

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



**"From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly."**

— Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Aug 14 5:00pm – St. Matthew Families †
Sun. Aug 15 9:00am – Darlene Veylupek †
11:00am – Jack Mullen Family

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Aug 17 9:00am – Quinton M. Brownfield †
Wed. Aug 18 9:00am – Forget Family
Thur. Aug 19 9:00am – Joseph McGinley †
Fri. Aug 20 9:00am – Pat Clapp †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Aug 21 5:00pm – Julia Caputo †
Sun. Aug 22 9:00am – St. Matthew Families
11:00am – Bob & Marge Williamson

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

August 14 St. Vincent De Paul
August 21 Maintenance
August 28 Augustine Indian Mission

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 and Friday of the month from 8:00pm Thursday to 8:00am Saturday. 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.

We have openings in the Eucharist Adoration schedule we would like to fill. There is already one person scheduled at these times but due to illness, traveling or other issues they may need a substitute. If we have two people scheduled then a substitute would not be needed.
Friday: 1:00am, 2:00am, 5:00am, 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 if possible. Either before the current 7:00pm start on Thursday or after the 8:00am closing on Saturday that we currently have. If you have any questions, please contact either of us. Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy

WE NEED ALTAR SERVERS

Anyone in 3rd grade or above can be an Altar Server. Training can be scheduled after any of the Masses. If you have been a Server in the past at school or a different Parish, a refresher course would be great. Please contact Phil McEvoy at PRMCEVOY@gmail.com or 402.689.6457

COLLECTION BOXES

The collection baskets are no longer being passed through the pews. If you are bringing envelopes, or loose cash, the collection boxes are located behind the last pews in the back of the sanctuary and near the southwest exit. They are labeled accordingly, i.e., Weekend (regular collection), Special Collection (Maintenance, St. Vincent De Paul, Holy Day).



David Charles Rucker
Baptized August 8, 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

7:00pm in the new church administration 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.

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Need a ride to Church?

Contact Butch Songcuan 402-933-1646

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WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Upcoming Luncheon August 14, 11:30am at Lansky's. Contact Sherry Trupp 402-212-3013 if interested in attending the luncheon. **Next Meeting** September 21 at 6:30pm in the Commons.

Special thanks to all who participated in the funeral luncheon for Msgr. Furlong. The family was very pleased. You may find your bowls/dishes/pans at the WWG table on the Church lower level near offices.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

August Collection:

Back to School Supplies: Backpacks, pencils, pens, crayons etc. 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, July collection was 169 pounds of food and clothing to the Stephen Center, 171 pounds to Bellevue Food Pantry, and 156 pounds of clothing to St. Vincent De Paul.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 19

"With God, All Things Are Possible"

We are excited to welcome everyone back to a new school year. Check here for updates and information regarding school activities.

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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



CARDINAL ATHLETICS

2021 CARDINAL

VOLLEYBALL

Open to girls from St. Matthew, Our Lady of Peace, and students in those Religious Education areas 3rd – 8th Grade (2nd graders with VB Directors approval). Grades may be combined. Season runs Aug – Nov. Approx. 10 games and several tournaments with practices at St. Matthew School. \$100.00 Fee (Includes all games and uniform). Contact Scott Eversole for more information 402-216-1508 or seversole@schools.archomaha.org Team meeting and signups Monday Aug 23rd 6:00pm – St. Matthew Commons. Players and a guardian must attend. All forms and payment completed at meeting.



MARDI GRAS

SAVE THE DATE:

FEBRUARY 26, 2021

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.



ASSUMPTION



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 AT 7:00PM

Join us for a fun night of Trivia!
More details to follow.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This year we will start our Religious Education program on September 8 at the school. Sign up tables will be available at all masses starting August 28 and 29, September 4 and 5. I am looking forward to this coming year. If you have any questions contact Lisa Deall in the RE Office 402-547-5361.

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 the T.V. series "The Chosen", OR "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. It is believed to be the earliest of the four gospels, and it is the shortest. The evangelists Matthew and Luke incorporated almost all of Mark's gospel into their own. 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.

