

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” — Mk 4:30-32b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. June 12 29 9:00am – Special Intention
 Sun. June 13 30 9:00am – St. Matthew Families
 11:00am – Carol Ann Veylupek †

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. June 15 9:00am – Matt & Chris Ruane
 25th Wedding Anniversary
 Wed. June 16 9:00am – Marjorie Doyle †
 Thur. June 17 9:00am – Ruth Martinick †
 Fri. June 18 9:00am – Maurice & Joyce Current †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. June 19 29 9:00am – Bill Stocker
 Sun. June 20 30 9:00am – Elroy Hefner †
 11:00am – St. Matthew Families †

MASS INTENTION CHANGES

Due to Archdiocesan policy, we can only take Mass Intentions within a year, ie. we accept Mass intentions April to March 31; then May to April 30, etc. We may also send Mass intentions to the Archdiocese to have them sent to missions. Another option is we may send to Msgr. Furlong who will distribute the masses to other retired priests. The only stipulation is the Mass may not be able to be offered on a specific date. Even if we don't witness the mass, all spiritual graces are still conferred.

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

June 19.....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.



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

June 6	Angela LeRoy	\$ 50
June 7	Jane Judy	\$ 25
June 8	Pierce Tomlinson	\$ 25
June 9	Arnie Nash	\$ 25
June 10	Linus LeRoy	\$ 25
June 11	Susanne Bartness	\$ 25
June 12	Myrena Van Slyke	\$ 25

A check will automatically be mailed to all winners.

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.

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.

JOB OPENING: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Under the Pastor's direction, the DRE develops, coordinates, implements, and supervises the parish's Religious Education (RE) program. DRE serves in the religious formation of the parish's adults and youth. This position also serves as the parish Safe Environment (SE) Coordinator. The SE Coordinator assists the Pastor in ensuring that the Archdiocese-mandated youth and vulnerable adult protection programs are executed in accordance with Archdiocese directives. The DRE also is responsible for carrying out the Summer Youth Program (SYP), ex. “Totus Tuus.” For More information, please contact the Parish Office 402-292-7418.



WELCOME

Savannah Grace Arrellin

Jocelyn Rose Torres

Baptized June, 6 2021



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 (and via Zoom). All Knights are invited and welcome to attend either meeting. 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, dbuceb1@gmail.com or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, 402-658-9636, or email dbauermeister3@gmail.com.

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Need a ride to Church?

Contact Butch Songcuan 402-933-1646

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Family and Knight of the Month: We would like to recognize our Knight and Family of the month for **April: Knight of the Month - John Knowles**

Family of the Month - Ed Sauley and family

Each of these brother Knights and their families are key players and regular supporters of our projects and programs as we support our parish, school and community.



WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Meetings will resume again in the Fall. See you then.



TOTUS TUUS

St. Matthew's is pleased to again offer Totus Tuus, "Totally Yours," this July. This summer youth program is a fun- and faith-filled week running from Sunday, **July**

18th to Friday, July 23rd 2021. There are two separate programs offered--one for 1st to 6th grades and a second for 7th to 12th grades. ALL youth in these grades are invited and encouraged to attend--they can bring a buddy! For more information and registration information, visit the parish website <https://www.stmatthewbellevue.org/totus-tuus--vbs->



JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Matthew School is looking for help next school year in the cafeteria. Hours will be 10:30 am to 12:30 pm each day that school is in session. If interested, please contact the Principal, Angie Palmer, for more details. 402-291-2030

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Find out what our school children are up to. Find our newsletter at: <https://www.smores.com/fb149>

SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

Enrollment for the 21-22 school year is open for all families. Go to stmattschool.com to register or contact the school – 402-291-2030. **PRE-K has 5 spots left.**

NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY!

This is Year B in our liturgical cycle, which focuses on the Gospel according to Mark. It is believed to be the earliest of the four gospels, and it is the shortest. The evangelists Matthew and Luke incorporated almost all of Mark's gospel into their own. What does Mark's gospel have to tell us about Jesus, and why is it important to hear this unique perspective?

We explore these questions (and more) in a Scripture study every Tuesday evening via Zoom. Using the book Ponder from Little Rock Scripture, we pray with the Sunday readings and listen to what God is revealing to us. Our prayer method is Lectio Divina, but we have also used Ignatian contemplation, and our own life experiences, along with lively and life-giving discussion. If you would like to join, email me at srtracy2@icloud.com 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 7-8:30 pm, but you are welcome to "drop in" when you are available.

Have you wanted to do a Bible study, but don't feel that you know where to start? Do you find your knowledge about the Bible is lacking? Or maybe you have experienced trying to "study" Scripture, but haven't found something that gives a Catholic perspective? I want to form a group to do an "Introduction to the Bible" study. It would be once a week (via Zoom) for 6 weeks. Email me at srtracy2@icloud.com if you are interested.



