

Bulletin  
December  
19, 2021

**Advent Reconciliation****St. Matthew - Individual**

Saturdays - 4:30 pm

Wednesdays, December 1, 8,  
15, 22 - 6:00 pmSundays after the 11:00  
Mass**St. Mary's in Bellevue - Individual**Thursdays, December 2, 9,  
16, 23 - noon - 1:00 pmTuesdays, November 30, December 14 & 21 - 5:00 - 6:00  
pm**St. Columbkille in Papillion - Reconciliation Service**

December 14 - 6:30 pm

December 21 - 6:30 pm

**Christmas Masses****Doors will open 1 hour  
before mass**Friday, December 24, 4:00  
pmFriday/Saturday, December  
25, MidnightSaturday, December 25,  
10:00 amSaturday, **NO 5:00 pm Mass****New Year's Masses**Friday, December 31 - 5:00  
pmSaturday, January 1 - 10:00  
amSaturday, **NO 5:00 pm Mass****Continuing Our Journey****Commitment:**

\$2,249,083.00

**Pledges Collected:**

\$ 825,623.19

**Second Collection Schedule***All checks made out to St. Matthew*

December 18/19	Maintenance
January 8/9	Seminarian
January 15/16	Maintenance

*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.*

**Mass Intentions****December 18**

5:00pm Alice Palma †

**December 19**

9:00am Don Leiber †

11:00am St. Matthew Families

**December 21**

9:00am Alice Forget †

**December 22**

9:00am Monica Schubert †

**December 23**

9:00am Vinny &amp; Mary Sabato †

**December 24**

4:00pm Marjorie Hart †

Midnight Msgr. Tom Furlong †

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you wish a Mass celebrated for a special need or the welfare of someone, please email Patsy at: [pahart@archomaha.org](mailto:pahart@archomaha.org) or call 402-292-7418. Mass Intentions can be scheduled a year out. We are now scheduling intentions through November of 2022. We may also send Mass intentions to the Archdiocese to have them sent to missions. These masses 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Exposition of the Eucharist is every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 2:00 PM on Thursday and ending at 8:00 AM on Saturday. Please ask the Lord if he is calling you to spend time with Him in adoration. We especially need a second person at each of these hours: Thursday 4:00 PM; Friday 2:00 AM, 3:00 AM, 11:00 AM, Noon, 4:00 PM, and 9:00 PM; Saturday 1:00 AM.

If you cannot commit regularly, being on the sub list is also an option. Please contact Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy via Flocknote. Text SMTE to 84576 or connect with us online at [Stmatthewbellevue.flocknote.com](http://Stmatthewbellevue.flocknote.com)

**Bulletin Submission Deadline** Submit information for the upcoming bulletin by 12:00pm Tuesday to: [acmcfall@archomaha.org](mailto:acmcfall@archomaha.org). Submissions are subject to edits, review and approval.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

December 15, 6:30pm-7:45pm

Christmas Break

December 16 to January 4

Classes will resume January 5

## SUNDAY PREP BIBLE STUDY

Join us for one hour of food, fun, history, and preparation toward understanding Sunday readings. This Bible

Study is held

Wednesdays, 6:30pm, in the Narthex. Deacon Tom Deall facilitates the bible study.

## PONDER: CONTEMPLATIVE BIBLE STUDY (YEAR C)

The first Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year—Year C, which features the Gospel according to Luke. Marked by the compassion of Jesus, the gospel stories of Luke demonstrate the universal nature of Jesus' mission. If you would like to join, contact Susan Tracy via Flocknote 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 whenever you are available.

## 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 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 via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert) with questions.



