

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. — Mk 1:19-20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Jan 23 5:00pm - Germaine Albracht †
Sun. Jan 24 9:30am - St. Matthew Families
11:00am - Tom Hardman †

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Tues. Jan 26 9:00am - Marge Nicola †
Wed. Jan 27 9:00am - Tom Dudley †
Thur. Jan 28 9:00am - Paul Kreikemeier †
Fri. Jan 29 9:00am - Bryan Wintz †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Jan 30 5:00pm - Germaine Albracht †
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CHURCH INFORMATION

We continue to livestream daily and weekend masses. **Church donations** may be placed in the baskets at the entrance/exit to church or taken to the parish office or mailed. We are looking to set up a new drop off box. **Thank you!**

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

February 6/7 4 in 1 Home & Foreign Mission
February 12/13 St. Vincent de Paul Society
February 19/20 Maintenance

If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. Black/Indian Mission etc.) in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, just

FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving. 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.

COMMUNION RAILS

We are now using our Communion Rails. They are accessible from all communion lines.

CALENDAR LOTTERY

WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!



Jan 17	Linda & Ed Janezcko	\$ 50
Jan 18	Tom Mlnarik	\$ 25
Jan 19	Tom Harrington	\$ 25
Jan 20	Hunter Veylupek	\$ 25
Jan 21	Jennifer Barrett	\$ 25
Jan 22	Nancy Leiber	\$ 25
Jan 23	Mary Pierce	\$ 25

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



EUCHARIST ADORATION

Exposition of the Eucharist is now every Friday of the month from 6:00am Friday to 8:00am Saturday. *Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment,*

please contact a sub. Contact Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy if you would like to participate regularly or substitute as needed. Donna Buell at BUELLDONNAJM@GMAIL.COM
Phil McEvoy at PRMCEVOY@GMAIL.COM

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Please join the prayer team in reciting the campaign prayer, at home, on a daily basis with your family. Extra prayer cards are in the narthex and in both the school and parish offices.

CARES ACT – FEDERAL INCOME TAX BENEFITS

Passed to provide emergency funding due to the March 2020 Covid-19 national shutdown, the Cares Act includes income tax benefits for anyone making a charitable donation in 2020. The Act allows for a greater deduction against Adjusted Gross Income, whether or not an individual/couple itemizes on their federal tax return. These specific tax benefits are set to expire on January 1, 2021. In considering year-end giving, please consult with an income tax advisor as to your potential benefit.

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 have been received.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 7:00 PM in the new church administration conference room. All Knights are invited and welcome to attend the Member's Meetings. If you are not receiving emails with general council information, contact Dave Boone to ensure your email address is current. If you need information to become a Knight, contact Dave Boone, Grand Knight, 402-291-1493, dbruceb1@gmail.com or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, 402-658-9636, or email dbauermeister3@gmail.com.

NOTE: Until further notice, monthly Officer and Member Meetings are held via Zoom.

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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

BREAKFAST BURRITOS!!

Knights of Columbus will have the breakfast burritos available in the Narthex (entrance to the church). January 30/31 after all three Masses. Free will donations Part of the proceeds will benefit St. Matthew School



CAMPUS WIDE IT/AV COMMITTEE

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We now have ASSISTIVE LISTENING devices available if needed during Mass. They are designed to work well with hearing aids so there is not any feedback. You may pick them up and return them at the AV table in the back of the church before Mass.

PTO/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

The Food Drive continues through February 3, 2021. Please help us meet our Parish goal of 745 lbs. We have collected 629 lbs. so far.

2020 Contribution Statements can be picked up in the Narthex through January 24. All remaining forms will be mailed out on January 25.

JANUARY 24, 2021



SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

ENROLLMENT OPEN!

Enrollment for the 20-21 school year is open for all families. Contact the school – 402-291-2030.

