

Bulletin
January
2, 2022

No Daily Mass January 3rd and January 4th

Thank You

Thank you for the Christmas cards, gifts, and prayers. Your generosity and kindness is inspiring! May the good Lord continue to bless and watch over all of you in the New Year!~Thank you, Fr. Leo

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, 4:00pm and 11:00pm; Friday 2:00am, 3:00am, 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

LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE Runners Not a teammate yet? Join the largest Pro-Life team in the world, now with more than 17,300 teammates! LIFE Runners use prayer and teamwork to defend Life from conception to natural death. Running optional. Faith required. Sign up to get your **“REMEMBER The Unborn – Jer 1:5”** jersey and team updates/devotions at liferunners.org/signup. Invite others to join us. All In Christ for Pro-Life! Contact Kevin and Janice Todd via Flocknote.

PRAYER VIGIL Please mark your calendar for our next vigil, 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

NEW – FREE AMEN

Download the free Amen Catholic Prayer app on the App Store or Google Play and enter deeper into the Word. The development and release of this app is an exciting moment for the Augustine Institute in answering Saint John Paul II's call for a New Evangelization—to proclaim the Gospel using new ardor, methods, and expression.



Continuing Our Journey

Commitment:

\$2,249,083.00

Pledges Collected:

\$ 877,690.22

Second Collection Schedule

All checks made out to St. Matthew

January 8 Seminarian

January 15 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 1

10:00 Mary Clare Coufal †

5:00 Ted Ruane †

January 2

9:00 Doug Griesere, John Kirkpatrick, Sr. †

11:00 Jody Holdcroft †

St. Matthew Families

NO DAILY MASS January 3 & 4

January 5

9:00 Ruth Martinick †

January 6

9:00 Barbara Schulze †

January 7

9:00 Barbara Hajdin

Religious Education Schedule

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

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

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

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

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 (see Flocknote insert) with questions.

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.

PONDER: CONTEMPLATIVE BIBLE STUDY (YEAR C)

The first Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year—Year C, which features the Gospel according to Luke. Marked by the compassion of Jesus, the gospel stories of Luke demonstrate the universal nature of Jesus' mission. If you would like to join, 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.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES**ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

For many, Christmas is a time of fun and excitement, a wonderful time when families get together to celebrate and enjoy a banquet of food. For others, the holiday is the total opposite, where families struggle to keep a roof over their head, food insecurity is an issue and presents are seen as a luxury. This Christmas was especially stressful for a family of 6 who had been given a 7-day eviction notice on December 16, 2021. The family had been dealt several blows, COVID struck the members in an inconveniently staggered pattern where the quarantine periods and illness forced the father to miss work. The mother, battling major health issues, could only work as long as her health permitted to help out. The father had called other agencies in the area without success, a desperate attempt to avoid being forced out of their home. Then, he called the church office and was put in touch with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

Our volunteers were able to coordinate funds between our St. Matthew SVdP account and the Ryan Funds from the Omaha SVdP Council and paid their rent. An added blessing was a gift from the South Omaha Knights of Columbus who had provided a generous donation for us to do as needed. Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance and dropped off gifts to this very thankful family and 2 other families in need.

Once again, your generous donations to the St Vincent de Paul Society made a huge positive impact for a local family.

To learn more about how you can make a difference in your community, come and join us on January 4th, 2022, at 5:30pm in the church's lower level conference room.



WWG Women Working for God

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our meeting on Tuesday, January 18th 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 (see Flocknote insert). Hope to see you then!



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.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR THE NEEDY...

Resumes Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Distribution hours are 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 KofC food wagon.

For more information contact Barb Bolter or Phil McEvoy via Flocknote



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 new 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 (see Flocknote insert).

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.

VETERAN'S HOME VOUNTEERS NEEDED

EMHC to take the Eucharist to the Veterans, Sundays at 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 (see Flocknote insert).

SECURITY DOORS – LOCKED

As part of the plan to protect parishioners during mass, 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.

HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING DRIVE

There will be a collection bin in the church lobby from November 15 to January 15. Please bring any lights you no longer need and help BSA Troop 231 do its good turn! Contact Barb Bittner bbittner68@gmail.com.



Help Needed to take down the Christmas Decorations in the church on January 9, at noon.

PARISH DIRECTORY/ PHOTOS

We have been in contact with Re:Member, the company that worked with us on our photo directory. While there have been delays, they have assured us that orders will be received soon.

CALENDAR LOTTERY

Jan 1

Jan 2

Jan 3

Jan 4

Jan 5

Jan 6

Lottery Drawing December 31st.

