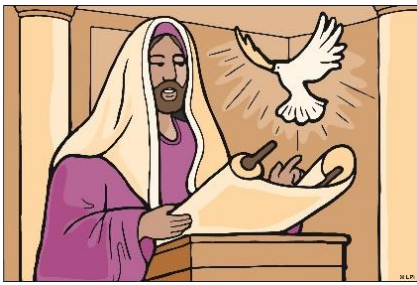


ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." - Lk 4:18a, 19

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Jan 26 5:00 pm – Marvin Hondl †
Sun. Jan 27 8:30 am – Mary Schneider †
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

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Tues. Jan 29 9:00 am – Eileen Rausch †
Wed. Jan 30 9:00 am – Rev. Dennis R. Stolinski †
Thur. Jan 31 9:00 am – Steve Forget
Fri. Feb 1 9:00 am – Rosemary Liebentritt †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

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

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. 20	Harry Strack	\$50
Jan. 21	Msgr. Tom Furlong	\$25
Jan. 22	Julie Peters	\$25
Jan. 23	Rob Roper	\$25
Jan. 24	Tom McFall	\$25
Jan. 25	Beverly Stoltenberg	\$25
Jan. 26	Erin Griffin	\$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 26/27

One Rose/One Life

February 2/3

Home & Foreign Missions

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.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS & UPON THIS ROCK PLEDGE STATEMENTS

Statements are available in the Commons through Jan. 27. Please take only yours. All remaining statements will be mailed after this date.



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.



This weekend (26-27 January), the Knights of Columbus (K of C) will conduct their 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 (EPS), crisis pregnancy-help centers, as well as providing scholarship funds for March for Life pilgrims in all three dioceses.

Your generous support for One Rose, One Life in next weekend's second collection 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. Thank you.

WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

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



"You have the words of eternal life." Jn 6:68

Total Pledges: 264

Total Pledged: \$2,270,511.00

Total Collected: \$1,282,179.94

SANCTUARY FURNITURE

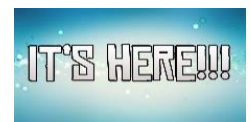
For a preview of our new sanctuary furniture, go to our website (under 'New Church'). Also available on our new app!

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

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).

SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY



We are in true need of volunteers.

Last Week's Rebate: \$35.80

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.



ENROLLMENT AND OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

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

Check out our website for more information.
stmatthewbellevuene.net

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Jan 27. 12:00 -1:30 pm

Stop in and meet the teachers, ask questions, and see how we can provide your preschooler a quality faith based education.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURS

Jan. 27 12:00 -1:30 pm

Middle school tours will be given for those wanting to see our facilities and learn more about our curriculum, small class sizes, and see why we are *Bellevue's Best Kept Secret*.

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 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).

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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 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. See the bulletin insert or visit liferunners.org/abby about the first ever LIFE Runners banquet and join us in welcoming Abby Johnson to Omaha. All In Christ for Pro-Life!

Life, particularly human life, is the possession of God alone: therefore, one who attacks human life, in some way lifts his hand against God Himself. ~ The Gospel of Life, 9

Reflection: No human being can own another, not even one's own child. God entrusts us to the care of one another, but He alone remains the owner of human life.

That's why we cannot throw a life away, no matter how small, frail, or inconvenient it may sometimes be.

Prayer: Lord, may all people acknowledge You as the only master of human life. May those who defend life understand that they are not only defending their brothers and sisters, but are also defending You! (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.

CAN YOU HELP?

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.



DON'T MISS THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!

Please Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast on **January 27th, from 9:00 to 11:45 AM.**

Your free will donations benefit Religious Vocations and our support to Seminarians.

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, and Coffee



ST. MATTHEW COMMEMORATIVE COINS

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

PHOTO DIRECTORY ANNUAL UPDATE

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...Save the Date:

Saturday, March 9 from 12-7pm

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. Registration information will be coming soon.

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.

GIFTS TO ST. MATTHEW PARISH

October – December 2018

Memorials

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

Dave & Annette Linbrunner

Joseph Soboto

Mike & Jane Lukasina

Noreen O'Rourke Hockert

Mike & Jane Lukasina

In Honor of

Msgr Tom Furlong

Jerry Moritz

Fr. Leo, Patsy, Paula

Beverly Stoltenberg

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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.



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>

ARCHOMAHA UNITE EVENT

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 8

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

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

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. Please contact Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699 to register by Feb 6 so books can be ordered.

FORMED.org Get FORMED! Go to stmatthewbellevue.formed.org.
Feast Day of St. John Bosco – January 31

FORMED PICK



Saint John Bosco

A Father to the Fatherless

Saint John Bosco dedicated his priesthood to educating and housing the forgotten youth on the tough streets of Turin, Italy. Watch the inspirational tale of how he transformed the lives of countless outcasts.

Watch on formed.org



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"This film has helped me realize that the Lord is with me always! Beautifully done."

—Christine M., Tuscaloosa, AL

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