Have you wanted to do a Bible study, but don't feel that you know where to start? Do you find your knowledge about the Bible is lacking? Or maybe you have experienced trying to "study" Scripture, but haven't found something that gives a Catholic perspective? I want to form a group to do an "Introduction to the Bible" study. It would be once

a week (via Zoom) for 6 weeks. Email me at srtracy2@icloud.com if you are interested.



WHAT IS THE RCIA AND WHO IS IT FOR?

The RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process of inquiring into and or becoming a member of the Catholic Church.

It is for the unbaptized who seek to become members of the Church.

It is for those baptized in another Christian faith who wish to become Catholic.

It is for those Catholics who wish to complete their faith formation through Confirmation and First Communion.

If you feel that God is calling you to a fuller participation in the Church, RCIA is for you.

Classes will begin soon. Contact the Parish Office at 402-292-7418.





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 now with over 16,500 teammates. Sign up, order your “REMEMBER The Unborn” jersey, then wear it in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives!

SAVE THE DATES - LIFE Runners Next Huddle 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!)

More upcoming Pro-Life events:

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

Vigil for Life – Sat, Sept 25

40 Days for Life 2019 Fall Campaign – Wed, Sept 22-Sun, Oct 31

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

The Mighty One has done great things for me. ~ Lk 1:49

Reflection: In the human family, which God decided to join, there can be no closer bond than mother and child. They belong together; their destinies are intertwined.

That is one of the central messages of the pro-life movement. To love and care for mother necessarily means protecting, loving, and caring for her child.

Prayer: *Blessed Virgin Mother, on this day of joy we honor you. Pray for us and for the victory of life!* (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 “In vain do we look for a saint who has been honored with a dignity the equal of St. Joseph’s.” ~ St. Peter Julian Eymard (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

FALL FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Join us for a six-week program based on the best-selling book 33 Days to Merciful Love by Fr. Michael Gaitley. “Sharing new material on the heart of St. Therese of Lisieux’s Little Way, Fr. Gaitley uncovers the power of trust in the face of personal darkness, inspires viewers to become great saints amid ordinary circumstances, and lays the foundation for a personal consecration to Divine Mercy.” We will meet on Tuesdays, Aug 24-Sept 28, from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Library (Bldg 2). Cost for the book is \$15. We encourage you to watch the archived livestreams of the Lenten Parish Mission “Walk with Mercy” from Mar 14, 15 and 16, 2021 and/or the YouTube “Divine Mercy Explained” by Fr. Gaitley at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4iauyK4lxQ8&t=24s>. Be inspired to participate in this program!! Please contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddmc@msn.com to register or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!

GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

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

How to access your FREE FORMED account on a phone:

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

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



ARE THERE ANY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE HOUSE?

The Safety Board is adding a medical response team to work with the security team to provide first aid or initial, stabilizing care to any parishioner who may require it during Mass or other events held in the parish. If you have ANY medical background (our founding members consist of two (2) pharmacy technicians, a nurse and a respiratory therapist), please consider joining this important team and be available to assist fellow parishioners in a time of needs. 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



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. 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.



SECURITY- SECURITY-SECURITY

The parish of Saint Matthew has established a Safety Board under which falls our Security Team. This team provides security services for all the weekend and holyday masses. The Security Team is looking for additional members to serve our ministry of keeping our parishioners and visitors safe while attending mass. Volunteers who are interested to serve on our Security Team should be a parish member and at least 18 years old. We welcome both female and male volunteers. Training is provided. Since we will be working with our parish youth it will be necessary for all members of the Security Team to have Archdiocese Safe Environment Training which is available to all without charge. If interested or for additional information, please call Greg Stoiber at 402 203-3685 or Dick Lewis at 402 301-5849.

DIFFICULTY HEARING AT MASS?

Please go to the AV table and they will provide you with a hearing device. If no one is available at the AV table, please see an usher for assistance.

BABY HATS NEEDED

Get your crochet hooks and your knitting needles ready because we are starting to collect your hand-made baby hats again! These are for the newborn babies at Nebraska Medical Maternity Center. You can place the baby hat in a zip lock bag and put it in the bin on the WWG table. Please include a note with the baby hat stating your name and length of time spent making the hat. Please contact Mary Fran Williamson mfw822@hotmail.com for specifications on size, yarn type, etc.

