

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." — Jn 14:15-17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCC

MASSSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. May 16 5:00 pm – Jill Muench †
 Sun. May 17 10:30am – Marion Roman †
 Sun. May 17 – St. Matthew Families

MASSSES THIS WEEK

Tues. May 19 9am – George & Anna Kathman †
 Wed. May 20 9am – Mary Kraft †
 Thur. May 21 9am – Dailey & Poulin Families
 & Friends Deceased and Living
 Fri. May 22 9am – Rev. Paul Milcetic †

MASSSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. May 23 5:00 pm – Rev. Paul Milcetic †
 Sun. May 24 10:30am – Robert Sosnowski †
 Sun. May 24 – St. Matthew Families

LITURGY SCHEDULE

NEW: Limited number may attend Mass in person.

Must wear a mask

Live Streamed

Masses: Daily at 9:00 am Tues – Fri
 Weekend Masses

Saturday – 5:00 pm, May 9

Sunday - 10:30 am, May 10

FYI: All Masses live streamed.
You may be recorded

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:30pm

After 10:30 Mass

Church donations may still be dropped
 in mail slot of the parish office, or mailed.

Thank you!

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS



CONGRATULATIONS

May 10	Cindy Kuhlman	\$100
May 11	Myrena VanSlyke	\$25
May 12	Wade Horton	\$25
May 13	Bev Fabo	\$25
May 14	Laurie Stuart	\$25
May 15	Carmen Klein	\$25
May 16	Ray Mullen	\$25

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

FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving. 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

May 16

Maintenance

May 23

Catholic Communications

If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. Black/Indian Mission etc.) in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, just call or email the parish office.

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.



EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Adoration is held every Friday from 6:00am - 9:00pm and every FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 8:00am Friday through 8:00am Saturday in the worship area. *Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact a sub.* If you would like to participate regularly, or substitute as needed, contact Donna Buell at 402-292-2387. To sub for **FIRST Friday** 24 hour adoration, contact Phil McEvoy at 402-689-6457 or prmcevoy@gmail.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 administration

Bldg.. All Knights are invited, and welcome to attend both meetings. *If you are not receiving emails, check your spam folder.*

If you are interested in joining or want more information, please contact Dave Boone, Grand Knight, at 402-291-1493 or dbruceb1@gmail.com.

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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

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Health Care Items are available, for loan, from the Knights. Available items: wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and a home-use oxygenator. Please Note: If you have borrowed medical equipment and are no longer using it, please contact Phil McEvoy @ 402-689-6457 or at prmevov@gmail.com for information on how to return it.



WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Meetings are suspended until further notice.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Last week's rebate: \$73.92

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. Scrip may still be ordered online. For information, contact Sue Mailhot at samailhot@archomaha.org. <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

ST. MATTHEW GARAGE SALE IS POSTPONED.

BABY HATS



For those of you who are knitting and crocheting baby hats, we are asking you to hold on to them at this time. This is for the safety of the babies in the NICU.

THANK YOU all very much for your birthday and ordination anniversary wishes and gifts. I never expected to reach these high numbers in either case! You and your friendship makes it all a great joy. You are all remembered in my prayers and Masses.

Msr. Tom Furlong



SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 ENROLLMENT OPEN!

Enrollment for the 20-21 school year is open for all families. We would appreciate your help spreading the word to your friends and family. We are always looking for more amazing families to join our community. Visit this link to enroll: <https://app.sycamoreschool.com/admissions/index.php?schoolid=2060>

PRESCHOOLER?

Want to make sure your 4 year old is prepared for Kindergarten? Check out St. Matthew's Pre-K program. It's an academic and faith-based program that prepares your child for Kindergarten. Visit our website to learn more and to sign up to come to our open house on May 30. www.stmattschool.com

AMAZONSMILE!

We received \$110.42 for last quarter's rebate!

If you order from Amazon, please consider using Smile.Amazon and designate St. Matthew as your charity. Or use this direct link every time you shop <http://smile.amazon.com/ch47-0800122>. Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase price to St. Matthew. Thank you for your support!

