

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. — Mk 1:27-28

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## MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Jan 30 5:00pm - Paul Galloway †  
Sun. Jan 31 9:30am - St. Matthew Families  
11:00am - Frances Naegele †

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Feb 2 9:00am – Remedios Paz Maristela †  
Wed. Feb 3 9:00am – Paul Kreikemeier †  
Sister Ann Marie Mullen BVM †  
Helen Radil †  
Thur. Feb 4 9:00pm – Bryan Wintz †  
Fri. Feb 5 9:00am – Chuck & Carol Sand †

## MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Feb 6 5:00pm - Michael Bevan †  
Sun. Feb 7 9:30am - St. Matthew Families †  
11:00am - Joan White †

## 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 4 in 1 Home & Foreign Missions  
February 13 St. Vincent de Paul  
February 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](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.

## CALENDAR LOTTERY

### WINNERS

### CONGRATULATIONS!



Jan 24	Beth Beaudoin	\$50
Jan 25	Dale G. Bauermeister	\$ 25
Jan 26	Scott Harmsen	\$ 25
Jan 27	Matthew Harmen	\$ 25
Jan 28	Ariel Tompsett	\$ 25
Jan 29	Mary Boone	\$ 25
Jan 30	David Roper	\$ 25

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



## 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.*

## NEW ADDRESS

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

## 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.

## 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, [samailhot@archomaha.org](mailto:samailhot@archomaha.org). With 5 or 6 people to a team, it would take about an hour and a half to clean.

## FAMILY ROOM OPEN

The Family Room in the back of the church is available during masses. There are rocking chairs and a private family restroom for your use.



## 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](mailto:dbruceb1@gmail.com) or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, 402-658-9636, or email [dbauermeister3@gmail.com](mailto: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



## WWG

## WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

No meetings at this time due to Covid.

## SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$107.00

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](mailto:samailhot@archomaha.org). [HTTPS://SHOP.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM/](https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/)



## 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. January donation of 159 pounds to Stephen's Center of clothing and shoes.



## SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

### ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 21-22 school year will open for all families on February 1, 2021. 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 7 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 are 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](https://Caseys.com/schools).



## EUCARIST 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](mailto:BUELLDONNAJM@GMAIL.COM) Phil McEvoy at [PRMCVOY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PRMCVOY@GMAIL.COM)

## 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. 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)

All parish members at least 18 years old are eligible to participate.



### 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.

### 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**  
**PADRE PIO WINDOW UPDATE** The St. Pio "window race" continues! We now have \$25,453. The total cost for the window is \$36,000. Thank you so much to all those

who have contributed! What a witness this window will be to our holy teamwork!! We have a couple more weekends to make it to the finish line on February 7, following the bake sales. If anyone would like to donate baked or store-bought items to the bake sales on Feb 2 (for the students), 6 or 7 (after all Masses), contact Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com. Please mark cash contribution envelopes with "Padre Pio window" and make checks payable to LIFE Runners with "Padre Pio window" in the memo. Contributions can be put in the collection basket at Mass or sent to the parish or school office. St. Padre Pio, pray for us!

**LIFE Runners BANQUET Fri, Feb 19th: 6pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Event Center in Omaha. Speaker is Claire Culwell, abortion survivor and 2020 March for Life keynote, along with special guests Bishop Conley, Bishop Coffey, and Lt Governor Foley. In-Person (limited) and Virtual tickets available at liferunners.org/banquet. Join us, All In Christ for Pro Life! Missed Dr. Pat Castle's "I Met Padre Pio" presentation here on Jan 13 Watch it here: <https://www.facebook.com/776216409069660/videos/3595775357204259>**

**Nebraska Catholic Conference** The NCC staff began their 2021 NE Legislative session on January 6. Please pray for them as they advocate on behalf of the Church in NE and bear the Light of Christ in the public square. You can help spread the word about important legislation and reach elected officials by **joining and inviting friends and family to join the NCC network** at necatholic.org.

