

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat.	Jan	5	5:00 pm – Joe Piccolo †
Sun.	Jan	6	8:30 am – St. Matthew Families † 10:30 am – James Kotera †

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Tues.	Jan	8	9:00 am – Nobert Kinnard †
Wed.	Jan	9	9:00 am – Tarson Family
Thur.	Jan	10	9:00 am – Helen Radil †
Fri.	Jan	11	9:00 am – Nikki Nash

### MASSES NEXT 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 †

## 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](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com) or Dan Linder at [dan@linder.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com).



## CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS



Jan. 1	Hannah Oas	\$100
Jan. 2	Myrena VanSlyke	\$25
Jan. 3	Nathaniel Johnson	\$25
Jan. 4	Dan Tracy	\$25
Jan. 5	Brian Tracy	\$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](http://www.faithdirect.net) simply click "Give Now" and enter our church code: NE489. 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 5/6

### Seminary

The archdiocese is currently blessed with twenty-three men studying for the Priesthood. Thank you for your prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support.

### 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.*

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL REACHED!

This year's Annual Appeal goal for St. Matthew is \$35,103. Our contributions to date total \$35,103 (100% of our goal). *Thank you to all who have contributed!*

## 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 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



## 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!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help take down decorations and trees this Sunday, January 6 after the 10:30 Mass.



*Thank you to those who gave their valuable time during this very busy season to help set up the Christmas trees, decorate the Christmas trees, and the altar. Thank you in advance for those who help take down.*

## SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY

Last Week's Rebate: \$224.77



**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.



**UPON THIS ROCK**

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

Total Pledges: 264  
Total Pledged: \$2,309,411.00  
Total Collected: \$1,257,533.94

## 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](http://stmatthewbellevue.org)



## ST. MATTHEW COMMEMORATIVE COINS

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

## THE ST. MATTHEW MOBILE APP

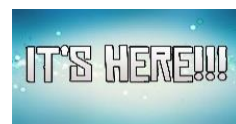
Download from the homepage of our website or:

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, be sure to 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

**Prayer Vigil** Our next monthly prayer vigil is this Fri, Jan 11, 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.

**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](http://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.

**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](http://friendsofeps.org/glow) or by contacting Lori at [Lrice@essentialps.org](mailto:Lrice@essentialps.org) or call 402.554.0121.

**NE Walk for Life** Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the NE Walk for Life on Sat, Jan 26, in Lincoln. Visit <http://nebraskarighttolife.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Walk2018.pdf> for more details.

**When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then indeed will you be blessed because they have no way to repay you. ~ Lk 14:13-14**

**Reflection:** Jesus calls us to the purest form of love, that is, love of those who cannot repay us. The unborn children, whose lives we seek to protect, cannot repay us and do not even know we are fighting for them.

Pro-life work is motivated by pure love.

**Prayer:** *Lord, increase my love for the children in the womb who cannot acknowledge or repay me. May You be my only reward.* (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org) for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)

## 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). The current Novena that we're offering is for a Rebirth of Chastity and Purity. 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](mailto: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](mailto:mfw822@hotmail.com)

*Thank you to all who have helped so far! We donated 238 baby hats to Bergan Mercy NICU in 2018.*

## MENTORING MOMS PROGRAM

Seeking mothers, women, and girls to be a part of Catholic Charities' Mentoring Moms Program. Opportunities to mentor 1 on 1, volunteer in friendly support groups, hold babies, and making goodies or donations are needed.

If you would like to help in any way, please call or email Sierra Barrios at Catholic Charities (402)829-9283 [mentoringmoms@ccomaha.org](mailto:mentoringmoms@ccomaha.org).



## \$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](http://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.*

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

### **Purgatory: The Forgotten Church**

Come join us this Thurs, Jan 10, from 6:30 – 8:00pm, in the library (Bldg 2) to learn more about one of the more difficult, misunderstood doctrines of our faith, purgatory. We will listen to an audio study by Dr. Brant Pitre called Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Purgatory. “If you’ve ever wanted to learn what Jesus himself had to say about what will happen to those who die before “making amends” with their enemies; if you’ve ever wondered what will happen to those who “aren’t ready” for when they meet their Master; and if you’ve ever wanted to learn more about Purgatory—without actually having to go there—then this is the Bible study for you.” No cost and all are welcome! Contact Janice Todd at [janicetoddcmc@msn.com](mailto:janicetoddcmc@msn.com) or 402-871-4699 to register or with any questions.

