

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ ”

— Mt 5:33-34a, 37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Feb 15 5:00 pm – John Fullilove †
Sun. Feb 16 8:30 am – Don Medara †
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Feb 18 9:00 pm – Don Stoltenberg †
Wed. Feb 19 9:00 am – Roy Mangham †
Thur. Feb 20 9:00 am – Mary Kraft †
Fri. Feb 21 9:00 am – Tony Platas †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Feb 22 5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families
Sun. Feb 23 8:30 am – Joe J. Marshall †
10:30 am – Joyce Current †



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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training: Contacting Phil McEvoy at prmcevoy@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.*

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S) NEEDED FOR BELLEVUE MEDICAL CENTER

One or more people are needed to distribute communion on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturdays each month. Time is approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours per day. If you are not an EMHC presently, Fr. Leo can mandate you. Contact Phil McEvoy 402-689-6457 or prmcevoy@gmail.com.

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS



Feb	9	Jose Hernandez	\$50
Feb	10	Barb Shimerdla	\$25
Feb	11	Flora Ramos	\$25
Feb	12	Reilly Williamson	\$25
Feb	13	Kara Miller	\$25
Feb	14	Chandra Kemp	\$25
Feb	15	Gerald L. Silva	\$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 15/16

Maintenance

February 29/March 1

Black & Indian

Our parish will participate in the 135th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection Feb 29/Mar 1. Your support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. Black/Indian 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: \$108.36

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. If you need information or would like to volunteer, stop by the Scrip table or contact Sue Mailhot at samailhot@archomaha.org.



SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 ENROLLMENT OPEN!

Enrollment for the 20-21 school year is open for all families. 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.

Visit this link to enroll:

<https://app.sycamoreschool.com/admissions/index.php?schoolid=2060>



MARDI GRAS IS THIS FRIDAY

Thank you to those who are planning to join us for our 2020 St. Matthew Community Fundraiser. You will not be disappointed!

You should have received an email this week with event details. *Contact Sue Mailhot for more information.* samailhot@archomaha.org

5:30pm

5:30pm

6-7pm

7:15pm

8:15pm

Check In

Silent Auctions Open

Social Hour with Appetizers & Complimentary Beverages

Dinner

Live Auction

~ Dress is casual or dressy casual.~

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Masses – February 26

9:00am, Noon, 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Tuesdays 6:00 pm in Chapel

Reconciliation

Wednesdays 6:00 pm & Saturdays 4:15 pm

Sundays following 10:30 am Mass



ATTENTION: MEN OF THE PARISH

Reserve this date:

February 23rd, 3PM @

St Mary's of Bellevue

to join the Knights of Columbus.

One 30 minute ceremony focused on the principles of the Knights – Charity, Unity and Fraternity....while your family and friends join to bear witness to your spiritual growth as a Catholic man of faith. The ceremony will be conducted by the State Deputy and three Past State Deputies and attended by dignitaries from around the state; truly a unique opportunity. This is a brand new approach with a focus on modernizing the order. THERE IS NO BETTER TIME TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THAN NOW!!!

Please contact Dave Boone or Shaun Richter for answers to you questions.

(402-291-1493 or 513-478-0914)

Faith Formation



WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

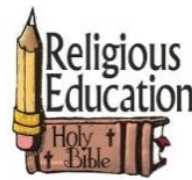
Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5pm to 6pm in the St. Matthew Chapel. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers to include an on-going Novena, and close with Benediction and Evening Prayer (Vespers). Parishes are encouraged 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.

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, March 4th 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)

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.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting his Church in giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom."

Lectio: Peter

Peter and the Keys -
The Primacy of the Church



WATCH ON FORMED.ORG

POWERED BY THE AUGUSTINUS BOOKS

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.



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	22 5:00 pm	Dibelka, Wethor
February	23 8:30 am	Rolfzen, Weis
	10:30 am	B. Mlnarik, Rausch

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.

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.

