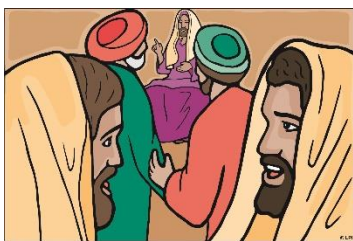


ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Feb 2 5:00 pm – Marvin Hondl †
Sun. Feb 3 8:30 am – St. Matthew Families
10:30 am – John Kotera †

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Feb 5 9:00 am – Steve Forget
Wed. Feb 6 9:00 am – Mary Schneider †
Thur. Feb 7 9:00 am – Lawrence Hichborn †
Fri. Feb 8 9:00 am – Mary Schneider †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Feb 9 5:00 pm – Steve Olson †
Sun. Feb 10 8:30 am – Patrick McCool
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

MASS GREETERS NEEDED

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is scheduled by contacting Phil McEvoy at prmcevoy@gmail.com or Dan Linder at dan@linder.org.

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.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed: Maggie Hovey
Please remember in your prayers those with particular health needs: Patrick McCool



For prayers for the sick or deceased, please email plbanks@archomaha.org.

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS

Jan. 27	Dan Tracy	\$50
Jan. 28	Lisa Vance	\$25
Jan. 29	Patrick E. Brennan	\$25
Jan. 30	John Welbes	\$25
Jan. 31	Jennifer Hazell	\$25
Jan. 31	Dennis/Mary Armstrong	\$114.25
Feb 1	Patti Veylupek	\$25
Feb 2	Justin Wray	\$25



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

FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving this year. 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 2/3

Home & Foreign Missions

February 16/17

Maintenance

If you are not using envelopes, please **write your envelope number** and designated fund (e.g. World Mission, Camp. Campaign, etc.) in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, just call or email the parish office 402-292-7418.

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.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Would you be willing to donate a salad or dessert for a funeral luncheon or help serve when it is convenient for you? If so, please email Margaret Galloway at s9sgallowm@yahoo.com to be added to the distribution list. .



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 email.*

If you are interested in joining or want more information, please contact Pat Brennan, Grand Knight, at 402-592-5027.

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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

Health Care Items are available for loan from the Knights: wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and a home-use oxygenator. If you have borrowed and no longer need, please return. If you have items you no longer need and would like to donate, contact Pat Brennan, Grand Knight, at 402-592-5027.

WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 pm in the Commons. All ladies are welcome.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

We are in need of a volunteer to lead our Community Outreach Program. You may definitely bring your own ideas, but this could include: coordinating with local shelters on their needs and communicating them to our parishioners, organizing collection efforts, volunteers, and transportation of collected items. As well as, coordinating events (e.g. bingo days) with our local senior living centers. This program would complement and work in conjunction with the strong food collection program we already have in place. Contact the parish office 402-292-7418 plbanks@archomaha.org if you feel called to help with this ministry.

**CAN
YOU
HELP?**

SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY



We are in true need of volunteers.

Last Week's Rebate: \$66.55

Volunteer Sales People Needed: Duties include: Selling scrip cards before and after masses, taking inventory and securing the cards after mass. *Please prayerfully consider if this is something you might be able to help with, and contact the parish office at 402-292-7418.*

You do not need to be available every week.

Any help will be appreciated.



"I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:16-17

Total Pledges: 264

Total Pledged: \$2,270,511.00

Total Collected: \$1,303,260.94

SANCTUARY FURNITURE

For a preview of our new sanctuary furniture, go to our website (under 'New Church'). Also available on our new app!

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: stmatthewbellevue.org.



ENROLLMENT AND OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Preschool-8th grade enrollment for parishioners and current families opens on Monday, **February 4.**

Check out our website for more information. stmatthewbellevuene.net

SUPER STAR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Vote for our school for the KVSS Spirit Catholic Radio Superstar Catholic School contest. You may vote one time between now and February 8th! Help our school win free radio time and publicity. Here is the address:

<https://spiritcatholicradio.com/superstar/>

We are in Category 6: Catholic Elementary School - 101-200 Students Enrollment.

Thanks for your support! Every vote makes a difference. Spread the word to your family and friends!

LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

Prayer Vigil Mark your calendar for our next monthly prayer vigil Fri, Feb 15 (NEW date), from 10:00-11:00am. All are encouraged to pray any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the abortion facility is open (1002 Mission Ave, Bellevue). Let us bring hope and be a joyful presence of love to mothers and families looking for help in the face of a desperate time and be the light of Christ and witnesses to life in our community. Prayer booklets to help guide your hour of prayer are available in the Commons.



LIFE Runners This Wednesday, Feb 6, is First Wednesday! Don't forget to wear your "Remember the Unborn" jersey in public to be a witness to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. 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 having over 10,300 teammates ages .1 to 101 in 50 states and 36 nations. Running is optional. Sign up, order "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey, and wear it as a public witness to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. See the bulletin insert or visit liferunners.org/abby for info about the first ever LIFE Runners banquet and join us in welcoming Abby Johnson to Omaha. All In Christ for Pro-Life!