PATHWAY BRICKS

As an ongoing fundraiser, Pathway Bricks are being sold for \$100. These bricks are located on each side of the main entrance of church. 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'.

ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

If you need access to the church Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and the doors are locked, please utilize the call bottom on the far left brick column near the card reader and the Parish Office Staff will let you in. If you desire access outside of these times, please fill out an application in the the Parish Office Staff to receive a key card.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$31.65

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.

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

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

If anyone would like any of the pews that were in the Commons of the school building, please contact Brian Carney. You will need to pick up and transport them yourself. After July 31, they will no longer be available. There are a total of four available. Contact Brian at 402 490 9462. First come, first serve!



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP 1877

Chartered by St. Columbkille Parish

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered scouting program for girls in kindergarten through 12th grade. The AHG program seeks to develop the whole child – physically, mentally, and spiritually. All units meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:15pm to 7:45 pm at the St. Columbkille Parish Center. For More Information or to Join AHG. Contact St. Matthew parishioner, Lisa Brandon, at 402-968-9802. Send an email to ahgtroop1877@gmail.com. Check out the AHG website <https://americanheritagegirls.org/>. Come to an informational meeting Wednesday, August 18th from 6:30-7:30 pm at the St. Columbkille Parish Center (South entrance of the school on 5th St)



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

August 8	Jessica Hernandez	\$ 50
August 9	Fr. Damien Cook	\$ 25
August 10	Evie Willis	\$ 25
August 11	Carmen Klein	\$ 25
August 12	Beth Beaudoin	\$ 25
August 13	Ray Bockman	\$ 25
August 14	Lisa Mueller	\$ 25

A check is automatically mailed to all winners.

FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

August 15, 2021

WATCH THE WOMAN

In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman." This reference should draw our attention to both Genesis and Revelation. But who is this "Woman," and why is she so central to salvation history? This powerful film presents the Catholic teaching about Mary and her important role in the life of the Church today. On this Solemnity of the Assumption, let us ponder Mary's role in our own lives!



LEARN

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY: EPISODE 11: THE ASSUMPTION

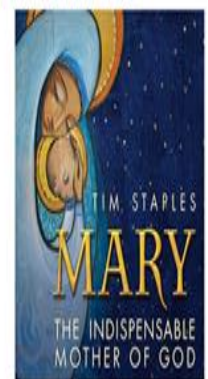


In this session of "The Bible and the Virgin," we explore both the teaching of Mary's Assumption and the identity of the mysterious woman in the book of Revelation. This episode also reveals how John's apocalyptic visions are the dramatic fulfillment of the promise God made back in the Garden of Eden!

LISTEN

MARY: THE INDISPENSABLE MOTHER OF GOD BY TIM STAPLES

In this Lighthouse Talk, Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines elevate the faith. With his memorable insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



Parish Photo Directory

Save The Dates

October 12-16

We are planning a new pictorial directory and we want you included! Schedule your photo session on Facebook or the website at the link below. We will also offer the opportunity to make appointments after masses. All participants will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait of your family at no charge.

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=763&typId=63655&step=2>



CUSTODIAL POSITION OPENING

St. Matthew Community is looking to hire a full-time custodian with 2+ years of experience. Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm during the school year, with a flexible summer schedule. Must be able to lift 40lbs. Benefits offered / Salary based on experience. Please contact Brian Carney @ 402-490-9462.



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Looking to expand all choirs at all of the Masses, as well, begin rehearsals for upcoming special Masses and Advent/Christmas Season. All vocalist and all types of instrumentalist are welcome. We are also looking at beginning a Children's choir for Christmas (2nd grade on up.) We will be holding rehearsals for instrumentalist and vocalist beginning in August to prepare for the Solemnity of St. Matthew Parish (celebrated on Nov 4th) as well as begin going over some Advent/Christmas mass setting, music and more. There will be separate rehearsals in the beginning for the instrumentalists, adult vocalists, and children's choir and then we will combine everyone in October. All current and newcomers are needed at these rehearsals because we are introducing new music. Please contact Suzi Brunner at smpbrunner@verizon.net or 402-670-7642.