

Bulletin
January
16, 2022

Attention Daily Mass Attendees Due to cleaning the salt off the sanctuary floors, on wet, snowy days, we are asking that only the middle sections of pews be used during daily mass. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Exposition of the Eucharist is every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 1:00pm on Thursday and ending at 8:00am on Saturday. Please ask the Lord if he is calling you to spend time with Him in adoration. We especially need a second person at each of these hours: Thursday 1:00pm, and 11:00pm; Friday 2:00am, 11:00am, Noon, 4:00pm, and 9:00pm; Saturday 1:00am.

If you cannot commit regularly, being on the sub list is also an option. Please contact Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy via Flocknote. Text SMTE to 84576 or connect with us online at Stmatthewbellevue.flocknote.com

FAITH FORMATION

DID YOU KNOW?...

Priests, deacons and even the servers, have prayers to say while they are preparing/dressing/vesting for mass. What do you do to prepare yourself?

Exodus90

Starts on January 17. Any men interested in this program will need to sign up before the 17th and purchase the EXODUS90 app. Please contact Scott Hansen 509-559-9091 for further information.

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. 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 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 via Flocknote with questions.

FORMED.org - PICK OF THE WEEK

WATCH Reborn – Episode 1: A New Creation **LEARN** Lection: Mark, Episode 2: Prepare the Way of the Lord **LISTEN** Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism by Fr. Mike Schmitz



Continuing Our Journey

Commitment:
\$2,249,083.00

Pledges Collected:
\$ 898,149.68

Second Collection Schedule

All checks made out to St. Matthew

January 22/23	One Rose One Life
	Envelopes in pew
February 5/6	Home & Foreign Missions
	Envelopes in pew
February 12/13	SVdP
February 19/20	Maintenance

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.

Mass Intentions

January 15	
5:00	Ralph Remmert †
January 16	
9:00	Jody Holdcroft †
11:00	Monica Schubert †
January 18	
9:00	Karen Fridge †
January 19	
9:00	Richard Zpevak †
January 20	
9:00	Alice Slammon †
January 21	
9:00	Karen J. Kempkes †

Religious Education Schedule

January 5 and 19
6:30pm to 7:45pm

February 2 and 16
6:30pm to 7:45pm

March 2
No Class (Ash Wednesday)

March 9 and 16
6:30pm to 7:45 pm

April 6 and 20
6:30pm to 7:45pm

May 4 Family Spaghetti Dinner

PONDER: CONTEMPLATIVE BIBLE STUDY (YEAR C)

The first Sunday of Advent began a new liturgical year—Year C, which features the Gospel according to Luke. If you would like to join in on this study, contact Susan Tracy via Flocknote and I will send you a link to the Zoom meeting and also make sure you have a book. This is an ongoing study, meeting every Tuesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, but you are welcome to drop in whenever you are available.

SUNDAY PREP BIBLE STUDY

Join us for one hour of food, fun, history, and preparation toward understanding Sunday readings. This Bible Study is held Wednesdays, 6:30pm, in the Narthex. Deacon Tom Deall facilitates the bible study.

HEARTS AFIRE TO START THE NEW YEAR

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* 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. I highly recommend this book 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 that started on Jan 6 but it is not too late to join. Classes are on Thurs, 6:30 – 8:00pm, in the school library (Bldg 2). Cost for the book is \$15. Discussion questions from the retreat companion will be provided. Please contact Janice Todd via Flocknote. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

PRAYER VIGIL Our next vigil is this Fri, Jan 14, 10:00-11:00am, at the Bellevue abortion facility (1002 W Mission). We also encourage you to come pray for/with us each Saturday morning, 7:30-8:30am. When the facility is open, we do sidewalk outreach to moms arriving for appointments; if it is closed, we pray for the end to abortion. Let us bring hope and be a joyful presence of love to mothers, fathers and families looking for help in the face of a desperate time, be the light of Christ in our community, and pray for the conversion of Carhart and the workers.

LIFE CHAIN Students for Life will be hosting a Life Chain on Sat, Jan 15, at 12pm at 72nd and Dodge. They would love to have as many Pro-Life warriors there as possible!

NE WALK FOR LIFE Jan 29 in Lincoln sponsored by NE Right to Life. Holy Mass at St. Mary's Church 8:00am, followed by rally at the Capitol 9:00am and walk to the UNL Student Center for Speaker, Ashley Bratcher (award winning actress from *Unplanned*)

FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR THE NEEDY...

