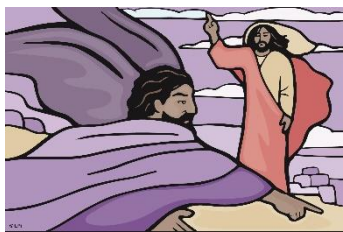


ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Mar. 9 5:00 pm – Joann King †
Sun. Mar. 10 8:30 am – Rosemary Liebenritt †
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Mar. 12 9:00 am – Mike Kosch †
Wed. Mar. 13 9:00 am – Bernie Reinhart †
Thurs. Mar. 14 9:00 am – Forget Family
Fri. Mar. 15 9:00 am – Leonard Loebach †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Mar. 16 5:00 pm – Sichon Family †
Sun. Mar. 17 8:30 am – Loretta Stoiber †
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is scheduled by contacting Phil McEvoy at prmcevoy@gmail.com or Dan Linder at dan@linder.org.

24 HOUR EUCHARIST ADORATION

Adoration is held every FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 8:00am Friday through 8:00am Saturday. Multiple people can attend each hour. If you would like to be a sub, sign up on the table outside of the Chapel. *Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact a sub.* Contact is Phil McEvoy at 402-689-6457 or prmcevoy@gmail.com.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesdays 6:00 pm in Chapel

Reconciliation

Wednesday 6:00 pm & Saturday 4:15 pm
Sundays following 10:30 am Mass

MASS GREETERS NEEDED

Job Duties include: Smiling, greeting & handing out misselettes. Contact the parish office. *No prior experience required. Adults only.*

CALENDAR LOTTERY

WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS

Mar	3	Diane/Justin Wray	\$50
Mar	4	Jamie Malone	\$25
Mar	5	Shelly Schaeffer	\$25
Mar	6	Dan Lohaus	\$25
Mar	7	Susanne Bartmess	\$25
Mar	8	Maria Ramos	\$25
Mar	9	Ben Roper	\$25



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

FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving this year. 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.



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.

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

March 16/17

Maintenance

March 30/31

Catholic Relief Services

If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. World Mission, Camp. Campaign, etc.) in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, just call or email the parish office 402-292-7418.

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 are received.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Wednesday of Lent except Ash Wednesday we will recite this ancient prayer March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd and 10th 2019 at 6:00 PM in Holy Angels Mausoleum in Resurrection Cemetery. On Good Friday (April 19, 2019) we will walk "The Way" at Calvary Cemetery 3:00 PM meeting at Station 1. For more information please contact me, Deacon Jim Tardy at 402/391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.



Knights of Columbus: Planning meeting is the first Monday each month; General Membership meeting is the third Monday each month. Meetings are at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the parish office. All Knights are invited and welcome to attend both meetings. *If you are not receiving emails, check your spam email.*

If you are interested in joining or want more information, please contact Pat Brennan, Grand Knight, at 402-592-5027.

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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

Health Care Items are available for loan from the Knights: wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and a home-use oxygenator. If you have borrowed and no longer need, please return. If you have items you no longer need and would like to donate, contact Pat Brennan, Grand Knight, at 402-592-5027.

WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD



Due to snow, our February meeting was cancelled. Fish Fries are every Friday. Volunteers and bakers are needed! Signup sheets are on the WWG table.

Everyone/anyone is welcome to contribute baked goods for the fish fries.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

We are in need of a volunteer to help lead our Community Outreach Program. You may definitely bring your own ideas, but this could include: coordinating with local shelters on their needs and communicating them to our parishioners, organizing collection efforts, volunteers, and transportation of collected items. As well as, coordinating events (e.g. bingo days) with our local senior living centers. This program would complement and work in conjunction with the strong food collection program we already have in place. Contact the parish office 402-292-7418 plbanks@archomaha.org if you feel called to help with this ministry.

**CAN
YOU
HELP?**

SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY



We are in true need of volunteers.

Last Week's Rebate: \$163.14

Volunteer Sales People Needed: Duties include: Selling scrip cards before and after masses, taking inventory and securing the cards after mass. *Please prayerfully consider if this is something you might be able to help with, and contact the parish office at 402-292-7418.*



UPON THIS ROCK

"As for God, his ways are perfect; the word of the LORD, purest gold." Psalm 18:31

Total Pledges: 264

Total Pledged: \$2,268,861.00

Total Collected: \$1,344,436.94

SANCTUARY FURNITURE

For a preview of our new sanctuary furniture, go to our website (under 'New Church'). Also available on our new app!

