

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Feb 20 5:00pm - St. Matthew Families
Sun. Feb 21 9:30am - Carol & Chuck Sand †
11:00am - Dennis Millen †

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Feb 23 9:00am – Sean Doneen †
Wed. Feb 24 9:00am – Helen Andrlik †
Thur. Feb 25 9:00pm – Ferdinand Metzger, Sr †
Fri. Feb 26 9:00am – James Francis Fullenkamp-†

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Feb 27 5:00pm – Betty Lyle †
Sun. Feb 28 9:30am – St. Matthew Families
11:00am – Dick Winters †

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

February 20

**Maintenance
One Rose One Life**

If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. Maintenance etc.) in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, contact the parish office.

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.

USHERS NEEDED!!

We are asking for more people to volunteer to be an usher. Five ushers are needed for each mass. Contact the parish office if you are interested in helping.

CALENDAR LOTTERY

WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Feb 14	Mike & Jane Lukasina	\$ 50
Feb 15	Bev Stoltenberg	\$ 25
Feb 16	Rich & Mary Lomax	\$ 25
Feb 17	Steve & Stephanie Malone	\$ 25
Feb 18	Ashley & Jake Erichsen	\$ 25
Feb 19	Monica & Curtis Weddle	\$ 25
Feb 20	Brian Mlnarik	\$25

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



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.

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 have been received.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

Reconciliation
Wednesdays 6:00 pm &
Saturdays 4:30 pm
Sundays following 11:00 am Mass

FAMILY ROOM OPEN

The Family Room in the back of the church is available during masses. There are rocking chairs and a private family restroom for your use.

ST. PADRE PIO WINDOW

An updated thank you list is on the website in the bulletin.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Officer Meetings are held the first Monday of each month. The general Member's Meeting is the third Monday of the month. Meetings are 7:00 PM in the new church administration conference room. All Knights are invited and welcome to attend the Members Meetings'. If you are not receiving emails with general council information, contact Dave Boone to ensure your email address is current. If you need information to become a Knight, contact Dave Boone, Grand Knight, 402-291-1493, dbruceb1@gmail.com or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, 402-658-9636, or email dbauermeister3@gmail.com.

NOTE: Until further notice, monthly Officer and Member Meetings are held via Zoom.

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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



WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

To help support the Knights of Columbus Fish Frys, we are asking everyone who wishes to help to bake cookies or brownies.

- For the first night we will provide cookies selling for \$2.00.
- We will need to place 2 large or 4 small cookies in a ziplock bag or other container.
- Bring the desserts to the commons (outside the gym) Friday afternoon by 4:00 if possible. The desserts arriving after the start of the fish fry will be added to the table. We want the Knights to have an adequate supply upon starting.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: No Sales

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. Scrip may still be ordered online. For information, contact Sue Mailhot at samailhot@archomaha.org. [HTTPS://SHOP.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM/](https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/)



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

February Collection:

Warm gently used clothes – socks, shirts, shoes, coats, gloves, and hats are appreciated. The warm clothes are donated to the Stephen Center. These can be placed in the blue bin at school or the west entrance when you come into church. Thanks for your continued support. January. clothing donation of 195 pounds went to Stephen Center and 50 pounds of food was donated to Mater Filius and 395 pounds of food donated to Stephen Center.



SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

Enrollment for the 21-22 school year is open for all families. Go to stmattschool.com to register or contact the school – 402-291-2030.



EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Exposition of the Eucharist is now every Friday of the month from 6:00am Friday to 8:00am Saturday. *Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact a*

sub. Contact Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy if you would like to participate regularly or substitute as needed. Donna Buell at BUELLDONNAJM@GMAIL.COM Phil McEvoy at PRMCEVOY@GMAIL.COM

"SAVE THE DATE" GOLF TOURNAMENT May 7, 2021

St. Matthew Catholic Community
1st Annual "IT'S ALL FOR JESUS"
Golf Tournament at Tara Hills

For more information and volunteering opportunities, contact
Dennis Haun (402-250-1312)
papahaun@cox.net OR
Dave Linbrunner (402-960-0766)
dlinbrunner@cox.net



PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

The library is on the left side of the sanctuary, second door on the left. It is open weekdays during office hours and on weekends before and after masses. There is a sign out sheet for the books and CDs on the table. We suggest you try to return the books/CDs within 3 weeks and then note your return date on the line where you signed out. There is a blue box for the return items. Return books to our new location. Our space is limited so we only accept donations of adult catholic books. (Please no pamphlets or children's books.) Stop by and peruse our large selection of books & CDs.



FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS (FBC)

Religious Formation for the Entire Family. All parishioners are welcome to attend St. Matthew's Family-Based Catechesis (FBC). Sessions for the entire parish are typically on the **First Wednesday** of every month from 6:30p to 7:45p. This year's FBC focus will be on the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church--"Christian Prayer." Prayer is an essential gift from God that we've been created for and called to participate in so that we may deepen our bond with Him who is Love. St. Teresa of Calcutta said "Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself. Prayer begets faith, faith begets love, and love begets service on behalf of the poor." Come to this year's FBC sessions for opportunities for yourself, and your family, to grow more deeply in love with God through prayer. You can find more information about FBC on the parish website, or by contacting Deacon Mark at mhwhite@archomaha.org. We will be following COVID-19 safety guidelines for the youth and adult sessions.

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR.

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on **Sunday** evenings from **5 to 6p**. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers as a community, and close with Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Benediction. A Sunday evening Holy Hour and Vespers is *not just a randomly scheduled event*. According to Church tradition, parishes are encouraged to join in community for the Liturgy of the Hours, *especially the Evening Prayer on Sundays* (Sacrosanctum Concilium). Accordingly, we as the St. Matthew's Catholic Community join our prayers, in union with the universal church, for the mission of the Church--the salvation of souls. Come offer your prayers for this intention, as well as your own, in the presence of Jesus during this Holy Hour of Exposition. Contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org) with questions.

SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

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. Enjoy the Catholic faith On Demand. Thousands of movies, programs, audio talks and books instantly. Wonderful content for kids and families. FREE App also available.

JPII NEWMAN CENTER

Current and prospective college students: Join us at the JPII Newman Center in Omaha, Saturday, February 27 from 11 am – 4 pm for our open house. No RSVP necessary! Masks and social distancing will be required. More info: JPiOmaha.org



WELCOME

Victor James Teeney

Baptized February 13, 2021

****NEW PROGRAM** Fresh Produce Pantry! DRIVE THRU**

On Wednesdays from 4:30pm-6pm we are providing a drive through fresh produce pantry in the South parking lot. This will continue until Wednesday, Feb 24. Aside from produce, a gallon of milk is also provided. If you are experiencing food insecurity, please join us on Wednesdays. A mask is required, no sign-up or ID verification is required. Please share this wonderful news with others who may be experiencing this concern. This program is made through Whispering Roots, whose kindness and generosity are so appreciated

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLEANING OUR CHURCH

Teams are being put together to vacuum, dust, and sweep on a weekly basis. We hope to have several teams. If you are interested, contact Sue Mailhot, samailhot@archomaha.org. With 5 or 6 people to a team, it would take about an hour and a half to clean.

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Please join the prayer team in reciting the campaign prayer, at home, on a daily basis with your family. Extra prayer cards are in the narthex and in both the school and parish offices.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Lenten Parish Mission

Sun, March 14 - - Tues, March 16

CAMPUS WIDE IT/AV COMMITTEE

The Parish is forming a committee to oversee the management of Information Technology, Audio and Visual systems across the campus to ensure we maintain our state of the art systems and have consistency across the school and new building systems. We are interested in individuals who have expertise in networking, video systems, audio systems and computer systems. Contact Rick Holdcroft, rholdcroft@cox.net, 402-350-4097 for more information.

PATHWAY BRICKS

As an ongoing fundraiser, Pathway Bricks are being sold for \$100. These bricks will be placed in a special area. 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'.

