

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

## MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. May 4 5:00 pm – Helen Roper†  
Sun. May 5 8:30 am – Mary Schneider†  
10:30 am – Lee & Agnes Nittler†  
1:00 pm – St. Matthew Families

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. May 7 9:00 am – Msgr. Tom Furlong  
(92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday)  
Wed. May 8 9:00 am – Ronald & Joyce Sestak  
Thurs. May 9 9:00 am – Forget Family  
Fri. May 10 9:00 am – Mildred Geimer †

## MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. May 11 5:00 pm – Richard & Mary Schneider†  
Sun. May 12 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](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com) or Dan Linder at [dan@linder.org](mailto:dan@linder.org).

## 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. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellevue, NE 68123. Thank you for your participation as a member of this parish family.

## CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS

Apr.	28	David Shoberg	\$50
Apr.	29	Megan Stuart	\$25
Apr.	30	Tom McFall	\$25
Apr.	Special	Tina Vance	\$114.25
May	1	Nicole McCoy	\$25
May	2	James & Kathy McCoy	\$25
May	3	Garrett Schaeffer	\$25
May	4	Johnathan Seveck	\$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*

May 11/12 St. Vincent DePaul  
May 18/19 Maintenance

*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.

## SCRIP GIFT CARDS

*Last Week's Rebate: \$148.49*

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...no set schedule. Stop by the table or contact the parish office: 402-292-7418.



**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



There are bowls, pie plates, and cake plates under WWG table. Please pick them up if they are yours. We will be taking them to our hospitality room next week if not picked up.



### 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 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are two positions opening on parish council. If you are interested, contact the parish office for a form to fill out. Council meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.

## ST. MATTHEW

### COMMEMORATIVE COINS

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



**UPON THIS ROCK**  
Building the Future

"Now, my son, the Lord be with you, and may you have success and build the house of the Lord your God, as he said you would." 1 Chronicles 22:11

Total Pledges: 264

Total Pledged: \$2,268,861.00

Total Collected: \$1,420,890.14

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The good weather has helped keep the grading on schedule. The building pad has been compacted and passed inspections. Parking lot areas also continue to be graded and have also passed inspections. The first part of next month they will start paving on the south side of the lot and continue in phases, as the underground work is completed. Keep praying for good weather!

## 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'.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

May collections: Breakfast items: cereal, oatmeal, popartars, 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.

*Thank you to all of those who participated in the 40 items for 40 days of Lent! We were able to donate 526lbs of clothing and hygiene items to the Lydia House and the Open Door Mission.*

**CAN  
YOU  
HELP?**

We are in need of additional volunteers for our Community Outreach Program. We welcome new ideas, but this could include someone to coordinate 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 if interested.



### **LOVING LIFE MINISTRY**

**Prayer** Thank you to those who joined us for the candlelight vigil. Our next monthly prayer vigil is this Friday, May 10, from 10:00 - 11:00am. All are encouraged to pray any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the abortion 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. Prayer booklets to help guide your hour of prayer are available in the Commons.

**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, May 11, from noon – 4:00pm at St. Gerald's (96th & Q) in the multipurpose room. Snacks 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](mailto:janice@liferunners.org) to register by May 8.

**LIFE Runners** There is still time to join us for our next LIFE Runners huddle on Sunday, May 19, by participating in Papillion Fun Runs. Come be a public witness in our community. There are 5K, 10K and Half Marathon events. Visit <https://www.papillion.org/605/Papillion-Half-Marathon> to register. We will huddle between 7:00-7:15am. Not a teammate yet? Join our LIFE Runners parish or school chapter at [liferunners.org](http://liferunners.org). LIFE Runners is the world's largest Pro-Life team having over 11,000 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. Please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or [janice@liferunners.org](mailto:janice@liferunners.org) with any questions or to let us know you will join us. Mark your calendars for Friday, June 7, for a huddle at the Storm Chasers game.

**Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ~ Lk 1:42**

**Reflection:** May is marked by the beautiful ceremony of the May crowning. We present Mary, the mother of Life, bouquets of flowers that represent life.

By doing this, we honor Mary for saying yes to the Life of God in her womb.

**Prayer:** Mary, we ask you today to intercede for all those who find it difficult to accept the gift of new life, whether within their own womb or in someone else. Help them say Yes. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org) for all daily reflections. Click on "Prayer" tab)

**THANK YOU to the crew who added new mulch around our flowers and bushes. Beautiful!!**



### **STEWARDSHIP**



God will give back to us. The lad who gave his loaves and fishes did not have to go without his dinner.



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](http://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.

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY ~ PART TIME PARA**

St. Matthew School is looking for someone to help as a part time para for the 2019-2020 school year. Hours are 10:30-2:30 (M,W,F) and 10:30-12:30 (T, TH). Job is as daily helper in the cafeteria and a part time facilitator in the library for Rosetta Stone (online Spanish language program). Duties as lunchroom help include: Serving food, cleaning tables, general cafeteria help. Duties for Facilitator include: helping students log into computers, assisting students as they use the online learning program, learning the software admin side to run a progress report to check student progress. Spanish background is not necessary. Some other technology opportunities could be included, if facilitator is comfortable. Contact Principal Angie Palmer, 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!