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

We received \$724.97 for Jan - Mar quarter's rebate!

Thank you to the 170 families who participate in this 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

CAMP FUN & FAITH FOR GIRLS

<https://midwest.prosanctity.org/camp-fun-faith/>

Full refund if camp cancelled.

Faith Formation



FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS (FBC)

"All Religious Education/Family-Based Catechesis sessions and activities are cancelled until further notice. Updates on the April First Holy Communion and May Confirmation Masses will be given when available."

NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

May is the month of Mary; devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout May originated in Rome in the 18th century to counter immorality and infidelity among students at a college there. It has spread through most of the Latin Church now. Because the North American holiday of Mother's Day falls in May, Catholics take this time to recall and try to emulate Mary's role as mother. Therefore, devotion to Mary in the month of May focuses both on Mary as a role model for Christian mothers, and Mary's everlasting chastity and purity, and her fidelity to God's will. (www.aquinasandmore.com) Do a search of "MARY" on FORMED.org to learn more about our Blessed Mother!

Visit FORMED.org, click "Sign Up", click "I belong to a Parish or Organization", type in "St. Matthew The Evangelist" (12210 S. 36th St., Ste A Bellevue, NE), click "next", create your FREE New Account. Enjoy the Catholic faith On Demand. Thousands of movies, programs, audio talks and books instantly. Wonderful content for kids and families. FREE App also available.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The 17th Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference was streamed on April 18, 2020, on their YouTube Channel. Speakers included Fr. Michael Gaitley, Fr. Donald Calloway, Fr. Chris Alar, Matthew Leonard, Jesse Romero, and Dr. John Bergsma. Go to their website at: <https://ignitedbytruth.org/ignited-by-truth-conference-replay/> to see any or all of the presentations. Watch Fr. Gaitley's and Fr. Calloway's talks about their books mentioned below. Learn and be inspired by all of the speakers!! Please SHARE this page with anyone interested in watching the conference video for FREE and let's see how many souls we can reach!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



THE WILD GOOSE

Father Dave Pivonka

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.

SIGN UP FOR FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP

POWERED BY THE AGNUS DEI LITURGY

DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Father Leo would like to share this video with you. It is called "Let's Seal the Doorposts". It is an encouraging message to post the Divine Mercy Image on your front door. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ot3tVMXnOzI>

During this challenging time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. **MAGNIFICAT** is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home. Go to <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

FOR KIDS!!

Go to this website: Thekidsbulletin.com
This is a resource for Catholic kids to have fun while learning about the readings from Sunday Mass each week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

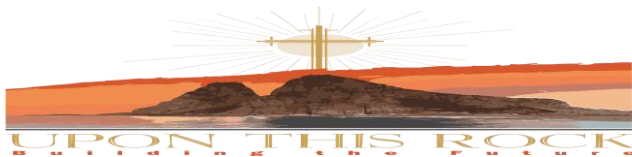


Attention all Knights and Catholic men desiring to be a Knight.... Please, consider attending this important video conference covering the many ways to **Map Your Financial Future** on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00pm. This virtual meeting on Zoom for **You and your wife** (If applicable) will cover the many ways membership in the Knights can benefit you and your family. All attendees will be eligible for A Door Prize Drawing. Your host Jay Krawczyk, (kraw-check) Chartered Financial Consultant, will be offering this presentation which is open to all members of the parish. Attendance is limited to the first 100 participants so **REGISTER NOW!!!!!!** To register, enter this URL into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZwuceyrrj4uHdaJ35zsZ0bgu9CWNNb5awEI>

You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please, direct questions to Dave Boone, Grand Knight Council 11879

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER





Total Pledges: 282
 Pledged: \$2,297,981.00
 Total Collected: \$2,004,278.11

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We should see shingles any day now and it will take about two weeks to complete. After the shingles and EIFS are complete the outside of the building will be pretty much finished.

The brick is complete on the outside of the building with the exception of some work on the east side entrance. The contractor has made significant progress on the application of the EIFS (Exterior Insulation and Finish System) to the remainder of the exterior of the building.

