

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat.	Dec	1	5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families
Sun.	Dec	2	8:30 am – Stolinski Family † 10:30 am – Arlene Kopp †

### MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues.	Dec	4	9:00 am – Vada McDonald †
Wed.	Dec	5	9:00 am – Mary Schneider †
Thur.	Dec	6	9:00 am – Margaret Forget
Fri.	Dec	7	9:00 am – William Beaudoin
Fri.	Dec	7	6:00 pm – Adele Zach †

### MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat.	Dec	8	9:00 am – Karen Heinen
Sat.	Dec	8	5:00 pm – Rev. Dennis R. Stolinski †
Sun.	Dec	9	8:30 am – Richard Schneider † 10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

## MASS GREETERS NEEDED

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

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is scheduled by contacting Phil McEvoy at [prmcevoy@gmail.com](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com) or Dan Linder at [dan@linder.org](mailto:dan@linder.org).

## FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Would you be willing to donate a salad or dessert for a funeral luncheon or help serve when it is convenient for you? If so, please email Margaret Galloway at [s9sgallowm@yahoo.com](mailto:s9sgallowm@yahoo.com) to be added to the distribution list.

## 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](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com).



## FAITH DIRECT

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Matthew the Evangelist. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NE489. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

## SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

*All checks made out to St. Matthew*

December 7/8	Retirement Fund for Religious
December 15/16	Maintenance Fund

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.

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This year's Annual Appeal goal for St. Matthew is \$35,941.73. Our contributions to date total \$32,208.00 (89.6% of our goal).

## GIFTS OF STOCK TO ST. MATTHEW

The end of the year isn't far off which also means tax time. 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.



## CANDLE LIGHTING

If your family would like to participate in lighting the Advent candles before mass—please sign up on the table in the Commons.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In 2018, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Saturday. This is a holy day of obligation, and since it is the patronal feast of the United States, is not abrogated when it falls on a Saturday. Catholics have two obligations to fulfill on this weekend – the holy day and Sunday. If you attend the holy day Mass Friday or Saturday morning; you may attend 5pm Saturday for your Sunday obligation. If you attend Mass Saturday evening for the holy day, you must go to Mass Sunday for your Sunday obligation. **HOLY DAY MASSES:**

Friday, Dec. 7 ~ Vigil Mass 6:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 8 ~ 9:00 am & 5pm

*Sign up for ministries in the Commons.*



**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 email.*

If you are interested in joining or want more information, please contact Pat Brennan, Grand Knight, at 402-592-5027.

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Need a ride to Church? Contact Butch Songcuan 402-933-1646

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 Pat Brennan, Grand Knight, at 402-592-5027.

**Columbian Squires Chief Counselor**  
Phil Earsley 402-214-7877



## WWG~WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

WWG has the Giving Tree set up on their table in the commons. Please take a tag and bring back a gift unwrapped for the women and children and place in the big container under the WWG table. Gifts will be picked up after the 10:30 Mass December 17. Thank you for your generosity.

## SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY

Last Week's Rebate: \$48.65



**Volunteer Sales People Needed:** Duties include: Selling scrip cards before and after masses, taking inventory and securing cards before and after your sales "shift". *Please prayerfully consider if this is something you might be able to help with, and contact the parish office at 402-292-7418.*



The following \$25 scrip cards are being added to our regular inventory: Ulta, PetSmart, Qdoba and Home Depot.

Smaller denomination cards are now available (by order) for holiday gifts.

Including \$10 Amazon, Walmart, and Target cards, as well as \$5 Panera cards. A current retailer list is available at the scrip table and online.

## POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR GREENERY AND POINSETTIAS MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 FROM 3-6PM IN THE CHURCH COMMONS.



*"As for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who embrace the word and bear much fruit through perseverance" Magnificat*

Total Pledges: 264  
Total Pledged: \$2,354,411.00  
Total Collected: \$1,169,433.44

## SANCTUARY FURNITURE

For a preview of our new sanctuary furniture, go to our website (under *New Church*). Also available on our new app! *Note: Some of this furniture will be in different places in the church than what the video shows.*

## 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: [stmatthewbellevue.org](http://stmatthewbellevue.org)*

## ST. MATTHEW COMMEMORATIVE COINS

Available in the Parish Office for \$10. Profits will benefit the new church.



Welcome

*Vivian Alice Petersen*  
Baptized November 24, 2018  
*Piper Nicole Groff*  
Baptized November 25, 2018



to all students who earned Honors this past quarter. **Claire Von Osterheldt**, Duesne; **Ben Barnes**, Abigail Cox, Bayleigh Donohoe, Riley Donohoe, Alexandra Ferony, Jillian Linder, Max Mtzger, Rebecca Metzger, Jenna Mharik; Olivia Petranick, Erin Ruane, Chris Treu, Jeff Treu, Kaitlin Steinauer, and Seven Williams, Gross Catholic High School.



## LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

**Sidewalk Advocates for Life** Are you interested in a peaceful, prayerful method of reaching out to women and men entering the local abortion facility and helping them to choose life? If so, Sidewalk Advocates for Life might be for you! This new “sidewalk counseling” program uses a very compassionate, woman-oriented method to save lives and help woman in unplanned pregnancies by offering them more life-affirming options. Our training will be held on Tuesday, Dec 4, and Tuesday, Dec 11, from 6:30-8:30pm in the multipurpose room at St. Gerald’s (96th & Q). The cost is \$20 for training and materials. More information at [www.sidewalkadvocates.org](http://www.sidewalkadvocates.org)! Please contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or [janicetoddcmc@msn.com](mailto:janicetoddcmc@msn.com) if you plan to attend or with any questions.

**LIFE Runners** This Wednesday, Dec 5, is First Wednesday! Don’t forget to wear your “Remember the Unborn” jersey in public to be a witness to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. Not a teammate yet? Join us - over 9,700 teammates ages .1 to 101 in 50 states and 35 nations. Running optional. Sign up and order your jersey at [www.liferunners.org](http://www.liferunners.org). All In Christ for Pro-Life!

**Prayer Vigil** Mark your calendar for our next monthly prayer vigil on Friday, Dec 14, 10:00-11:00am. All are encouraged to pray any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the abortion facility is open (1002 Mission Ave, Bellevue). Let us bring hope and be a joyful presence of love to mothers and families looking for help in the face of a desperate time. Prayer booklets to help guide your hour of prayer are available in the Commons.

**You also must be prepared, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him. ~ Mt 24:44**

**Reflection:** The word “Advent” means “coming,” and the season focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time, and then on His first coming at Christmas.

The joy of Advent is joined by a strong warning that we must be prepared for His coming. Promoting justice and human rights is a key element of our preparation. A society that aborts its children is not prepared for the coming of Christ.

**Prayer:** Come, Lord Jesus. May we be prepared to welcome You by welcoming all human life. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone of [Priestsforlife.org](http://Priestsforlife.org). Visit the website for all daily reflections. Click on the “Prayer” tab)

## WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5p to 6p in the St. Matthew Chapel. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers to include an ongoing 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). The current Novena that we’re offering is for a Rebirth of Chasity and Purity. 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](mailto:mhwhite@archomaha.org) ).



Please join the St Matthew Knights of Columbus in the commons for a Spaghetti / Pasta Dinner. Enjoy a great meal of pasta, meatballs, homemade Italian sausage and delicious sauce. Salad, garlic bread and drinks will also be served. Your free will offering benefits the Building Maintenance Fund. Dine-in or take-out. Bring your appetite! THIS Saturday, 1 December, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM.



## ALL ARE WELCOME TO LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

Please join the Knights and the St. Matthew community in the annual ceremonial blessing and lighting of the Nativity scene on Tuesday, December 4th at 6 PM. This is always a fun-filled evening! We meet in the Commons and proceed as a group out to the crèche (nativity scene) singing “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” as we go. Following the short formal ceremony led by Fr. Leo, we head back to the Commons where cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, and other beverages will be available. There will be children’s activities as Santa Claus and his elves make their way to the commons to visit. Why fight the traffic and long lines for the Mall Santa? Jolly Old St. Nick will be making his special visit to the St. Matthew community just to be with us!!! Knights of Columbus Council 11879 hopes that you will be our guest at the “Light Up For Christ” celebration! It’s a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season and spread the joyful tidings of Christmas. May God bless you all; we wish you and your families a blessed and Merry Christmas!





## COMMUNITY FOOD BANK UPDATE

--We have donated over 4,000 pounds of food to the hungry in our community.  
--The PTO has included collections in multiple school fundraisers and events.  
--The weekly donations continue to be steady and strong. *If you would like to assist with this program, contact Scott Eversole at 402-216-1508.*

## SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

Our silent auction has a proven history of success. To date we have accomplished the following:

- ✓ \$20,000 raised for the Electronic Marquee.
- ✓ Generated a \$20,000 matching donation for the Marquee.
- ✓ \$5,000 raised for parish growth.