*God, we have learned to love from being loved by you*

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### NEW PROGRAM to start the NEW YEAR

Join us as we continue the Hearts Afire Parish-based program with the book *The 'One Thing' Is Three: How the Most Holy Trinity Explains Everything* by Fr. Michael Gaitley. "The One Thing is Three is written for everyone. The conversational tone has an appeal that invites the reader into the journey of life. I highly recommend this book for anyone who loves the Church and seeks a deeper understanding of her teachings. Filled with references to Vatican II and Pope John Paul II, this book will enrich your belief in God's plan of salvation, and your love of the Most Holy Trinity." It is "written simply and clearly and brings the profound truths of the faith from head to heart to life in a way that makes deep theology easy to understand and even easier to live." This is a 10-week program beginning on Jan 6. Classes will be on Thurs, 6:30 – 8:00pm, in the school library (Bldg 2). Cost for the book is \$15. Discussion questions from the retreat companion will be provided. Please contact Janice Todd via Flocknotes. Visit [www.allheartsafire.org](http://www.allheartsafire.org) to learn more about the Hearts Afire program. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!

### GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever! See website homepage under "parish app links".

**LOVING LIFE MINISTRY**

**LIFE Runners** Not a teammate yet? Join the largest Pro-Life team in the world, now with more than 17,300 teammates! LIFE Runners use prayer and teamwork to defend Life from conception to natural death. Running optional. Faith required. Sign up to get your **“REMEMBER The Unborn – Jer 1:5”** jersey and team updates/devotions at [liferunners.org/signup](http://liferunners.org/signup). Invite others to join us. All In Christ for Pro-Life! Contact Kevin and Janice Todd via Flocknote with any questions.

**PRAYER VIGIL** Please mark your calendar for our next vigil, Fri, Jan 14, 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.

**“CHOOSE LIFE” LICENSE PLATES** We encourage everyone to choose these plates for your vehicles. What a great way to spread the message to love and choose life all over town and wherever you travel! The alpha/numeric plates are only \$5! Go to <https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/choose-life-plates> for more info and to order them.

**“Run to Win” by Dr. Allen Unruh**

**“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.” ~ 1 Cor 9:24**

**Reflection:** The apostle Paul compared life to a race. Are you determined to endure to the end - to cross the finish line of life – and to never quit? We must take charge of our lives. By their fruits you shall know them. And what are the fruits of the Spirit? “They are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” Can one person make a difference? Yes, God can use just one person to change the world if one has faith, even as small as a mustard seed. Always remind yourself that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

**Today’s Challenge:** Everything you think, say and do makes a difference in the lives of the people you meet and mentor. Decide now to make your mark, for Pro-Life! (LIFE Runners Daily Devotions by Dr. Patrick Castle & Bernadette Costello visit [www.liferunners.org/gear](http://www.liferunners.org/gear))

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES****SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT  
SUPPORT GROUP**

If you are interested in participating in a quarterly widow/widowers support group, our next meeting will be Sunday, January 16 at 2:00pm. For more information, please contact Mary Fran Williamson via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert).

**HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING DRIVE**

"Do a good turn daily" is the Scouts BSA slogan. This year, Troop 231 in Bellevue is living that slogan by recycling old holiday lights! These lights are recyclable because of the small amount of copper within the wires. There will be a collection bin in the church lobby from November 15 to January 15. Please bring any lights you no longer need and help the troop do its good turn! Contact Barb Bittner [bbittner68@gmail.com](mailto:bbittner68@gmail.com).



## WWG Women

### Working for God

***Wishing everyone a Blessed Advent and Christmas season!***

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our meeting on Tuesday, January 18th in the school commons. Join us! If anyone needs a ride to the meeting, contact Shirrel Medara. Please direct any questions to Shirrel Medara via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert). Hope to see you then!



## Community

### Outreach Ministry

#### December Collection:

New men's and women's underwear, socks, and gently used or new clothes and shoes. 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, November collection was 164 pounds of food and clothing to the Stephen Center. The school donated 153 pounds of food to Safe Haven from their Spirit-wear day.



## 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 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 Mark Kyriss to ensure your email address is current. If you need information to become a Knight, contact Mark Kyriss, Grand Knight or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert).

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** We have truly been blessed this month! Cobalt Federal Credit Union, selected St. Matthew's SVdP to receive a \$1000.00 check as part of the bank's charitable gift giving. This will help our neighbors with rent, utilities and food when financial disaster strikes.

Interested in a ministry with a legacy of giving and making a difference in the neighborhood you live in?

