

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



**"I**t is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. — Mt 15:26b-28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.

## MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Aug 15 5:00 pm — Dailey & Poulin Family  
& Friends deceased † & living  
Sun. Aug 16 10:30am — Darlene Veylupek †  
St. Matthew Families

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Aug 18 9:00am — Tracey McGinley †  
Wed. Aug 19 9:00am — Elroy Hefner †  
Thur. Aug 20 9:00am — Mary Kraft †  
Fri. Aug 21 9:00am — Poor Souls of Purgatory †

## MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Aug 22 5:00 pm — St. Matthew Families  
Sun. Aug 23 10:30am — Jeff Lohaus †

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Live Streamed

**Masses:** Daily at 9:00 am Tues – Fri  
Weekend Masses  
Saturday – 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 10:30 am

**FYI: All Masses live streamed.**  
**You may be recorded**

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:30pm  
After 10:30 Mass

**Church donations** may still be dropped  
in mail slot of the parish office or mailed.

**Thank you!**

## CALENDAR LOTTERY

### WINNERS

#### CONGRATULATIONS

|           |                        |       |
|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| August 9  | Cindy Barnes           | \$50  |
| August 10 | Jim Tarnick            | \$25  |
| August 11 | Jean Hichborn          | \$25  |
| August 12 | Dorothy Von Osterheldt | \$25  |
| August 13 | Edward Bevan           | \$25  |
| August 14 | Pat Brennan            | \$25  |
| August 15 | Jeanne McDonald        | \$100 |

*A check will automatically be mailed to all winners,  
There is no need to claim your prize.*

### Faith Direct

Consider e-giving. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://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.

### 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.*

## SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

*All checks made out to St. Matthew*

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| <b>August 16</b>    | <b>Maintenance</b> |
| <b>September 19</b> | <b>Maintenance</b> |

*If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. Black/Indian Mission etc.) in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, just call or email the parish office.*

## GIFTS OF STOCK TO ST. MATTHEW

If you wish to gift stocks to St. Matthew Parish, please contact our client associate for Merrill Lynch: Kelsey Nealon 402-496-5146. If possible, please have your broker include YOUR NAME on memos and all corresponding paperwork to help identify from whom transfers have been received.



## EUCHARIST ADORATION

Adoration is held every Friday from 6:00am - 9:00pm and every FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 8:00am Friday through 8:00am Saturday.

*Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact a sub. The Friday weekly 11am, 2pm and 3pm hours need another adorer. Please call or text Donna Buell at 402-850-4664 if the Lord is calling you.* Contact Donna Buell also if you would like to participate regularly, or substitute as needed. To sub for FIRST Friday 24 hour adoration, contact Phil McEvoy at 402-689-6457 or [prmccevoy@gmail.com](mailto:prmccevoy@gmail.com).



**Knights of Columbus:** Planning meeting is the first Monday each month; general membership meeting is the third Monday each month. Meetings are at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the parish administration Bldg.. All Knights are invited, and welcome to attend both meetings. *If you are not receiving emails, check your spam folder.*

If you are interested in joining or want more information, please contact Dave Boone, Grand Knight, at 402-291-1493 or dbruceb1@gmail.com.

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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

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

Health Care Items are available, for loan, from the Knights. Available items: wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and a home-use oxygenator. Please Note: If you have borrowed medical equipment and are no longer using it, please contact Phil McEvoy @ 402-689-6457 or at prmevov@gmail.com for information on how to return it.

**WWG**

**WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD**

Meetings are suspended until further notice.



**SCRIP GIFT CARDS**

Last week's rebate: \$21.47

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. Scrip may still be ordered online. For information, contact Sue Mailhot at samailhot@archomaha.org. <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

**AUCTION ITEMS IN COMMONS**

Don't forget to pick up your items if you have been notified! Also check out the new items on the table in the commons!

**HELP NEEDED NEXT WEEKEND**

Help is needed to empty the storage bin at Dino's on Cornhusker Saturday, August 22, 9:00 am. We have modular furniture to move to the lower level of the new building. Boyd Jones has designated an area on the northside of the lower level to place furniture. The more folks we get, the faster it will go. And the younger and stronger backs will be much appreciated! We have a van to transport. Thank you in advance for your help!!



**SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021  
ENROLLMENT OPEN!**

Enrollment for the 20-21 school year is open for all families. We would appreciate your help spreading the word to your friends and family. We are always looking for more amazing families to join our community. Visit this link to enroll: <https://app.sycamoreschool.com/admissions/index.php?schoolid=2060>

**JOB OPENINGS**

St. Matthew School is looking for a qualified individual to work in Extended Care with our PreKindergarten students after school. Hours are from 3-6. If you are interested, please contact Barb White-  
[brwhite@schools.archomaha.org](mailto:brwhite@schools.archomaha.org)

**TEACHERS WISH LIST**

This link is on the school website:

[shorturl.at/mCE23](http://shorturl.at/mCE23)

**ST. MATTHEW NEW CHURCH TOURS**

Are you curious to see what the new church is going to look like? Would you like a preview tour? There will be a 1:00 pm tour and a 2:00 pm tours. The elevator is not working, so there are stairs to climb from one level to the other.

Participants will meet at the west lower level entrance 10 minutes in advance of their tour time. All participants must wait in their cars until beckoned by the tour leader (probably Rick Holdcroft). Participants **MUST** wear closed toe shoes on the tour. Masks are strongly encouraged. There is a lot to see. Tours will continue until the end of August.

**PRAYERS FOR THE ELECTION YEAR.**

Beginning *Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>*, please join us at **8:15 PM** when we will have *Exposition* of the *Blessed Sacrament* and pray together in *Adoration* the *Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. The intention of the rosary is for the election of politicians, at every level of government, who will protect religious freedom, traditional marriage, and the vulnerable, especially the unborn. We'll conclude this time of prayer together with *Benediction* and *Reposition*. This will be prayed every Monday until the eve of Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. That is **just 10 Mondays**. (9 Mondays for the Novena and the 10<sup>th</sup> in Thanksgiving.)

The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows dates back to the Middle Ages but the practice was lost. In 1980, God sent the Blessed Virgin Mary to a visionary at Kibeho in Rwanda, Africa, to reintroduce the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows to the world. The visionary's name was Marie Claire. This is an amazing rosary prayer and a beautiful reflection on how to accept suffering through faith and love of God.

Please join us to pray for our country in this critical time! Once our new Church building has opened, we will meet there. Email Kristi Black if you have questions, at [kablack@gmail.com](mailto:kablack@gmail.com).

# Faith Formation



**LOVING LIFE MINISTRY**  
**Prayer Vigil** Thank you to those who joined us for our monthly prayer vigil on Friday.

Please mark your calendar for our next vigil on Fri, Sept 11, from 10:00-11:00am. We always encourage you to pray on any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the facility is open (1002 W. Mission Ave, Bellevue). 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 and be the light of Christ in our community and pray for the conversion of Carhart and the workers.

**LIFE Runners** Not a teammate yet? Join our LIFE Runners parish or school chapter at [liferunners.org](http://liferunners.org). LIFE Runners is the world's largest Pro-Life team with almost 15,000 teammates. Running is optional! Sign up, order your "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey, then wear it in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. Contact Kevin and Janice Todd at [janicetoddcmc@msn.com](mailto:janicetoddcmc@msn.com) or 402-871-4699 with any questions.

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**Why direct action? Why sit-ins, marches, and so forth? Isn't negotiation a better path?...Indeed, this is the very purpose of direct action,...to dramatize the issue that it can not longer be ignored. ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Letter from Birmingham Jail," April 1963**

**Reflection:** There are strong parallels between the Civil Rights Movement and the Pro-life Movement. One of them is that the powers with whom we must negotiate do not see the need. Peaceful protest is therefore required.

**Prayer:** Lord, may Your people faithfully protest injustice and awaken those in power. (Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone; visit [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org) to sign up for daily Pro-Life Reflections emails)



## FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS (FBC)

Register now for RE/FBC sessions beginning this fall. Sessions *for the entire parish* will begin on **Wednesday, September 2nd** from 6:30p to 7:45p. This year's RE/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 RE/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 RE/FBC as well as registration forms in the bulletin insert, on the parish website, or by contacting Deacon Mark at [mhwhite@archomaha.org](mailto:mhwhite@archomaha.org). Youth and adult sessions will follow COVID-19 safety guidelines.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

Visit [FORMED.org](http://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.





