

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." — Lk 2:34-35

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

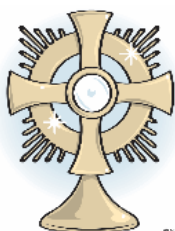
Sat.	Feb	1	5:00 pm – Helen Radil †
Sun.	Feb	2	8:30 am – St. Matthew Families 10:30 am – Joyce Current †

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues.	Feb	4	9:00 pm – Barb & Connie Hanley †
Wed.	Feb	5	9:00 am – Ray Wemhoff †
Thur.	Feb	6	9:00 am – Joe DieKemper†
Fri.	Feb	7	9:00 am – NO MASS

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat.	Feb	8	5:00 pm – Marion Roman†
Sun.	Feb	9	8:30 am – St. Matthew Families 10:30 am – Marion Roman †



24 HOUR EUCHARIST ADORATION THIS FRIDAY~ FEB. 7

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 pmcevoy@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training: Contacting Phil McEvoy at pmcevoy@gmail.com or Dan Linder at dan@linder.org.

MASS GREETERS NEEDED

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

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS



Jan	26	Leah Whittkop	\$50
Jan	27	Marcia Klein	\$25
Jan	28	Bev Stoltenberg	\$25
Jan	29	Ian Janeczko	\$25
Jan	30	Cindy Barnes	\$25
Jan	31	Loretta Kuhlman	\$25
Jan	Special	Wade Horton	\$33
Feb	1	Ferdinand Metzger	\$25

*A check will automatically be mailed to all winners,
There is no need to claim your prize.*

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.

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

February 1/2 Home & Foreign Missions – 4 in 1
February 15/16 Maintenance

If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. World Mission 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.





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

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Health Care Items are available for loan from the Knights: wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and a home-use oxygenator. Please Note: If you have borrowed medical equipment and are no longer using it, please contact Phil McEvoy @ 402-689-6457 or at prmevov@gmail.com for information on how to return it.



WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

FISH FRYs begin February 28! Please sign up to help serve desserts. All are welcome to help bake and donate desserts. Drop off to the kitchen any time on Fish Fry Fridays. Doors are open by 6:30 am.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 pm.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Last week's rebate: \$97.54

Thank you to all who purchased scrip gift cards, especially through the holidays in the past few weeks. We almost doubled our weekly sales. We hope you continue to purchase scrip for birthdays, holidays, graduations, anniversaries, and just everyday shopping!



SCHOOL YEAR

2020-2021

ENROLLMENT DATES

Enrollment for the 20-21 school year will be open on February 10 (for current families and parishioners). New family enrollment will open on Feb. 17. We would appreciate your help spreading the word to your friends and family. We are always looking for more amazing families to join our community.



MARDI GRAS

FRIDAY FEB 21

There are still tickets available! Plan to join us at the Mardi Gras celebration. Tickets are \$60.

Register and purchase tickets at this link:

[HTTPS://APP.SMARTSHEET.COM/B/FORM/C203CB512EC647ACA325733B00D34357](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c203cb512ec647aca325733b00d34357)

You may also register at the school or parish office. We had an overwhelming response to ticket sales, thank you! The Mardi Gras is a St. Matthew Community fundraiser that will include dinner and silent & live auctions. A list and photos of auction items will be posted next week. It is not too late for sponsorships; see the brochure on the table in the commons, or contact Sue Mailhot for information. samailhot@archomaha.org

Hope to see you in 'New Orleans'.



WE NEED YOU!

Your Parish Safety Board is looking for additional volunteers for the Security Team. Contact Greg at gregst7@cox.net or Dick at rlewis361@cox.net or call the parish office, 402 292-7418.

Security Team Schedule

February	8	5:00 pm	Percosky, Wethor
February	9	8:30 am	King, Lewis
		10:30 am	Harrington, Lewis

NOTICE: In accordance with Nebraska Statutes 69-2441 (1), (c), this notice is given that Fr. Leo Rigatuso, Pastor, Saint Matthew the Evangelist Parish, has given permission to certain specific persons to carry a concealed handgun on parish premises provided they are in compliance with the Concealed Handgun Permit Act and possess a permit to carry a concealed handgun issued pursuant to the act.

ARE THERE ANY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE HOUSE?