### OUR NEXT GOAL:

**\$15,000 for a  
Maintenance Garage**  
*Current Total: over \$3,000!*

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ❖ The Knights of Columbus will hold the funds raised for the Garage
- ❖ Please make auction payments out to Knights of Columbus Council 11879
- ❖ Payment envelopes are on the table. They can be placed in the SVD box, dropped in the collection basket, or given to the Parish or School office

*If you would like to assist with this program, contact Scott Eversole at 402-216-1508.*

## **LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!!!**

**There is another opportunity to order a Celebration of the Groundbreaking book. Cost is \$50. All orders must be in by Monday, December 17. The books will be in time for Christmas!**

## **PHOTOS WITH FR. LEO AT GROUNDBREAKING**

The Ground Breaking Photo Book of Family Pictures taken with Father Leo is available for your review on the table in the Commons. You are invited to look through it and take your photo, along with its handwritten identification number. If you want digital copies, reference the identification number on the photo and contact Shannon Abboud, at shannonabboud@cox.net .

**BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM**  
**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED. THIS LAST QUARTER. WE RECEIVED \$804.92!!** *This does not cost you anything or take away from any other reward points you receive.*  
Go to: [www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards](http://www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards)

1. Sign in to your online account, or create a new account if needed;
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to "Community Rewards";
3. Click on "Enroll Now";
4. Enter 71120 and select "St. Matthew"

*You may also call: 866-221-4141 to enroll your card.*



## **"GO FUND ME" PAGE**

\$475 Total raised to date.

In an effort to reach outside of the parish to help fund our new church, we have established a "Go Fund Me" page (thanks to Tim & Ariel Tompsett). We would also like to share the link to this page with you, in hopes that you will be willing to share it on your personal social media sites. **If you haven't seen the school video...it is worth the watch! (See what the kids know about "pews" and "kneelers"!)**

<https://www.gofundme.com/a-pathway-to-our-church>

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

### **Knights of Columbus Christmas Social – REMINDER**

- We hope you and your guest will join your Brother Knights in an evening of great food and fellowship!
- When: Thursday, 13 December. Social Hour: 6 PM; Dinner: 7:00 PM.
- Where: South Omaha Council 3019 Social Hall.
- Menu Choices: 1) Prime Rib; 2) Chicken; 3) Salmon.
- Remembering our core principle of charity, **please also bring a generous food pantry donation!**
- Please **RSVP NLT THIS Thursday, 6 December** to Dave Boone at 402-291-1493 or [dbuceb1@gmail.com](mailto:dbuceb1@gmail.com).
- Please **include menu choices** if attending. Please **send "regrets"** if not attending!

## **THE ST. MATTHEW MOBILE APP**

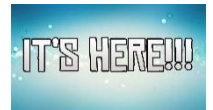
Download from the homepage of our website or:

iPhone users text: ParishApp1 to 555888

Android users text: ParishApp2 to 555888

---Enjoy quick access to bulletins, ministry schedules, faith direct giving, daily readings, new church updates and much, much more!

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



## **COLUMBAN RETREAT**

The Columban Missionaries will be presenting a retreat ***ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WITH MARY*** on Saturday December 8, 2018 at the Priests Residence, 1902 N Calhoun St., Bellevue, NE. The retreat will begin with registration at 8:30 am and will include a mass in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The retreat will conclude with lunch at 12:30 pm. Free will offering.

Please RSVP by calling 402 291 1920, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm or by emailing [mission@columban.org](mailto:mission@columban.org) listing your name(s) and address.



### **FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS**

ALL parishioners are warmly welcomed to attend St. Matthew's monthly FBC sessions. This year we'll be learning more about the Sacraments of Christ's Church. During these once-monthly sessions, the adults will meet in the Worship Area (gym) while the youth meet with their grade-specific catechists in one of the school's classrooms. You can find out more about the FBC program at the RE/FBC tab on the parish website [StMatthewBellevue.org](http://StMatthewBellevue.org) or by contacting Deacon Mark ( [mhwhite@archomaha.org](mailto: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 informatin, laughter, learning and most of all, there's lots of food – always food. All are welcome from early teens to kids at heart.



*THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.*

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- Go to [stmatthewbellevue.formed.org](http://stmatthewbellevue.formed.org)
- Click "Register" and enter your name, email address, and desired password
- You are now ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED! Check out our "Community" tab on the Homepage to see the current recommendations.

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## Special Gifts—Updated September 2018


**Thank you for helping us to check**

**Some of the items off of this list! New items added!**

The following items could not be funded through the annual budgeting channels because of the limited amount of revenue generated in a year. These items remain needed and hopefully a parishioner or group of parishioners might be interested in funding one or more privately. The estimated cost of each item is provided. Please contact the Parish Office if interested, or simply drop your *clearly noted* contribution in the collection basket.

