

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
- Jn 14:26-27a

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. May 25 5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families
Sun. May 26 8:30 am – Rosemary Liebenritt †
10:30 am – Ted Novak †

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. May 28 9:00 am – Marla Kay Rausch †
Wed. May 29 9:00 am – Lillian Benes †
Thurs. May 30 9:00 am – Cathy Bridsall †
Thurs. May 30 6:00 pm – Bob Berg †
Fri. May 31 9:00 am – Joe Piccolo †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. June 01 5:00 pm – Helen Roper †
Sun. June 02 8:30 am – Lillian Benes †
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

MASS GREETERS NEEDED

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

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



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS

May	19	Mary Skoug	\$50
May	20	Krisina McLoud	\$25
May	21	Diane Widhalm	\$25
May	22	Daniel Pawlowski	\$25
May	23	Patsy Hart	\$25
May	24	John Welbes	\$25
May	25	Jeanne McDonald	\$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

June 1/2 Catholic Communications
See flyer in today's bulletin for details on this collection.
June 15/16 Maintenance
Funds are used to pay for repairs/upkeep for our facility.
June 29/30 Peter's Pence
Learn more about the Peter's Pence Collection and support #PopeFrancis and his works! #WitnessCharity #1church1mission www.usccb.org/peters-pence

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.



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

A note from on behalf of the entire parish: *“Thank you to WWG for purchasing the gifts for our First Communion class this year!”*

A VISION TO OUR FUTURE

Thank you to all who completed and returned their Annual Appeal Stewardship pledge card. Our goal, through this Stewardship campaign is to negate the unknown and put St Matthew on more firm and consistent financial footing. Your prayerful consideration and participation is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet participated, but would like to do so, you can still drop your pledge card in the collection basket, at the office or it can be mailed to 12210 S. 36th Street, Bellevue, NE 68123.



As a THANK YOU for returning your Annual Appeal card, stop by the table in the commons for your free beverage container and Baker’s candy! One per family.



“We live by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

Total Pledges: 264
Total Pledged: \$2,268,861.00
Total Collected: \$1,443,020.14

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The foundation is almost completely poured, and we have made significant progress on the parking lot. In the coming weeks expect to see more work on the parking lot and walls start to go up. Also, watch for the elevator shaft to be poured in the southeast corner of the building pad. Pray for good weather.

SANCTUARY STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

In the new church, there will be six 14’ stained glass windows, three on each side. We plan to put Saints in those windows. We are asking help from the parish to identify candidates for this creation. So, if you have a favorite Saint you would like us to look at, submit the name and a few facts about the individual for our consideration to the parish office. We plan to narrow the selection to about ten Saints and hold a parish vote to select the six Saints who will adorn our new church.

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, under ‘Pathway to Our Church’.



ST. MATTHEW COMMEMORATIVE COINS

Available in the Parish Office for \$10. All profits will benefit the new church. *Coming soon—the 2nd annual commemorative coin.*

**REMEMBER
The Unborn**
Jer 1:5
liferunners.org

LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

Prayer Vigil For the summer we would love for families to join us for our prayer vigils on the third Saturday of the month – June 15, July 20 and August 17 – from 10:00-11:00am at the Bellevue abortion facility (1002 W. Mission Ave). Bring your rosary. All are encouraged to pray any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the facility is open. 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. If you are a LIFE Runner, please wear your jersey. Prayer booklets to help guide your hour of prayer are available in the Commons.

LIFE Runners Join us on Friday, June 7, to support LIFE Runners as the "Community Organization of the Night" at the Storm Chasers baseball game at Werner Park in Papillion. We will gather at 5:15pm to promote LIFE Runners with our jerseys, a info table, and radio interview. Game time is 7:05pm. We have a limited amount of tickets available - \$5/children 12 and under and \$10/adult. Please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janice@liferunners.org to reserve your tickets or with any questions. Not a teammate yet? Join our LIFE Runners parish or school chapter at liferunners.org. LIFE Runners is the world's largest Pro-Life team having over 11,200 teammates ages .1 to 101 in 50 states and 38 nations. Running is optional. Sign up, order "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey, and wear it in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives.