PREK & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

The 2020 People's Choice Awards Best Elementary School in Sarpy County--St. Matthew--will be having an Open House for PreK and Kindergarten on February 7th click here to sign up. You may also go to this site to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/yydqh5eo> Join the Cardinals and start your child on a path to a loving faith-filled education this fall!

CASEY'S REWARDS

We're excited to share that our school is participating in Cash for Classrooms, part of Casey's Rewards. This opens up St. Matthew School to new funding opportunities to help improve learning environments for students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you buy from Casey's and use their rewards program you can simply turn your points into a donation to our school. Help St. Matthew School make the most of this program and learn more at Caseys.com/schools.

LIVE STREAMING INTEREST

Asking for anyone (16 years or older) interested in learning the AV system at our church and helping to live stream masses (including Daily Mass) or other events to please contact Suzi Brunner at smpbrunner@gmail.com. Training for those interested will be – Monday, Feb 1 and Feb 8, a two-part training.



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FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS (FBC)

Religious Formation for the Entire Family. All parishioners are welcome to attend St. Matthew's Family-Based Catechesis (FBC). Sessions for the entire parish are typically on the **First Wednesday** of every month from 6:30p to 7:45p. This year's FBC focus will be on the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church--"Christian Prayer." Prayer is an essential gift from God that we've been created for and called to participate in so that we may deepen our bond with Him who is Love. St. Teresa of Calcutta said "'Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself. Prayer begets faith, faith begets love, and love begets service on behalf of the poor.'" Come to this year's FBC sessions for opportunities for yourself, and your family, to grow more deeply in love with God through prayer. You can find more information about FBC on the parish website, or by contacting Deacon Mark at mhwhite@archomaha.org. We will be following COVID-19 safety guidelines for the youth and adult sessions.

BIBLE STUDY - LECTIO: EUCHARIST WITH DR. BRANT PITRE

We have room for a few to join us for a small group Bible Study on the Eucharist. We meet on Thurs evenings, 6:30-8:00pm in the Library (Bldg 2). The study is 10 weeks and the cost is \$10 for the participant workbook. We start this Thurs, Jan 14. Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. "The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. Contact Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699 to join us.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

With the increase of devotion to St. Joseph among the faithful there will necessarily result an increase in their devotion toward the Holy Family of Nazareth, of which he was the august head. ~ Pope Benedict XV (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

Visit FORMED.org, click "Sign Up", click "I belong to a Parish or Organization", type in "St. Matthew The Evangelist" (12210 S. 36th St., Ste A Bellevue, NE), click "next", create your FREE New Account. Enjoy the Catholic faith On Demand. Thousands of movies, programs, audio talks and books instantly. Wonderful content for kids and families. FREE App also available.

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR.

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on **Sunday** evenings from **5 to 6p**. 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's 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. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

March for Life Chicago in Omaha, "Moving the Movement Midwest Tour," this Sun, Jan 10, 3:00pm Skutt Catholic High School. This year the March for Life is coming to you! Rally for life, listen to inspiring speakers like Dr. Pat Castle, and donate to a massive diaper drive - 130,094 diapers representing each baby aborted annually in the Midwest. Register at Marchforlifechicago.com.

Nebraska Walk for Life, next Sat, Jan 16, 10:00am State Capitol, 11:30am UNL Student Union. Join the largest, longest-running First Amendment demonstration against abortion in the state! Sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life.

PRAYER VIGIL Thank you to those who prayed this Friday. [Please mark your calendar for our next monthly prayer vigil on Fri, Feb 12, from 10:00-11:00am.](#) We always encourage you to pray on any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the Bellevue abortion facility is open (1002 W. Mission Ave). 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 Runners Not a teammate yet? Please join our St. Matthew Church or School LIFE Runners chapter at liferunners.org. Running is optional! ☺ Sign up, order your "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey, then wear it in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives.

Whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple. ~ Lk 14:27

Reflection: To stand up for what is right means we stand against what is wrong, and that means that those who love what is wrong will oppose us, just as they opposed Christ.

