

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



“**T**o 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

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

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Tues. June 22 9:00am – Francis Doyle †
Wed. June 23 9:00am – Harumi Reardon †
Thur. June 24 9:00am – Carol Ann Veylupek †
Fri. June 25 9:00am – Maurice & Joyce Current †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. June 26 9:00am – Paul Galloway
Sun. June 27 9:00am – Don Leiber †
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 & 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.



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->

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.



EUCCHARIST 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.

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 prmcevoy@gmail.com or 402-689-6457

**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, dbruceb1@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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**WWG****WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD**

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

**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.

**LOTTERY WINNERS****CONGRATULATIONS!**

June 13	Matthew McCoy	\$ 50
June 14	Nikki Schroeder	\$ 50
	(Flag Day Special)	
June 15	Michael Townsend	\$ 25
June 16	Melissa Murtaugh	\$ 25
June 17	Marcel Nash	\$ 25
June 18	Tom Shimerdla	\$ 25
June 19	Molly Lukasina	\$ 25

A check will automatically be mailed to all winners

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS.

Congratulations to Mary Fran Williamson and Rob Black for being elected to three-year terms on the Parish Pastoral Council. Also, Fr Leo has appointed Carin Crampton to take the position of a vacant position on the council.

The following parishioners make up the 2021 – 2022 Parish Pastoral Council:

- Father Leo, Pastor
- Greg Stoiber, At Large
- Rick Holdcroft, At Large
- Phil McEvoy, At Large
- Carin Crampton, At Large
- Mary Fran Williamson, At Large
- Rob Black, At Large
- Mark Kyriss, Knights of Columbus
- Sherry Trupp, Women Working for God
- Angie Palmer, Principal
- Lisa Deall, Director of Religious Education
- Wade Horton, Chairman of the Finance Committee
- Joe Akers, Program Director
- Dick Lewis, Director of the Minutemen
- Brian Carney, Director of Parish Maintenance
- Arnie Nash, Director of Athletics

WELCOME TRANSFER GRANT

Contact us about our Welcome Transfer Grant for qualified students coming from a non-Catholic school! This is \$1500 per qualifying family. Contact the school for details.

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.**

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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, 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](mailto: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](mailto:mhwhite@archomaha.org) ) with questions.

### **SUNDAY PREP BIBLE STUDY**

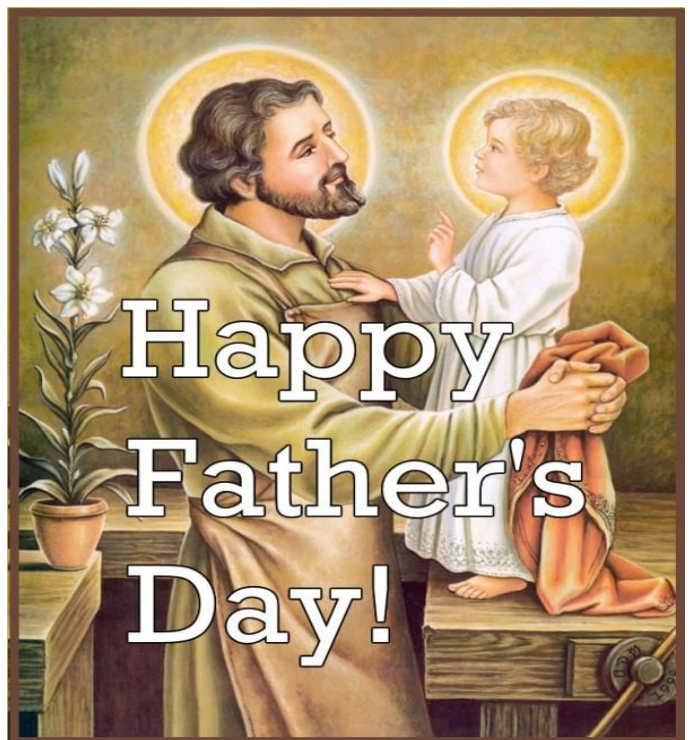
Join us for one hour of food, fun, history, and preparation toward understanding Sunday readings. This is held Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, in the CSR conference room. To attend, come to the southwest corner at the back of the church. Come in the doors by the sign "Parish Office". Deacon Tom Deall facilitates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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:srtracy2@icloud.com) if you are interested.







## LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

**LIFE Runners** Register for the annual LIFE Runners A-Cross America relay - the largest spanning Pro-Life event with 1,528 legs covering 5,359 miles (12 million

steps) 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 [janicetoddcmc@msn.com](mailto:janicetoddcmc@msn.com) or 402-871-4699

**PRAYER VIGIL** Mark your calendar for our next monthly prayer vigil, July 9, 10:00-11:00am. We 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.

