

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe
and are convinced that you are the Holy
One of God." — Jn 6:67-69

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Aug 24 9:00am – Vinny & MaryAnn Sabato †
Wed. Aug 25 9:00am – Liz Becker †
Thur. Aug 26 9:00am – Robert Capaldo †
Fri. Aug 27 9:00am – Marv Hondl †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Aug 28 5:00pm – Carolyn Loecker
Sun. Aug 30 9:00am – Pat Clapp †
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. 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 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.



EUCCHARIST ADORATION NEW DAY AND TIME ADDED

Exposition of the Eucharist is every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 7:00 PM on Thursday and ending at 8:00 AM on Saturday. If you would like to participate regularly or substitute as needed, please contact Donna Buell buellldonnajm@gmail.com or Phil McEvoy prncevoy@gmail.com.

Currently, we have openings in the Eucharistic Adoration schedule that need to be filled. There is already one person scheduled at each of these hours, but two people are needed since Jesus is exposed. Here are the openings that need a second person. Thursday: 11:00pm; Friday: 1:00am, 2:00am, 7:00am, 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm; Saturday: 1:00am.

Additionally, we would like to expand the Adoration hours either before the current 7:00pm start time on Thursday or after the 8:00am closing on Saturday that we currently have. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy

WE NEED ALTAR SERVERS

Anyone in 3rd grade or above can be an Altar Server.

Please contact Phil

McEvoy, 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).

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.

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 button 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 Parish Office Staff to receive a key card.



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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WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Our first meeting is September 21 at 6:30pm in the Commons. Ladies, please join us for fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome.



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.



SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 AT 6:30PM

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

Welcome back to



SCHOOL'S IN SESSION!

"With God, All Things Are Possible"

The first day of school was August 19. We welcomed 171 students to our school this year, after ending the school last year at 148 students. We are excited to see what this year holds!

Our teachers have put together some wish list items if anyone is interested in helping support our classrooms, recess, and new art program. Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/teacherwishlist21>

Thank you to everyone for your support of Catholic Education. Together we are spreading the gospel and forming disciples through our community, outreach, and educational excellence!

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 sreversole@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, 2022



The Mardi Gras committee is asking you to consider donating items for our silent and oral auctions. Items such as weekend or weeklong time shares, tickets to games or concerts, airline and hotel points, golf outings or dinners, symphony tickets, gift cards, new unopened items for camping, gardening, fishing, etc.. Monetary donations also accepted.

Please contact Joann Price at 402-297-1027 if you have questions.



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/join. 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!)

Upcoming Pro-Life events:

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

Annual Vigil for Life with Archbishop Lucas – Sat, Sept 25 at St. Mary's, Bellevue

40 Days for Life 2021 Fall Campaign – Wed, Sept 22-Sun, Oct 31

40 Days Kick-Off Rally – Sat, Sept 18, 9:00am Bellevue Abortion Facility/11:00am Omaha Planned Parenthood Annual Life Chain – Sun, Oct 2

PRAYER VIGIL 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.

Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones...will not go unrewarded. ~ Mt 10:42

Reflection: As Terri Schiavo was dying, a police officer was in the room at all times, making sure that nobody gave Terri a drop of water. A vase of flowers sat on her night table. Those flowers were being nourished and a human being was not.

How upside-down is the Culture of Death! How offensive is the cruelty we show to the weak and vulnerable.

Prayer: Have mercy on Your people, Lord; bring an end to the cycle of blindness and violence around us. (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 "Jesus granted to him [St. Joseph] the special privilege of safeguarding the dying against the snares of Lucifer, just as he had also saved him from the schemes of Herod. ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

FALL FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM – NEW DATE 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 Thursdays, Aug 26-Sept 30, 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!! It is part of the Hearts Afire Parish-based Program (HAPP) that we will continue through this year. Visit allheartsafire.org for more info. Please contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@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.