Taking up the cross means we continue standing for the right even when that opposition comes.

Prayer: *Lord, thank You for the grace of being pro-life and of standing strong when others ridicule or oppose me. May Your peace fill my soul, and may I become more like Your crucified and risen Son.*

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PATHWAY BRICKS

As an ongoing fundraiser, Pathway Bricks are being sold for \$100. These bricks will be placed in a special area. 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, under 'Pathway to Our Church'.

CAMPUS WIDE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE:

The Parish is forming a committee to oversee the maintenance of the landscape across the entire campus. If you enjoy working the ground, gardening, maintaining sprinklers, cutting grass, etc, consider joining this group. Contact Teresa Metzger, Greg Stoiber or Brian Carney for

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called our priest, father, Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

more information.

INVITATION FOR YOU

It is true Christ is Risen, but you can live all your life as in a tomb: unhappy, afraid of the future, doubtful, slave of occasional pleasures, somewhat frustrated.

Or you can enjoy the new life of the RISEN CHRIST, assured by God's love, tasting Heaven, overcoming fears, savoring victory.

You don't believe it? Come and See! Catechesis for adults and youth (11 years and up) to rediscover your Baptismal treasure. Come and Listen to the Good News. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the church.



2019 COMMEMORATIVE

COINS AVAILABLE

The new coins are now available for purchase in the parish office. Coins are \$10. Cases are \$1. Artists: Elliott Cook, Side 1 & Rose Black, Side 2

2018 COIN STILL AVAILABLE

There are still a few of our first annual commemorative coins available. All profits benefit the new church. Just stop in the parish office to purchase. \$10 per coin.



Artist: Bryson Banks

NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY!

Looking for a way to deepen your understanding of the Scripture readings you hear proclaimed at Mass each weekend? Join us for a lectionary-based study which incorporates lectio divina, Ignatian contemplation, and group discussion to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. Using the book, Ponder, from Little Rock Scripture Study, we will discover how the Word of God applies to our lives today.

This study will be conducted via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM. Contact Susan Tracy via email: srtracy2@icloud.com, or by text message: 402-630-9938 in order to get a book (approximate cost \$20) and to be put on the Zoom invitation list. Join at any time during the year, and attend as often as you are able. All are welcome—no prior Bible study experience needed!



ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

PAST SUCCESS:

- ✓ \$20,000 for the Marquee (which generated a \$20,000 match)
- ✓ \$5,000 contributed to the New Church Fund

CURRENT GOAL:

\$15,000 for the Maintenance Garage
CURRENT TOTAL: \$9,500 !!!!!

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ❖ Donation can be placed under the auction table
- ❖ Payment envelopes are on the table
- ❖ Place them in the SVDP box, in the collection basket, or give to Parish or School office
- ❖ Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Council 11879
- ❖ Remember to include your phone number on all bids
- ❖ Auctions end dates are posted on the bid forms



Continued thanks to all of those donating and bidding. If you would like to assist with this program, contact Scott Eversole at 402-216-1508.



**ST. MATTHEW FOOD BANK
UPDATE:**

With the opening of our new church and new ***opportunities to serve our community, we have made*** some updates to our Food Bank program.

One Food Bank wagon is located in the new church (positioned near the restrooms)
One Food Bank wagon remains in the east school commons entrance.

We have begun a direct support effort for the Mater Filius House located in north Bellevue. There is a special collection box located near the school commons Food Bank wagon with contact/delivery information and a wish list. A Mater Filius wish list is also attached to the Food Bank wagon in the church if you desire to purchase those items. A volunteer with consolidate items into the collection box in the school (To keep the church uncluttered). If anyone would like to assist in deliveries or organization of the Food Bank program, please contact Scott Eversole at 402-216-1508.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Last week's rebate: No Sales

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. Scrip may still be ordered online. For information, contact Sue Mailhot at samailhot@archomaha.org. [HTTPS://SHOP.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM/](https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/)

WWG
WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD
No meetings at this time due to Covid

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

January Collection:

Warm gently used clothes – socks, shirts, shoes, coats, gloves, and hats will be very much appreciated. The warm clothes 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 donation of 113 pounds to Stephen's Center of food and clothing.