The Safety Board is adding a medical response team to work with the security team to provide first aid or initial, stabilizing care to any parishioner who may require it during Mass or other events held in the parish. If you have ANY medical background (our founding members consist of two (2) pharmacy technicians, a nurse and a respiratory therapist), please consider joining this important team and be available to assist fellow parishioners in a time of needs. 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..

Faith Formation



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 Wed. 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.

THAT MAN IS YOU

TMIY = A stronger relationship with God. It's not too late to join us. Come as you are and journey with other Catholic men. You will be glad you did! For more information contact: Deacon Ted Menzel @402-292-2076 or tcmenzel5@gmail.com

SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT

*Enjoy the Catholic faith On Demand!
Thousands of movies, programs, audio talks and books instantly. FREE App also available.*

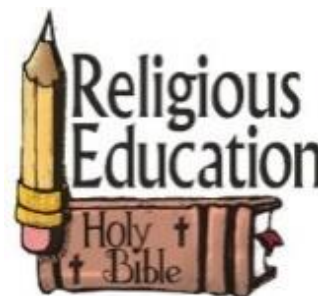
Visit FORMED.org, click "Sign Up", click "I belong to a Parish or Organization", type in "St. Matthew The Evangelist" (12210 S. 36th St., Ste A Bellevue, NE), click "Next", create your FREE New Account.

TOTUS TUUS

Save the Date. St. Matthew's is pleased to again offer Totus Tuus, "Totally Yours," this July. This summer youth program is a fun- and faith-filled week running from **Sunday, July 19th to Friday, July 24th 2020**. There are two separate programs offered—one for 1st to 6th grades and a second for 7th to 12th grades. **ALL** youth are invited and encouraged to attend. Watch for more information in future bulletins, visit the parish website <https://www.stmatthewbellevue.org/totus-tuus-vbs->, or contact Deacon Mark mhwhite@archomaha.org

FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS (FBC)

Want to learn more about the Catholic Church's teaching on living our "Life in Christ"? ALL are invited and encouraged to attend

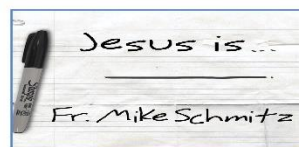


our next FBC session on **Wednesday, February 5th from 6:30-7:45p**. Adults meet in the multi-use area (Worship/gym) and youth (grades 1 to 8) meet in grade specific classrooms. This month's session focusses on the second part of Jesus' Great Commandment..."Love your neighbor as yourself" as it fulfills the last seven commandments. FBC hopes to equip families (youth and adults) to be better prepared to share our faith and live as Catholics in today's challenging culture. Questions? Contact Deacon Mark (MHWHITE@ARCHOMAHA.ORG)

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Jesus is...
By Father Mike Schmitz



In this talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz, he reveals the incredible implications of the question that Christ asks all of us: "Who do you say that I Am?"

LISTEN ON FORMED.ORG

POWERED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY



February Collection:

NEW underwear, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes. All items are donated to the Stephen Center. Donations can be placed in the blue bins, located just inside the doors.

PARISH AND SCHOOL RECYCLING JOINT PROJECT

As you may or may not be aware, early last summer our waste removal company informed us that they would no longer recycle metal or plastic, only cardboard. This is a trend throughout the industry as we learned several other companies are also going to cardboard-only for businesses. It was decided at that time, we would stop all recycling. As a result, our monthly bill has increased because we had to go to a larger dumpster to cover the recycling items (now trash).

Now, in a combined school/parish effort, 8th graders will collect recyclables from the classrooms on Friday afternoon and deposit them in bins in the kitchen. Parish organizations who have weekend activities (Athletics, Knights, WWG) will likewise deposit their recyclables in bins in the Kitchen. The recyclables will be hauled to receptacles at Hero's Park (by Hayworth Park) on Sunday evening. Hopefully, this will reduce the trash to a point where we can return to a smaller dumpster for trash thus reducing our monthly payment.

Since the receptacles at Hero's Park also accept glass, we will accept glass from the parish for recycling starting in March. Look for a bin marked "Glass" by the kitchen door in the commons on the weekends.