Come and check us out on the first Tuesday of the month, at 5:30pm in the lower-level conference room of the church.



Father Leo and Deacon Tim (our SVdP Spiritual Leader) received this gift on our behalf.

## HEALTH CARE

### PROFESSIONALS NEEDED!

If interested, please contact Mark Lockwood or Amy Adams via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert).

## PRAYER SHAWLS

All shawls are well-crafted and blessed, then given to anyone in need of God's comfort. The next meeting is January, 24 at 2:00pm in the conference room. Contact the Parish Office for information.

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Anyone in need of medical equipment, cane, walker, etc. please contact Phil McEvoy via Flocknote.

## MASS GREETERS

If you are interested, please contact Mary Lomax via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert).

## SECURITY DOORS – LOCKED

As part of the plan to protect parishioners against any form of malicious entry into the church during mass services all church doors are automatically locked 5 minutes after the scheduled mass start time. Entry after this time will be made by the security personnel on duty. All doors are unlocked one hour prior to the scheduled mass for pre-mass activities.

## VETERAN'S HOME VOUNTEERS NEEDED

EMHC to take the Eucharist to the Veterans, Sundays at 10:30-11:15am, Rotating Schedule. Contact Philip McEvoy via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert) Not an EMHC? Father can give you a temporary Mandation.





Welcome

Skylar Mililani  
Gahl

Baptized

December 12, 2021

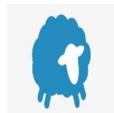
Caylee McShane

Baptized

December 11, 2021

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorial donations for the parish should be made payable to St. Matthew, with the memo line designating specifics (i.e., Building Fund, General Use, etc., and name of honoree or deceased). Checks made out to families or other organizations are not acknowledged by the parish Memorials Committee unless St. Matthew is the payee.



## FLOCKNOTE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US!

Receive Parish information and have access to ministry notifications. Text SMTE to 84576 or connect with us online. [Stmatthewbellevue.flocknote.com](http://Stmatthewbellevue.flocknote.com)

## CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

Dec. 19	Shawn & Tina Eversole	\$50
Dec. 20	Scott Morris	\$25
Dec. 21	Marcia Klein	\$25
Dec. 22	Carol Hefner	\$25
Dec. 23	Rich & Mary Lomax	\$25
Dec. 24	Tom Medara	\$75
Dec. 25	Jeanne Harrington	\$500
Christmas Special		

***A CHECK IS AUTOMATICALLY MAILED OUT TO ALL WINNERS.***

## Survey Results Are In!~

Our Bulletin survey was a success! We will continue to print our paper version. All current categories were deemed of value and will continue to be featured weekly. Some areas will be condensed to keep our bulletin to a reasonable length.

## YOUTH



**PreK Open House** Join us for our Open House on January 30th at 1:00pm. Come see what St. Matthew has to offer you and your children.



**Catholic Schools Week 2022**  
January 30–February 5  
[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw)  
#CSW22

**ST. MATTHEW ADVISORY TEAM (SMAT)-** The SMAT is looking for individuals to help with alumni relations and grant writing. If you are willing to help, please contact Principal Angie Palmer-[principal@stmattschool.com](mailto:principal@stmattschool.com)



The Athletic Board would like to welcome to Cardinal Athletics, Sue Mailhot and Jennifer Martin– Birdsall, as our new volleyball coordinator and assistant coordinator.

Come out and cheer on your Cardinals! The basketball season has started!. Game schedules can be found on the CYO and PAL websites. Check back here for updates and more information as the season goes on..

**December 19**  
**CANCELLED**  
Parish Wide  
Christmas Caroling

**January 3**

Knights of Columbus  
Pancake Breakfast

**January 30**  
**1:00pm**

Pre-K Open House

**January 30 to**  
**February 5**

Catholic Schools Week

**February 26**

Mardi Gras Event



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Christmas Sing-along is cancelled.



Helpers wanted Sunday, December 19 at noon to decorate the church for Christmas. We request for safety reasons that all participants be 12 years and older. .



