

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

— Jn 17:18-19

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. May 15 5:00pm – Julia Caputo †
Sun. May 16 9:00am – St. Matthew Families
11:00am Lee & Agnes Nittler †

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. May 18 9:00am – Maurice & Joyce Current †
Wed. May 19 9:00am – George & Anna Kathman †
Thur. May 20 9:00am – Ferd Metzger †
Fri. May 21 9:00am – Maurice & Joyce Current

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. May 22 5:00pm – Mark & Sherry Trupp
(50th Wedding Anniversary)
Sun. May 23 9:00am – St. Matthew Families
11:00am Michael Moreland †

MASS INTENTION CHANGES

Due to Archdiocesan policy, we can only take Mass Intentions within a year, ie. we accept Mass intentions April to March 31; then May to April 30, etc. We may also send Mass intentions to the Archdiocese to have them sent to missions. Another option is we may send to Msgr. Furlong who will distribute the masses to other retired priests. The only stipulation is the Mass may not be able to be offered on a specific date. Even if we don't witness the mass, all spiritual graces are still conferred.

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

May 15 Maintenance

If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. Maintenance etc.) in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, contact the parish office.



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

May 9	Dick Harrington	\$ 100
	(Mother's Day)	
May 10	Marcia Klein	\$ 25
May 11	Ariel Tompsett	\$ 25
May 12	Margaret Galloway	\$ 25
May 13	Michael Abboud	\$ 100
	(Ascension)	
May 14	Marcia Klein	\$ 25
May 15	Melissa Maltomeg	\$ 25

A check will automatically be mailed to all winners.

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.

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.



Welcome back to Mass! The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will end effective Pentecost weekend, **May 22-23, 2021**. Catholics who are not otherwise excused from the obligation will need to attend Mass that weekend. The faithful who, because of sickness, disability or some other serious cause, are prevented from taking part, should as best they can unite themselves with the celebration of Sunday Mass from afar, by means of the readings and prayers for that day from the Missal, as well as through their desire for the Eucharist. **Masks will still be required. Part of the church pews will still be roped off while the rest of the pews will be open for sitting.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Monthly Officer Meetings are held the first Monday of each month. The general Member's Meeting is the third Monday of the month. Meetings are 7:00 PM in the new church administration conference room. All Knights are invited and welcome to attend the Members Meetings. If you are not receiving emails with general council information, contact Dave Boone to ensure your email address is current. If you need information to become a Knight, contact Dave Boone, Grand Knight, 402-291-1493, dbruceb1@gmail.com or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, 402-658-9636, or email dbauermeister3@gmail.com.

NOTE: Until further notice, monthly Officer and Member Meetings are held via Zoom.

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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

**WWG****WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD**

Meetings will resume again in the Fall. See you then.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$105.02

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. Order Scrip online. <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/> Parish Office also has scrip on hand and ordering every two weeks.

**EUCCHARIST ADORATION**

Exposition of the Eucharist is now every Friday of the month from 6:00am Friday to 8:00am Saturday. Reminder: If you are

unable to keep your commitment, please contact a sub. Contact Donna Buell BUELLDONNAJM@GMAIL.COM or Phil McEvoy PRMCEVOY@GMAIL.COM if you would like to participate regularly or substitute as needed.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

St. Matthew School is looking for help next school year in the cafeteria. Hours will be 10:30 am to 12:30 pm each day that school is in session. If interested, please contact the Principal, Angie Palmer, for more details. 402-291-2030

SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN**

Enrollment for the 21-22 school year is open for all families. Go to stmattschool.com to register or contact the school – 402-291-2030. **PRE-K has 7 spots left.**

Congratulations to St. Matthew 5th grader, Paxton Sterner. He is St. Matthew's first ever Creighton Prep Loyola Scholar. Way to go and great job, Paxton!

NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY!

This is Year B in our liturgical cycle, which focuses on the Gospel according to Mark. It is believed to be the earliest of the four gospels, and it is the shortest. The evangelists Matthew and Luke incorporated almost all of Mark's gospel into their own. What does Mark's gospel have to tell us about Jesus, and why is it important to hear this unique perspective?

We explore these questions (and more) in a Scripture study every Tuesday evening via Zoom. Using the book Ponder from Little Rock Scripture, we pray with the Sunday readings and listen to what God is revealing to us. Our prayer method is Lectio Divina, but we have also used Ignatian contemplation, and our own life experiences, along with lively and life-giving discussion. If you would like to join, email me at srtracy2@icloud.com and I will send you a link to the Zoom meeting, and also make sure you have a book. This is an ongoing study, meeting every Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 pm, but you are welcome to "drop in" when you are available.

Have you wanted to do a Bible study, but don't feel that you know where to start? Do you find your knowledge about the Bible is lacking? Or maybe you have experienced trying to "study" Scripture, but haven't found something that gives a Catholic perspective? I want to form a group to do an "Introduction to the Bible" study. It would be once a week (via Zoom) for 6 weeks. Email me at srtracy2@icloud.com if you are interested.



FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS (FBC)

Religious Formation for the Entire Family. All parishioners are welcome to attend St. Matthew's Family-Based Catechesis (FBC). Sessions for the entire parish are typically on the **First Wednesday** of every month from 6:30p to 7:45p, September through May. This year's FBC focus will be on the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church--"Christian Prayer." Prayer is an essential gift from God that we've been created for and called to participate in so that we may deepen our bond with Him who is Love. St. Teresa of Calcutta said "'Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself. Prayer begets faith, faith begets love, and love begets service on behalf of the poor.'" Come to this year's FBC sessions for opportunities for yourself, and your family, to grow more deeply in love with God through prayer. You can find more information about FBC on the parish website, or by contacting Deacon Mark at mhwhite@archomaha.org. We will be following COVID-19 safety guidelines for the youth and adult sessions.

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR.

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on **Sunday** evenings from **5 to 6p**. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers as a community, and close with Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Benediction. A Sunday evening Holy Hour and Vespers is ***not just a randomly scheduled event***. According to Church tradition, parishes are encouraged to join in community for the Liturgy of the Hours, ***especially the Evening Prayer on Sundays*** (Sacrosanctum Concilium). Accordingly, we as the St. Matthew's Catholic Community join our prayers, in union with the universal church, for the mission of the Church--the salvation of souls. Come offer your prayers for this intention, as well as your own, in the presence of Jesus during this Holy Hour of Exposition. Contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org) with questions.

SUNDAY PREP BIBLE STUDY

Join us for one hour of food, fun, history, and preparation toward understanding Sunday readings. This is held Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, in the CSR conference room. To attend, come to the southwest corner at the back of the church. Come in the doors by the sign "Parish Office". Deacon Tom Deall facilitates the bible study.



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE Runners Registration is now open for the LIFE Runners A-Cross America relay - the largest spanning Pro-Life event with 1,528 legs covering 5,359 miles (12 million steps)! Register at <https://www.liferunners.org/race/across/> to run or walk 5K legs on the Relay course or from anywhere in the world, anytime from Jul 4th kickoff to Aug 8th finish line. We will also walk as a St. Matthew chapter, details TBD.

PRAYER VIGIL Thank you to those who prayed on Friday. Please mark your calendar for our next vigil on Fri, June 11, from 10:00-11:00am. We now invite you to come pray for/with us each Saturday morning at 7:30am. When the facility is open, we do sidewalk outreach to moms arriving for appointments; if it is closed, we pray for the end to abortion. 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, be the light of Christ in our community, and pray for the conversion of Carhart and the workers.

"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.

For he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood. ~ 2 Kgs 24:4

Reflection: The difficulties God's people encountered from the enemies around them were not the result of military or political flaws but of moral flaws. Chief among them was the shedding of blood by child sacrifice.

The strength of a people begins with its moral character and that of its leaders, as well as its fidelity to the Lord's Covenant.

Prayer: Lord, you hate the shedding of innocent blood. Protect and forgive Your people and bring us to the Promised Land. (Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone; visit priestsforlife.org to sign up for daily Pro-Life Reflections emails)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH “I don’t know how one can meditate on the care which the Blessed Virgin took of the Divine Child, without thanking St. Joseph for the care he likewise took of both the mother and the Child. ~ St. Teresa of Avila (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

CONSECRATION to JESUS through MARY
Congratulations to everyone who made/renewed your Consecration in honor of Our Lady of Fatima! May Our Blessed Mother Mary with her spouse, the Holy Spirit, set your heart aflame for love of her Divine Son and His Church! You are all invited to join us for the following program.



Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told Everyone is invited to join us this Thursday evening, May 20, and on May 27 and Jun 3, at 6:30-8:00pm, in the school library (Bldg 2) for the DVD presentations based on the book "Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" by Fr. Michael Gaitley. “In 10 fast-paced and lively sessions, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendor of God’s merciful love. From the epic story of Poland’s national suffering, to the events of Fatima, the revelations of St. Faustina, the heroic efforts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the life of St. John Paul II, the panorama of Divine Mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality.” Learn more about the important message and devotion behind the Divine Mercy Image that you see at Mass every week. No fee or materials needed. Just come join our small group to watch this fascinating story that every Catholic should know!! Contact **Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com** to register or with any questions.

PARISH LENDING LIBRARY



The library is on the left side of the sanctuary, second door on the left. It is open weekdays during office hours and on weekends before and after masses. There is a sign out sheet for the books and CDs on the table. We suggest you try to return the books/CDs within 3 weeks and then note your return date on the line where you signed out. There is a blue box for the return items. Our space is limited so we only accept donations of adult catholic books. (Please no pamphlets or children’s books.) Stop by and peruse our large selection of books & CDs.