To: **Claire Von Osterheldt** – who earned High Honors
Duchesne

To: **Kevin Eby, Marcel Nash** – who earned First Honors
Creighton Prep

To: **Zachary Shaddy** – who earned Second Honors –
Creighton Prep

To: **Sarah Ronayne** – who earned Second Honors –
Mercy High School

To: **Ben Barnes, Mackenzie Cook, Abigail Cox, Bayleigh Donahoe, Austin Hynes, Delaney Huck, Erin Ruane, Jeff Treu, & Collin Sauley**, who earned a 3.25 GPA or greater @ Gross Catholic High School

RETRouvaille

February 14-16, 2020

Is your marriage going down the right road....or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program, www.helpourmarriage.org, www.retroouvaille.org, or call 1-800-47-2230.

AMAZONSMILE!

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 0.5% of your purchase price to St. Matthew. Thank you for your support!

BAKER'S COMMUNITYREWARD PROGRAM

WE RECEIVED \$708.61 FOR
LAST QUARTER'S REBATE!

Thank you to the 168 families 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

THE LADIES OF ST. MATT'S BABY HATS HAVE SET A RECORD!



In 2019 we made 441 hats for the NICU at Bergan Mercy Medical Center, beating our 2018 record of 238 hats! We are now making hats in baby pastel yarns and to donations and volunteer knitters and crocheters. Please feel free to contact Mary Fran Williamson at mfw822@hotmail.com with any questions.

IN-HOME CARE

Parishioner and college junior, Paige Castle, is interested in providing in-home care to any parishioner who might find it useful. Paige is a Certified Nursing Assistant at Papillion Manor and would like to continue her professional development this way. If you are interest, contact Paige at 618-806-8842 for further information on fees and hours.



Total Pledges: 281
 Pledged: \$2,296,981.00
 Total Collected: \$1,796,233.75

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work in the coming weeks includes installation of the light poles, weather permitting. On the lower level, water line work continues above ceiling and feeder conduits are being run in the same area.

On the upper level the roof blocking, soffit and fascia will continue. The Tongue & Groove decking should be complete this week. Lighting rough-ins are concluding on the lower sloped areas and will begin on the steeper pitches when available. The exterior walls are being framed, with a concentration on completing the dormers so the sheathing work can finish. Exterior roof drain installation will occur this week. Mechanical equipment will be set on the mezzanines. The clad wood windows and storefront frames will begin to be set at the end next week.

Unfortunately, we have a new revised completion date of 15 September 2020.

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



Families who have 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 are our 'Foundation Families'! 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 by the parish office.

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



2019 COMMEMORATIVE COINS AVAILABLE

The new coins are now available for purchase in the parish office. Coins are \$10. Cases are \$1. Artists: Elliot Cook, Side 1 & Rose Black, Side 2



Parish Council

Elected Parish Leadership

Rick Holdcroft–President
 Jane Lukasina–Vice President
 Greg Stoiber - Secretary

Organization Representatives

Fr. Leo–Pastor
 Sue Mailhot– Development Director
 Wade Horton–Finance Council
 Sherry Trupp–WWG
 Angie Palmer–School
 Dave Boone–Knights of Columbus
 Mark White–Religious Education
 Dick Lewis–Minutemen



STEPHEN MINISTRY SUPPORT

The joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience winters in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with

nowhere to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis. If you would like to learn more information about how Stephen Ministers can help, call Dan Taylor at (402) 707-4581.

LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

EPS BENEFIT DINNER GLOW (Giving Life through Our Works) Dinner this Thurs, Feb 6. Featured speaker is Shawn Carney, CEO and President of 40 Days for Life. Register at friendsofeps.org/glowdinner/ or by contacting Lori at Lrice@essentialps.org or 402.554.0121.



LIFE RUNNERS BANQUET - REGISTRATION OPEN! The annual LIFE Runners "All In Christ for Pro-Life" Banquet is Thurs, Feb 20, 2020. Archbishop Naumann, who leads the USCCB Pro-Life committee, is the speaker for the event. The banquet benefits school LIFE Runners chapters, impacting hearts & minds for saving lives! Visit the event website <https://www.liferunners.org/banquet/> for more details and to get registered. This Wed, Feb 5, is FIRST WED. Teammates please wear your jersey in public. 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 with more than 14,000 teammates ages .1 to 101 in 39 nations. Running is optional! Sign up, order your "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey.