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Though the mind receives light and strength from faith, this issue belongs to every human conscience that looks for truth and is concerned about humanity. ~ The Gospel of Life, 101

Reflection: Jesus, the Bible, and the Church teach that stealing is wrong. Does it follow that laws that prohibit stealing impose a religious belief on the rest of us? Of course not.

But some argue that a law protecting the unborn would impose religion. They think freedom of religion should allow child-killing.

Prayer: *Lord, You have blessed human conscience with the ability to perceive that killing children is wrong. Increase the moral strength of Your people, that this evil may end.* (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 “Although he [St. Joseph] never adored our Lord under the Eucharistic species and never had the happiness of communicating [receiving Holy Communion], he did possess and adore Jesus in human form.” ~ St. Peter Julian Eymard (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

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.

WEDDING COORDINATOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We are looking for 1 to 2 people who would be interested in helping to coordinate weddings that take place at St. Matthew. Must be available on Friday evenings and Saturdays. The ideal candidate(s) will have strong organizational and communication skills. For more details on the position, please contact the Parish Office 402-292-7418.



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 sign-up or ID verification is required. Share this with others who may be experiencing this concern. This program is through Whispering Roots.



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



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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Looking for individuals interested in running the computer for the projectors so that the hymns are displayed until we receive Breaking Bread Missals in November. Training will be provided. Looking for a list of individuals for each Mass.

Please contact Suzi

Brunner smpbrunner@verizon.net or 402-670-7642.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$67.75

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.



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.

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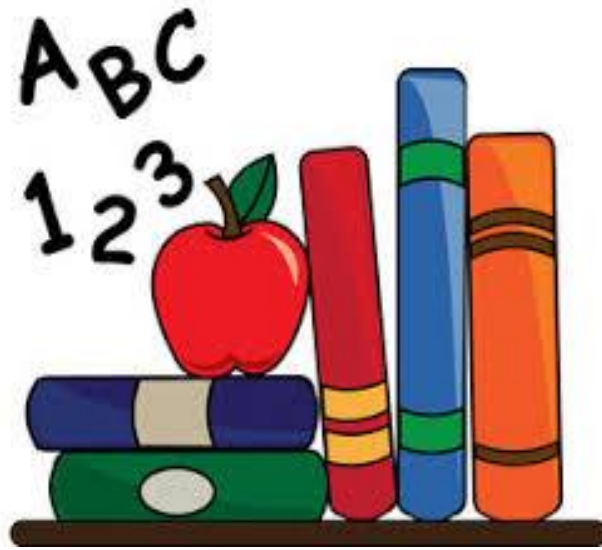
Consider e-giving. Visit www.faithdirect.net simply click "Give Now" and enter our church code: NE489. Or simply call 1-866-507-8757. You can give a one-time gift or sign up for recurring gifts.



The *Mardi Gras* committee is asking you to consider donating big ticket items for our oral auction.

Items such as weekend or weeklong time shares, tickets to games or concerts, airline and hotel points, golf outings or dinners. Please contact **Joann Price at 402-297-1027** if you have questions.

Save the Date February 26th, 2022 for our Fabulously Fun Mardi Gras Event. You don't want to miss it



St. Matthew School is looking for a
1st grade teacher. Qualified
individuals (holding a valid
Nebraska teaching license) can
send resume, cover letter, and
letters of recommendation to:

Principal Angie Palmer

acpalmer@schools.archomaha.org

June 20, 2021

WATCH

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE

As we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist this week, we remember his words: “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Mt 3:11). Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose!



LEARN

TRUE REFORMERS: EPISODE 1 - ST. THOMAS MORE

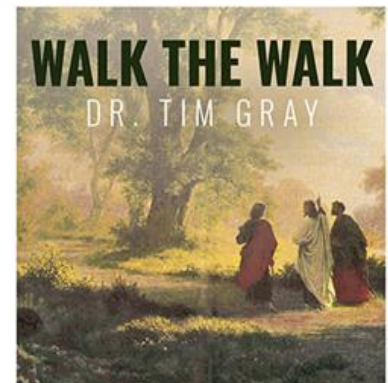


St. Thomas More was one of the greatest humanists of his age but also a man devoted to the spiritual life. His lifetime of learning, charity, and service to the public good of England enabled him to stand a patient and holy witness—and one of the greatest of modern martyrs.

LISTEN

WALK THE WALK: FOLLOWING CHRIST AS HIS DISCIPLE BY DR. TIM GRAY

Being a disciple of Jesus has always been synonymous with being a Christian. From the Scriptures and from his own experience, Dr. Tim Gray explains how Christian discipleship calls us to follow in the footsteps of Christ as engaged participants in God's plan. In doing so, we bear witness to the Lord in our families, workplaces, and communities.



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To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.