CAMPUS WIDE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE:

The Parish is forming a committee to oversee the maintenance of the landscape across the entire campus. If you enjoy working the ground, gardening, maintaining sprinklers, cutting grass, etc, consider joining this group. Contact Teresa Metzger, Greg Stoiber or Brian Carney for more information.



2019 COMMEMORATIVE COINS AVAILABLE

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



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

BABY HATS ARE NEEDED!



Ladies, good news! Get your crochet hooks and your knitting needles ready because we are starting to collect your **hand-made baby hats** again! The hats are only for **newborns**. The maternity center at Nebraska Medical will be taking them and giving them to their babies. You can place the baby hat in a zip lock bag in the bin on the WWG table. Please feel free to contact Mary Fran Williamson with any questions at mfw822@hotmail.com.

GUIDELINES from the maternity center for the baby hats: **SIZE:** Baby hats need to fit an average size newborn. We do not currently take donations for NICU/premie size babies. To help with sizing, the requested measurements for newborn hats are – head circumference of 10” – 12” (and no larger than 14”) and hat length of 6”-7”. **YARN TYPE:** choose for softness and ease of wash ability (ideally the baby soft yarns) Items are to be from new/clean material and also from smoke and pet free homes. If items are laundered, please do so with free & clear or baby detergent. Our newborns do also love a themed hat, so feel free to do those in addition to the traditional blues, greens, purple, pinks, etc. i.e. February-heart month, March-St. Paddy's/green, October-pumpkins, etc. Please: **no removable parts** for example, pom-poms, buttons or bows as those can be a choke-hazard. Please place a note with the baby hat in the bag stating your name length of time spent making the hat. Thank you again for your support and help!

ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

New Location: The Auction is now located in the lower-level hallway just outside the Parish Office. It can be accessed from the rear lower-level doors, from the office, or by taking the elevator/stairs from the main church to the lower level and following the hallway to the rear entrance.

- ❖ Donation can be placed under the auction table
- ❖ Payment envelopes are on the table
- ❖ Place them in the SVDP box, in the collection basket, or give to Parish or School office
- ❖ Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Council 11879
- ❖ Remember to include your phone number on all bids
- ❖ Auctions end dates are posted on the bid forms

Continued thanks to all of those donating and bidding. If you would like to assist with this program, contact Scott Eversole at 402-216-1508.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and struggling.

Our SVdP Conference has been fortunate to be part of the CARES Act program through the Omaha SVdP Council. We were one of 20 conferences in the Omaha area who volunteered to facilitate the distribution of CARES Act monies to needy throughout the community until Dec 31,2020. Of the \$950K given to the Omaha SVdP Council, we helped disperse over \$914K for rent, food, and utilities, sparing individuals and families from eviction, hunger, cold and darkness. How wonderful to be part of this organization so committed to helping our neighbors in need!

Our work is far from over. When the rental eviction moratorium ends in March, we expect we'll be very busy assisting wherever we can. This week's 2nd collection will be for our SVdP Congregation, enabling our group to continue our important work

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

We received \$741.50 for last quarter's rebate!

Thank you to the 171 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 purchase price to St. Matthew. Thank you for your support!

DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Father Leo would like to share this video with you. It is called "Let's Seal the Doorposts". It is an encouraging message to post the Divine Mercy Image on your front door. Here is the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?> , Dave Boone...Grand Knight.

ST. MATTHEW

ORGANIZATION TABLES

All the information tables, formerly located in the Commons, are now located in the future Social Hall next to the Parish Office. This includes Auction items, WWG, SVDP and Religious Resources. The Social Hall can be accessed through the Parish Office doors during the week and the doors to the left of the Parish Office doors on the weekend.

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION NIGHTS

Feb 21-23 7pm Father Taylor Leffler, Associate Pastor St. Wenceslaus, will give the talks. The theme is "St. Joseph, A Lenten Companion." You will be able to access live streaming on St. Bernadette's website stbernadetteparish.org.

SAFETY---SAFETY---SAFETY

The parish of Saint Matthew's Safety Board has established **Security** and **Medical Teams** who are on duty at weekend masses whose mission is to help our parishioners in a medical situation and to keep them safe. We thank all our members who have stepped forward to assist in this regard. More of our parishioners are needed to help us out. Those interested in finding out more about our efforts, please contact:

Security - Greg Stoiber (402 -203-3685) or Dick Lewis (402 301-5849)

Medical - Mark Lockwood (402 215-7835) or Amy Adams (402 689-1093)

All parish members at least 18 years old are eligible to participate.



COUNCIL 11879
St. Matthew's Parish

2021 FRIDAY FISH FRY Drive Thru Feb 19 - Mar 26 (5-7pm)

#1 - \$10 Fried Fish (3 piece) French Fries
#2 - \$10 Fried Fish (3 piece) Baked Potato

#3 - \$10 Baked Fish French Fries
#4 - \$10 Baked Fish Baked Potato

#5 - \$10 Shrimp (9 piece) French Fries
#6 - \$10 Shrimp (9 piece) Baked Potato

#7 - \$13 Salmon (limited supply)
With French Fries or Baked Potato

#8 - \$5 2 Slices of Cheese Pizza
with French Fries

NOTE: All meals include the following:

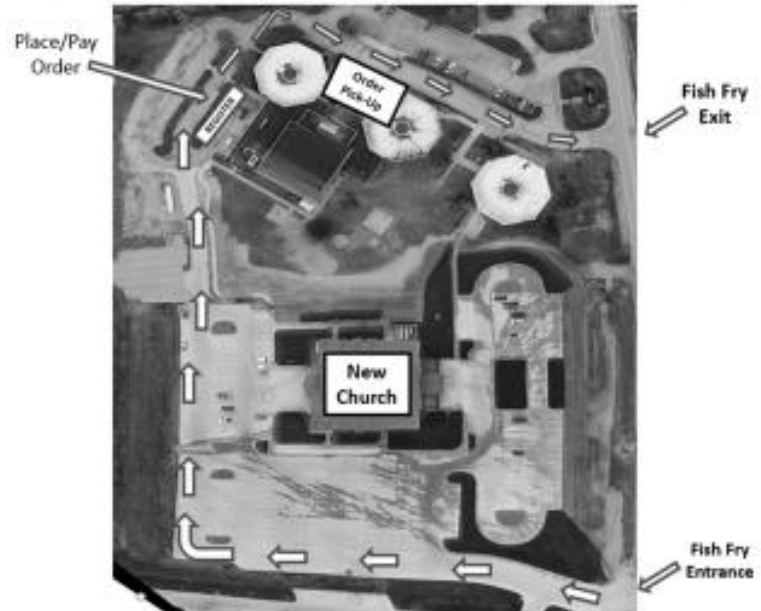
- Cole Slaw & Bread
- Dessert of the week - \$2 *
- Condiment or tableware - Free Upon Request
- \$1 Fee on Credit Cards

* All desserts are donated by the Women Working for God (WWG). Some items may contain allergens. Donations or sales proceeds from the desserts are collected by the Knights on behalf of the WWG and are passed directly to WWG. Offering desserts at the point of sale only facilitates the distribution of the desserts and the proceeds are not part of the gross sales revenue of the Knights of Columbus.

The St. Matthew's Knights of Columbus want to thank all who support us and the parish causes. We could not continue our work of charity without you supporting our causes.

Dave Boone

Dave Boone
Grand Knight - Council 11879



We Did It! Cheers! High-Five!

Thank you so much to all our LIFE Runners teammates, St. Matthew parishioners, and school staff, students, and families. Thanks also to anonymous donors, Scott Eversole for the auction, the bakers, and the supporters of the auction and bake sales. Finally, a huge and special thank you to the Run for Justin Foundation for helping us cross the finish line! What amazing holy teamwork! How exciting it is going to be to see the window in our beautiful new church. Thank you, St. Pio, for your intercession!

All In Christ for Pro-Life!