SUNDAY EVENING ADULT FAITH FORMATION THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

This Bible Study unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. In this beautiful and awe-inspiring series based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book Hail, Holy Queen, watch the Mary of doctrine and devotion come alive in a powerful, new way! The Bible Study will meet on Sunday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm starting on September 19. This is a twelve-week study which is scheduled to end before Christmas.

Free pizza and "refreshments". The study will meet in the new conference room in the southwest corner of the lower level of the new building. If interested, please contact Rick Holdcroft, 350-4097.



ARE THERE ANY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE HOUSE?

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



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. charge. If interested or for additional information, please call Greg Stoiber at 402 203-3685 or Dick Lewis at 402 301-5849.

BABY HATS NEEDED

Get your crochet hooks and your knitting needles ready because we are starting to collect your hand-made baby hats again!. Please contact Mary Fran Williamson mfw822@hotmail.com for specifications on size, yarn type, etc.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$30.65

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.

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'.

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.



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

August 15	John Halliday	\$100
August 16	Joshua Hubbard	\$ 25
August 17	Tim & Pati Tarnick	\$ 25
August 18	Jerry Dubyak	\$ 25
August 19	Jerome Stolinski	\$ 25
August 20	Peter Flynn	\$ 25
August 21	Scott Eversole	\$ 25

A check is automatically mailed to all winners.



Parish Photo Directory October 12-16

Signup in the following ways

*St. Matthew Church website

*St. Matthew Church Facebook page

*or Use this link [https://instant-
scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=763&typI
d=63655&step=2](https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=763&typI
d=63655&step=2)

*Upcoming appointments after Mass-
watch for dates

*Please schedule a time-we want to
know you!



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.

August 22, 2021

WATCH

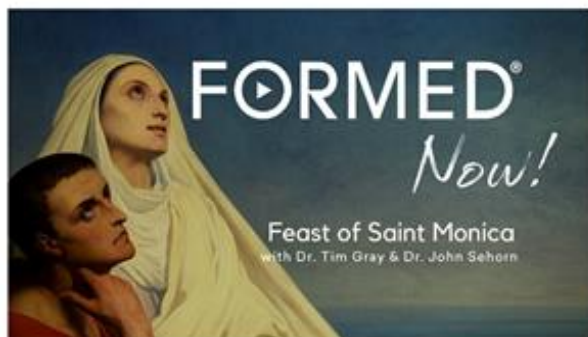
AUGUSTINE: A VOICE FOR ALL GENERATIONS WITH MIKE AQUILINA

During this very special week for the Augustine Institute, we celebrate both our patron, St. Augustine, and his mother, St. Monica! As a preeminent Doctor of the Church, Augustine has been said to be "the holiest of the wise and the wisest of the holy." To celebrate this great Church Father, please enjoy Augustine: A Voice for all Generations!



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FORMED NOW: THE FEAST OF SAINT MONICA



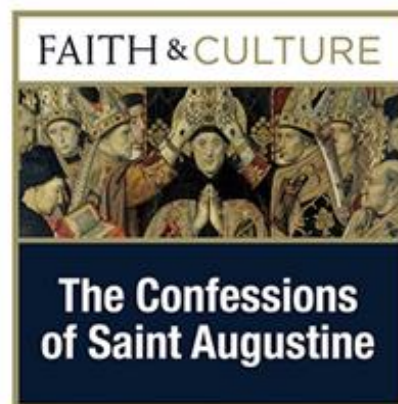
Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son.

In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss more about this great Saint.

LISTEN

THE FAITH AND CULTURE PODCAST: THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE

In this episode of the Faith and Culture podcast, Joseph Pearce and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the most towering Church Father of the West, St. Augustine. Together, Pearce and Sehorn describe the purpose of Augustine's Confessions, the relatability of this Saint, and his impact on the world in his own time and culture. Finally, they discuss what we can learn from Augustine today.



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