PRAYER VIGIL Please mark your calendar for our next monthly prayer vigil on Fri, Feb 14, 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 in our community. Prayer booklets to help guide your hour of prayer are available in the Commons.

"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.

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LORD, open my lips.... ~Ps 51:17

Reflection: *If you were stranded on a desert island, and had pen, paper, and a bottle, the note you could write and put in that bottle could save your life. Before sealing it and throwing it in the sea, you would make sure that you put your very best effort behind what you said.*

So it is with conversations you have about abortion. Some day they may save a life. Conduct them well.

Prayer: *Give me confidence, O Lord, at every moment in which I will need to speak on this topic. Open my lips, that I may save lives. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit priestsforlife.org for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)*

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 1, 2020

St. Matthew Catholic Community
1st Annual

“IT’S ALL FOR JESUS”

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tara Hills Golf Course
12:30 SHOTGUN START

*Grab your golf clubs, sunscreen and a few friends.
Join us for a fun filled day of golf and fellowship.*

HOLE-IN-ONE CONTESTS, CLOSEST-TO-PIN 50/50 CONTEST,
FLAG PRIZES, RAFFLE PRIZES, AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

PLATINUM	\$1,000.00	4 Golfers, Hole Sponsorship, & Program Recognition
GOLD	\$ 750.00	3 Golfers, Hole Sponsorship, & Program Recognition
SILVER	\$ 500.00	2 Golfers, Hole Sponsorship, & Program Recognition
BRONZE	\$ 250.00	1 Golfer, Hole Sponsorship, & Program Recognition

DINNER SPONSORSHIP

PROVIDES DINNER FOR ALL GOLFERS & VOLUNTEERS - \$850.00

GOLF TOURNAMENT PRICES

SINGLE GOLFER	\$ 80.00	FOUR (4) PERSON TEAM	\$320.00
HOLE SPONSOR	\$175.00	HOLE SPONSORSHIP & TEAM	\$475.00
(Includes 4 Golfers + Hole Sponsorship)			

CASH AND RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED

For further Information and Volunteering Opportunities Contact:
Dennis Haun (402-250-1312) or Dave Linbrunner (402-960-0766)
papahaun@cox.net dlinbrunner@cox.net



St. Matthew
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by St. Matthew PTO and Knights of Columbus

We need your help!

Our Goal

2200 lbs

By this Wednesday
Feb 5 @ 9am

Benefiting our local Bellevue Food Panty

We have collected 889 lbs

Drop off times:

Saturday – Until 8pm

Sunday – Before Mass - 4pm

Monday – Until 9pm

Tuesday – Until 8pm

Simply leave your non-perishable donations in the shopping carts at the front entrance. If dropping off during school hours, please ring the bell located at the front entrance (East doors). At least one front door will be unlocked during the additional listed drop off times.

St. Matthew Community Dinner Nights February

Sponsored by St. Matthew PTO & Athletics

- ✓ Parents: Don't feel like cooking dinner? Take the family out instead! You get a much-deserved break while raising money for our school!
- ✓ Eat-In: Don't forget to tell them you're from St. Matthew
- ✓ Drive-Thru: Don't forget to tell them you're from St. Matthew
- ✓ We DO NOT get credit without your receipts/vouchers.
- ✓ Post this by your fridge and/or mark your calendars!

Thank you for supporting St. Matthew!

Thursday, Feb. 6



4 - 9pm

3602 Raynor Parkway

St. Matthew Community
receives 20% of total sales
on your receipt, dine-in
or take-out

Monday, Feb. 17

FIVE GUYS®

4-8 pm

**8540 S 71 Street Plaza
Papillion**

St. Matthew Community
receives 10% of total sales
on your receipt, dine-in
or take-out

Wednesday, Feb. 12



4 - 9pm

3602 Raynor Parkway

St. Matthew Community
receives 20% of total sales
on your receipt, dine-in
or take-out
5% discount with valid military I.D

Thursday, Feb. 20



4 - 9pm

4115 Twin Creek Drive

St. Matthew Community
receives 15% of total sales
on your receipt, dine-in
or take-out