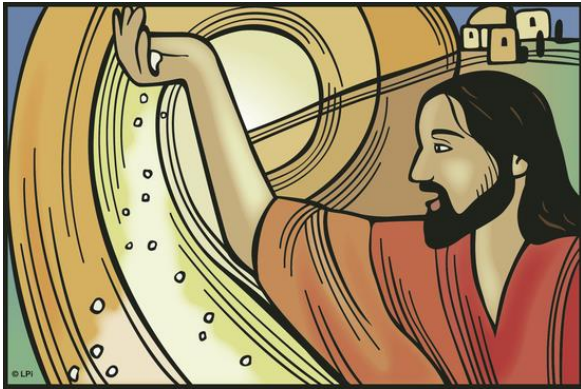


ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." — Mt 5:13a, 14

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

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

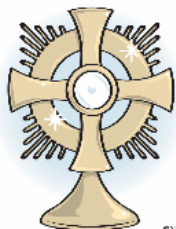
Sat.	Feb	8	5:00 pm – Marion Roman †
Sun.	Feb	9	8:30 am – St. Matthew Families 10:30 am – Marion Roman †

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues.	Feb	11	9:00 pm – Mary Elizabeth O'Riley †
Wed.	Feb	12	9:00 am – Pat Goodeyon †
Thur.	Feb	13	9:00 am – Anne Sorzano †
Fri.	Feb	14	9:00 am – Ruth Grieser & Pat Bantner †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

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



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 prncevoy@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training: Contacting Phil McEvoy at prncevoy@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



Feb	2	Corrine Price	\$50
Feb	3	Cindy Brazeal	\$25
Feb	4	Tim & Terri Burke	\$50
Feb	5	Carmen Klein	\$25
Feb	6	Bob Hinson	\$25
Feb	7	Marcia Klein	\$25
Feb	8	Andrew Roth	\$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: \$37.46

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

OPENS MONDAY!

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

Tickets are \$60

There are only about 20 remaining! Do not miss out on this fun night!



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.

The Mardi Gras is a St. Matthew Community fundraiser that will include dinner and silent & live auctions. It is not too late for sponsorships; see the brochure on the table in the commons, or contact Sue Mailhot for more information.

samailhot@archomaha.org

Hope to see you in 'New Orleans'!

5:30pm	Check In
5:30pm	Silent Auctions Open
6-7pm	Social Hour with Appetizers & Complimentary Beverages
7:15pm	Dinner
8:15pm	Live Auction

~ Dress is casual ~

You are welcome to wear masks and beads!



Please join the Knights

February 9th

9:00am - 11:45am

**Free will donations support
Religious Education**

Delicious menu:

Pancakes	Potato Casserole
French Toast	Fresh Fruit
Scrambled Eggs	2 varieties of Sausage
Bacon	Orange Juice, Milk, and Coffee

Faith Formation



WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

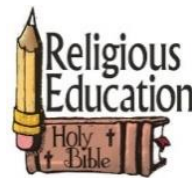
Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5pm to 6pm in the St. Matthew Chapel. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers to include an on-going Novena, and close with Benediction and Evening Prayer (Vespers). Parishes are encouraged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

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Shot on location in France, this film is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience," and was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes to retell the epic story.

Bernadette

St. Bernadette and the Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes



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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.

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

We delivered 71 lbs of clothing and toiletries to the Stephen Center this week; keep filling up those blue bins!

Thank you to all who participated in our recent food drive. 1481 lbs. of food was delivered to the Bellevue Food Pantry on Wednesday!



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.



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.



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	15	5:00 pm	Abboud, Burdine
February	16	8:30 am	Obermier Lewis
		10:30 am	Lukasina, Mailhot

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



Total Pledges: 281
 Pledged: \$2,296,981.00
 Total Collected: \$1,802,693.75

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

This week a lot of work will be done on the east (36th St) upper level entrance with placement of precast concrete and framing. Also, this week work continues on the south side roof to make it watertight so that drywall can start on the lower level south side where the Parish Offices will be. Don't expect to see shingles soon though as it is too cold for them to seal properly.

On the lower level, ducting, plumbing and electrical rough-in is almost complete and city inspectors will be certifying the work prior to the start of drywall placement.

Finally, in the next two weeks, all windows should be installed which will allow for the building to be heated so that we are no longer subject to the weather.

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



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

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. Our 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 Our next monthly prayer vigil is this 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.

From my mother's womb, You have been my God. ~ Ps 22:11

Reflection: Abortion supporters sometimes ask, "Why don't you focus on caring for people who are already alive?"

When we speak about unborn children, we are not speaking about "possible" children; we are speaking about real children who are already quite alive.

Prayer: *Father, open our eyes to recognize our brothers and sisters in their mother's womb. Open our hearts to love them as You do.* (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit priestsforlife.org for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)

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## 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-

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*I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord
Above to fill your heart and bless your soul with the
Precious gift of love.*

*I asked Him for sincere love the kind that's meant to
Stay just like the generous love You give to those
You touch each day.*

*I prayed for love from family and from every
Cherished friend then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.*

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