Stay tuned for results!

A CHECK IS AUTOMATICALLY MAILED OUT TO ALL WINNERS.

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



PREK 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 child.



Catholic Schools Week 2022
January 30–February 5
www.NCEA.org/csw
#CSW22

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



Thank you to all who have supported and generously donated to our event. 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.

SAVE THE DATE

May 6, 2022

2nd Annual IT'S ALL FOR JESUS

Golf Tournament.

Tara Hills Golf Course.



AMAZON SMILE

We received \$210.58 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 0.05% of your purchase price to St. Matthew. Thank you for your support!

**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.

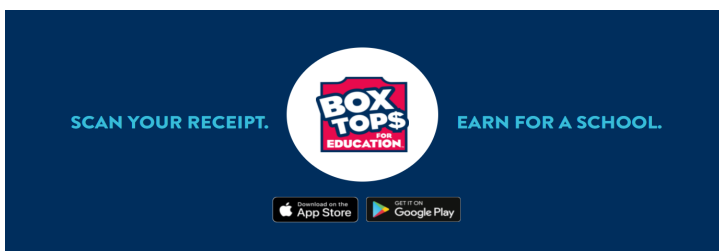
TEXT TO GIVE OPTION

To securely make a gift,

TEXT a dollar amount to

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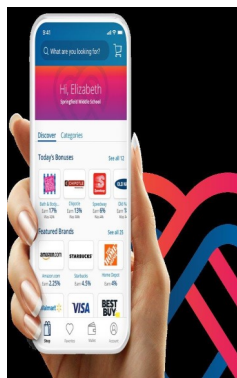
You will be asked to complete a one-time registration page with your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to our phone number. To make it easier, save this number as a contact in your phone for future giving.

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS**

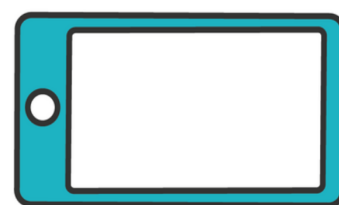
Rebate: \$1268.55

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. It is like giving two Christmas presents in one because.. St. Matthew Church and School benefits from every purchase you make.



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

**HOW TO TAGG**

- 1 Download the TAGG mobile app.
- 2 Choose us and upload a photo of your receipt.
- 3 The business will make a donation to us at no extra cost to you!

**ST. MATTHEW
CALENDAR LOTTERY**

862 of 862 tickets sold,

100% of goal

See Ed Janeczko in the Narthex or purchase in the Parish/School office. A fundraiser for St. Matthew School and Parish. 377 individual prizes throughout 2022. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500. **\$25.00 per Ticket.** Winners need not be present. Drawing to be held NLT December 31, 2021. A donation of \$25 entitles each ticket holder a chance to win one of 365 daily prizes and 12 special monthly prizes, awarded for each day/month of 2022. All ticket holders have 377 chances to win, as all are eligible for each and every daily and monthly prize for the year. Sales will continue through late December 2021 or the date of drawing; if all are sold prior to the closing date, late entries will be returned.

2022 St. Matthew Community Silent Auction Update — Scott Eversole

Going Strong into the new year! That is how I would describe the silent auction after four years of service to our community. Thanks to God's inspiration, many generous donations, and equally generous bidders we have accomplished much. Below is a summary of the history and important facts about our Silent Auction program.

PAST SUCCESS:

- * \$10,000 Bids + \$10,000 Donations for Marquee (generated a \$20,000 match)
- * \$5,000 contributed to the Upon This Rock Campaign
- * Over \$5,000 of auction/raffle items contributed to Fundraising Events
- * \$2,000 contributed to the NEW St. Matthew Educational Endowment Fund
- * 11,000 and growing for the Maintenance Garage

Location: The Auction is located in the lower-level hallway just outside the Parish Office. Access is from the rear lower-level doors, from the office, or by taking the elevator/stairs from the main church to the lower level and following the hallway to the rear entrance.

Important Notes

- * Donations can be placed under the auction table
- * Payment envelopes/Payment box located on the auction table
- * Payments also accepted in the collection box, Parish/School offices
- * Checks (Payable to Knight of Columbus Council 11879) or Cash accepted
- * Please include your phone number with all bids

The auction could use 1-2 people with a few minutes a week to help close out auctions, notify winners, and set new items for sale. If you would like to assist with the auction or have question or donations, please contact Scott Eversole at 402-216-1508 or usaffamily@cox.net