PATHWAY BRICKS

As an ongoing fundraiser...Pathway Bricks are being sold for \$100. These bricks will be used to build the actual Pathway to OUR Church. 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: stmatthewbellevue.org.



ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Check out our website for more information. stmatthewbellevuene.net

Scholarships

Are you interested in Catholic education for your child? Are you concerned about the cost? The Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha offers need-based scholarships to families interested in private schools. Information on applying for these is posted on our school website: www.stmatthewbellevuene.net, under the Apply tab. Applications are accepted from Feb 11 through May 3rd.

ST. MATTHEW COMMEMORATIVE COINS

Available in the Parish Office for \$10. All profits will benefit the new church.





LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE You're invited to join other Christians around the world for the 40 Days for Life campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion – now thru April 14. Pray at home, but more importantly, pray in front of the abortion facility in our city, especially Thurs – Sat when the facility is open. (1002 Mission St, Bellevue) Let us bring hope and be a joyful presence of love to mothers and families looking for help in the face of a desperate time and be the light of Christ and witnesses to life in our community. Mark your calendar for the LIFE Runners' Prayer Day Sat, March 30, and the St. Matthew's Prayer Day on Sat, April 13. Sign-up sheets are in the Commons. We would love at least two LIFE Runners/prayer warriors every hour throughout both days from 8:00am – 8:00pm. Prayer booklets to help guide your hour of prayer are also in the Commons. We also encourage you to sign up for the daily devotionals during the campaign at 40daysforlife.com or get them on the free app and to read the books 40 Days for Life and The Beginning of the End of Abortion during the campaign.

Prayer Vigil Thank you to all those who joined us on Friday for our monthly prayer vigil. Next month's vigil will be our 40 Days for Life Prayer Day. See above.

Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SAFL) Training SAFL is a peaceful, prayerful advocacy program that trains people how to most effectively offer loving, life-affirming alternatives to women and men entering abortion facilities. Training is on Sat, March 16, from 9:30am – 1:30pm at St. Gerald's (96th & Q) in the multipurpose room. Lunch provided. \$20 for training and materials. One additional hour of on-the-sidewalk training is required, to be arranged individually. Contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janice@liferunners.org to register by Mar 14.

Pro-Life Retreat All are invited to St. Mary's in Bellevue, Sat, March 23, from 8:00 – 11:00am. Mass at 8:00, breakfast at 8:30, followed by reflections by Fr. Del and opportunities for personal reflection, spiritual direction or confession. RSVP to Judy Mansidor at judyrizzo@yahoo.com or 402.541.8074

You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am wonderfully made; awesome are Your works. ~ Ps 139: 13-14

Reflection: This psalm not only declares that God made us in the womb, but also that the life in the womb belongs completely to Him, is called by Him, and is destined to fulfill a plan given only to that individual from all eternity.

Prayer: Lord, forgive those who deny the child's right to live thereby destroying Your loving plan initiated from all eternity. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit priestsforlife.org for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)

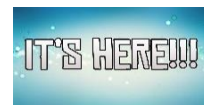
WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5pm to 6pm in the St. Matthew Chapel. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers to include an on-going Novena, and close with Benediction and Evening Prayer (Vespers). Parishes are encouraged to join in community for the Liturgy of the Hours, especially the Evening Prayer on Sundays (Sacrosanctum Concilium). 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, please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

THE ST. MATTHEW 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 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, specific parish groups and/or school! 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).



ArchOmaha Unite Event

Save the Date: Saturday, June 8

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unite
Experience JOY.

How do I register for Unite?

Go to www.Unite.ArchOmaha.org and click on "Register Now."

- Registration is in both English and Spanish.
- Register each individual separately.
- Children who don't need a seat won't need to register.
- Youth who are NOT planning to attend a youth session may be registered through General Registration.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD"

Join the Institute for Priestly Formation for a *Lenten Morning of Reflection*, Saturday, March 16 at Christ the King Church. The morning begins with the 8:15 parish Mass, includes a continental breakfast, presentations by the IPF Staff, time for silent reflection and concludes at noon. There is no charge for the event. For planning purposes, please register online at PriestlyFormation.org or call Lunda at 402-280-3901.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday are days of fast for those 18 to 59 years of age. Fasting is observed by one ordinary/full meal and two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength; no eating between meals.