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, September through May. 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.

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. Contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org) with questions.

SUNDAY PREP BIBLE STUDY

Join us for one hour of food, fun, history, and preparation toward understanding Sunday readings. This is held Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, in the CSR conference room. To attend, come to the southwest corner at the back of the church. Come in the doors by the sign "Parish Office". Deacon Tom Deall facilitates the bible study.



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE Runners Registration is now open for the LIFE Runners A-Cross America relay - the largest spanning Pro-Life event with 1,528 legs covering 5,359 miles

(12 million steps)! Register at <https://www.liferunners.org/race/across/> to run or walk 5K legs on the Relay course or from anywhere in the world, anytime from Jul 4th kickoff to Aug 8th finish line. Join us to walk your sponsored 5K leg with our St. Matthew chapter on Sat, July 10, at 9:00am. We will meet at the Carhart facility (1002 W Mission) and walk downtown Bellevue. Wear your jersey! Contact Chapter Leaders Kevin and Janice Todd with any questions at janicetoddmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699

PRAYER VIGIL Thank you to those who prayed during our monthly prayer vigil on Fri. Mark your calendar for our next one, July 9, 10:00-11:00am. We now encourage you to come pray for/with us each Saturday morning at 7:30am. 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.

"CHOOSE LIFE" LICENSE PLATES We encourage everyone to choose these plates for your vehicles. What a great way to spread the message to love and choose life all over town and wherever you travel! The alpha/numeric plates are only \$5! Go to <https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/choose-life-plates> for more info and to order them.

Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream. ~ Amos 5:24

Reflection: Sometimes there is a tension between those who work to defend the right to life and those who work for "social justice." Yet there can be no social justice without establishing the most basic justice, the protection of one's life.

If the right to life is not secure, neither is any other right.

Prayer: *Lord, enable Your people who work for what is right to resist every temptation to minimize or neglect any aspect of the demands of justice.* (Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone; visit priestsforlife.org to sign up for daily Pro-Life Reflections emails)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH “Devotion to St. Joseph is something very precious for Christian mothers because St. Joseph is patron of Christian families.” ~ St. Peter Julian Eymard (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

ST. JOSEPH SUMMER BIBLE STUDY During this year of St. Joseph, come learn more about this great Saint in a new series by Dr. Brant Pitre. Dr. Pitre “opens up the mysteries of St. Joseph’s hidden identity, his relationship with Mary, and his role as the earthly foster-father of Jesus. Although St. Joseph is silent in the pages of the New Testament, when looked at through ancient Jewish eyes, he stands with Jesus and Mary at the very center of salvation history.” **Everyone is invited** to join us **this Thursday evening, June 10, and June 17 and 24** at 6:30-8:00pm, in the School library (Bldg 2) to listen to this fascinating study. No fee, no homework, no Bible Study experience required! Study outline provided. BYOB and a snack to share (optional). Contact Janice Todd at janicetoddmc@msn.com to register or with any questions.

GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select “Sign up as a parishioner” then enter “St. Matthew The Evangelist” (12210 S. 36th St., Ste A Bellevue, NE)
3. Enter your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

How to access your FREE FORMED account on a phone:

It's easy with email authentication! First, you open your email account on your phone. Then open formed.org and select "sign in" in the top right. Then type in your email address and go check your email which will contain a new email with a button to click to confirm. And you're in!

Enjoy the Catholic faith On Demand. Thousands of movies, programs, audio talks and books instantly. Wonderful content for kids and families.



EUCHARIST ADORATION

Exposition of the Eucharist is now every Friday of the month from 6:00am Friday to 9:00am Saturday. *Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact a*

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



PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

The library 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. Our space is limited so 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.

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’. **Next order will be placed on July 5.**



****NEW PROGRAM** DRIVE THRU Fresh Produce Pantry!**

Wednesdays from 4:30pm-6pm we are providing a drive through fresh produce pantry in the South parking lot. This will continue through June. Aside from produce, a gallon of milk is also provided. If you are experiencing food insecurity, join us on Wednesdays. A mask is required, no gn-up or ID verification is required. Share this with others who may be experiencing this concern. This program is through Whispering Roots.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

June Collection:

Peanut butter and jelly...no glass jars. Any clothes and shoes gently used. 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, May collection was 132 pounds of food and clothing to the Stephen Center.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

A family in our parish has graciously loaned us a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. It has been a part of their family for over 30 years, has traveled to many members of the family in times of need and many prayers have been answered! You may sign out the statue from the Parish Office M-F from 9-4 or Phil McEvoy at pmcevoy@gmail.com or 402-689-6457

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

We received \$731.42 for last quarter's rebate!

Thank you to the 168 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

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$68.46

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. Order Scrip online.