**PRAYER VIGIL** 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. **Take this and eat; this is My Body. ~ Mt 26:26**

**Reflection:** Supporters of abortion say, "This is my body, I can do what I want." Jesus says, "This is My Body, given for you." The same words are spoken from opposite ends of the universe with totally opposite results. Let us resolve to live those words as Jesus did, giving ourselves away for the good of others, born and unborn.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for my body, my life, and my freedom. May all of us understand the purpose of these gifts: to freely give ourselves away in love just as You did. (Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone; visit priestsforlife.org to sign up for daily Pro-Life Reflections emails)



### **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.

### **CAMPUS WIDE IT/AV COMMITTEE**

The Parish is forming a committee to oversee the management of Information Technology, Audio and Visual systems across the campus to ensure we maintain our state of the art systems and have consistency across the school and new building systems. We are interested in individuals who have expertise in networking, video systems, audio systems and computer systems. Contact Rick Holdcroft, rholdcroft@cox.net, 402-350-4097 for more information.

### **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 more information.



### **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!

### **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.

### **USHERS NEEDED!!**

We are asking for more people to volunteer to be an usher. Five ushers are needed for each mass. Contact the parish office if you are interested in helping.

## YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

On Dec. 8, the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as patron of the universal Church, Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph, which officially began that day and ends on Dec. 8, 2021. What a wonderful time to gain plenary indulgences, to make a Consecration to St. Joseph, and to learn more about him. The following are available on FORMED - St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church by Dr. Mark Miravalle (listen); Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ (watch); The School of Nazareth: A Spiritual Journey with St. Joseph by Mark Hartfiel (read). Also suggested books: Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father by Fr. Donald Calloway, Meet Your Spiritual Father by Dr. Mark Miravalle, and The Life of Saint Joseph by Maria Cecilia Baij.

### 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



## 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.

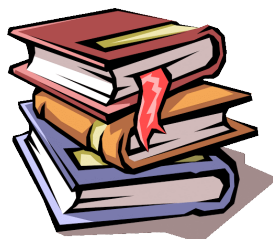
## ST. MATTHEW ORGANIZATION TABLES

All the information tables, formerly located in the Commons, are now located in the future Social Hall next to the Parish Office. This includes Auction items, WWG, SVDP and Religious Resources. The Social Hall can be accessed through the Parish Office doors during the week and the doors to the left of the Parish Office doors on the weekend.

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### 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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Baptism of the Lord: After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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.

Through your donations and the generosity of other SVdP conferences in the area, we agree 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 \$741.50 for last quarter's rebate!*

Thank you to the 171 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](http://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?>



## SEEK F.O.C.U.S. CONFERENCE FELLOWSHIP OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

SEEK21 is a one-of-a kind event where thousands gather as small groups to ask the big questions about joy, peace, hope, and salvation. This conference will be held February 4-7 at St. Matthew.

Thur. 6 pm, Fri, 6pm, Sat. 9 am, Sun. 12:30pm.

Cost is \$50 per person.

Call or text Sarah Bowman to sign up –

402-214-7330 or [sbowman549@gmail.com](mailto:sbowman549@gmail.com)

Dynamic speakers with small group sessions. This will be live streamed.

Materials/ resources included. This conference is Covid friendly!

Some of the speakers will be Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and Curtis Martin.

For further information, google focus seek conference 2020. All are welcome!

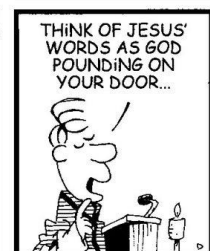
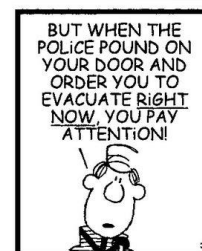


## WELCOME

*Ronan Stewart Kaup*

Baptized January 24, 2021

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# 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 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.**

Health Care Items are available, for loan, from the Knights. Available items: 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 [prmevoy@gmail.com](mailto:prmevoy@gmail.com) for information on how to return it.