The blind man said to Him, "Rabbi, let me receive my sight." ~ Mk 10:
Reflection: People change when they see abortion. One wrote, "I was horrified by the gallery of photos of those tiny innocents—murdered, but I'm glad to have seen them. No one can truly form an opinion on abortion without seeing the horror. I had no idea the practice was so brutal."

Prayer: Lord, give Your people courage to face the evils around us so that we may have greater strength to fight them in Your Name. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit priestsforlife.org for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)



Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open. We are thankful for any referrals to our school. Go to our website to register- stmattschool.com

PRESCHOOL 3 YEAR OLD

St. Matthew School will be opening a part time 3 year old preschool program. Classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year from 8:00-11:00. Program is limited to 10 students. We currently have 6 spots available. Please contact the school office if you are interested. 402-291-2030.

"WELCOME" TUITION GRANTS

NOW through the start of the school year, "Welcome" tuition grants are available at participating Catholic Schools throughout the archdiocese. Elementary age students transferring from a public, private (non-Catholic) or home school are eligible to receive up to a \$1,500 tuition discount. Help us spread the word!

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

*No sales this weekend ~ Memorial Weekend.
Last Week's Rebate: \$56.91*

We are always looking for volunteers to help sell scrip. Duties include: selling scrip cards before and/or after mass, taking inventory and securing cards before and after mass. You can choose which weekends you help. Stop by the table or contact the parish office: 402-292-7418.

AMAZONSMILE

Thank you!! St Matthew has earned \$74.75 from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of the AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2019. We can increase our donations for St Matthew by doing our Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com. Father's Day is on June 16!



Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Lord, on this day, we remember those who have served us by protecting our freedoms. When we celebrate our long weekend with our friends and family, help us remember, that our freedom to speak of you, and our freedom to worship you, and our freedom to do that which we ought to do, have all been bought at the price and sacrifice of many lives. Your Son died for our eternal life in heaven. So too, your children died protecting us here on earth. Help us be mindful this weekend and always of the sacrifices made by those in uniform for all our freedoms. Amen.

Pastoral COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS JUNE 15/16

There are two positions opening on parish council this year. If you are interested in running in the next election, contact the parish office for a candidate form. (Forms are due Monday, May 27.) Parish Pastoral Council meets in the evening, on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Current Parish Leadership

Terry Veylupek–President (Elected)
Phil McEvoy–Vice President (Elected)
Jane Lukasina (Elected)

Organization Representatives

Fr. Leo–Pastor
Sue Mailhot– Parish Staff
Wade Horton–Finance Council
Sherry Trupp–WWG
Angie Palmer–School
Pat Brennan–Knights of Columbus
Mark White–Religious Education
Dick Lewis–Minute Men

Parish Pastoral Council inquiries, contact Terry Veylupek at 402-669-8100 or terry@veycon.com.

-PARISH SECURITY PLAN- DEVELOPMENT MEETING JUNE 12

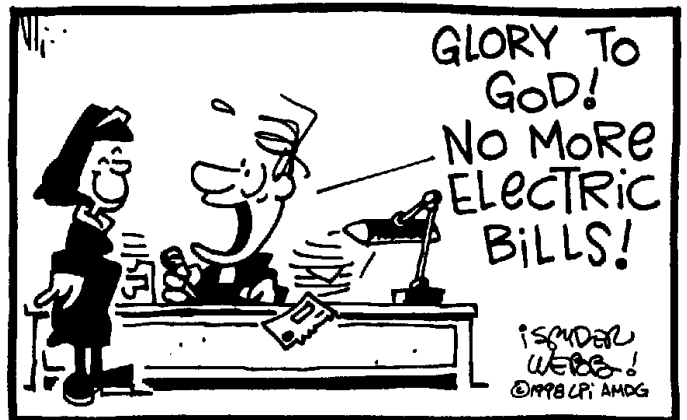
Although extremely unlikely to occur at St Matthew, it is prudent to develop some procedures and plans to ensure our children and parishioners are safe while on our campus. We will be having a planning meeting on June 12 @ 7pm in the commons to discuss and organize ourselves to develop our parish security plan. If you are interested, please plan to attend. *In particular we are looking for participation from individuals with law enforcement, emergency response, crowd control, ushering, etc.*

PURPLE YARN NEEDED

Left over from other projects? The yarn is used to make baby hats for the hospitals. It needs to be baby yarn or 3 or 4 ply acrylic. Place the yarn in the baby bin below the WWG table. Thank you!