<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/> Parish Office also has scrip on hand and ordering every two weeks



GARAGE SALE! SPRING CLEANING!

St. Matthew is planning a garage sale the third week of June. Help is needed!! The Sign Up Genius will be emailed to all parishioners or available at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084baca928a5fd0-stmatthew1>

This is a Great opportunity for everyone to help if only for one hour. ☺ Also great for service hours for high school students! Contact Mary Kay Marshall, 402-506-4877. Keep your items you do not want and save for the garage sale. We will take them the week of the sale. Please be sure they are clean, useable items.

Drop off dates: June 13, 14, 15.

Dates of Sale: June 17, 18, 19

CUSTODIAL POSITION OPENING



St. Matthew Community is looking to hire a full-time custodian with 2+ years of experience. Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm during the school year, with a flexible summer schedule. Must be able to lift 40lbs. Benefits offered / Salary based on experience. Please contact Brian Carney @ 402-490-9462.



ARE THERE ANY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE HOUSE?

The Safety Board is adding a medical response team to work with the security team to provide first aid or initial, stabilizing care to any parishioner who may require it during Mass or other events held in the parish. If you have ANY medical background (our founding members consist of two (2) pharmacy technicians, a nurse and a respiratory therapist), please consider joining this important team and be available to assist fellow parishioners in a time of needs. We would like to identify a pool of medical personnel that would be available to provide care, if needed, at each mass. If interested, please contact Mark Lockwood at 402-215-7835 or Amy Adams at 402-689-1093



Thank you for your prayers and generosity during the JPII Newman Center second collection in April. Your support helps drive our mission to spread the transformative love of Jesus Christ with every college student in Omaha. Additionally, your financial support provides the opportunity for students with common values to continue their faith journey through their college years and will encourage students to be leaders in their future parishes and communities. From all of us at the JPII Newman Center – THANK YOU!

DR. SCOTT HAHN COMING TO OMAHA JULY 24!

The Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology and Spirit Catholic Radio present Dr. Scott Hahn—The Riches of Our Catholic Faith—on Saturday, July 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 11802 Pacific, Omaha. Be inspired and study Scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars. Dr. Scott Hahn is a best-selling author, speaker, theologian, convert from Presbyterianism and professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Please join us on Saturday, July 24, from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to hear Dr. Hahn's talk. Visit spiritcatholicradio.com/Hahn to purchase your \$20 tickets.



The following students have received academic honors for the second semester.

Creighton Prep

Marcel Nash
David Burgos
Christian Burton-Lewis
Evan Diaz
Erwin Kouablan
Patrick McFall

Duchesne

Clare Von Osterheldt

Gross

Elizabeth Linder
Collin Sauley
Julia Swiniarski
Mackenzie Cook
Delaney Huck
Jeff Treu
Elliott Cook
Rebecca Metzger
Chris Treu



**ST. MATTHEW
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WE ARE BACK SERVING
BREAKFAST AGAIN!!!
DON'T MISS THE PANCAKE
BREAKFAST - SUNDAY JUNE
13TH!**

PLEASE JOIN THE KNIGHTS
FOR A DELICIOUS PANCAKE
BREAKFAST ON JUNE 13TH FROM
9:30 - 11:00 AM.

**FREE WILL DONATIONS
SUPPORT RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION AND
CONFIRMATION**

DELICIOUS MENU:

PANCAKES
FRENCH TOAST
SCRAMBLED EGGS
BACON & 2 VARIETIES OF
SAUSAGE
POTATOCASSEROLE
FRESH FRUIT
ORANGE JUICE, MILK, AND
COFFEE

June 13, 2021

WATCH

LIGHT OF LOVE

When most of us think about religious life, we might imagine kneeling in a convent or assisting the poor on the streets. While both of these scenes are essential to life as a sister, Light of Love takes a deeper look into understanding the call... the "why" of religious life.



LEARN

FORMED NOW! DEALING WITH BOREDOM

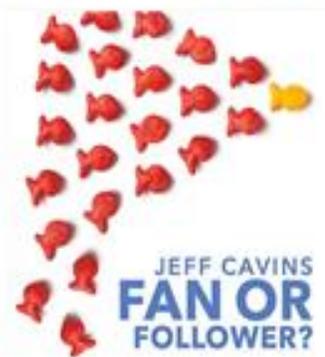


In this episode of FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Scott Hefelfinger to discuss something that many of us face on a daily basis: boredom. In this conversation, these two teachers reveal how to remedy boredom with wonder.

LISTEN

FAN OR FOLLOWER? YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS BY JEFF CAVINS

In this talk, Jeff Cavins shares how he has come to see that Jesus wants us to surrender every bit of our own comfort to follow Him. We are all fans of Jesus, but how many of us are truly his disciples?



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