### **First Holy Eucharist Mass**

Our St. Matthew School and Religious Education youth will be receiving their First Holy Eucharist at Mass on **Sunday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Worship Area. Please pray for our youth, and their teachers/catechists, as they enter the final stage of preparation for receiving this Sacrament. All parishioners are invited and welcomed to attend this Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark.

### **Confirmation Mass**

Our St. Matthew School and Religious Education youth will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mass on **Sunday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Worship Area. Archbishop Curtiss is projected to preside at the Mass. Please pray for our youth, and their teachers/catechists, as they enter the final stage of preparation for receiving this Sacrament. All parishioners are invited and welcomed to attend this Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark.



## 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. Questions, contact Deacon Mark mhwhite@archomaha.org

## 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.

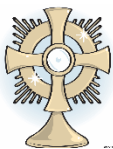
## SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON DEALL

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.

[stmatthewbellevue.formed.org](http://stmatthewbellevue.formed.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 prncevov@gmail.com.



## SPRING CLEANING?

Remember to keep your gently used and clean items you no longer need/want, for our annual garage sale. Sale dates are June 6-8. Items will be collected beginning June 2. We are unable to accept computers, exercise machines, or televisions.



## 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).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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 Thursdays, May 9 – June 13, from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Library (Bldg 2). Participants will make/renew their consecration on Sunday, June 16, Trinity Sunday, the day St. Therese made her consecration. 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!

**FORMED**

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

"In addition to the myriad feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles

and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne." (Catholiccompany.com) In addition, Pope Francis decreed a new feast for Mary last year on May 21 – Mary, Mother of the Church. Learn more about Our Blessed Mother on FORMED.org. Here are just a few suggestions of the many programs, talks, movies and books available FREE for you or do a search on "Mary".

Program - The Bible and the Virgin Mary

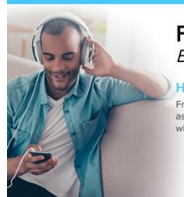
Book - Mary: God's Yes to Man

Movie – Mary of Nazareth

Audio Book – The World's First Love (Fulton J. Sheen)

Audio Talk – Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God; The Virgin Mary Revealed through Scripture

FORMED PICK



**Fatima: Living the Message**  
By Fr. Jason Brooks

Heed Your Mother's Advice

Fr. Jason Brooks brings to light why Fatima is regarded by many as the most important spiritual event of the past 100 years and why Our Lady's message is still as relevant as ever.

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—Carl, Maineville, OH

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The Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Convention was held this past weekend in Kearney. Our Grand Knight Pat Brennan announced a **TRIFECTA** of first place winners in three (3) of the **State Level** "Of the Year" Awards:

- **Nebraska Knight of the Year:** Br. Rick Holdcroft.
- **Nebraska Rookie (5Years) Knight of the Year:** Br. Phil Earsley
- **Nebraska Family of the Year:** Br. Kevin Todd and Family

That places them all in the top 1% of Knights and Knight Families in Nebraska, and is an extremely well-deserved recognition for the valuable contributions they all bring to our council, parish and community. Congratulations to these outstanding Knights and their families! Please be sure to congratulate them the next time you see them!

**Our Council also received recognition thanks to the hard work of our Knights and the support we receive from the Parish:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place for "One Rose/One Life** for our division!
- **"Silver" Inter-Council Competition (ICC) Award!** **Only 15 Councils (of 170+) received an ICC award** this year! There were 9 Bronze winners, and only 4 Silver winners and only 2 Gold winners. To put it in perspective, the Silver Level Award puts us in the top 6 of 170+ Councils -- i.e., the top 4% of Nebraska Councils! That's well-deserved recognition from the State Council for all the great things you are all doing for our parish and our community!!! You're making the world a better place in Jesus' name; thanks for all you do!!!

**Dr. Pat Castle**, a member of our St. Matthew Knights of Columbus Council, and LIFE Runners President/CEO & Founder, was a keynote speaker at the State Convention. His presentation was truly OUTSTANDING, as evidenced by the record number of 80 new LIFE Runner sign ups at an event! We are all in Christ for Pro-Life!

### **ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK UPDATE**

- ❖ June 30 – Two months to reach our goal of donating 15,000 pounds to those in need
- ❖ Increased Lenten giving along with the selfless donations for flood relief have boosted our donations very quickly
- ❖ Current Donations: An Amazing 13,612 pounds
- ❖ Please continue to bless those in need!!

If you would like to assist with this program, contact Scott Eversole at 402-216-1508.

### **ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY SILENT AUCTION UPDATE**

#### **PAST SUCCESS:**

- ✓ **\$20,000 for the Marquee (which generated a \$20,000 match)**
- ✓ **\$5,000 contributed to the New Church Fund**

#### **CURRENT GOAL:**

- ☐ **\$15,000 for the Maintenance Garage**

**CURRENT TOTAL: \$6, 078**



#### ***IMPORTANT NOTES:***

- ❖ Payment envelopes are on the table. They can be placed in the SVDP box, dropped in the collection basket, or given to the Parish or School office
- ❖ Remember to include your phone number on all bids

# 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.

# **St. Matthew Middle School Play**

**With Guest Appearances by the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**Presents!!!**



**Thursday, May 9**

**7:00 PM**

**St. Matthew Auditorium**

**\$5.00 Adult**

**\$2.00 Children and Students**

**\$14 Family (max)**

**Tickets available at the door**

Popcorn bar, cookies and drinks available for purchase during intermission

Comic Book Artist by Pat Lydersen

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado