

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Jan 12 5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families
Sun. Jan 13 8:30 am – Jeff Kirkpatrick †
Theresa Kirkpatrick †
10:30 am – Lillian Benes †

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Jan 15 9:00 am – Cynthia Myers †
Wed. Jan 16 9:00 am – Joe J. Marshall †
Thur. Jan 17 9:00 am – John Malinowski †
Fri. Jan 18 9:00 am – Rosemary Liebentritt †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Jan 19 5:00 pm – Marvin Hondt †
Sun. Jan 20 8:30 am – St. Matthew Families
10:30 am – Frank Kotera †

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.

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.

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.



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS

Jan. 6	Megan Stuart	\$50
Jan. 7	Drew David Price	\$25
Jan. 8	Hunter Veylupek	\$25
Jan. 9	Lois Kosch	\$25
Jan. 10	St. Matthew Silent Auction	\$25
Jan. 11	Chuck Oxner	\$25
Jan. 12	Kristen Affolder	\$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

January 19/20

Maintenance

January 26/27

One Rose/One Life

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.

THANK YOU

Fr. Leo would like to extend his appreciation for all the wonderful cards and gifts he received this Christmas season as well as your generous contributions to St. Matthew Parish.



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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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.

Columbian Squires Chief Counselor

Phil Earsley 402-214-7877



On the weekend of 26-27 January, the Knights of Columbus (K of C) will conduct the annual "One Rose One Life" campaign, to support pro-life activities in Nebraska. The One Rose, One Life Campaign is the main source of income for the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation. Although there are many beneficiaries of these funds, the Knights of Columbus are committed to placing ultrasound machines in qualifying centers using matching funds from the K of C Supreme Council Ultrasound Initiative.

Ultrasounds save lives! Statistics prove that abortion vulnerable women who have ultrasounds, choose life for herself and her child. To date, the K of C placed ten (10) ultrasounds throughout Nebraska. Other worthwhile organizations that are provided with funding include: Essential Pregnancy Services, crisis pregnancy-help centers, as well as providing scholarship funds for March for Life pilgrims in all three dioceses.

The second collection on the weekend of 26-27 January is for One Rose, One Life. Your generous support will help us to continue and increase our pro-life efforts.

Please continue to pray for the end to abortion and a respect for all life. Those who have had an abortion or are abortion vulnerable need our love and compassion. Please include these women, men and children in your daily prayers.

WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD



All women of the parish are invited to our next meeting on Tuesday, January 15, at 6:30pm in the Commons. Dr. Pat Castle, founder of LIFE Runners, will be speaking about "Meeting St. Padre Pio, preventing & healing abortion." Please wear your LR jersey if you are already a teammate. Invite a friend and be prepared to be inspired!



Total Pledges: 264

Total Pledged: \$2,270,511.00

Total Collected: \$1,273,121.94

SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY



Last Week's Rebate: \$61.46

Volunteer Sales People Needed: Duties include: Selling scrip cards before and after masses, taking inventory and securing cards before and after your sales "shift". *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.

"We give thanks to thee, O God; we give thanks; we call on thy name and recount thy wondrous deeds" Psalm 75:1

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

THE ST. MATTHEW MOBILE APP

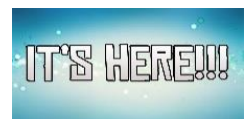
Download from the homepage of our website or:

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).





LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

March for Life The National March for Life, the world's largest Pro-Life event, is this Fri, Jan 18, in Washington D.C.. Please pray for all those attending

this event, including several parishioners from St. Matthew and many from the Omaha Archdiocese.

Pro-Life Novena Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena Jan 14-22 leading up to the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" on Tues, Jan 22. Sign up for the novena via email, text message, or an app at www.9daysforlife.com. We are called to observe Jan 22 as a day to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion.

NE Walk for Life Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the NE Walk for Life on Sat, Jan 26, in Lincoln. Our LIFE Runners Chapter will be carrying the large LR banner, as well as passing out LR signs and stickers at the event. Visit <http://nebraskarighttolife.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Walk2018.pdf> for more details.

LIFE Runners Not a LIFE Runner yet? Join our LIFE Runners parish or school chapter at liferunners.org. LIFE Runners is the world's largest pro-life team having over 10,000 teammates ages .1 to 101 in 50 states and 35 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. All In Christ for Pro-Life!

Essential Pregnancy Services Benefit Dinner EPS, serving expectant women and parenting families, will host its 23rd annual benefit dinner, GLOW (Giving Life through Our Works), on Sunday, Jan 27 at 5:00pm at Embassy Suites, La Vista. Featured speaker is Jon Erwin, director of October Baby and the box office hit, I Can Only Imagine. There is no cost to attend GLOW. Donations are welcome and appreciated at the dinner. Register at friendsofeps.org/glow or by contacting Lori at Lrice@essentialps.org or call 402.554.0121.

God created human beings in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. ~ Gen 1:27

Reflection: It is only of God that the word "create" is used, because only He is the one Who can bring life out of nothing. The sanctity of life has its root in the unique relationship that human beings have with their Creator.

Life is sacred because it comes from God, it belongs to God, and returns to God.

Prayer: Thank You Father of Life, for creating every human being, born and unborn, healthy and sick. (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.

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5p to 6p in the St. Matthew Chapel. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers to include an ongoing 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).



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.



\$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>

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED THIS LAST QUARTER. WE RECEIVED \$804.92!! *This does not cost you anything or take away from any other reward points you receive.* Go to: www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards

1. Sign in to your online account, or create a new account if needed;
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to "Community Rewards";
3. Click on "Enroll Now";
4. Enter 71120 and select "St. Matthew"

You may also call: 866-221-4141 to enroll your card.



