

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Jan 4 5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families  
 Sun. Jan 5 8:30 am – Fran Sewell †  
 10:30 am – Dailey & Poulin families & friends  
 Deceased & Living

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Jan. 7 9:00 pm – Ian Janeczko  
 Wed. Jan. 8 9:00 am – Ed Krawczyk †  
 Thur. Jan. 9 9:00 am – Jack Mullen Family  
 Fri. Jan. 10 9:00 am – Helen Radil †

## MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Jan 11 5:00 pm – Mary Pierce †  
 Sun. Jan 12 8:30 am – Theresa Kirkpatrick †  
 Jeff Kirkpatrick †  
 10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

## 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 prmcvey@gmail.com



## HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will be held Thursday, January 16, 7:00 pm at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 120 Cherry St., Clarkson, NE. Come with your pain and struggles, we pray with everyone. Confessions will be heard at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this healing Mass. the Holy Spirit provides this living time of healing for us. Any questions, call Fr. Rod, 402-892-3464.

## CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS



Dec 29	Arnold W. Nash IV	\$50
Dec 30	John Roth	\$25
Dec 31	Mark Veylupek	\$75
Dec 31 Special	Jessica Hernandez	\$114.25

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

## FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://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*

<b>January 11/12</b>	<b>Seminary</b>
<b>January 18/19</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>

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

## 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.

## MASS GREETERS NEEDED

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

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training: Contacting Phil McEvoy at [prmcvey@gmail.com](mailto:prmcvey@gmail.com) or Dan Linder at [dan@linder.org](mailto:dan@linder.org).



**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 folder.*

If you are interested in joining or want more information, please contact Dave Boone, Grand Knight, at 402-291-1493 or [dbruceb1@gmail.com](mailto:dbruceb1@gmail.com).

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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

#### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Health Care Items are available for loan from the Knights: wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and a home-use oxygenator. Please Note: If you have borrowed medical equipment and are no longer using it, please contact Phil McEvoy @ 402-689-6457 or at [prmevov@gmail.com](mailto:prmevov@gmail.com) for information on how to return it.



#### WWG

#### WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts for the women and children at Safe Haven. This is appreciated very much. Our WWG meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 pm in the Commons. All ladies are welcome

#### ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL

St. Matthew's goal is \$35,941.73. We have committed \$38,443.00, 107% of our goal.

#### PARISH SAFETY BOARD

The Parish Safety Board is securing this building 5 minutes after the start of weekend Masses.

All doors are equipped with Panic Hardware and are operational for exit at all times.

After doors are locked, people who arrive later will be allowed access by an on-duty Security Team Member only at the lower level parking lot entry doors and at the west set of doors by the handicapped entrance to the commons.

Security Team volunteers are still needed. If interested, please see the team members (identified by their red vests) on duty at the Masses. If you have any questions, ask one of them on duty or contact Dick Lewis at 402 301-5849 or Greg Stoiber at 402 203-3685.

#### Security Team Schedule

January	4	5:00 pm	Cote, Jacober, Percosky
January	5	8:30 am	Rolfzen, Williamson, Bradford
		10:30 am	Lukasina, Metzger, B Mlarnik

#### CHRISTMAS TREE UNDECORATING

We are in need of **VOLUNTEERS** to help take down the ribbons/bows, the four trees, and Nativity set **THIS SUNDAY**, January 5 after the 10:30 Mass. All help is truly appreciated.



#### SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Last week's rebate: No scrip sales

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who have purchased scrip gift cards in the past few weeks. We've almost doubled our weekly sales.



#### EARLY BIRD TICKET

#### RESERVATIONS

Early Bird Reservations will be held January 18/19 and 25/26 before/after all

Masses. Tickets for the Mardi Gras event, (Friday February 21) will be \$50 during these two weekends. Then the price of tickets will be \$60. It's been a few years since we've had a large fundraiser like this, so it is anticipated there will be a big turnout. This celebration is the annual fundraiser for St. Matthew Community in the gym. If you have any items for donation to the auction or raffle, bring the items to the parish office.

#### FUN, FOOD, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS

#### A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year and for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen

**POINSETTIAS ARE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME AFTER THE 10:30 MASS**

# Faith Formation



## **NEW BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

Join us in January for a 10-week study of the Gospel According to Matthew. This Gospel is being read on Sundays during the current church year, and was traditionally the Church's favorite faith portrait of Jesus. In this version of the Good News, we will encounter Jesus the Master Teacher, who gives us the Sermon on the Mount, memorable parables and miracles, the Great Commission and much more. Considered the most "Jewish" of the four gospels, Jesus tells us that he has come not to abolish but to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. We are assured that Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us.

We use the new Little Rock Scripture Study series, which includes commentary, study and reflection questions, and access to recorded lectures. Cost of the books will be approximately \$20.

Evening study begins Tuesday, January 14, 2020, from 7-8:30 PM in the St. Matthew library. Morning study begins Wednesday, January 15, 2020, from 9:30-11 AM at Thanksgiving! Church on the corner of Hwy. 370 and 36th Street. Babysitting is available in the morning class only for a small fee. Please contact Susan Tracy (402-292-4986 or email [srtracy2@icloud.com](mailto:srtracy2@icloud.com)) if you are interested in attending so that books may be ordered.

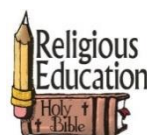
Remember: prior Bible Study experience is not necessary! We welcome new and experienced members. Join us and see how Scripture study can enrich your faith.

## **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](mailto:mhwhite@archomaha.org)).

## **SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON DEALL**

Meeting every Wed. 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**

Religious Education is the program that used to be known as "CCD." Information and registration forms are available on the information table in the parish commons--right outside the doors to the Chapel. You can also find information and registration forms on the parish website under the "Religious Education" tab. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark [mhwhite@archomaha.org](mailto:mhwhite@archomaha.org).

## **VOLUNTEER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Please consider using your time and talent in the very rewarding ministry to our parish youth and families in the RE/FBC program. If you are interested in finding out more and/or volunteering to be a catechist (teacher), assistant catechist, or other support position then please contact Deacon Mark [mhwhite@archomaha.org](mailto:mhwhite@archomaha.org).

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Join us as we continue the Hearts Afire Parish-based program with the book *The 'One Thing' Is Three: How the Most Holy Trinity Explains Everything* book by Fr. Michael Gaitley. "*The One Thing is Three* is written for everyone. The conversational tone has an appeal that invites the reader into the journey of life. This book is highly recommended for anyone who loves the Church and seeks a deeper understanding of her teachings. Filled with references to Vatican II and Pope John Paul II, this book will enrich your belief in God's plan of salvation, and your love of the Most Holy Trinity." It is "written simply and clearly and brings the profound truths of the faith from head to heart to life in a way that makes deep theology easy to understand and even easier to live. This is a 10-week program beginning Jan 9. Classes will be Thurs, 6:30 – 8:00pm, in the school library (Bldg 2). Cost for the book is \$15. Discussion questions from the retreat companion are provided. Please contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or [janicetoddcmc@msn.com](mailto:janicetoddcmc@msn.com) to register by Mon, Jan 6, or if you have any questions. Visit [www.allheartsafire.org](http://www.allheartsafire.org) to learn more about the Hearts Afire program. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!