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| Total Pledges:   | 282            |
| Pledged:         | \$2,297,981.00 |
| Total Collected: | \$2,232,455.92 |

### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

On the lower level, plumbing fixtures are going in and we expect carpeting by the end of next week. We will also be moving our modular furniture out of storage and to the lower level next Saturday, August 22.

On the upper level, after some detail, the sanctuary crucifix is being installed, along with the statues of St. Mary and St Joseph. The sanctuary tile is being laid and soon the sanctuary furniture will arrive.

The turnover date for the building remains September 25. We have scheduled the Archbishop for a consecration mass on Wednesday, September 30.

Tours of the new building are available every Sunday at 1pm and 2pm. Reservations are no longer required.

### **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'.



### **FOUNDATION FAMILIES**

Families who have made a pledge of at least \$1000 to the "Upon this Rock" Capital Campaign to build our new church, and have contributed at least \$1000 toward that pledge are our 'Foundation Families'! It is not too late to qualify, all one has to do is meet these criteria by the end of the campaign which is December 31, 2020. Foundation Families will be recognized by name, in the Narthex of the new building. Further, they will receive a special "Foundation Family" coin. If you have not received your coin, please stop by the parish office.



### **2019 COMMEMORATIVE COINS AVAILABLE**

The new coins are now available for purchase in the parish office. Coins are \$10. Cases are \$1. Artists: Elliott Cook, Side 1 & Rose Black, Side 2

### **2018 COIN STILL AVAILABLE**

There are still a few of our first annual commemorative coins available. All profits benefit the new church. Just stop in the parish office to purchase. \$10 per coin.

Artist: Bryson Banks



### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY**

#### **August Collection:**

Gently used shoes and clothing is always welcome. Also need this month are school supplies: paper, pencils (broad or thin), backpacks, spiral notebooks (wide and college ruled), and pens. In June and July we collected 48 pounds of donations. All items are donated to the Stephen Center. Donations can be placed in the blue bins, located just inside the doors. July donations were 50 pounds of food, 100 pounds of clothing.





## WELCOME

*Louis Reed Anderson*  
Baptized August 9, 2020

### ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES

Someone once said, "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, *you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.*"

Here is an opportunity to influence the community you live in: join **Essential Pregnancy Services** in supporting women struggling with an unplanned pregnancy. Volunteer **receptionists** are especially needed, but also volunteers in the areas of nursing, client mentoring and advocacy, sorting donations, working in the clothing boutique, landscaping/yard work, painting, planning baby showers, helping with events – if you have a skill or are simply available, we'd appreciate your help! Volunteer every week or 4 hours a month – whatever works in your schedule. Please contact Susie Diercks at [susied@essentialps.org](mailto:susied@essentialps.org) or (531) 213-1133 to arrange a tour and see how you can put hands and feet to supporting mothers choosing LIFE for their child!

### BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

*We received \$742.65 for last quarter's rebate!*

Thank you to the 164 families who participate in this program.

Remember this does not cost you anything or take away from any other reward points you receive. Consider linking your rewards card to St. Matthew at: [www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards](http://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

### 2020 MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

Archbishop George J. Lucas invites you to attend the annual Mass honoring marriage September 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Cecilia's in Omaha or September 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Norfolk. This event honors couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage. Rosary at 1:30pm, Mass at 2pm. Registration limited to the first 50 couples and is required by August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If you are not able to attend in person but want your name in the program, you can make that request by completing the online registration form. We also plan to livestream this Mass. Visit [ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife](http://ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife) for more information and to register. Contact Reggan 402-551-9003 x1300 with questions. Sponsored by the Family Life Office.

**Thank you** all for the many birthday cards, well wishes and blessings you all sent me for my 90th birthday. The car parade was also something special. I am pleased that many of our children were able to see it. The Heartland of American Band presentation was also something special. One family who lives in Mt Angel, Oregon was also present for my birthday and were also able to see our new church, thanks to Rick Holdcroft. Just for your information I have received over 339 cards and well wishes. from all over the world.  
Jim McCoy

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.

**Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.**

Interested in becoming a Vincentian? Call the church office at (402) 292-7418 and leave a message for Barb Bolter.

### EXCITING NEWS, THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME

We have been informed, by the Archdiocese, that the first Mass in the new church will be the Consecration Mass, which is celebrated by the Archbishop. This will be on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 7:00pm. Look for more information to come soon.

## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### REOPENING

The Stations of the Cross at the Cloisters on the Platte has reopened to the public. Precautions will be taken to implement social distancing and to sanitize audio equipment and indoor areas to prevent spreading Covid-19. Plan to wear a mask for the shuttle ride and gift shop visit.

Experience the 2,500 foot long walking tour of The Stations of the Cross, comprised of 14 sculptures depicting Christ's trial through his burial. Visitors are encouraged to donate \$10 or more per person. With each donation, visitors will receive a complimentary audio tour.

The new expanded visiting hours are Monday through Thursday 9am to 4pm; Friday and Saturday 9am to 3pm. Visitors may remain at the Stations of the Cross for up to an hour after closing time. For groups of 20 or more, please contact Darla Koch at [darlakoch@cloistersontheplatte.com](mailto:darlakoch@cloistersontheplatte.com). Location: 23332 Fishery Road, Gretna, NE 68028. For more information visit [cloistersontheplatte.com](http://cloistersontheplatte.com).

### DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Father Leo would like to share this video with you. It is called "Let's Seal the Doorposts". It is an encouraging message to post the Divine Mercy Image on your front door. Here is the link:

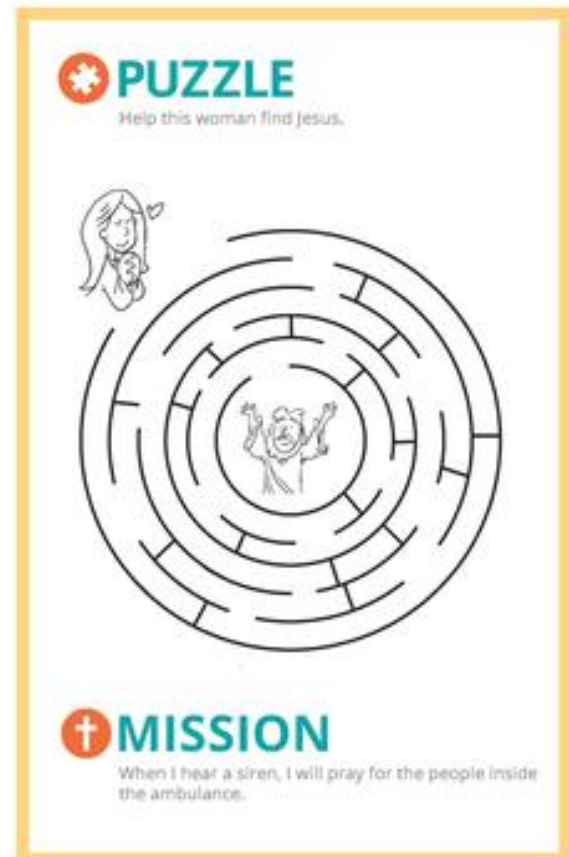
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ot3tV-MXnOzI>

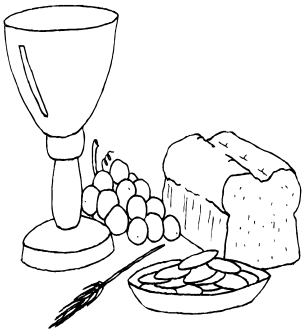
### WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM ST. MATTHEW PARISH?

**EMAIL:** We make every attempt to limit our emails to relevant information that affects all parishioners. Call the parish office at 402-292-7418 or email [plbanks@archomaha.org](mailto:plbanks@archomaha.org) to receive the parish emails.

Please note that our system allows one (1) email address per family for general information. You may enter additional individual emails for each family member in order to receive information that is more specific, e.g. parishioners who are liturgical ministers may each have their own email address listed.