ST. MATTHEW COMMEMORATIVE COINS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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.

stmatthewbellevue.formed.org

FORMED PICK



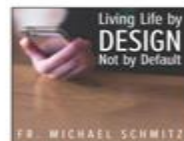
Living Life by Design Not by Default

By Fr. Michael Schmitz

Live This Year Intentionally

Fr. Michael Schmitz explains why and how we need to live an intentionally Christian life within this technological age. Discover how, with a few small steps, you can stop going with the flow and live by design.

[Listen on formed.org](http://formed.org)



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"Father Mike always hits me in the gut with the simplest and most beautiful logic. So so good."

—Ryan H.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER



Joseph

Also in Spanish

The thrilling biblical story of Joseph is told in this animated feature film for children ages 5 and up. It powerfully demonstrates God's sovereign hand in all things.

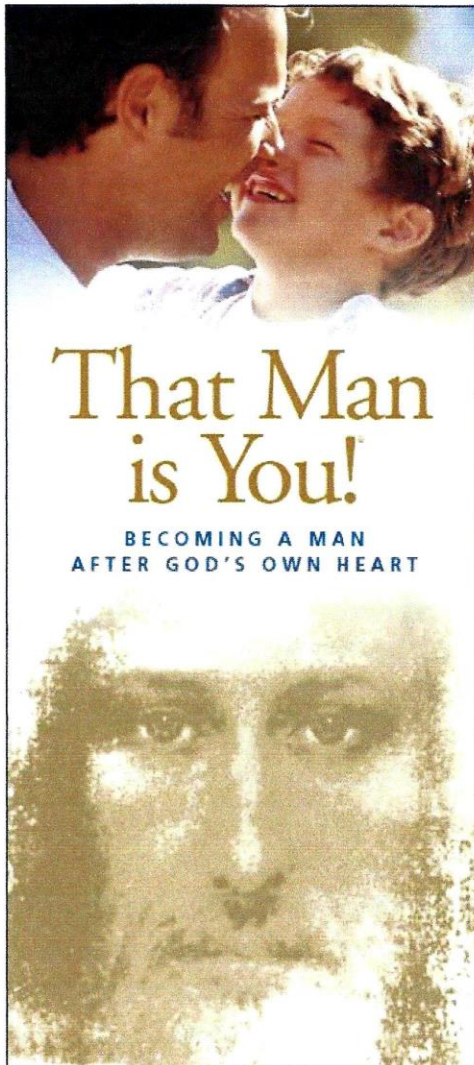
More Kids' Content





That Man is You!

MEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Have you ever had a question about the Catholic Faith? Did you ever want to learn more but didn't know where to start? Do you enjoy freshly-prepared, hot breakfasts? Welcome to That Man is You!

TMIY is a Men's Group that meets on Friday mornings. This program encourages us to grow as Catholic men and deepen our relationship with God, our spouse and our children.

We gather at 5:30 AM for breakfast, coffee, juice and fellowship in St. Mary's Parish Center (Basement). Then, there's a video presentation at 6:00 AM. It's followed at 6:30 AM with small breakout groups that provide the opportunity to discuss what's been presented. We wrap-up around 6:55 AM so you can attend daily Mass at 7:00 AM or head out for work.

Come and join us as we continue our 8th year of That Man Is You!

The 2nd session of this season will re-convene on Friday, January 18th.

The title for our brand new season is: *The Vision of Man Fully Alive*.

It is not necessary that you have ever attended before, so come for breakfast, share, pray and grow in your faith with other men!

Please contact: Deacon Ted Menzel @ 402-292-2076 or

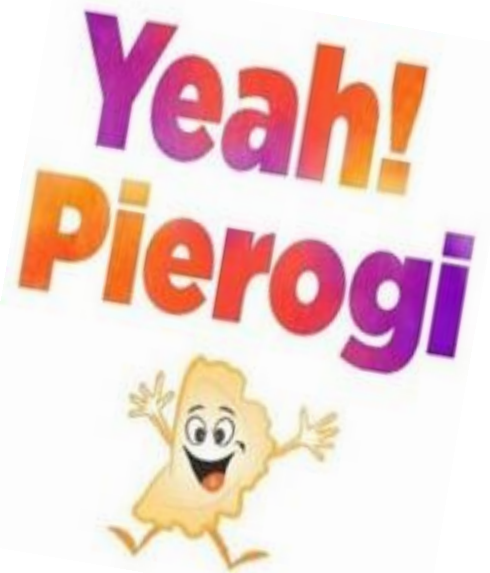
E-mail: tcmenzel5@gmail.com.

A Delicious
SVDP Fundraiser

Now taking orders for

PIEROGI

(Central European filled dumplings)



Hand-crafted by St. Vincent de Paul members
Under the watchful eye of our head chef, **Bill Nazaruk**.

These dumplings will be stuffed with a
Potato, Cheese, Cream Cheese, Bacon Mix.

\$7.00 per Dozen

Taking orders now through Jan. 20

Contact:

Bob Gleisberg

402-292-7394

bobberg1@cox.net

Payment accepted @ Pick-Up.

Orders will be available for pick-up after all masses

Weekend of February 2/3.

Why not make 3-4 orders a part of your Super Bowl Sunday?

(To cook frozen pierogi, simply drop in boiling water for 5-7 minutes.)

All proceeds to benefit the St. Matthew's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.