"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.

Nebraska Catholic Conference (NCC) The NCC represents the mutual public policy interest of the three Catholic Bishops serving in NE. They serve as a channel between the government and the Church, representing and advocating for the nearly 400K Catholics, 350 parishes and 113 Catholic schools in our state. The NCC also operates the state office of the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities. Join our Catholic Advocacy Network of NE (CANN) by visiting NECATHOLIC.ORG to receive email updates and actin alerts on the issues most important to you and the Bishops.

He will judge the world with justice and the nations with equity. ~ Ps 96:13

Reflection: Some abortion advocates oppose "litmus tests" for judges. But if a judge had written an opinion about why women should not have the right to vote, wouldn't that be enough to disqualify him from being confirmed?

The fact is that we use litmus tests all the time, because certain lines should never be crossed. The killing of children by abortion is one of them.

Prayer: Lord, Judge of all, give wisdom to those entrusted with the task of human judgment, and let those who select them be guided by Your righteousness. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit priestsforlife.org for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)

Contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com with any Loving Life Ministry questions or if you would like to join us for any of the events.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

ANNUAL UPDATE

Saturday, March 9 from 12-7pm

Are you a new parishioner, did your family change or did you simply miss last year's photo session? No matter the reason, if you'd like to add or update your family photo in our directory...book your appointment today! Find a link on our website or use this direct link: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y8b3g6m2/>

Reminder: All families who participate will receive a free 8x10 photo and a parish photo directory. If you participated last year, you will all so receive the new updated photo directory from this year.



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).

THE ST. MATTHEW MOBILE APP

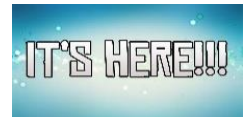
Download from the homepage of our website or:

iPhone users text: ParishApp1 to 555888

Android users text: ParishApp2 to 555888

---Enjoy quick access to bulletins, ministry schedules, faith direct giving, daily readings, new church updates and much, much more!

---You can also select to receive notifications from the parish, specific parish groups and/or school! To receive notifications, select 'Allow' when prompted while downloading the app. If you wish to do this at a later date you may do this in your phone's settings (instruction links are available on our website, as well).



ST. MATTHEW COMMEMORATIVE COINS

Available in the Parish Office for \$10. All profits will benefit the new church.

GIFTS TO ST. MATTHEW PARISH

October – December 2018

Memorials

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Steve Olson

Mary Kirkpatrick
Mike & Jane Lukasina

George Tuttle

Geraldine Zimmerman

Helen Roper

Dave & Annette Linbrunner
Dennis & Norma Kathman
Mike & Jane Lukasina

Mother of Barbara Bolter

Dennis & Norma Kathman

Joseph Soboto

Mike & Jane Lukasina

Noreen O'Rourke Hockert

Mike & Jane Lukasina

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In Honor of

Msgr Tom Furlong

Jerry Moritz

Fr. Leo, Patsy, Paula

Beverly Stoltenberg

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

THANK YOU! We currently have 151 households participating and will be receiving \$770.13 for your purchases last quarter. **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.



\$575 Total raised to date

In an effort to reach outside of the parish to help fund our new church, we have established a "Go Fund Me" page (thanks to Tim & Ariel Tompsett). We would also like to share the link to this page with you, in hopes that you will be willing to share it on your personal social media sites. **If you haven't seen the school video...it is worth the watch! (See what the kids know about "pews" and "kneelers"!)**

<https://www.gofundme.com/a-pathway-to-our-church>

ARCHOMAHA UNITE EVENT SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 8



Experience JOY.

Has your life become routine or even mundane? It's time to receive joy in a way that will refresh, energize, and inspire you. Join your brothers and sisters from across the Archdiocese of Omaha, and experience a celebration of community and faith at ArchOmaha Unite, June 8, 2019.

God has more for you. Receive more of what's been missing at Unite.

For more information and to register go to this website: <https://unite.archomaha.org/>



CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

Still in need of baby hats for local NICUs. Can you help? Contact Mary Fran Williamson 402-292-4304 or mfw822@hotmail.com. *Thank you to all who have helped so far! We donated 238 baby hats to Bergan Mercy NICU in 2018.*

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Ages 17-35 – Broom Tree Retreat Center in South Dakota
Fri., Feb. 15, 7pm – Sun., Feb. 17, 4 pm. For women desiring to grow in her capacity to discern God's activity in her heart. Contact monicaoblate@gmail.com for more info. Registration due Feb. 8 – Cost \$125.00. Scholarships are available.