On the upper level, drywall continues. Ducting is pretty much complete. All major pieces of equipment for the heating and air conditioning systems are in place.

On the lower level, the Parish Offices have been painted. The restrooms have been tiled. The contractor is currently installing the grid for the false ceiling. Completion date remains 11 September.

FOUNDATION FAMILIES



Families who have made a pledge of at least \$1000 to the "Upon this Rock" Capital Campaign to build our new church, and have contributed at least \$1000 toward that pledge are our 'Foundation Families'! It is not too late to qualify, all one has to do is meet these criteria by the end of the campaign which is December 31, 2020.

Foundation Families will be recognized by name, in the Narthex of the new building. Further, they will receive a special "Foundation Family" coin. If you have not received your coin, please stop by the parish office.

2019 COMMEMORATIVE COINS AVAILABLE



The new coins are now available for purchase in the parish office. Coins are \$10. Cases are \$1. Artists:

Elliott Cook, Side 1 & Rose Black, Side 2

2018 COIN STILL AVAILABLE

There are still a few of our first annual commemorative coins available. All profits benefit the new church. Just stop in the parish office to purchase. \$10 per coin.

Artist: Bryson Banks



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'.

ATTENTION: We will be placing another brick order in June. These bricks will be used for a path at church and possibly around Mary's garden!

ANNUAL APPEAL VS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

It will soon be time for our Annual Appeal. Further, this year we will have a Capital Campaign in the Fall. So what's the difference and why two different events?

The Annual Appeal, as the name implies, occurs every year. At St Matthew we have selected Lent, a time of prayer, abstinence and almsgiving, as the time for our Annual Appeal. The pledges made during the Annual Appeal address our day-to-day, week-to-week financial needs, our operating fund. Also this year, we will include an opportunity for parishioners to renew/start their ministry commitments (Usher, Greeter, EME, Server, etc). The Appeal will include a short presentation on the Parish Financial situation during masses at a date to be announced. Then parishioners will receive a pledge card in the mail to make their pledges (time, talent & treasure) for FY 2020 – 2021 (July 2020 to June 2021). Commitment Sunday will be announced at a later time.

The Capital Campaign typically occurs about once every three years. Our last Capital Campaign held in 2017 (Upon this Rock) resulted in \$2.3M in pledges and allowed us to start building our new Sanctuary which will complete in September. These pledges run out on December 31, 2020, so we need to have a new set of capital pledges in place to cover the mortgage and address other capital improvements to the campus.

The reason we have two events (Annual Appeal & Capital Campaign) is to assure the parishioner their pledge is being used for what they intend. If the parishioner is more inclined to contribute to a major capital project, like a new building, then a larger pledge in the Capital Campaign would make sense. If you are more concerned about paying our monthly bills then a larger pledge to the Annual Appeal is in order. Pledges to the Annual Appeal and Capital Campaign are tracked and a regular status provided to the parishioner.

WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR 4 YEAR OLD IS READY FOR
KINDERGARTEN?



ST. MATTHEW PRE-KINDERGARTEN

We teach the whole child in a safe, loving, faith-filled environment preparing our students for the future.



Academics

Subjects include:
Reading, Writing,
number skills, social
studies, science,
religion, PE, music,
media



Spirituality

Daily prayer, weekly
mass, religion
curriculum, with faith
values integrated into
all we do.



Physical Skills

Gross motor, fine motor,
tactile activities
including weekly physical
education class.



Social Emotional Learning

Social skills are
reinforced daily through
structured and
unstructured play.
Students practice
learning and interacting
in order to be successful
in school and life.

Open House- May 30

Sign up for a slot at our open house May 30 1-3 pm
stmattschool.com

Meet our teachers and learn more.

or call 402-291-2030 or visit our website for more information

St. Matthew
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

12210 S. 36th Street
Bellevue, NE



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

PRAYER VIGIL Please mark your calendar for our next vigil on Friday, June 12, from 10:00-11:00am. All are encouraged to pray any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the facility is open (1002 W. Mission Ave, Bellevue). Carhart is still doing abortions, even with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Let us bring hope and be a joyful presence of love to mothers, fathers and families looking for help in the face of a desperate time and be the light of Christ in our community. We can spread out and observe social distancing all along the sidewalk!