NEW ADDRESS

All mail for our church and parish office should be addressed to: 12330 S. 36th Street, Bellevue, NE 68123.
NOTE: This is especially *for those* who have their donations mailed from their financial institution. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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.

SAFETY---SAFETY---SAFETY

The parish of Saint Matthew's Safety Board has established **Security** and **Medical Teams** who are on duty at weekend masses whose mission is to help our parishioners in a medical situation and to keep them safe.

We thank all our members who have stepped forward to assist in this regard. More of our parishioners are needed to help us out. All parish members at least 18 years old are eligible to participate. Those interested in finding out more about our efforts, please contact:

Security - Greg Stoiber (402 -203-3685) or Dick Lewis (402 301-5849)

Medical - Mark Lockwood (402 215-7835) or Amy Adams (402 689-1093)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLEANING OUR CHURCH

Teams are being put together to vacuum, dust, and sweep on a weekly basis. We hope to have several teams. If you are interested, contact Sue Mailhot, team, it would take about an hour and a half to clean.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

This past week, we were able to help a family of 5 with their rent. COVID played havoc with the family as each of the parents had the virus. Between the quarantines and having the virus at different times, the father wound up losing his job. Although they had money from savings, it wasn't enough to cover the rent along with other expenses. Through your donations and the generosity of other SVdP conferences in the area, we were able to assist this family and keep them in their home. Thank you so much for your continued support. Together, we are making a difference!

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

We received \$742.65 for last quarter's rebate!

Thank you to the 164 families
who participate in this program.

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

AMAZON SMILE

We received \$137.43 for last quarter's rebate!

If you order from Amazon, please consider using Smile.Amazon and designate St. Matthew as your charity. Or use this direct link every time you shop <http://smile.amazon.com/ch47-0800122>. Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase price to St. Matthew. Thank you for your support!

DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Father Leo would like to share this video with you. It is called "Let's Seal the Doorposts". It is an encouraging message to post the Divine Mercy Image on your front door. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

PARISH LENDING LIBRARY



The library has moved to the second confessional in our new church. It is on the left side of the sanctuary, second door on the left. It is open weekdays during office hours and on weekends before and after masses.

There is a sign out sheet for the books and CDs on the table. We suggest you try to return the books/CDs within 3 weeks and then note your return date on the line where you signed out. There is a blue box for the return items. We are not using our book cart at this time. If you have a book at home that you checked out from the cart, please return it to our new location. Since our space is limited, we only accept donations of adult catholic books. (Please no pamphlets or children's books.) Stop by and peruse our large selection of books & CDs.

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MOBILE APP

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iPhone users text: ParishApp1 to 555888

Android users text: ParishApp2 to 555888

---Enjoy quick access to current community updates, 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 or specific parish groups! 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).

--*Note: You must have notifications turned on in your phone's settings and the app, to receive instant notifications.*

HOW TO RECEIVE INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS FROM SELECT PARISH GROUPS:

If you'd like to receive instant notifications from the parish office, or specific groups follow these steps in our parish app:

1. Open your app.
2. Click on 'More' in the bottom right corner.
3. Click on 'Message Settings'.
4. Click each group you wish to receive messages from.

(Green means you will receive instant messages from that group.)

Groups that you may elect to receive messages from are: *Religious Ed, Set-up/Take Down, Special Events, PTO, Security Team, Knights, Extra Help, Daily Mass, Prayer Warriors and General (Parish Office Notifications).* Note: *These are groups subject to change.*

Please also check for updates in the app store/google play to ensure best performance.

**If you need help, please call or stop by the parish office
anytime between M-F 9am-3:30pm.**