

Bulletin
December
26, 2021



May the Blessing of Christmas be with you throughout the year! Merry Christmas!

No Daily Mass

December 27th thru January 4th

New Year's Masses

Saturday, January 1, 10:00am, Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, January 1, 5:00pm, Feast of the Epiphany Vigil

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Exposition of the Eucharist is every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 1:00pm on Thursday and ending at 8:00am 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 1:00pm, 4:00pm and 11:00pm; Friday 2:00am, 3:00am, 11:00am, Noon, 4:00pm, and 9:00pm; Saturday 1:00am.

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

Bulletin Submission Deadline Submit information for the upcoming bulletin by 12:00pm Tuesday to: acmefall@archomaha.org. Submissions are subject to edits, review and approval.



Continuing Our Journey

Commitment:

\$2,249,083.00

Pledges Collected:

\$ 867,243.94

Second Collection Schedule

All checks made out to St. Matthew

January 8

Seminarian

January 15

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 25

NO 5:00pm MASS

December 26

9:00am St. Matthew Families

11:00am Bill Kibler †

December 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

NO DAILY MASS

Religious Education Schedule

Christmas Break
December 16 to January 4

January 5 and 19
6:30pm to 7:45pm

February 2 and 16
6:30pm to 7:45pm

March 2 and 16
6:30pm to 7:45 pm

April 6 and 20
6:30pm to 7:45pm

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

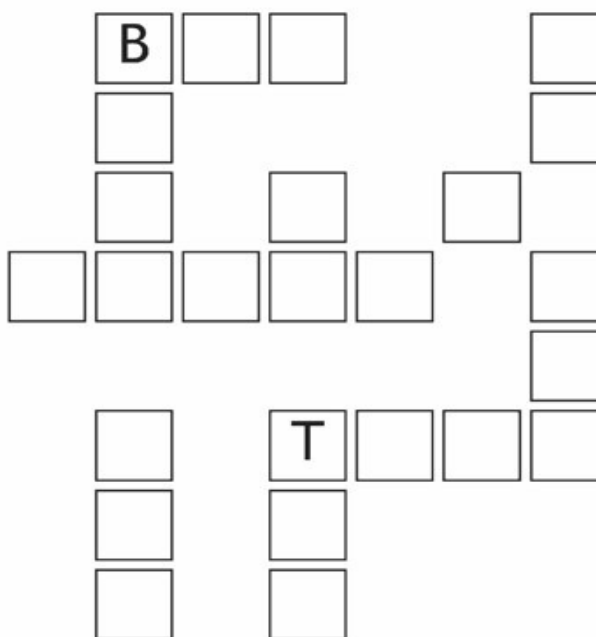
Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers as a community, and close with Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Benediction. A Sunday evening Holy Hour and Vespers is not just 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.



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

They saw the baby lying on a bed of hay.



MISSION

Ask your parents to light candles and join you in singing songs about Jesus.



**WWG Women
Working for God**

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas

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.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The next meeting is January, 24 at 2:00pm in the conference room. Contact the Parish Office for information.

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. Not an EMHC? Father can give you a temporary Mandation.

SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT 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).

SECURITY DOORS – LOCKED

As part of the plan to protect parishioners during mass, 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.

HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING DRIVE

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 BSA Troop 231 do its good turn! Contact Barb Bittner bbittner68@gmail.com.

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.

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

Dec. 26	Erin Murray	\$50
Dec. 27	Pati Tarnick	\$25
Dec. 28	Stephen Murray	\$25
Dec. 29	Grace Oleson	\$25
Dec. 30	Carmen Klein	\$25
Dec. 31	Colette Piccolo	\$75
	Louise & Jim McCoy	\$87

December Special

A CHECK IS AUTOMATICALLY MAILED OUT TO ALL WINNERS.

Decorating Volunteers... Many thanks to Bill, Stacey, Jeff, Chris and Jessica Treu, Mike, Irick and Emry Brandon, Dale Bauermeister, Diane Widhalm, Sherry Trupp, Shannon Abboud, Teresa Metzger, Carin Crampton, Donna Buell, Barb Melvin, Shirrel Medara, and Patsy Hart. A special thank you to Barb Melvin for repairing the chrismons on the trees by the altar, as well as cross stitching additional chrismons. A special thank you to Trish Wallinger for her vision and direction in preparing our sanctuary for Christmas.



Thank You! To all who donated to The Safe Havens Women Shelter. What a tremendous response from the St. Matthew Community and WWG.

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
#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

January 30

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



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!

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

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 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

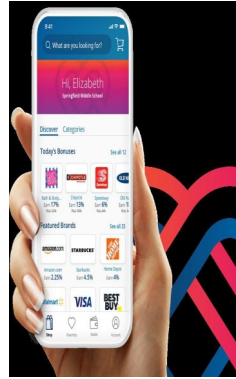
Rebate: \$1268.55

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

**771 of 862 tickets sold,
89 1/3% 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.

SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.



EARN FOR A SCHOOL.



Fiscal Year 2021-22 Financial Report to Parish—Monthly & Fiscal YTD—July 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021

Parish & School day-to-day Operating Funds—Monthly & Fiscal YTD (1)		Nov 21	Jul 21–Nov 21
Total Income	Faith direct/envelopes, cash/coin, tuition/enrollment fees, fundraisers, etc.	\$187,446	\$750,374
Total Expense	Payroll, utilities, maintenance/repairs, services, supplies, admin, etc.	\$138,545	\$661,007
Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenses		\$48,900	\$89,367

Continuing Our Journey (COJ)—Monthly & Fiscal YTD		Nov 21	Jul 21–Nov 21
Total Income	COJ fundraising campaign revenue from contributions & pledges	\$79,621	\$290,761
Total Expense	COJ expenses to operate church & pay its mortgage	\$36,926	\$170,181
Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenses		\$42,694	\$120,580

One Time Unbudgeted Transactions—Monthly & Fiscal YTD		Nov 21	Jul 21–Nov 21
Insurance revenue proceeds to replace gymnasium air conditioning system		\$0	\$110,095
Expense to replace gymnasium air conditioning system		\$0	\$112,595
Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenses		\$0	-\$2,500

Total Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$91,595	\$207,447
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(1). Primary sources for parish and school day-to-day November 2021 operating revenue were: 1) \$77,768 from general weekly contributions, 2) \$37,616 from school tuition/fees, and 3) \$6,252 from extended care fees.

Other Information

- Loan amounts from Security National Bank & Archdiocese for new church added together total \$8,400,696.
- November 2021 mortgage payments to Security National Bank & Archdiocese added together totaled \$26,315.