

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Mar. 26 9:00 am – Katrina Lockart
Wed. Mar. 27 9:00 am – Bernie Reinhart †
Thurs. Mar. 28 9:00 am – Helen Roper †
Fri. Mar. 29 9:00 am – Patrick (PJ) Doyle†

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Mar. 30 5:00 pm – Lee & Cassie Mahan
(50th wedding anniversary)
Sun. Mar. 31 8:30 am – Mary Schneider †
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	17	Justin Wray	\$50
Mar	18	Brian A. Bennett	\$25
Mar	19	Terri Angerson	\$25
Mar	20	Kathy Hynes	\$25
Mar	21	Dave & Diane Cain	\$25
Mar	22	Larry Lacey	\$25
Mar	23	Constant Percosky	\$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 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.

HELPFUL HINT

When putting a loose check in the collection, it helps the office if you put your envelope number in the memo.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Wednesday of Lent except Ash Wednesday we will recite this ancient prayer March 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



Thank you to everyone who has donated desserts for the Fish Fry each Friday. *Everyone/anyone is welcome to contribute baked goods for the fish fry.*

We are doing our Easter food drive for Safe Haven, a shelter for women and children. Place donations under the WWG table in the gray tub. There is a list on the table of specific items and all non-perishable items welcome.

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.



SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY



We are in true need of volunteers.

Last Week's Rebate: \$153.64

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.*



"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: \$1,350,713.94

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 to apply 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, (<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 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.

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) Please make plans to see this movie opening weekend, Mar 29-31, 2019. Visit YouTube to watch the official movie trailer.

“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.

My righteous servant will justify many and He will bear their iniquities. ~ Isa 53:11

Reflection: Lent is a season of life. The Passion, death, and Resurrection of Christ have brought us the new life we now live.

We commit ourselves to join all our suffering to his for our own salvation and that of the whole world.

Prayer: Jesus, I offer You all my sufferings, that they may be borne in union with Your Cross and may help bring about a Culture of Life starting in me. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit 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 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.

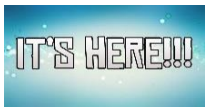
Sunday, April 7- Mary 101 Who is Mary, the Mother of Jesus of Nazareth? Why is she one of the best known (and best loved) women in world history? Renowned author and speaker Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, has the answers. Drawing from Divine Revelation in Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Donald beautifully conveys 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).



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).

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ArchOmaha Unite Event

Save the Date: Saturday, June 8



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.

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\$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

Living on the fringes of God's abundance?

Too many of us, our friends, and neighbors have too much month at the end of their paycheck. This bitter winter weather has especially played havoc with family budgets as they struggle with larger OPPD and MUD bills. Our parish St. Vincent de Paul conference is here to help. Please consider joining us as we too are in need – in need of your time and talent! If interested, please contact the parish office or any Vincentian!

LOST & FOUND

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

LOST: 5 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 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 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.*

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



SPECIAL ARCHDIOCESE COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Any St. Matthew parishioners or school families who have been affected by flooding and in need of assistance, please contact the parish office.

UPDATE CLOTHING COLLECTION

Nine blue bins have been filled with clothes for the Lydia House and Open Door Mission. This collection of gently used clothing and shoes continues until Easter. These bins are located in the Commons.

NEEDS FOR FLOOD FAMILIES

WWG is collecting diapers, baby wipes and baby formula to assist families who are currently residing in church shelters. Items can be placed by the WWG table in a "pack and go". Items will be taken to Bellevue Christian Center where they will be distributed to those in need. This collection will take place this weekend March 23/24 and 30/31.

WATER DONATIONS

St. Matthew School is collecting bottled water and gallon jugs of water to help those in the flood that have contaminated water supplies. Our Preschool teacher Mrs. White, has a grandson in Glenwood, Iowa affected by this. His school is back in session, but they do not have clean water in the community due to the contamination of their water treatment plant. We will collect water for the next two weeks in the commons. Thank you for your help supporting those in need.

COLUMBAN FATHER RETREAT

The retreat will offer time for input, reflection, quiet prayer and sharing.

Included in the morning will be a celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, March 30th
Columban Priests Residence
1902 N Calhoun St.
Bellevue, NE

The retreat will begin with registration at 8:30 am and conclude with lunch at 12:30 pm. Free will offering. Please RSVP via email or phone 402.291.1920; Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

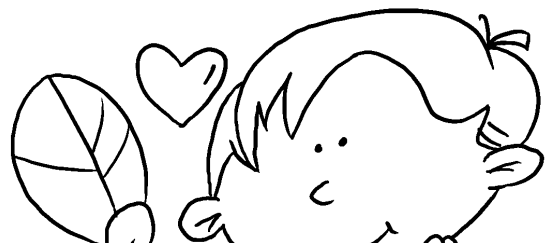


LENTEN WORD SEARCH

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