details TBD.

PRAYER VIGIL Mark your calendar for our next vigil Fri, May 14, from 10:00-11:00am. We always encourage you to pray any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the Bellevue abortion facility is open (1002 W. Mission Ave). 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.

Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that their Angels in heaven gaze continually on the face of My heavenly Father. ~ Mt 18:10

Reflection: All of us, including the smallest children, have Angels in heaven who worship the Father and reflect to us His care. If an Angel is assigned to guard each human life, how much more are fellow human beings called to respect them.

Prayer: Lord, fill us with awe and reverence for life. Though we are not able to see the Angels, remind us of their presence, too, through the face of every human person. (Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone; visit priestsforlife.org to sign up for daily Pro-Life Reflections emails)

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Visit FORMED.org, click "Sign Up", click "I belong to a Parish or Organization", type in "St. Matthew The Evangelist" (12210 S. 36th St., Ste A Bellevue, NE), click "next", create your FREE New Account. Enjoy the Catholic faith On Demand. Thousands of movies, programs, audio talks and books instantly. Wonderful content for kids and families. FREE App also available.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Youth who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion Mass at St. Matthew's School, Religious Education, and Home Schooling will receive their first Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, April 18th at the regularly scheduled 9:30a.m. Mass. Most of the center sections of the pews will be reserved for the first Communicants and their immediate family members. May God continue to bless these youth who have been preparing so diligently to receive the Body and Blood of Christ!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH The Catholic Church rightly honors with its highest cultus [honor] and venerates with a feeling of deep reverence the illustrious patriarch blessed Joseph, now crowned with glory and honor in heaven, whom Almighty God, in preference to all his saints, willed on earth to be the chaste and true spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary as well as the putative father of his only-begotten Son. ~ Blessed Pope Pius IX (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

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OPEN HOUSE FOR VOCATIONS

Friday, April 23, 6 – 8pm, St. Patrick Church
20500 W. Maple Road, Elkhorn

This is open to young men who are sophomores or above who have expressed interest in the priesthood.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

A family in our parish has graciously loaned us a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. It has been a part of their family for over 30 years, has traveled to many members of the family in times of need and many prayers have been

PATHWAY BRICKS

As an ongoing fundraiser, Pathway Bricks are being sold for \$100. These bricks will be placed in a special area. You may personalize your brick in any way that is meaningful to you. Simply fill out the form located in the Commons or pick one up in the office. Be a part of OUR Pathway, OUR church family, OUR History and, most importantly OUR future! You may also order a brick by clicking the link on our website, under 'Pathway to Our Church'.



PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

The library is on the left side of the sanctuary, second door on the left. It is open weekdays during office hours and on weekends before and after masses.

There is a sign out sheet for the books and CDs on the table. We suggest you try to return the books/CDs within 3 weeks and then note your return date on the line where you signed out. There is a blue box for the return items. Return books to our new location. Our space is limited so we only accept donations of adult catholic books. (Please no pamphlets or children's books.) Stop by and peruse our large selection of books & CDs.

Upcoming Knights Events.....



May 1-2: Breakfast Burrito Sales are back. Grab some

delicious sausage, egg and cheese breakfast burritos made by our members after masses on Saturday and Sunday while supplies last. Your free will donations go to supporting the charitable works of the Knights and the needs of our school and parish.



May 8-9: Mother's Day Roses.

Roses will be handed out after this weekend masses to support the on-going efforts of Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS). If you accept a rose, please consider making a cash donation to support EPS. Their FREE services are provided to women without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability, or other arbitrary circumstances. In keeping with their non-profit, pro-woman mission, ***EPS does not provide or refer for abortion services.***



May 16: Pancake Breakfast in the Commons: Have you missed us? Please

join us for our first full sit-in and eat-in breakfast in over a year after each mass on Sunday. Your free will donations will support our Scholarship fund where we help to encourage on-going Catholic education for our St Matthew students.



May 23: Quarterly Knight's Mass 9:00am We are returning to our

practice of holding a Knight's Mass each quarter. This mass will coincide with the lifting of the dispensation for Catholics to attend mass in person. Please, help us to celebrate this joyous occasion on Pentecost Sunday. .

