

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



TWENTITH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

MASSSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Aug 17 5:00 pm – Adeline Minore †
Sun. Aug 18 8:30 am – Rosemary Liebentritt †
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

MASSSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Aug 20 9:00 am – Barb Hanley †
Wed. Aug 21 9:00 am – Catherine Dunnagan †
Thurs. Aug 22 9:00 am – Joe Piccolo †
Fri. Aug 23 9:00 am – Deacon Randy Landenberger †

MASSSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Aug 24 5:00 pm – Adeline Minore †
Sun. Aug 25 8:30 am – Caroline Loecker †
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

MASS GREETERS NEEDED

Job Duties include: Smiling, greeting & handing out missalettes. Contact the parish office. *No prior experience required. Adults please.*

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training: Contacting Phil McEvoy at prmcevoy@gmail.com or Dan Linder at dan@linder.org.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

We are looking for some fantastic men, women and high school students to be part of a new Events Committee. This committee will assist in the coordination of events. Duties could include food preparation, set-up, clean-up, decorating, etc. Your time commitment can be as little or as much as you want. Activity times will vary.

We would love to have you be part of this group. Any willingness to participate is greatly appreciated. Call the parish office to register or send an email to samailhot@archomaha.org.

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS



Aug 11	Heateh Simons	\$50
Aug 12	Dave Kosch	\$25
Aug 13	Bob & Rose Gleisberg	\$25
Aug 14	Claire Veylupek	\$25
Aug 15	Helen Affolder	\$100
Aug 16	Butch Songcuan	\$25
Aug 17	Thomas Sanchez-Sandival	\$25

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

FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving this year. 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.



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

August 17/18 Maintenance

August 24/25 Hunger Does Not Take a Day Off

All proceeds will go directly to Catholic Charities food pantries to feed our neighbors in need.

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

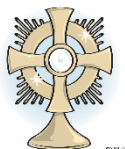
GIFTS OF STOCK TO ST. MATTHEW

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 are received.

24 HOUR EUCHARIST ADORATION

Adoration is held every FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 8:00am Friday through 8:00am Saturday. *Multiple people can attend each hour.*

If you would like to be a sub, sign up on the table outside of the Chapel. Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact a sub. Contact is Phil McEvoy at 402-689-6457 or prmcevoy@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 office. 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

Health Care Items are available for loan from the Knights: wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and a home-use oxygenator. If you have borrowed and no longer need, please return. If you have items you no longer need and would like to donate, contact Phil McEvoy, at 402-689-6457 or prmevov@gmail.com.

WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Thank you to all who contributed and participated in our annual Ice Cream Social!

We are inviting all the women of our parish to join us as we get together for lunch Saturday, August 24, 12:30 pm at Lansky's, located in Twin Creek. Please let us know you are coming by signing up on the sheet on the WWG table in the commons. Hope to see you there.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Last week's rebate: \$64.23

We are always looking for volunteers to help sell scrip. Duties include: Selling scrip cards before and/or after mass, taking inventory and securing cards before and after mass. You can choose which weekends you help. Stop by the table or contact the parish office: 402-292-7418.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Annual Parish Picnic

& Brick Laying

September 22

11:30pm Brick Laying with

Picnic to Follow

@ Circle C Rockin' Ranch

Located right next door to us!

SAFETY---SAFETY---SAFETY

The parish of Saint Matthew has established a Safety Board which is looking into all issues regarding the safety of our facilities and security for all who use them. The Safety Board is in need of volunteers who will assist in the efforts to insure our facilities and parishioners are safe while on the parish property during religious services.

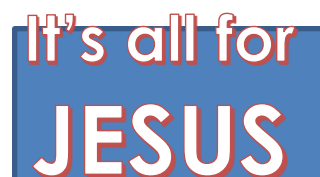
Volunteers who are interested to serve on our Safety Team must be parish members at least 18 years old, and both females and males are welcome. Since we will be working with our parish youth it will eventually be necessary for all members of the Safety Team to have Archdiocese Safe Environment training, which is available to all at no charge.

If interested, please call the parish office, 402 292-7418.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jill Muench, whose funeral was held this week at St. Matthew. Jill was the St. Matthew Director of Religious Education for 15 years. *'Eternal rest, grant unto her, O, Lord'*



Welcome back! St. Matthew students headed back to the classroom on Thursday, August 15. Our school's mission will be at the forefront of what we do: Dedicated to Christ, Committed to Learning and Service to Others. You may notice our posters in the hallways reminding us of our roots and why we are here at St. Matthew, 'It's All for Jesus'. Look for t-shirts being available soon for order.