PATHWAY BRICKS

As an ongoing fundraiser, Pathway Bricks are being sold for \$100. These bricks will be placed in a special area. 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’.

****NEW PROGRAM** DRIVE THRU Fresh Produce Pantry!**

Wednesdays from 4:30pm-6pm we are providing a drive through fresh produce pantry in the South parking lot. This will continue through May. Aside from produce, a gallon of milk is also provided. If you are experiencing food insecurity, join us on Wednesdays. A mask is required, no gn-up or ID verification is required. Share this with others who may be experiencing this concern. This program is through Whispering Roots.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

May Collection:



Breakfast items, cereal, coffee, powdered cream and sugar, oatmeal pancake mix. Any clothes and shoes gently used. All items will be donated to the Stephen Center. These can be placed in the blue bin at the school or the west entrance when you come into church. Thanks for your continued support. April donations of 53 pounds of food was taken to Mater Felius and 182 pounds of food and clothing to the Stephen Center.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue

A family in our parish has graciously loaned us a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. It has been a part of their family for over 30 years, has traveled to many members of the family in times of need and many prayers have been answered! You may sign out the statue from the Parish Office M-F from 9-4 or Phil McEvoy at prmcevoy@gmail.com or 402-689-6457

UPCOMING KNIGHTS EVENTS.....



May 23: Quarterly Knight's Mass

9:00am We are returning to our practice of holding a Knight's Mass each quarter. This mass will coincide with the lifting of the dispensation for Catholics to attend mass in person. Please, help us to celebrate this joyous occasion on Pentecost Sunday. .

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

We received \$731.42 for last quarter's rebate!

Thank you to the 168 families who participate in this program. Remember this does not cost you anything or take away from any other reward points you receive. To link your rewards card to St. Matthew: 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



GARAGE SALE! SPRING CLEANING!

St. Matthew is planning a garage sale the third week of June. Help is needed!! Great opportunity for everyone to help if only for one hour.

☺ Also great for service hours for high school students! Contact Mary Kay Marshall, 402-506-4877. Keep your items you do not want and save for the garage sale. We will take them the week of the sale. Please be sure they are clean, useable items. Drop off dates: June 13, 14, 15

Dates of Sale: June 17, 18, 19



ARE THERE ANY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE HOUSE?

The Safety Board is adding a medical response team to work with the security team to provide first aid or initial, stabilizing care to any parishioner who may require it during Mass or other events held in the parish. If you have ANY medical background (our founding members consist of two (2) pharmacy technicians, a nurse and a respiratory therapist), please consider joining this important team and be available to assist fellow parishioners in a time of needs. We would like to identify a pool of medical personnel that would be available to provide care, if needed, at each mass. If interested, please contact Mark Lockwood at 402-215-7835 or Amy Adams at 402-689-1093

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications

Are you an 8th grade student (public, private, parochial or home schooled) during the current school year and going on to attend a Catholic High School? Apply to earn a \$500 scholarship toward your first year tuition. The Knights of Columbus are ardent supporters and promoters of the value of a good Catholic Education. We are honored to have the opportunity to financially assist students who pursue a faith-based, High School education. If you are interested in participating, please submit a 500-750 word essay discussing how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Families of the applicants should be registered members of St. Matthew Catholic Church. Applications can be picked up in the parish office. Essays and application forms should be submitted NO LATER THAN May 21st. Questions may be directed to Dave Boone at (402) 291-1493.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

JUNE 12/13, 2021

There are two positions opening on parish council this year. If you are interested in running in the next election, contact the parish office by May 21, 2021. (Council meets in the evening, on the fourth Tuesday of each month.)

TOTUS TUUS

St. Matthew's is pleased to again offer Totus Tuus, "Totally Yours," this July. This summer youth program is a fun- and faith-filled week running from Sunday, **July 18th to Friday, July 23rd 2021**. There are two separate programs offered--one for 1st to 6th grades and a second for 7th to 12th grades. ALL youth in these grades are invited and encouraged to attend--they can bring a buddy! For more information and registration information, visit the parish website

<https://www.stmatthewbellevue.org/totus-tuus--vbs->

May 16, 2021

WATCH

CITY OF SAINTS

In this series, award-winning director Charles Francis Kinnane tells the true stories of God's grace through the ministries of the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey. This influential Catholic film series has inspired over 1.2 million people worldwide.



LECTIO: EUCHARIST WITH DR. BRANT PITRE

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"—these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater context of Church teaching? In this program, discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral part of God's plan for our salvation.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE FOUR LAST THINGS: DEATH, JUDGEMENT, HEAVEN, HELL BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

In this exceptional presentation, Fr. Mike tackles four topics that many of us understandably struggle with: death, judgement, Heaven, and Hell. As you listen to this talk, you'll be reminded that God wants to welcome you into Heaven, your true home!



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