

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

### MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Mar. 19 9:00 am – Mary Jean Boland†  
Wed. Mar. 20 9:00 am – Bernie Reinhart†  
Thurs. Mar. 21 9:00 am – Mary Schneider †  
Fri. Mar. 22 9:00 am – Sally Heinen†

### MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Mar. 23 5:00 pm – Marvin Hondl†  
Sun. Mar. 24 8:30 am – Bill & Barbara Melvin  
(50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)  
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is scheduled by contacting Phil McEvoy at [prmcevoy@gmail.com](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com) or Dan Linder at [dan@linder.org](mailto: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](mailto: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	10	Mary F. Williamson	\$50
Mar	11	Margaret Galloway	\$25
Mar	12	Andy Biben	\$25
Mar	13	Mike Lukasina	\$25
Mar	14	Dan Tracy	\$25
Mar	15	Mauro Songcuan	\$25
Mar	16	Brian A. Bennett	\$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](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.



## 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 30/31

Catholic Relief Services

April 6/7

St. Vincent de Paul Society

*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](mailto: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



Next meeting is Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm. 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](mailto:plbanks@archomaha.org) if you feel called to help with this ministry.

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YOU  
HELP?**

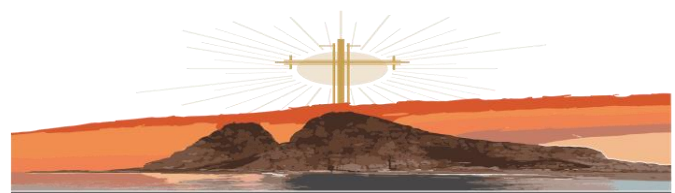
## SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY



We are in true need of volunteers.

Last Week's Rebate: \$130.16

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: \$1,347,476.94

## 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](http://stmatthewbellevue.org).



## ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Check out our website for more information. [stmatthewbellevuene.net](http://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 to apply is posted on our school website: [www.stmatthewbellevuene.net](http://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, (<http://signup.com/login/entry/11770279640820600126>) and the St. Matthew's Prayer Day on Sat, April 13 (<http://signup.com/login/entry/10070124471999700124>). You can sign up at these websites or on sign-up sheets 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](http://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.

**Pro-Life Retreat** Are you a sidewalk advocate/counselor? A Pro-Life prayer warrior? A crisis pregnancy specialist/volunteer? A LIFE Runner? An advocate for the sanctity of life? Join us at 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 Mansisidor at [judyrisso@yahoo.com](mailto:judyrisso@yahoo.com) or 402.541.8074

**UNPLANNED Movie** "From Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, the writers/co-producers of God's Not Dead, comes a film that speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our day. Unplanned brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. After reading Abby Johnson's best-selling book of the same title, Cary and Chuck were moved to bring this inspiring true story to the big screen, giving voice to a woman who has been on both sides of the abortion conversation. Unplanned is the most important movie you'll ever see on the most controversial issue of our time. No matter which side of the fence you're on, no one will leave this film unmoved by Abby's journey." ([unplannedfilm.com](http://unplannedfilm.com)) Please make plans to see this movie opening weekend Mar 29 – 31, 2019. Visit YouTube to watch the official movie trailer.

**Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. ~ Liturgy of Ash Wednesday**

Reflection: Lent is the time when we learn more deeply why we are pro-life. Turning away from sin means we put God above our "freedom of choice."

Believing in the Gospel means we believe in life and reject the forces of death, including abortion.

**Prayer:** Lord, I fully repent of all the times I have given my choices more weight than Yours. This Lent, renew my fidelity to You. May I be a living example of what it means to choose life. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org) for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION "MERCY AND MARY" LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Divine Mercy is the urgent message of hope for our troubled times. What are the essential aspects of Divine Mercy? How does Marian Consecration draw us to Divine Mercy? Why should we make the message of mercy a special focus of our lives? Learn the answers to these questions and so much more at any or all of these Lenten opportunities. All welcome!!! Contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or [janicetoddcmc@msn.com](mailto:janicetoddcmc@msn.com) to register.

Join us for the following three DVD presentations from 5:00 – 6:30pm in Bldg 1. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after each presentation. Please bring your Rosary. Pizza, dessert and drinks served. NO cost.

**Sunday, March 31 - Divine Mercy 101** Divine Mercy 101 starts with the basics and provides a clear and concise overview of Divine Mercy and the role and mission of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the apostle of Divine Mercy whom St. John Paul II called "a gift of God to our time." Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, gives this dynamic presentation from the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA.

**Sunday, April 7- Mary 101** Who is Mary, the Mother of Jesus of Nazareth? Why is she one of the best known (and best loved) women in world history? Renowned author and speaker Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, has the answers. Drawing from Divine Revelation in Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Donald beautifully conveys God's love for the Blessed Virgin Mary and how much He wants us to welcome her into our hearts and homes as our own spiritual Mother. Come on this journey and learn how Mary is truly the gateway to Jesus.

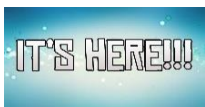
**Sunday, April 14 - The Face of Mercy** Pope Francis has inspired millions by urging the world to embrace Mercy. The essence of this call is revealed in The face of Mercy, an extraordinary new documentary film narrated by Jim Caviezel. Watch its story unfold, from St. Faustina's powerful visions of a merciful God, to her countryman Pope John Paul II, who propelled the message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage.

**Friday, April 5, 6:00 – 9:00pm - Movie & Potluck (Please bring a dish to share) The Original Image of Divine Mercy: The Untold Story of an Unknown Masterpiece** In this groundbreaking documentary, the previously-unknown history of the original masterpiece commissioned by St. Faustina Kowalska is beautifully and unforgettably told.

## 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](mailto: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**



How do I register for Unite?

Go to [www.Unite.ArchOmaha.org](http://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.



## \$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>

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

*Make a difference you can see in a neighbor's smile.*

These days and for so many reasons like never before, more families in Bellevue's neighborhoods are struggling with life's essentials for the first time ever! St. Matthew's conference of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. Please consider joining our ministry. You can devote as much or as little time as you choose. Please contact our Parish office; they can put you in touch with any Vincentian.

## LOST & FOUND

**FOUND: Car key – Dove Auto tag on it.** Call parish office

**LOST: 9 white table cloths that were in the hospitality room.** If you borrowed them, please wash and return to liturgy room in gym.



## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> as well as April 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 are March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> as well as April 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.*

## 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](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.*



HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**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 36<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://lent.formed.org) to sign up! HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT? Visit [stmatthewbellevue.formed.org](http://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](mailto: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.

[stmatthewbellevue.formed.org](http://stmatthewbellevue.formed.org)

# **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