LIFE Runners Remember to wear your jersey when venturing out in public or even walking around your neighborhood. Let's do our part to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. 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 with almost 15,000 teammates ages .1 to 101 in 39 nations. Running is optional! Sign up, order your "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey, then wear it in public.

Intercession for Life

May our elected officials always strive to keep the Lord's Commandments and work for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death; We pray to the Lord:

Word of Life

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."

(USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers")



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

Please keep the less fortunate in your prayers. As Vincentians, we will continue serving this population with financial assistance, food and other items as the need arises. Because of recent events, we've had to adapt our processes to protect our members. However, our commitment to continue serving those in need has not changed.

To learn more about our St Vincent de Paul conference, please contact the church office and one of our members will respond.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM ST. MATTHEW PARISH?

EMAIL: We make every attempt to limit our emails to relevant information that affects all parishioners. Call the parish office at 402-292-7418 or email plbanks@archomaha.org to receive the parish emails.

Please note that our system allows one (1) email address per family for general information. You may enter additional individual emails for each family member in order to receive information that is more specific, e.g. parishioners who are liturgical ministers may each have their own email address listed.

INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS: You may select specific organizations to receive instant messages from through our parish app. Some examples of notification groups are: Daily Mass Schedule, Set-Up/Take Down Crew, Prayer Warriors, Religious Ed, Security Team etc. See our website for more information or stop in the office for help downloading the app, and setting up your specific notifications.



We have received permission from the Archdiocese to gather for Mass with some guidelines.

Mass Times: Tues – Fri @ 9am, Saturday 5pm, Sunday 10:30am. All masses in the gym.

The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation remains in force.

Live streaming of Masses will continue.

People who should not attend:

- a. People with COVID-19 or live with someone with COVID-19
- b. People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- c. Elderly
- d. People with underlying medical conditions
- e. Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk
- f. People who have access to those at risk in nursing homes
- g. People who have upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms
- h. People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flue like symptoms

If you plan to attend mass in person, please note the following guidelines and information:

--IT IS MANDATORY TO WEAR A MASK.

--Practice social distancing while entering and exiting church.

Families should remain 6 feet apart from other people.

--Use only marked entrances.

--No socializing or fellowship is permitted in the building or on sidewalk areas.

--Parishioners are strongly encouraged to wear masks.

--There will be no choirs at Mass.

--Holy water will be available to take home, bring your own container.

--Communion will be distributed only in the hand. Everyone will be given hand sanitizer just before receiving.

--Chairs will be set up at recommended distances. Various group settings will be available.

Ushers will assist with seating. Set up must remain the same. Do not move chairs.

--Seating is limited and some may be turned away.

--Restroom facilities will be limited.

--Collection baskets will be staged at the exit.

--Sign up genius will be sent out for limited ministries, i.e EME, Lectors, Ushers. (No altar servers)

--All chairs will be disinfected before and after masses.

--If attending daily mass, please sit in the designated area.

--We will email all updates to these guidelines. They are available on our website.

--All other campus events are still suspended.

DAILY/WEEKEND MASSES

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Live Streamed

Masses: Daily at **9:00 AM** Tues – Fri

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday - 10:30 AM

FYI: ALL MASSES LIVE STREAMED.

YOU MAY BE RECORDED

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, 4:30 PM

AFTER 10:30 MASS

Church donations may still be dropped
in mail slot of the parish office, or mailed.



Thank you!





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 current community updates, 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.*

HOW TO RECEIVE INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS FROM SELECT PARISH GROUPS:

If you'd like to receive instant notifications from the parish office, or specific groups follow these steps in our parish app:

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.*)

Groups that you may elect to receive messages from are: *Religious Ed, Set-up/Take Down, Special Events, PTO, Security Team, Knights, Extra Help, Daily Mass, Prayer Warriors and General (Parish Office Notifications).* Note: *These are groups subject to change.*

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

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