St. Matthew Catholic Community
1st Annual "IT'S ALL FOR JESUS" Golf Tournament

Tara Hills Golf Course

May 7, 2021

(Rain or Shine)

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE – 12:30 SHOTGUN START

GOLFERS: \$ 80.00 per Golfer

REGISTRATION FORM (*Respond NLT April 30, 2021*)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Contact #</u>
_____	_____	_____
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Registration limited to the first 128 paid entries. Register Early! Green Fees, Carts and Lunch included.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

CARDINAL	\$1,000.00	4 Golfers, Hole Sponsorship, & Program Recognition
PLATINUM	\$ 750.00	3 Golfers, Hole Sponsorship, & Program Recognition
GOLD	\$ 500.00	2 Golfers, Hole Sponsorship, & Program Recognition
SILVER	\$ 250.00	1 Golfer, Hole Sponsorship, & Program Recognition

GRAB & GO LUNCH SPONSOR

Provides Lunch for All Golfers & Volunteers - \$750.00

HOLE SPONSOR: \$ 175.00 per Hole

NAME ON SIGN_____

CASH AND RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS WELCOMED

CASH DONATION _____ **RAFFLE PRIZE DONATION** _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED - _____

For Further Information Contact

Dennis Haun (402-250-1312) or Dave Linbrunner (402-960-0766)

papahaun@cox.net

dlinbrunner@cox.net

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St. Matthew Golf Tournament

Send to:

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Bellevue, NE 68123

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WATCH

ECHO WITH BISHOP DONALD HYING

ECHO is a series of short and engaging videos that introduces fundamental Catholic teachings and provides an inspiring start to personal growth in the Faith. This beautiful work of cinematography is hosted by Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana.



LEARN

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life and the proper character of a Christian. We hope you enjoy these conversations on an incredible Counter-Reformation saint whose work has instructed generations of believers.



LISTEN

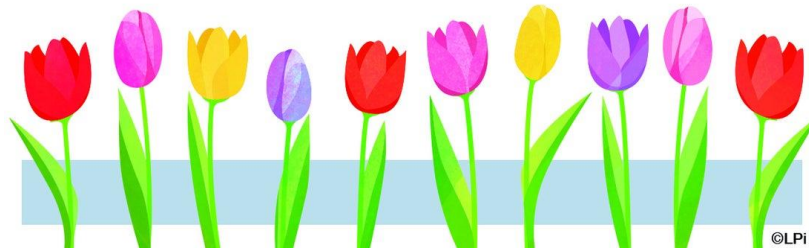
SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES BY BISHOP ROBERT

In this brilliant talk, Bishop Barron uses Dante's Divine Comedy to show how we combat sin through the cultivation of virtue. This fascinating journey shows the path that God has designed to lead us to health, happiness, and holiness.



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PREP for CONSECRATION to JESUS through MARY with 33 Days to Morning Glory has begun! Those preparing individually begin reading Week 2 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, April 17. Watch 33 Days to Morning Glory DVD – Week 1: St. Louis de Montfort on FORMED to recap Week 1.



NEW PLANTERS CARE

Calling all St. Matthew parishioners who love being outdoors! We are looking for volunteers to 'adopt' the new red square planters in the front and back of our church. The Landscape Committee will be filling the planters with some beautiful new plants in the next few weeks. This will really dress up our entrance doors! The Landscape Committee is looking for singles, couples, families, students needing service hours to volunteer for 1-2 hours per week to keep the planters looking good all summer. If we have enough volunteers, we would cover the entire summer and volunteers would only be responsible for one week per month.

START DATE: Saturday, May 15

END DATE: Saturday, Oct 30

TIME: approximately 1-2 hours per week, depending on weather

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- pull weeds in the planters, dead head blooms
- water the plants
- inform Landscape Committee if plants need to be replaced
- general upkeep



ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION

The Landscaping Committee also needs help keeping up with the weeds in the 7 islands. Weeds will have to be dug up to maintain the beauty of the church for the summer/fall. Volunteers are also needed for this much needed ministry.

A sign up sheet will be provided in the Narthex for either **Planter Care** or **Island Beautification** or contact:

Teresa Metzger 402-212-0513 or Barbara Melvin 402-292-1319