Wednesdays 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the lower church parking lot by the Parish Office Entrance. **Needed food donations for January:** Peanut Butter and Pasta. Please place them in the K of C food wagon. For more information contact Barb Bolter or Phil McEvoy via Flocknote.



WWG WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

**January meeting
cancelled!**

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our meeting on Tuesday, February 15th in the school commons. Join us! If anyone needs a ride to the meeting, contact Shirrel Medara. Please direct any questions to Shirrel Medara via Flocknote. Hope to see you then!



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 7:00pm in the church conference room (and via Zoom). All Knights are invited and welcome to attend either meeting. If you are not receiving emails with general council information, contact Mark Kyriss to ensure your email address is current. If you need information to become a Knight, contact Mark Kyriss, Grand Knight or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, via Flocknote.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

January Collection:

Coats, hats, gloves, blankets and new/gently used adult and children clothes and shoes. All items will be donated to the Stephen Center. These can be placed in the blue bin at the school or the west entrance when you come into church. Thanks for your continued support. December collection was 150 pounds of food to Mater Filius and 254 pounds of food and clothing to the Stephen Center.

BABY HATS ARE NEEDED! For Nebraska Medical Maternity Center. You can place the baby hat in a zip lock bag in the bin next to the WWG table. The ladies of St Matthew sent a total of 319 hats, made in 557 volunteer hours, to the newborn nursery at Clarkson Hospital. Thank you so much! For more information, please contact Mary Fran Williamson via Flocknote or visit the St. Matthew website under ministry, outreach, baby hats for information and specifics.

Need a ride to Church? Contact Butch Songcuan 402-933-1646

PRAYER SHAWLS

The next meeting is January, 24 at 2:00pm in the conference room. Contact the Parish Office for information.

HEALTH CARE

PROFESSIONALS NEEDED!

If interested, please contact Mark Lockwood or Amy Adams via Flocknote.

MASS GREETERS

If you are interested, please contact Mary Lomax via Flocknote.

VETERAN'S HOME VOUNTEERS NEEDED

EMHC to take the Eucharist to the Veterans, Sundays from 10:30-11:15am, and Thursdays 12:50-1:45pm. Rotating Schedule. Contact Philip McEvoy via Flocknote. Not an EMHC? Father can give you a temporary Mandation.

SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT

SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 16 at 2:00pm. For more information, please contact Mary Fran Williamson via Flocknote.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Anyone in need of medical equipment, cane, walker, etc. please contact Phil McEvoy via Flocknote.

SECURITY DOORS – LOCKED

As part of the plan to protect parishioners against any form of malicious entry into the church during mass services all church doors are automatically locked 5 minutes after the scheduled mass start time. Entry after this time will be made by the security personnel on duty. All doors are unlocked one hour prior to the scheduled mass for pre-mass activities.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love so we can respond in faith and trust. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust. Thank you for your continued support of SVdP.

"A single, ordinary person still can make a difference - and single, ordinary people are doing precisely that every day."
Chris Bohjalian

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Votive Prayer Candles

We have increased the recommended donation for each candle to \$3.00. This is due to the increase in the cost of the candles.

CALENDAR LOTTERY

Jan 15	Sarah Price	\$25
Jan 16	Jon Tracy	\$50
Jan 17	Sue Cogdill	\$25
Jan 18	Leah Wittkop	\$25
Jan 19	Joan Brazda	\$25
Jan 20	Madison Harrington	\$25
Jan 21	David Abboud	\$25

*A CHECK IS AUTOMATCALLY MAILED
OUT TO ALL WINNERS.*

WOOD WORKER WANTED!

After Fr. Leo's attempt to fix our wooden bench in the Parish Office, we are now in need of someone to build us a new bench. If you have these skills, please contact the Parish Office.

Bulletin Submission Deadline Submit information for the upcoming bulletin by 12:00pm Tuesday to: acmcfall@archomaha.org. Submissions are subject to edits, review and approval.

YOUTH



PRE-K OPEN HOUSE Join us for our Open House on January 30th at 1:00pm. Come see what St. Matthew has to offer you and your children.

ST. MATTHEW ADVISORY TEAM (SMAT)- The SMAT is looking for individuals to help with alumni relations and grant writing. If you are willing to help, please contact Principal Angie Palmer- principal@stmattschool.com



**Catholic Schools
Week 2022
January 30-February 5**

www.NCEA.org/csw
#CSW22

Catholic Schools Week is coming up January 30- February 5. Our school and parish will be celebrating together the accomplishments and things that make our school Catholic. Throughout the week our school students will be doing many activities of faith and fun to celebrate what makes us special. Please join us at the pancake breakfast on January 30 sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome to continue the celebration with a potluck dinner on February 5, following the 5:00 mass!

January 17
4:00pm to 8:00pm

Five Guys Dinner Night

January 30
Knights of Columbus Pancake
Breakfast

January 30
1:00pm
Pre-K Open House

January 30 to February 5
Catholic Schools Week

February 6 to April 3
"The Chosen"

February 26
Mardi Gras Event

May 6
IT'S ALL FOR JESUS
Golf Tournament



St. Matthew's
Knights of Columbus



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 30th
9:30 - 11:00 AM
(In the school commons area)
Dine-in or Carry Out

Free will offering benefits: Vocations

Our Delicious Menu:

- » Pancakes
- » French Toast
- » Scrambled Eggs
- » Bacon
- » Sausage
- » Potato Casserole
- » Fresh Fruit
- » Orange Juice, Milk, and Coffee

We would love for you to join us!

Put It On Your Calendar "The Chosen" at St Matthew

Season 1 of the critically acclaimed series, "The Chosen," will be showing at St Matthew on Sunday evenings from February 6 to April 3. Season 1 includes 8 episodes depicting Christ's early ministry with a particular focus on his followers, his "chosen." The sessions are completely free. More details to follow.

TICKETS ON SALE

Visit us in the Narthex to purchase your tickets to this exciting event!

You do not want to miss it!

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

We are still in need of auction items. Please bring donations of new, unwrapped items or themed baskets to the Parish Office by January 15. We are looking forward to a wonderful event!



SAVE THE DATE May 6, 2022

2nd Annual IT'S ALL FOR JESUS
Golf Tournament.
Tara Hills Golf Course.



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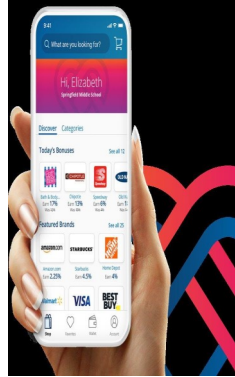
Monday, January 17, 4:00pm-8:00pm

St. Matthew Community receives 10% of total sales on your receipt. Dine-in or take-out.

AMAZON SMILE

We received \$210.58 for last quarter's rebate!

If you order from Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile and designate St. Matthew as your charity. Or use this direct link every time you shop <http://smile.amazon.com/ch47-0800122>. Amazon donates 0.05% of your purchase price to St. Matthew. Thank you for your support!



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$21.40

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. To order scrip online please contact the Parish Office.

How to get Matt's Money Download the "Raise Right" app. St. Matthew Church and School benefits from every purchase you make.

<https://www.stmatthewbellevue.org/scrip-matt-s-money>

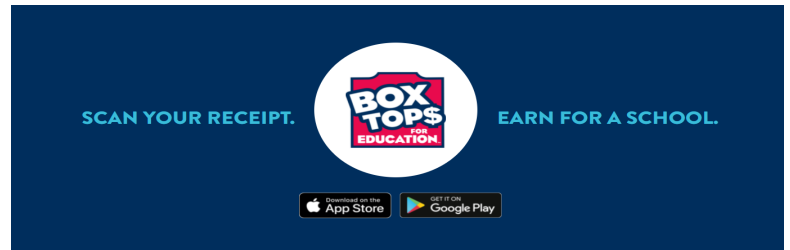
BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

We received \$719.29 for last quarter's rebate!

Thank you to the 174 families who participate in this program. Remember this does not cost you anything or take away from any other reward points you receive. To link your rewards card to St. Matthew: 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.



FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving. Visit www.faithdirect.net simply click "Give Now" and enter our church code: NE489. Or call 1-866-507-8757. You can give a one-time gift or sign up for recurring gifts.

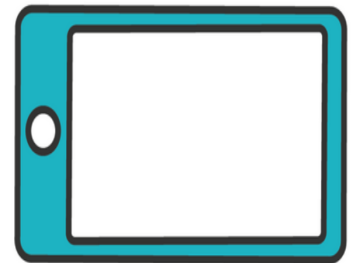
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