### **Women in the Old Testament**

Tuesday evenings beginning January 8th from 7-8:30 pm, St. Matthew school library OR

Wednesday mornings beginning January 9th from 9:30-11 am at Thanksgiving!

Lutheran Church at the corner of 36th Street and Hwy. 370.

*“The stories [of these women] are all the more remarkable in that they arise from historical eras that crimped their options in influencing or changing the flow of history. The women of this study can be bold and decisive, also meek and faithful, but they are always compelled to act in ways that bring about change. God’s saving deeds often came through the mind and will of amazing women using limited resources.”*

This 10-week study is a part of the Little Rock Scripture Study series. It requires about 15-20 minutes a day of reading and answering study questions. Cost of the study set is \$15, and childcare is available during the Wednesday morning session for a small fee. Please call Susan Tracy (402-292-4986; leave a message) or email [srtracy2@icloud.com](mailto:srtracy2@icloud.com) if you are interested in attending so that books may be ordered. *New and experienced Bible study participants are welcome!*

## **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 informatin, 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 ~ THIS WEEK, JAN. 9**

ALL parishioners are warmly welcomed to attend St. Matthew's monthly FBC sessions. This year we'll be learning more about the Sacraments of Christ's Church. During these once-monthly sessions, the adults will meet in the Worship Area (gym) while the youth meet with their grade-specific catechists in one of the school's classrooms. You can find out more about the FBC program at the RE/FBC tab on the parish website [StMatthewBellevue.org](http://StMatthewBellevue.org) or by contacting Deacon Mark ( [mhwhite@archomaha.org](mailto:mhwhite@archomaha.org) ).

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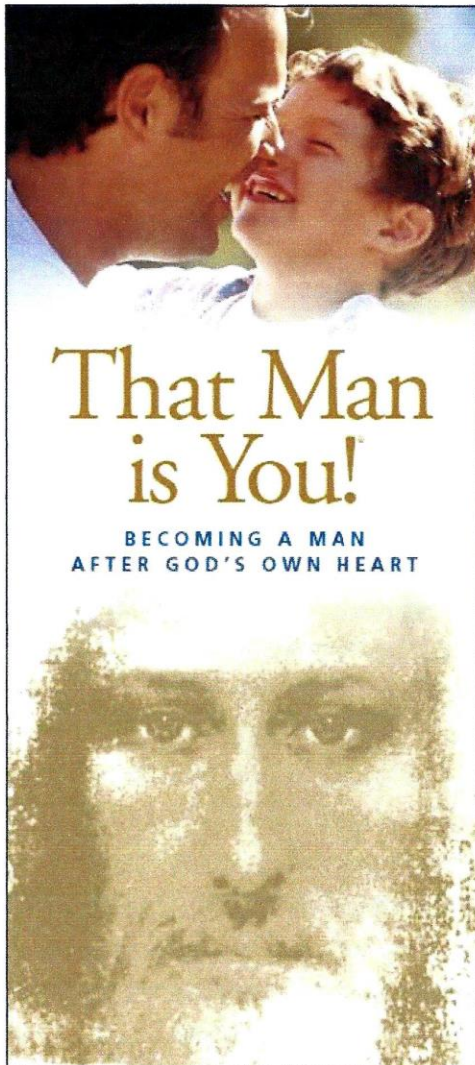
Formed Pick of the Week: *God Made Man* By Fr. Shannon Collins

Formed Kids' Corner Pick: *Joseph*



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> year of That Man Is You!**

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

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**

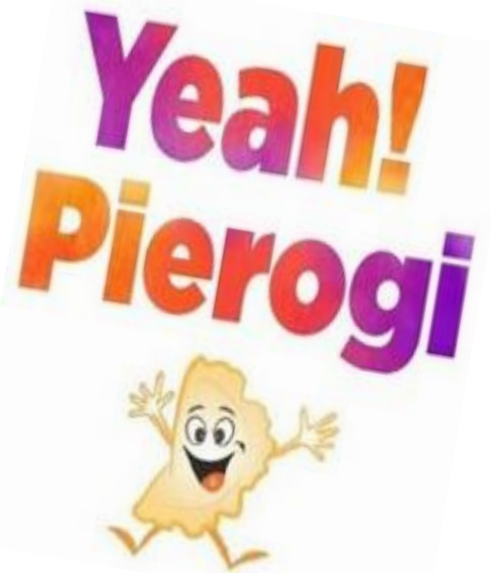
**E-mail: [tcmenzel5@gmail.com](mailto:tcmenzel5@gmail.com).**

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**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.*