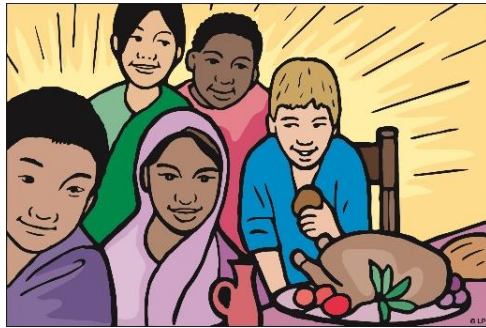


ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." - Lk 13:22-24a

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Aug 27 9:00 am – James & Marilyn Donnelly †
Wed. Aug 28 9:00 am – Barbie Rausch †
Thurs. Aug 29 9:00 am – Millie Goggins †
Fri. Aug 30 9:00 am – Nikki Nash

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Aug 31 5:00 pm – Rev. Dennis R. Stolinski †
Sun. Sept 1 8:30 am – Leander & Sylvia 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 18	Margaret Galloway	\$50
Aug 19	Tom Mlnarik	\$25
Aug 20	Derek/Jackie Cassoutt	\$25
Aug 21	Patrick/Yili Brennan	\$25
Aug 22	Loi Brom	\$25
Aug 23	Courtney Dohrt	\$25
Aug 24	Krissy Madej	\$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 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!

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Last week's rebate: \$110.64

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
11:30am Brick Laying with Picnic to
Follow @ Circle C Rockin' Ranch
Located right next door to us!

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the wonders of your world and the opportunity to learn about you and your creation. Just as Jesus stayed in the Temple in the midst of the teachers, so, too, we ask you to bless these young people as they begin their studies, learning from wise men and women who are their mentors and teachers. Bless both teacher and student as they continue to learn and grow to the betterment of themselves and our community. We ask this blessing in the name of the great teacher, Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother. Amen.

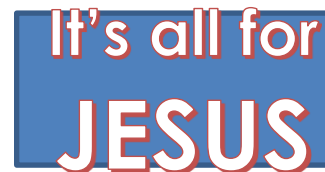
SAFETY---SAFETY---SAFETY

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.



Welcome back! 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 of the ten iPads have been purchased through donations.* We have updated all the computers with 22 new Chromebook (laptops) and 10 iPads. A big thank you to all our parishioners who helped underwrite the cost of the iPads, and the parish's support of all our new technology. Each iPad is \$120. If you would like to help with the cost of the last three iPads, contact Principal Angie Palmer. ACPALMER@SCHOOLS.ARCHOMAHA.ORG

Friday, August 30- Come cheer on the Stormchasers for their last Friday night Fireworks game at 7 pm. St. Matthew parents will be working a concession stand. Proceeds from the stand go directly to St. Matthew to support our school and families. See you then!



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.



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 Thursday August 29 in the parish office at 7:00 pm. Call Nancy Christman at 434-229-7402 with questions.



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).

SUNDAY EVENING ADULT FAITH FORMATION GENESIS TO JESUS: JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE.

What is the Bible, where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell?

These are the ever-important questions answered in *Genesis to Jesus*, the newest Journey through Scripture video Bible Study from the St. Paul Center. Join us to learn the basic Catholic principles for reading Scripture and to survey the broad outlines of the books of the Bible and their place in the story of salvation.

The Bible Study will meet on Sunday from 6pm to 7pm starting on 22 September. This is a twelve-week study which is scheduled to end before Christmas.

Free pizza and "refreshments". The study will meet in the 8th grade class room here at St Matthew's. Sign up lists are on the Knight's Table in the Commons or contact Rick Holdcroft, 402-350-4097.

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

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: sstracy2@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.**

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.



We are growing!!! In July 2016 St. Matthew had 585 families! In July 2018 we had 685 families. As of today, we have 700 families!!

THAT MAN IS YOU! SAVE THE DATE!

Fri. morning, Sept. 6, St. Mary's Parish Center

All men are invited to attend a life-changing program called: *That Man Is You!* Three reasons to attend:

1. Grow deeper in your Catholic faith
2. Establish some new friendships
3. Savor a delicious breakfast with freshly-brewed coffee

Try TMIY out for two weeks and we will have you hooked! Please contact: Deacon Ted Menzel @ 402-292-2076 or email tcmenzel5@

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



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

Prayer Vigil Mark your calendar for our next vigil on Fri, Sept 13, from 10:00-11:00am. 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 Join us for our next huddle - 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.

For see what earnestness this godly sorrow has produced for you...what indignation...what desire to see justice done.

~ 2 Cor 7:11

Reflection: Christians believe in righteous anger, which the Lord and His Saints exhibited in the face of evil. We are angry at what the culture of death does each day.

We ask the Holy Spirit not to extinguish our anger but rather to channel it into a wholesome, energized passion which sustains us in the task at hand.

Prayer: *Give me righteous anger, Lord, purified by Your Spirit.* (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 10: The Final Question

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 Thursday – Please 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 this Thurs, Aug 29, 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 this weekend or with any questions.



Total Pledges: 269
Total Pledged: \$2,270,961.00
Total Collected: \$1,559,005.14

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction Update. This week the contractor continues to lay underground plumbing and electrical lines in the lower level floor. It will also continue work on the connecting road between the old and new parking lots. During the excavation of the connecting road this past week, a bit of history was discovered in the form of two manholes and sanitary piping. The piping is no longer in use and it is surmised that it was the original sanitary piping, dating back to the 1960s, for the original school buildings and convent. When the Gymnasium addition was built, it was probably bypassed, covered and replaced by newer piping.

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you experiencing a difficult period in your life? Contact Stephen Ministry's local leader. You can be paired with a Stephen Minister who is a trained Christian caregiver ready to: listen, provide support and encouragement, pray with and for you, in a same-gender confidential 1 to 1 interaction.

A poster with a blue border and a light blue background. At the top, the title "Stephen Ministers: The After People" is written in white serif font. Below the title, a paragraph explains that Stephen Ministers are the "After People." A list of ten scenarios follows, each starting with "... after". The scenarios include: receiving a long-awaited phone call, the time after a funeral, a relationship falling apart, a doctor's bad news, moving into a nursing home, a child leaving home, a loved one being taken away, a new baby arriving, receiving a final paycheck, and the aftermath of sharing a story. At the bottom, a paragraph states that Stephen Ministers are the "After People" and are ready to provide support. The website "www.stephenministries.org" is listed. A small copyright notice is at the very bottom.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org

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- St Matthew has one parishioner who is a trained Stephen Minister and we are looking for more parishioners to support St. Matthew.
- Do you have the capacity to support a person who is having a difficult time? Becoming a Stephen Minister will provide you with skills and support - **Class for New Stephen Ministers is starting Sept 30, 2019. Monday Nights.** Contact Dan-(local Leader-402-707-4581) as soon as possible to reserve a place for this very special calling.