All Fridays of Lent and are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older.



FISH FRY DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus will be serving dinner (no standing in line for food -- you are seated and served!) on the following Fridays during Lent – March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th as well as April 5th and 12th from **5:00 to 7:30 pm.**

We have extended hours this year, but we are keeping our prices the same as last year!

Your choices:

MAIN DISH:

- Baked Cod, Fried Cod or Fried Shrimp
- Weekly Chef's Special (e.g., salmon)
- Cheese Pizza,
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Tortellini with Marinara Sauce.



SIDE DISHES included with every meal:

Baked Potato or French Fries, Bread & Coleslaw
FREE Lemonade, Water and Coffee.

Pay as you go bar with sodas / adult beverages.

Desserts are also available from the WWG.

Cost: \$10 - Adults, \$5 - Children (12 & under).

\$12 - Weekly Chef's Specialties (e.g., salmon).

Discounted rates for large families.

CARRY-OUTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS FOR FISH FRYS

As the Lenten Season approaches, so do the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry's. We rely on and welcome the participation of our Parish young people in these events, but with the following requirements: - Children working as servers need to be in grade 6 or above - Children should be prepared to work for the entire service period - Anyone planning to work should be at St Matthew by 4:30 pm (with their signed parental permission slip) to receive instructions and be ready to go before 5:00 pm - Servers should be appropriately dressed -- closed toed shoes, pants, and a shirt. No gym clothes. *Permission forms will be sent home with every 6th-8th Grade St. Matthew and CCD student. Forms will also be available at the Fish Fry's for parental signature. This year's Fish Fry's will be on March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th as well as April 5th and 12th.*

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD 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.

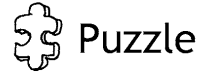
† STEWARDSHIP ✉

Whatever you have – has been given.
Whatever you give – will be returned.



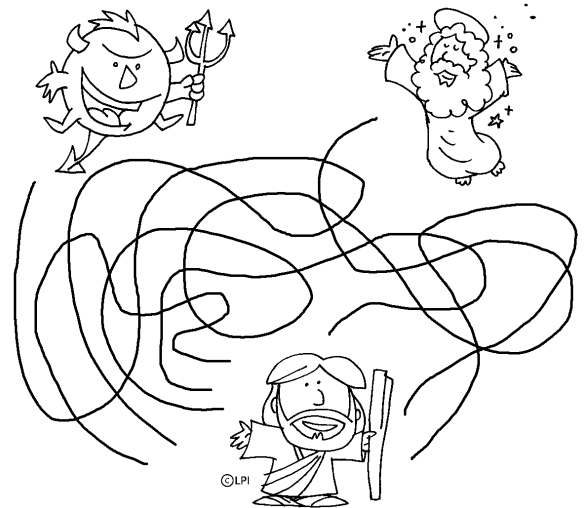
\$575 Total raised to date

In an effort to reach outside of the parish to help fund our new church, we have established a "Go Fund Me" page (thanks to Tim & Ariel Tompsett). We would also like to share the link to this page with you, in hopes that you will be willing to share it on your personal social media sites. **If you haven't seen the school video...it is worth the watch! (See what the kids know about "pews" and "kneelers")! <https://www.gofundme.com/a-pathway-to-our-church>**



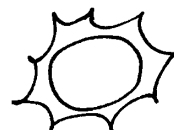
Puzzle

Help Jesus to avoid the devil by staying on the path that leads to God!



Puzzle

Draw a line to the matching shadow.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

NEW! Spring Bible Study! *Women in the New Testament*

Tuesday evenings beginning March 19 from 7-8:30 pm, St. Matthew school library OR Wednesday mornings beginning March 20 from 9:30-11 am at Thanksgiving! Lutheran Church, corner of 36th Street and Hwy. 370.

"This study of New Testament women engages with women across a variety of connections to Jesus and the apostles and studies them accordingly. Participants will encounter the strengths and needs of these women, but also how being a woman in the holy land during the time of Jesus and the apostles shaped many of the challenges they faced in responding to Jesus. Participants will enter into discussion and prayer about expectant faith, what it means to be touched by Jesus, and the meaning of discipleship through the lives of the women who lived in the first generation of Christianity."

