

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me."

— Jn 16:12-14a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. May 25 9:00am – Maurice & Joyce Current †
Wed. May 26 9:00am – Maria Burgos †
Thur. May 27 9:00am – Dorothy Schnieders †
Fri. May 28 9:00am – Rusty Schwartze †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. May 29 9:00am – Julia Caputo †
Sun. May 30 9:00am – Maurice & Joyce Current †
11:00am – St. Matthew Family

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 23.....Missionary Cooperation Plan

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 16	Lydia Barrett	\$ 50
May 17	Ray Friedig	\$ 25
May 18	Morgan Horton	\$75
	(Pope JP II's Birthday)	
May 19	Leah Wittkop	\$ 25
May 20	Justice Williamson	\$ 25
May 21	Theresa Wilde	\$ 25
May 22	Robyn Riley	\$ 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 ends this weekend. 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 be optional. All ropes will be removed from the pews.**



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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Essential Pregnancy Services: The Knights would like to thank the parish members for your generous support of the Essential Pregnancy Services this past month. Your donations for roses on Mother's Day and by joining us for our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday enables us to support EPS with approximately \$1,800 as they strive to preserve the right to life in our community. Thank you and bless you for your continuing participation in our charitable works.

Family and Knight of the Month: We would like to recognize our Knight and Family of the month for **April: Knight of the Month - John Knowles**

Family of the Month - Ed Sauley and family

Each of these brother Knights and their families are key players and regular supporters of our projects and programs as we support our parish, school and community.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN PRAYING FOR ME THOUGH MY CANCER SURGERY. OUR PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED AND ALL THE CANCER WAS REMOVED. I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ME THROUGH THE CHEMO TREATMENT WHICH IS FOR PREVENTION. MY ST. MATTHEW FAMILY IS WONDERFUL! THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR LOVE, SUPPORT AND PRAYERS. PATSY



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 7th grader Sean Larson for his 2nd place finish in the State Competition of the Elk's Lodge Essay Contest.

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.

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WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

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





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 LIFE Runners is the largest Pro-Life team in the world with now over 16,000 teammates. Join us at liferunners.org, order your "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey, then wear it in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. The LIFE Runners Daily Devotions: All In Christ for Pro-Life! book is available on Amazon. Great for daily reflection and inspiration. Get one for yourself and give as gifts to others!

PRAYER VIGIL 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.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ~ Gen 1:1-2

REFLECTION: The Spirit of God brought life and light out of chaos and darkness. The Holy Spirit is "the Lord and Giver of Life," and this is true both on a natural and supernatural level.

To worship the Holy Spirit, then, demands that we stand against all that destroys life.

PRAYER: *Holy Spirit, breathe on us and renew within us the fullness of life and the strength to defend it.* (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 “God would not have given the most holy Virgin to Joseph as his wife unless he had been holy and righteous. What right-minded father would ever give his most beloved daughter in marriage to a man who was not moral and beyond reproach according to his rank and state in life.” ~ St. Lawrence of Brindisi (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)



It's not too late to join us this Thursday evening May 27, and Jun 3, at 6:30-8:00pm, in the School library (Bldg 2) to watch 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!! If you missed the first gathering you can watch Episodes 1-3 on FORMED.org to catch up. Contact Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com to register or with any questions.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION



Exposition of the Eucharist is now every Friday of the month from 6:00am Friday to 9:00am 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.

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’. **Next order will be placed on July 5.**

****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 June. 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

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

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$111.64

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



GARAGE SALE! SPRING CLEANING!

St. Matthew is planning a garage sale the third week of June. Help is needed!!

The Sign Up Genius will be emailed to all parishioners or available at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084baca928a5fd0-stmatthew1>

This is a 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



Custodial Position Opening

St. Matthew Community is looking to hire a full-time custodian with 2+ years of experience. Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm during the school year, with a flexible summer schedule. Must be able to lift 40lbs. Benefits offered / Salary based on experience. Please contact Brian Carney @ 402-490-9462.



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

PARISH
COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL
ELECTIONS
JUNE 12/13, 2021**

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->



1ST ANNUAL "IT'S ALL FOR JESUS" GOLF TOURNAMENT A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

Thanks again to our Sponsors, Donors, Golfers, Volunteers, and Tara Hills Golf Course for your support! The Golf Tournament exceeded all expectations raising over \$13,000 for the Saint Matthew Catholic Community.



WELCOME

Madison Lynn Stronck
Baptized May 16 2021



SAVE THE DATE

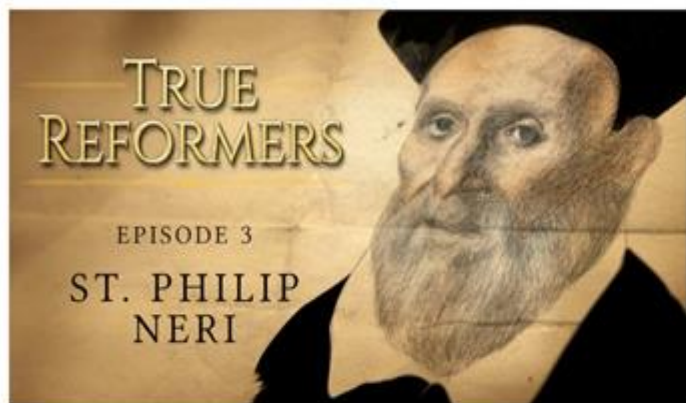
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SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 26, 2022

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

May 23, 2021

WATCH



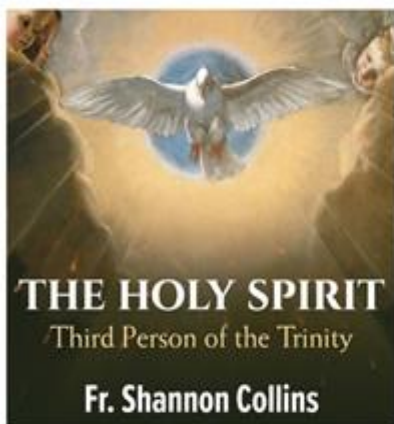
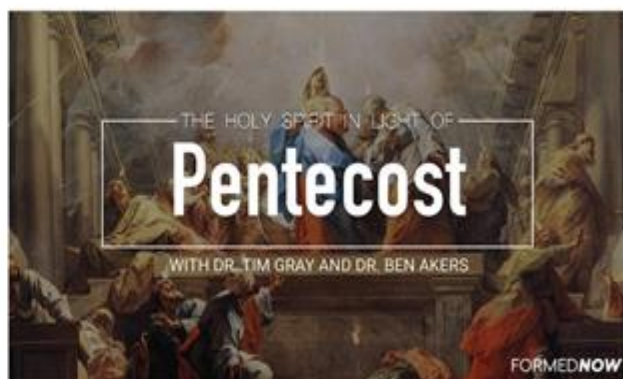
TRUE REFORMERS: EPISODE 3 ST. PHILIP NERI

This week we celebrate St. Philip Neri, the Apostle of Rome. To a Rome ravaged by war and wearied by the decadence of the Renaissance popes, St. Philip Neri came as an unlikely reformer. Mystic, hermit, prankster, and effortless leader of men, Neri had a great sense of humor and an even greater heart.

LEARN

FORMED NOW: THE HOLY SPIRIT IN LIGHT OF PENTECOST

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.



THE HOLY SPIRIT: THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY BY FR. SHANNON

In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers and how this "sweet guest of our soul" seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

LISTEN

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