Want to help underwrite? *Thank you to those who have come forward to help. Seven iPads have been purchased.* St. Matthew School will be purchasing 10 iPads and are looking for some help underwriting the cost. Each iPad is \$120. We appreciate your help deferring the cost of these much needed devices. Please mail Principal Angie Palmer if you are able to help. acpalmer@schools.archomaha.org



PARISH COUNCIL

Current Parish Leadership

Rick Holdcroft–President (Elected)
Jane Lukasina–Vice President (Elected)
Greg Stoiber - Secretary (Elected)

Organization Representatives

Fr. Leo–Pastor
Sue Mailhot– Parish Staff
Wade Horton–Finance Council
Sherry Trupp–WWG
Angie Palmer–School
Dave Boone–Knights of Columbus
Mark White–Religious Education
Dick Lewis–Minutemen

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5pm to 6pm in the St. Matthew Chapel. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers to include an on-going Novena, and close with Benediction and Evening Prayer (Vespers). Parishes are encouraged to join in community for the Liturgy of the Hours, especially the Evening Prayer on Sundays (Sacrosanctum Concilium). Come offer your prayers for this intention, as well as your own, in the presence of Jesus during this Holy Hour of Exposition. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON DEALL

Meeting every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Cardinal Spellman Room (lower level of the parish office), parishioners and their families can enjoy a walk through the readings for the upcoming Mass. During this study you'll discuss the history, the people, the writers themselves and the unique situations surrounding the readings and the books in which they're found. Though only an hour, it's filled with information, laughter, learning and most of all, there's lots of food – always food. All are welcome from early teens to kids at heart.



FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS

Registration is now open for next year's RE (FBC) program. Religious Education is the program that used to be known as "CCD." Information and registration forms are available on the information table in the parish commons--right outside the doors to Mass. You can also find information and registration forms on the parish website under the "Religious Education" tab. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

VOLUNTEER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

Please consider using your time and talent in the very rewarding ministry to our parish youth and families in the RE/FBC program. If you are interested in finding out more and/or volunteering to be a catechist (teacher), assistant catechist, or other support position then please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

FALL BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Often misunderstood and misinterpreted, the Book of Revelation helps us understand the struggle between good and evil, hear the call to conversion, and experience God's ultimate triumph. We will explore a volatile period of history through apocalyptic imagery and symbolic numbers and colors. The book contains letters to seven churches of Asia Minor (modern Turkey), which urge faithfulness to Christ. Powerful visions of God and the victorious Lamb in heaven are unveiled as they achieve the ultimate and absolute victory over evil.

This 8 week study will be offered on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 10th, from 7-8:30 PM in the St. Matthew school library, OR on Wednesday mornings, beginning September 11th, from 9:30-11 AM at Thanksgiving! Lutheran Church at the corner of Hwy 370 and 36th Street. Babysitting for little ones is available on Wednesday mornings for a small fee (contact me for details). Cost of the study set is \$15. I use the Little Rock Scripture Study materials, published by Liturgical Press.

If you are interested or need more information, call Susan Tracy (402-292-4986; leave a message), or email me: srtracy2@icloud.com so that books can be ordered. Please join me on this fascinating study of Scripture!



SHARING TABLE

The sharing table is back this weekend. If you have some surplus to share with our community, we look forward to the bounty of your garden.

PHOTO DIRECTORIES

If you had your photo taken (or submitted a photo) this year or LAST year, there is an updated hardcopy of our parish photo directory in the Commons labeled with your family name. **Reminder: This directory is intended for the use of St. Matthew Parishioners only and shall not be used for solicitation, preparation of mailing lists or "for profit" activities.**



**DON'T MISS THE
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
THIS SUNDAY!**

Please Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast **this Sunday, August 18, from 9:00 to 11:45 AM.**

We have many delicious items on the menu:

- Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, 2 varieties of Sausage, Potato Casserole, Fresh Fruit, Orange Juice, Milk, and Coffee

Your **FREE WILL DONATION** will support the two year Christian ministry (FOCUS) of Michael Buell - one of our recent Knights. At a time when almost 80% of those who leave the Catholic Church do so by the age of 23, this program is directed squarely at reaching out to that segment of our population.