This 7-week study is a part of the Little Rock Scripture Study series. It requires about 15-20 minutes a day of reading and answering study questions. Cost of the study set is \$15, and childcare is available during the Wednesday morning session for a small fee. Please call Susan Tracy (402-292-4986; leave a message) or email srtracy2@icloud.com if you are interested in attending so that books may be ordered. New and experienced Bible study participants are welcome!

NEW program in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday

NEW program in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday - Join us for a six-week program based on the best-selling book 33 Days to Merciful Love by Fr. Michael Gaitley. "Sharing new material on the heart of St. Therese of Lisieux's Little Way, Fr. Gaitley uncovers the power of trust in the face of personal darkness, inspires viewers to become great saints amid ordinary circumstances, and lays the foundation for a personal consecration to Divine Mercy." We will meet on Mondays, March 18 – April 22, from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Library (Bldg 2). Participants will make/renew their consecration on Sunday, April 28, Divine Mercy Sunday. Cost for the participant packet is \$30. Please contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com to register or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!

Journey through Lent with Dr. Tim Gray

Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days with FORMED Lenten Reflections. Get daily videos from esteemed Scripture expert Dr. Tim Gray delivered right to your inbox so you don't miss a day of growing closer to our Lord. Visit lent.formed.org to sign up! HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT? Visit stmatthewbellevue.formed.org

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON DEALL

Meeting every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Cardinal Spellman Room (lower level of the parish office), parishioners and their families can enjoy a walk through the readings for the upcoming Mass. During this study you'll discuss the history, the people, the writers themselves and the unique situations surrounding the readings and the books in which they're found. Though only an hour, it's filled with information, laughter, learning and most of all, there's lots of food – always food. All are welcome from early teens to kids at heart.

FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly Family-Based Catechesis (FBC) sessions! FBC provides adults and youth alike the opportunity to learn more about and share our Catholic faith. The sessions typically are on the "First Wednesday" of every month from 6:30 to 7:45p. Please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org) if you have any questions. *Next Session: March 13*

TOTUS TUUS-SAVE THE DATES!

St. Matthew parish is excited to again host the Totus Tuus team this summer! It will be from Sunday, July 20th to Friday, July 26th. The Totus Tuus team provides an energetic and Catholic faith-filled encounter with Jesus for our youth in 1st through 12th grades. More information can be found on the parish website (under the "Religious Education" tab) as well as in future bulletins.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

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IT'S BACK!

“The Cardinal Event!”

The Cardinal Event, the largest fundraiser for St. Matthew School, is coming back after an absence of six years.

DATE: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2019

***WHERE: AMERISTAR CONVENTION CENTER,
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA***

The theme for this year's event is
“OSCAR NIGHT AT ST. MATTHEW”

The “stars” of this event are the
students of St. Matthew School!

Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun-filled
Dinner and Auction date.

See the bulletin for updates as more details become available. These notices will always appear on this light lavender color paper for easier recognition that is about this event.

Terry Petranick, Chairman

St. Matthew Communication Options

Mass was canceled two weeks ago, due to weather and unsafe driving conditions. We hope you received one of the notices that went out.

If you missed it, please help us to better inform you by letting us know if you did not receive our emails. Just send us an email at plbanks@archomaha.org and we will be sure to add you to our notification list.

You can also find out about many church events and happenings, to include cancellations, on our website at stmatthewbellevue.org.

For Mass cancellation information, look under the section on our website labeled 'Mass Times'.



Mass Times
All Sunday Masses for Feb. 24, are CANCELED due to inclement weather.
WEEKEND LITURGIES
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am
WEEK DAY
Tues-Fri: 9:00am
COMMUNION SERVICE
Monday: 7:00am

Would you like to be instantly notified on church happenings, including cancellations? Download our parish app to your smart phone and opt in to receive instant notifications when prompted.