Duchesne Honors:

Claire VonOsterheldt and Olivia Graesser

Mercy Honors:

Makayla Townsend

Gross Honor Roll:

Mackenzie Cook, Delaney Huck, Chris Treu, Jeff Treu, Ben Barnes, Abigail Cox, Michael Kovarik, Erin Ruane, Seven Williams, Riley Donahoe, Arianna Green, Jillian Linder, Max Metzger, Jenna Mlnarik, Olivia Petranick, and Kaitlin Steinauer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION—BEGINNING THIS WEEK!

All are invited to join us for the 3-week study Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist. This study “explores the radical mystery of God’s love expressed in the Eucharist and shows how in this sacrament God is really present to help and strengthen us at every step of life’s journey. By diving into the story of God’s love for his people in Scripture and the Church’s teaching on this sacrament, Presence invites each one of us into a deeper, more intimate union with God.” Classes are on Thursday evenings (1/31, 2/7, 2/14) from 6:30-8:00pm in the Library (Bldg 2). Cost for the study guide is \$6. Contact Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699 to register or with any questions.

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON DEALL

Meeting every Wednesday 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.*

FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly Family-Based Catechesis (FBC) sessions! FBC provides adults and youth alike the opportunity to learn more about and share our Catholic faith. The sessions typically are on the "First Wednesday" of every month from 6:30 to 7:45p. The next FBC session is Wednesday, February 6th. Please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org) if you have any questions.

TOTUS TUUS-SAVE THE DATES!

St. Matthew parish is excited to again host the Totus Tuus team this summer! It will be from Sunday, July 20th to Friday, July 26th. The Totus Tuus team provides an energetic and Catholic faith-filled encounter with Jesus for our youth in 1st through 12th grades. More information can be found on the parish website (under the "Religious Education" tab) as well as in future bulletins.

NEW STUDY - REGISTER NOW

All are invited to join us for a program based on the book Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told by Fr. Michael Gaitley. “In 10 fast-paced and lively sessions, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendor of God’s merciful love. From the epic story of Poland’s national suffering, to the events of Fatima, the revelations of St. Faustina, the heroic efforts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the life of St. John Paul II, the panorama of Divine Mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality.” Come learn more about the important message and devotion behind the Divine Mercy image that you see at Mass every week! (This is the introduction to the entire Hearts Afire Parish-based Program (HAPP) that will follow next fall.) Classes are on Thursday evenings, beginning Feb 21, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Library (Bldg 2). Cost for the book is \$15. Contact Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699 to register or with any questions. Register by Feb 6 so books can be ordered.

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February – Month of Love and Marriage

Study – Beloved program: The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage and Living Marriage.

Watch – The Jeweller’s Shop

Listen – Three to Get Married (Venerable Fulton J. Sheen)

Youth – Y-Disciple: Human Sexuality

Read – Marriage 911: How God Saved Our Marriage



St. Matthew Knights of Columbus

News & Announcements



**DON'T MISS THE PANCAKE
BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY!**

Feb. 10

9:00AM - 11:45AM

Your free will donations will provide Confirmation Bibles and Catholic Education Scholarships

We have many delicious items on the menu:

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. MATTHEW COUNCIL CHAMPIONS!

Students from St. Matthew School recently competed in the 1st stage of the **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Completion**. We wish them luck as they advance to the District level of competition!

Congratulations!

Name	Category
Hope Garcia	Age 13 Girls
Jack Von Osterheldt	Age 13 Boys
Evelyn Ferony	Age 12 Girls
Tanner Adam	Age 12 Boys
Elizabeth Downs	Age 11 Girls
Robbie Garcia	Age 11 Boys
Brianna Gregg	Age 10 Girls
Arnie Nash	Age 10 Boys
Brigid McFall	Age 09 Girls
Charlie Barnes	Age 09 Boys

**A HUGE THANK YOU for your generous donations in support of our
Spaghetti/Pasta Dinners and Pancake Feed fundraisers!**

Interested in becoming a Knight or need more information about the Knights of Columbus?

Please contact Shaun Richter (Membership Director) at 513-478-0914 / shaun_richter@yahoo.com or contact Pat Brennan (Grand Knight) at 402-592-5027 / pat.brennan.kc11879@gmail.com

“All In Christ for Pro-Life” Banquet with Abby Johnson!



Powerful sneak peak clips from her “Unplanned” movie!

- * Friday, Feb 22nd, St Elizabeth, 114th St, Omaha, NE.**
- * VIP Reception with Abby (for sponsors): 5:30 pm.**
- * Social (cash bar): 6 pm.**
- * Dinner and Presentation: 7 pm.**

Only 280 seats! \$50 per ticket. Register, reserve a Table, and see Sponsorships at liferunners.org/abby.

Banquet benefits school LIFE Runners chapters, impacting hearts and minds for saving lives!

Abby is the founder of “And Then There Were None”, assisting abortion facility workers out of the industry. As a Planned Parenthood facility director, she was involved in 22,000 abortions. That all ended the day she was asked to assist with an ultrasound-guided abortion. Abby is now a LIFE Runner and truly All In Christ for Pro-Life!



LIFE Runners Team

REMEMBER The Unborn - Jer 1:5