The *Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS)* is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college and university students, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship and friendships in which they lead others to do the same. During the two-year missionary assignment, Michael will be self-sufficient economically and must raise his own "salary" to cover daily living expenses. Your generosity in supporting Michael will be a blessing to him in helping the many who are in need. For more information, go to <https://www.focus.org/>. You can see more about Michael's story or make a donation in his name at <https://www.focus.org/missionaries/mike-buell>.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY AUGUST COLLECTION:

School Supplies, Clothing, Shoes and Toiletries. All items can be placed in the blue bins. All items will be donated to the Open Door Mission.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you have borrowed medical equipment and are no longer using it, please contact Phil McEvoy @ 402-689-6457 for information on how to return it.



LEGION OF MARY AT ST MATTHEW

Become a founding member of our parish's praesidium. The Legion of Mary is an international lay apostolate that promotes the sanctity of its members and performs spiritual works of mercy with the power of the Holy Spirit and the ministering help of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Membership for active members is a weekly meeting and a weekly work; auxiliary members provide prayer support. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday August 29 in the parish office at 7:00 pm. Call Nancy Christman at 434-229-7402 with questions

BAKER'S COMMUNITY

REWARD PROGRAM

WE RECEIVED \$728.42 FOR LAST QUARTER'S REBATE!

Thank you for all 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

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.

CONTINUE TO SAVE AND TURN IN:

BOX TOPS We receive 10 cents per label. www.boxtops4education.com This is actual cash we receive back.

CAMPBELL LABELS: Clip the USP Labels for points. www.labelsforeducation.com.

COCA-COLA PRODUCTS. Donate My Coke Rewards points to St. Matthew School.

- Get the codes from hundreds of packages
- Go to mycokerewards.com (register if you are not a member);
- Enter codes to collect points – choose "donate to Your School" from the six ways to spend points.
- Find our school by zip code – 68123. When the school's page comes up, click "Donate Points Now" and enter the amount you want to donate.

ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK UPDATE

SUCCESS!!! Over 15,000 pounds of food to those in need!!!! What a great blessing to our community and on us for living our faith through charity!

LOVING LIFE MINISTRY



Prayer Vigil Thank you to everyone that prayed during any of our summer Sat vigils at the Bellevue Carhart abortion facility . We will go back to praying on Fri from 10:00-11:00am. [Mark your calendar for our next vigil on Sept 13](#). All are encouraged to pray any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the facility is open. 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 and witnesses to life in our community. If you are a LIFE Runner, please wear your jersey. Prayer booklets to help guide your hour of prayer are available in the Commons.

LIFE Runners – Next Huddle Thank you again to everyone who sponsored a leg of the annual A-Cross America Relay for Pro-Life! On Sat, Aug 10, the day before the end of the relay, it was 100% sponsored! Cheers! The closing rally was awesome, an uplifting and encouraging experience with our Pro-Life, LIFE Runners teammates. Plan to attend next year's rally Aug. 9-10. Our next huddle is the 25th Annual "Hope for the Homeless" 5K Walk/Run for the Siena/Francis House. [Please join us at Stinson Park on Sat, Sept 7, 9:00am](#). Register now at www.sienafrancis.org! Before Sept 5: \$30 fee/Same Day Reg: \$40. (You do not need to be a LR to participate with us!)

Not a teammate yet? Join our LIFE Runners parish or school chapter at liferunners.org. LIFE Runners is the world's largest Pro-Life team having over 12,100 teammates ages .1 to 101 in 50 states and 38 nations. **Running is optional.** Sign up, order "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey, wear your jersey in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat God has forgiven you but you're struggling with shame and doubt about a prior abortion? Attend a confidential healing Rachel's Vineyard retreat in October 2019. \$200; Scholarships are available. Contact Heather at 402-253-9936 for more information or email helpingrachel@yahoo.com.

Please mark your calendar for more upcoming Pro-Life events:

Vigil for Life – Sat, Sept 14

Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference – Fri-Sat, Sept 20-21

40 Days for Life 2019 Fall Campaign – Wed, Sept 25-Sun, Nov 3

Annual Life Chain – Sun, Oct 6

Please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com with any questions.

When he saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were distressed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. ~ Mt 9:36

Reflection: At times, we have all "aborted" God's will in our lives. We never look down on those who have committed the sin of abortion or who promote it. They are not the enemy but rather are *captive to the enemy*.

We seek to free them, as their brothers and sisters who are not strangers to temptation, error, and sin.

Prayer: *God of compassion, fill me with the same compassion You have for me and for all who have sinned.* (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit priestsforlife.org for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

FORMED.org HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT?
Visit stmatthewbellevue.formed.org Free App also available!

Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told **This Week - Session 9: Mary's Knight**

During the summer we invite you to watch the program based on the book *Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told* by Fr. Michael Gaitley on FORMED.org with our FREE parish subscription. Visit stmatthewbellevue.formed.org to register then go to the "Community" link at the top of the homepage to easily find this program. "In 10 fast-paced and lively sessions, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendor of God's merciful love. From the epic story of Poland's national suffering, to the events of Fatima, the revelations of St. Faustina, the heroic efforts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the life of St. John Paul II, the panorama of Divine Mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality." Learn more about the important message and devotion behind the Divine Mercy Image that you see at Mass every week. This program is a great introduction to the entire Hearts Afire Parish-based Program (HAPP). Then, join us in August for the HAPP beginning with the program based on 33 Days to Morning Glory. (Registration info below)

Class Starting – Register Now!

Join us for a six-week program based on the best-selling book *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Fr. Michael Gaitley. "People's lives today are often busy and challenging. Stage 1 of the Hearts Afire Parish-based Program offers individuals a quick and easy way to withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter into a peaceful interior reflection on their relationship with Christ in the context of Marian devotion. We begin with the Immaculate Heart because Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The end result is that, by learning to entrust ourselves to the Mother of Our Lord, we can discover a transforming trust in Jesus himself." We will meet on Thursdays beginning Aug 27, from 6:30-8:00pm, in the school library (Bldg 2). Participants will make/renew their Consecration to Jesus through Mary on Sun, Oct 6, for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Cost for the book is \$15. Contact Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699 to register or with any questions.

FORMED PICK

Restless Heart

The Story of an Iconic Saint

Watch the conversion of Saint Augustine, a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass—and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth and follow Christ fully.

Watch on formed.org



★★★★★

"5 stars does not seem enough for this beautiful and inspiring story."

—Ann W., Ontario, CA

• WHEN LIFE BEGINS ANEW!

- God is moving people to speak profoundly on Pro-Life: The Servants of the Heart of the Father are inviting people everywhere to join us Dr. Pat Castle, for this Conference. *When Life Begins Anew!* Dr. Castle is founder of LifeRunner.org. He is a highly motivational speaker, drawing large crowds to hear his amazing message for saving the unborn. The Conference is Saturday, August 3, 9:00 am – 4:30pm, VFW Club 2720 23rd St., Columbus, NE 68601. Conference with meal: \$40, without meal \$25. For more information, contact Fr Rod or Merline at Servants of the Heart of the Father, PO Box 218, Platte Center, NE 68653, 402-910-7111, or email: sothotfl@aol.com.



Total Pledges: 269
Total Pledged: \$2,270,961.00
Total Collected: \$1,558,325.14

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction Update. This week the contractor will continue to raise and pour the walls on the upper level while laying out underground plumbing and electrical on the lower level. Our subcontractor of the week is our elevator guy, O'Keefe. Yes, we have an elevator and you have seen the shaft towering above the structure from the early days. The largest full-service elevator company serving Nebraska and Iowa. The Omaha-based company, which has been led by three generations of O'Keefe family members for 100 years, has more than 120 employees and has been thyssenkrupp Elevator's exclusive distributor in Nebraska and Iowa dating back to 1947. Founded by Denis O'Keefe Sr. in 1919, O'Keefe Elevator Company, Inc. has established an extensive footprint in Nebraska and Iowa with branch offices located throughout these two states. A few prominent installations include First National Bank Tower, Union Pacific Headquarters, Principal Financial, Creighton University, University of Nebraska and Midtown Crossing. Key modernization projects include Woodmen Tower, Kiewit Plaza, Hotel Fort Des Moines, Methodist Health Systems, Wells Fargo, US Bank and University of Nebraska Medical Center.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW SAINTS

RESULTS ARE IN. TOP 4 will be a stained glass window along with St. John Paul II and St. Faustina

St Michael the Archangel	3037	St Joan of Arc	1983
St John Vianney	2400	St Padre Pio	1558
St Teresa of Calcutta	1418	St Katherine Drexel	1237
St Juan Diego	473		

PATHWAY BRICKS

As an ongoing fundraiser Pathway Bricks are being sold for \$100. These bricks will be used to build the actual Pathway to our 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'.

FOUNDATION FAMILIES

You may have seen a list of over 200 "Foundation Families" in the St Matthew Summer Newsletter. These are families who 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. And 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 into the parish office.



2019 COMMEMORATIVE COIN CONTEST

Thanks to all who voted for our 2019 Commemorative St Matthew coin. We had over 300 votes. Here are the two sides that won. This coin will be minted and available for purchase in 4 to 6 weeks.

Artists:

Elliot 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