App Links
New parish App Links:
Click the image below to get the App
iPhone and iPad

Text ParishApp1 to 555888

Android

Text ParishApp2 to 555888

[Click HERE for notification settings information.](#)

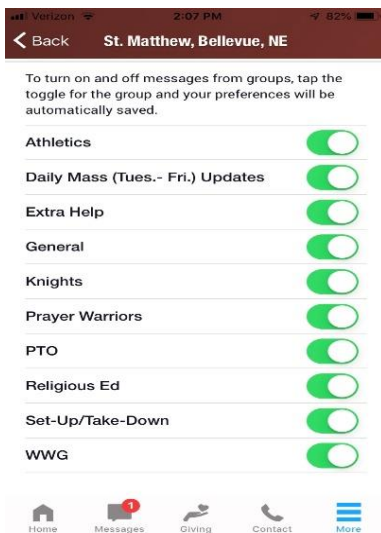
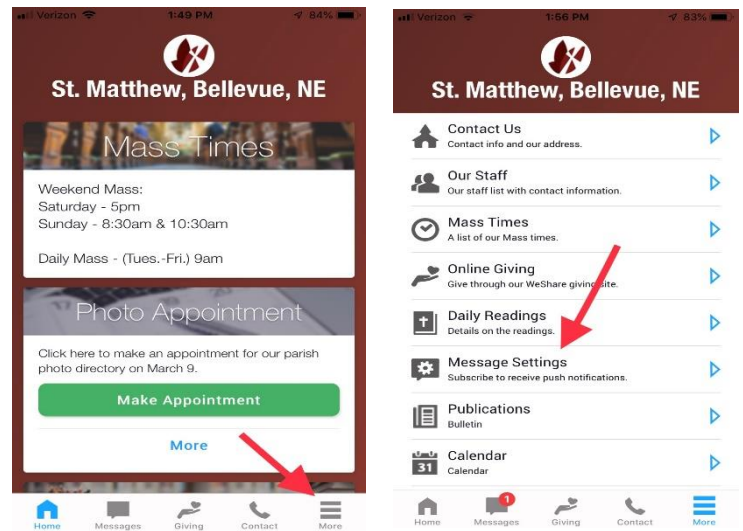


STEP 1 Visit our website at stmatthewbellevue.org and look for the section labeled 'App Links' to get an instant link for your iPhone or Android *or simply text the information listed under your phone's icon, on the picture here.*

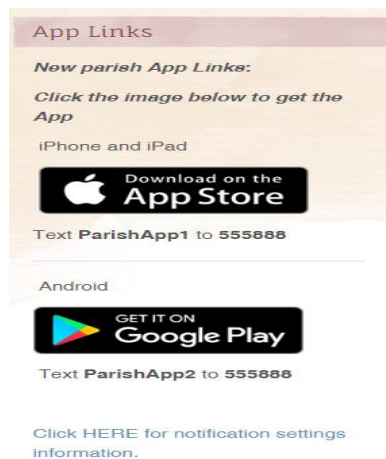
Be sure to opt in to receive notifications at the time you download the app. You will then automatically begin to receive 'general' notifications. If you opt out, you will not receive any notifications. *If you accidentally opt out, see the note on the opposite side of this page to opt back in through your phone's settings.*

Many of our organizations use the app to send notifications about upcoming meetings, important information or event updates.

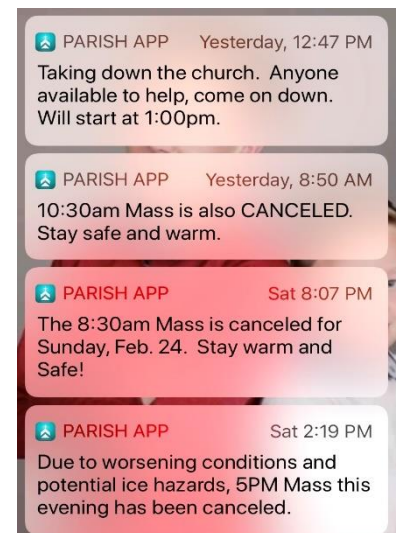
STEP 2 To opt in for these additional notifications simply click on the 'MORE' tab on the bottom right corner. Then click on 'Message Settings'.



STEP 3 You will then have the option to select the groups you would like to receive notifications from. Green indicates you will receive notifications from that group.



Here are some sample notifications, as they would come through on your smart phone.



If you initially opt out of receiving notifications when downloading the app, you can always go back into your phone's settings to opt in. Directions on how to do this are on our website, as well.

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

If you need help, please call or stop by the parish office anytime between M-F 9am-3:30pm, we will do our best to help.

If Mass is canceled; in addition to sending emails, sending app notifications, updating the website and parish app, we will also notify KETV, KMTV and WOWT news stations. Check their websites or the scrolling updates on the TV station's channel.