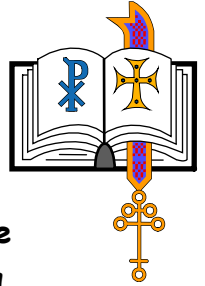
**INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS:** You may select specific organizations to receive instant messages from through our parish app. Some examples of notification groups are: Daily Mass Schedule, Set-Up/Take Down Crew, Prayer Warriors, Religious Ed, Security Team etc. See our website for more information or stop in the office for help downloading the app, and setting up your specific notifications.





**St. Matthew The Evangelist Catholic Parish**  
**R.C.I.A.**  
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

**WANTS YOU !!**



If you are not Baptized and/or interested in exploring the Catholic faith, we invite you to sign up now for the RCIA journey that begins Thursday evening, August 27, 2020 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM.

**Candidate**

*Please complete the following*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sponsor**

*Please complete the following*

I would like to be a sponsor or companion for someone who is exploring our Catholic faith.  
I am a practicing Catholic and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place your completed form in the collection basket or mail to:*  
*St. Matthew the Evangelist Church, RCIA*  
*12210 S. 36<sup>th</sup> Street*  
*Bellevue, NE 68123*



We have received permission from the Archdiocese to gather for Mass with some guidelines.

**Mass Times: Tues – Fri @ 9am, Saturday 5pm, Sunday 10:30am. All masses in the gym.**

The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation remains in force.

Live streaming of Masses will continue.

People who should not attend:

- a. People with COVID-19 or live with someone with COVID-19
- b. People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- c. Elderly
- d. People with underlying medical conditions
- e. Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk
- f. People who have access to those at risk in nursing homes
- g. People who have upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms
- h. People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flue like symptoms

**If you plan to attend mass in person, please note the following guidelines and information:**

**--IT IS MANDATORY TO WEAR A MASK.**

--Practice social distancing while entering and exiting church.

Families should remain 6 feet apart from other people.

--Use only marked entrances.

--No socializing or fellowship is permitted in the building or on sidewalk areas.

--There will be no choirs at Mass.

--Holy water will be available to take home, bring your own container.

--Communion will be distributed only in the hand. Everyone will be given hand sanitizer just before receiving.

--Chairs will be set up at recommended distances. Various group settings will be available.

Ushers will assist with seating. Set up must remain the same. Do not move chairs.

--Seating is limited and some may be turned away.

--Restroom facilities will be limited.

--Collection baskets will be staged at the exit.

--Sign up genius will be sent out for limited ministries, i.e EME, Lectors, Ushers. (No altar servers)

--All chairs will be disinfected before and after masses.

--If attending daily mass, please sit in the designated area.

--We will email all updates to these guidelines. They are available on our website.



--All other campus events are still suspended.



# ST. MATTHEW MOBILE APP

Download from the homepage of our website or:

iPhone users text: ParishApp1 to 555888

Android users text: ParishApp2 to 555888

---Enjoy quick access to current community updates, bulletins, ministry schedules, Faith Direct giving, daily readings, new church updates and much, much more!

---You can also select to receive notifications from the parish or specific parish groups! To receive notifications, select 'Allow' when prompted while downloading the app. If you wish to do this at a later date, you may do this in your phone's settings (instruction links are available on our website, as well).

--*Note: You must have notifications turned on in your phone's settings and the app, to receive instant notifications.*

## HOW TO RECEIVE INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS FROM SELECT PARISH GROUPS:

If you'd like to receive instant notifications from the parish office, or specific groups follow these steps in our parish app:

1. Open your app.
2. Click on 'More' in the bottom right corner.
3. Click on 'Message Settings'.
4. Click each group you wish to receive messages from.

*(Green means you will receive instant messages from that group.)*

Groups that you may elect to receive messages from are: *Religious Ed, Set-up/Take Down, Special Events, PTO, Security Team, Knights, Extra Help, Daily Mass, Prayer Warriors and General (Parish Office Notifications).* Note: *These are groups subject to change.*

Please also check for updates in the app store/google play to ensure best performance.

If you need help, please call or stop by the parish office  
anytime between M-F 9am-3:30pm.