1. Install electronic marquee on 36<sup>th</sup> Street. est. \$50K 
2. Rectory repairs \$8,500 
3. Replace/repair windows in the Rectory \$15K 
4. Mudjacking \$1475 –\_Needed sidewalk repairs due to annual safety inspection. 
5. New computers for our teachers \$12K *down to \$1,900K* Computers have been purchased for most of our teachers. We are still in need of 2 more computers.
6. Concrete pad for dumpsters \$5K A concrete pad is needed to prevent any further damage to our asphalt caused by the heavy garbage trucks that service us.
7. Classroom Lighting update for efficiency est. \$24K ***Partially Funded ~2 classrooms completed*** Upgrading the classroom lighting would enhance the learning experience and reduce utility bill.
8. Materials for maintaining playground \$3K. Minutemen are working on this project.
9. Motorized utility vehicle (new or used) \$4.5-6K. To be used by our maintenance staff and Minutemen for hauling equipment/supplies throughout our campus.
10. St. Matthew School is looking to create a new hands-on makerspace in our media center. In order to make this dream a reality, there are items that would be wonderful to have. In addition to the generosity of our parishioners who may be able to help fund these items, we would love the support and time of any parishioner willing to help research, find, and write **grant opportunities** to fund items like these as well as other possible items for our school. Please contact our school principal, Angie Palmer, if you are interested: [acpalmer@schools.archomaha.org](mailto:acpalmer@schools.archomaha.org)

### **Technology items for new makerspace:**

iPads- \$370 each  (10 iPads received via an Archdiocesan Grant)  
3D printer \$1500  
Robotic kits  
    Spheros \$130 each  
    Dot and Dash robots \$149 each  
    Bee bots \$140 each  
Circuit boards  
    Little bits \$159  
    Makey Makeys \$49 each or classroom kit of 12 for \$700  
3D Doodle pens \$99 each  
Building/hands on materials  
    Legos (new or used)  
    Tegu- magnetic wooded block sets \$220-400 each  
    Kenex \$100



## THE EVANGELIST'S YEAR - 2019

A Fundraiser for St. Matthew School and Parish  
12210 South 36th Street, Bellevue, NE 68123  
stmatthewbellevue.org

365 individual prizes awarded, one per day throughout 2019

Prizes range from \$25 to \$500

### **\$25.00 per Ticket**

Maximum of 1,460 tickets to be sold. Winners need not be present. Drawing to be held NLT  
December 31, 2018

State ID: 35-7411464

A donation of \$25 entitles each ticket holder (a maximum of 1,460) a chance to win one of 365 daily prizes, awarded for each day of 2019, respectively, totaling the greater of \$12,500.

A donation of \$25 entitles each ticket holder (a maximum of 1,460) a chance to win one of 365 daily prizes and 12 special monthly prizes, awarded for each day/month of 2019, respectively, totaling the greater of \$12,725 or 65% of total sales.

#### **The daily winning amounts are as follows:**

\$25 - Daily prizes given, with the exception of the following special days:

\$50 - Every Sunday (with some exceptions listed below), Principal Angie Palmer's Birthday (February 4), Good Friday (April 19), Taxes Due (April 15), Memorial Day (May 27), Flag Day (June 14), Labor Day (September 2), Patriot Day (September 11), Father Leo's Birthday (October 4), and Veterans Day (November 11)

\$75 - Pope Francis' Birthday (December 17)

\$100 - Catholic Holy Days: Mary, Mother of God (January 1), Ascension (May 30), Assumption of Mary (August 15), All Saints (November 1), and Immaculate Conception (December 8)

\$100 - Civil Festivities: Mother's Day (May 12), Father's Day (June 16), Independence Day (July 4), and Thanksgiving (November 28)

\$100 - Anniversary of the establishment of St. Matthew Parish (June 20, 1996)

\$250 - Parish Patronal Fest: St. Matthew the Evangelist (September 21)

\$500 - Easter (Sunday, April 21) and Christmas (December 25)

All ticket holders have 365 chances to win as all are eligible for each and every daily and monthly prize for the year.

Sales will continue through the later of December 28, 2018 or the date of drawing; if all are sold prior to the closing date, late entries will be returned.

### **The 2019 Evangelist's Year Calendar Lottery Form PRINT CLEARLY**

**Data for ticket holder, ie., who will win if ticket is drawn:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a gift, name of purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser's address if you would like the gift mailed to you to personally give the gift:

\_\_\_\_\_

# Tickets Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

*Office Use Only:*

Date Payment Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets issued: \_\_\_\_\_