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

May collections: Breakfast items: cereal, oatmeal, poptarts, coffee and tea. We will also always collect clothing, socks and shoes. Items can be placed in the blue bins located just inside both main entrances.
June/July collections: Peanut Butter and Jelly.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS TIMES

Wednesday, May 29 ~ 6:00pm

Thursday, May 30 ~ 9:00am & 6:00pm

Sign up for ministries via Signup Genius:

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

This link is also available on our website under the 'Liturgical Ministries' tab; on the Parish App under 'More' 'Ministry Schedules' and our Ministers have received the link via email.

GOD Bless AMERICA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS

Registration is now open for next year's RE (FBC) program. Religious Education is the program that used to be known as "CCD." Information and registration forms are available on the information table in the parish commons--right outside the doors to Mass. You can also find information and registration forms on the parish website under the "Religious Education" tab. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

VOLUNTEER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

Please consider using your time and talent in the very rewarding ministry to our parish youth and families in the RE/FBC program. If you are interested in finding out more and/or volunteering to be a catechist (teacher), assistant catechist, or other support position then please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

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).

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.



REGISTER NOW FOR TOTUS TUUS!

St. Matthew's parish is excited to again host the Totus Tuus team this summer! It will be from **Sunday, July 21st 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. **PLEASE NOTE**--we have a limit on the number of youth that can attend the 1st to 5th grades program, so please register as soon as possible! Information and Registration forms are available on the information table in the parish commons--right outside the doors to Mass. You can also find information and registration forms on the parish website under the "Religious Education" tab. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

FORMED.org

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EMHC/LECTOR TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming an EMHC or Lector, contact the parish office to register and plan to attend one of the training sessions listed below, as well as the Mandation Mass. *These sessions are offered once annually in the Omaha Archdiocese.* **You must register by July 5.**

*Sunday, Aug. 4: St Columbkille, Papillion
1:30 – 4:30 P.M.*

*Tuesday, Aug. 13: St. Leo, Omaha
7:00 – 10:00 P.M.*

*Monday, Aug. 19: St. Vincent de Paul, Omaha
7:00 – 10:00 P.M.*

Mandation Mass

*Thurs., Aug. 29, 2019:
St. Cecilia - Omaha 7:00pm*

ST. MATTHEW ANNUAL



June 6 – 8

Thursday/Friday 9am-6pm

Saturday 9am -12pm

DONATION DROP OFF TIMES **IN THE COMMONS**

Sun. June 2 1pm-4pm

Mon. June 3 9am-6pm

Tue. June 4 9am-6pm

We will accept clean, useful items.

We will not accept Televisions or Computer equipment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up via Sign Up Genius.

Link is available on our website and parish app.

Help is needed for drop off, set up and during the sale.

Also, for clean up and to load left over items onto a truck.

Inquiries to Mary Kay @ 402-733-7454 or tandmmarshall@cox.net.

All help is truly needed and appreciated!

Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down? Lonely? Experiencing a Difficult Time? Need Encouragement? **Sometimes it's Hard to Ask for Help.**

In times of crisis or difficulties, reach out to a Stephen Minister who is a trained Christian caregiver ready to: listen, provide support and encouragement, pray with and for you, in a same-gender confidential one to one interaction.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org

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- Don't suffer alone! Bellevue, NE has ministries in several of their Churches.
- St Matthew Parish also has parishioner who is a trained Stephen Minister and we are looking for more parishioners to support St. Matthew's program.
- If you are in need of help, or would like to understand more about becoming a Stephen Minister please contact Dan Taylor, Local Leader- 402-707-4581.

ST. MATTHEW MOBILE APP



A recent change from our app company will require all app users to reselect the message notifications they wish to receive.

If you'd like to receive instant notifications from the parish office, or specific groups (e.g. Religious Ed, Knights, Prayer Warriors etc.) follow these steps:

1. Open your app.
2. Click on 'More' in the bottom right corner.
3. Click on 'Message Settings'.
4. Click each group you wish to receive messages from.
(*Green means you will receive instant messages from that group.*)

Please also check for updates in the app store/google play to ensure best performance.

Don't have the app yet?

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 or specific parish groups! 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).

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

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