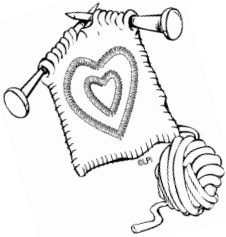
REMEMBER *this does not cost you anything or take away from any other reward points you receive.* Consider linking your rewards card to St. Matthew at: www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards

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. MATTHEW HAVE MADE THE NEWS!

Congratulations to our knitting crew, who were recognized on the front page of the Bellevue Leader this week. Your time and talents are appreciated, and are not going unnoticed in our community!



In 2019 the group made 441 hats for the NICU at Bergan Mercy Medical Center, beating their 2018 record of 238 hats! They are now making hats in baby pastel yarns and always open to donations and volunteer knitters and crocheters.



Contact Mary Fran Williamson at mfw822@hotmail.com with any questions.

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.





Total Pledges: 281
 Pledged: \$2,296,981.00
 Total Collected: \$1,838,509.21

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

This week work continues on the roof to seal it from weather. Expect to see insulation and nail decking and felt applied to the roof. Once the felt is in place, it will be considered watertight even without shingles. Shingles will wait until warmer weather to ensure proper sealing.

All windows are installed on the lower level and will continue to be on the upper level. City inspections are complete on the lower level electrical and plumbing rough-ins. Interior framing will now begin on the upper level.

Completion date remains September 15.

YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE CONSTRUCTION UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE!

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



WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM ST. MATTHEW PARISH?

EMAIL: We make every attempt to limit our emails to relevant information that affects all parishioners. If you are not receiving our emails, and would like to, call 402-292-7418 or email plbanks@archomaha.org.

Please note that our system allows one (1) email address per family for general information. You may enter additional individual emails for each family member in order to receive information that is more specific, e.g. parishioners who are liturgical ministers may each have their own email address listed.

INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS: You may select specific organizations to receive instant messages from through our parish app. Some examples of notification groups are: Daily Mass Schedule, Set-Up/Take Down Crew, Prayer Warriors, Religious Ed, Security Team etc. See our website for more information or stop in the office for help downloading the app, and setting up your specific notifications.



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY
LIFE RUNNERS BANQUET – THIS THURSDAY! It's not too late to join us at the annual LIFE Runners "All In Christ for Pro-Life" Banquet this 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. Our LR chapter is putting together a "Family Game/Movie Night" basket for the silent auction at the banquet. Please contact Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699 if you would like to donate an item.

PRAYER VIGIL Thank you to those that joined us for our monthly prayer vigil at the Carhart abortion facility on Friday. Please mark your calendar for our next vigil on Fri, Mar 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 in our community. Prayer booklets to help guide your hour of prayer are available in the Commons.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN From Feb 26 (Ash Wed) – Apr 5 (Palm Sun), you're invited to join other Christians around the world for the 40 Days for Life campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Pray at home, but more importantly, pray in front of the abortion facility in our city (1002 Mission St, Bellevue) or Planned Parenthood in Omaha. Order one of Shawn Carney's (co-founder, CEO, President of 40 Days for Life) books to read during the campaign to be informed and inspired: 40 Days for Life, The Beginning of the End of Abortion or To The Heart of the Matter. Visit 40daysforlife.com for more info.

"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.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want; rather, I do what I hate. ~ Rom 7:15

Reflection: Abortion advocates say we should "trust" women to make their own decisions. Are we then to simply trust that people won't lie, cheat, run red lights, or rob a local store?

At times, people do not respect the rights of others. That's why laws exist.

Prayer: Lord, with St. Paul, I acknowledge that I am inclined to sin despite my best intentions. Help us as we struggle against evil. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit priestsforlife.org for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)

ST. BERNADETTE 2020 PARISH MISSION NIGHTS.

Fr. Scott Hastings, Judicial Vicar Archdiocese of Omaha is the Missioner. Theme is *The Kingdom of God is at Hand*. This will be March 1 – 3. Babysitting is available, Hospitality nightly; Reconciliation is available Monday night. Programs:

Sunday: The Promise of Christ

Monday: What gets in the way (NOT suitable for children)

Tuesday: Sharing the Gospel

For more info: stbernadetteparish.org or Parish Office – 402-731-4694.



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

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 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