Thank you to all who have supported and generously donated to our event. We are still in need of auction items. Please bring donations of new, unwrapped items or themed baskets to the Parish Office by January 15. We are looking forward to a wonderful event!



**JESUS** is  
the Reason  
for the Season.

# FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 19, 2021

WATCH

## CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



## THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

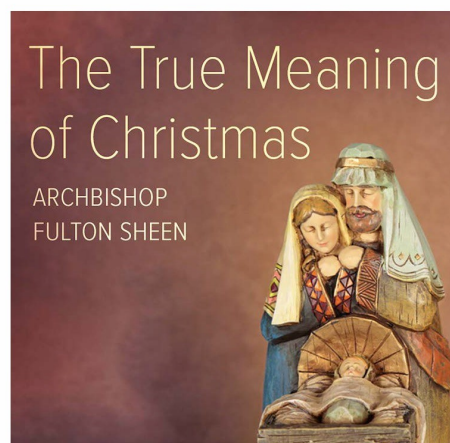
Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

LEARN

LISTEN

## THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



# PARISH SUPPORT

## AMAZON SMILE

*We received \$210.58 for last quarter's rebate!*

If you order from Amazon, please consider using Smile. Amazon and designate St. Matthew as your charity. Or use this direct link every time you shop <http://smile.amazon.com/ch47-0800122>. Amazon donates 0.05% of your purchase price to St. Matthew. Thank you for your support!

## BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

*We received \$719.29 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](http://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.

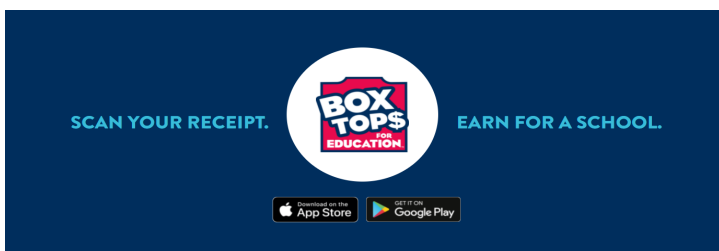
## FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) simply click "Give Now" and enter our church code: NE489. Or 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.



## SCRIP GIFT CARDS

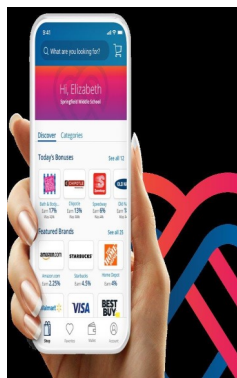
*Rebate: \$1268.55*

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. To order scrip online please contact the Parish Office.

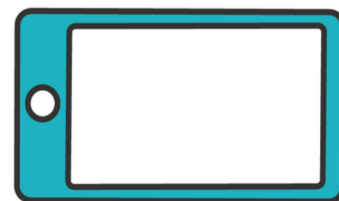
"Makin' a list and checking it twice"

Shop for Christmas with Matt's Money gift cards!

How to get Matt's Money Download the "Raise Right" app. It is like giving two Christmas presents in one because.. St. Matthew Church and School benefits from every purchase you make.



<https://www.stmatthewbellevue.org/scrip-matt-s-money>



## HOW TO TAGG

- 1 Download the TAGG mobile app.
- 2 Choose us and upload a photo of your receipt.
- 3 The business will make a donation to us at no extra cost to you!

## ST. MATTHEW CALENDAR LOTTERY

**655 of 862 tickets sold,  
76% of goal**

See Ed Janeczko in the Narthex or purchase in the Parish/School office. A fundraiser for St. Matthew School and Parish. 377 individual prizes throughout 2022. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500. **\$25.00 per Ticket**. Winners need not be present. Drawing to be held NLT December 31, 2021. A donation of \$25 entitles each ticket holder a chance to win one of 365 daily prizes and 12 special monthly prizes, awarded for each day/month of 2022. All ticket holders have 377 chances to win, as all are eligible for each and every daily and monthly prize for the year. Sales will continue through late December 2021 or the date of drawing; if all are sold prior to the closing date, late entries will be returned.