Gold Teammates (\$1,000+)

Run for Justin Foundation
Al & Suzi Brunner
Pat & Angi Castle
Bishop Joe Coffey
Tim & Beth Knudsen
Dave & Annette Linbrunner
Dan & Marti Nealon
Bill & Joann Price
Kevin & Janice Todd
WWG (Reynette AhSam memorial)

Silver Teammates (\$400+)

John & Beth Beaudoin
Pat & Cynthia Brennan
Kathy Castle
Kristen Gustafson
Wade & Marcey Horton
Ed & Linda Janecko
Rich & Mary Lomax
John & Audrey McNamara Family
Tom & Shirrel Medara
Roberta Mullen
Joe & Luisa Padron
Charles & Andrea Tomlinson

Bronze Teammates (\$100+)

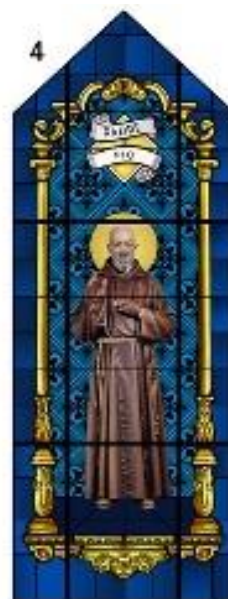
Ken & Mary Albrecht
John & Diane Anderson
Dale Bauermeister
George & Barbara Bolter
Ann Marie Bowen
Mike & Lisa Brandon Family
Tom & Cindy Brazeal
Michelle Brioschi
Karen Brummer
Grace Castle
Paige Castle
Bernadette Costello
Donnie & Georgette Crews
Scott Eversole

Stefan & Alyssa Gahl
Katherine Hamm
Dan Hinrichs
Denny & Kathy Hynes
James & Mary Kirkpatrick
Tim Kissel
Daniel Lee
Tom & Angelica McFall Family
James & Meghan Maday
Andy & Teresa Metzger
Sean & Melissa Murtaugh Family
Angie Palmer
Lynnae Pierce
Matt Pohren
Ed & Diann Rausch
Mike & Shelly Schaeffer
Michael & Sonja Schreffler
Sara Stalzer
Terry & Patti Veylupek
Mark & Barb White

High-Five Teammates (\$1+)

Jennifer Barnes
Wayne & Donna Bernskoetter
Phyllis Bisping
Holden Bohanon-Fabry
Dave & Mary Boone
Mark Borytsky
Michael & Donna Buell
David & Prissila Burgos Family
John & Mary Bystrom
Maureen Cobb
Kamea Costello
James Decker
Steve Garcia
Bob & Rose Gleisberg
Mary Gregg
Jake Hamm
Matthew Hylok
Jake Hynes
Julianne Immordino
Bob & Penny Jacober

Rick & Patty James
Lola Koubsky
Nancy Leiber
Mark & Sandi Lockwood
Mike & Jane Lukasina
Kathleen Maly
Terry & Mary Kay Marshall
Ally & Lexi Martin
Pax Olson
Julie Peters
Joseph & Kristan Pilakowski
Duane Potrzeba
Gabe & Hannah Oas Family
Travis & Angela Reineke
Liam Scott
David & Pat Shinbara
David & Joann Sjostedt
Daniel Spicka
Domingo & Marina Toledo
Thomas & Monica Van Denburg
Ethan Vaughn
Michael & Patricia Vaughn
Ellie Weber
Jennifer Weber
William & Mary Fran Williamson



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 current community updates, 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 or specific parish groups! 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).

--*Note: You must have notifications turned on in your phone's settings and the app, to receive instant notifications.*

HOW TO RECEIVE INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS FROM SELECT PARISH GROUPS:

If you'd like to receive instant notifications from the parish office, or specific groups follow these steps in our parish app:

1. Open your app.
2. Click on 'More' in the bottom right corner.
3. Click on 'Message Settings'.
4. Click each group you wish to receive messages from.
(*Green means you will receive instant messages from that group.*)

Groups that you may elect to receive messages from are: *Religious Ed, Set-up/Take Down, Special Events, PTO, Security Team, Knights, Extra Help, Daily Mass, Prayer Warriors and General (Parish Office Notifications).* Note: *These are groups subject to change.*

Please also check for updates in the app store/google play to ensure best performance.

**If you need help, please call or stop by the parish office
anytime between M-F 9am-3:30pm.**