

Bulletin
November
20, 2021



Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." — Jn. 18:36

MASS INTENTIONS If you wish a Mass celebrated for a special need or the welfare of someone, please email Patsy at: pahart@archomaha.org or call 402-292-7418. Mass Intentions can be scheduled a year out. We are now scheduling intentions through October of 2022. We may also send Mass intentions to the Archdiocese to have them sent to missions. These masses 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Currently, Exposition of the Eucharist is every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 4:00pm on Thursday and ending at 8:00am on Saturday. We would also like to add on additional days and hours, so even more people can have the opportunity to spend time with Jesus.

If you have an interest in a weekly adoration hour that also works with your schedule or in being a substitute, please contact Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy via Flocknote. Text SMTE to 84576 or connect with us online at matthewbellevue.flocknote.com

ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL

APPEAL

Recently you received a letter from Archbishop Lucas inviting your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to your response. Our financial goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$42,734.00 and our participation goal is 24.3%. Together, through the help of the Holy Spirit, we will create a culture of unity, evangelization, leadership and mercy.

FLOCKNOTE

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US!

Receive Parish information and have access to ministry notifications. Text SMTE to 84576 or connect with us online. Stmatthewbellevue.flocknote.com



Continuing Our Journey

Commitment:
\$2,249,083.00

Pledges Collected:
\$ 764,382.92

Second Collection Schedule

*All checks made out
to St. Matthew*

November 20..... SVDP

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.

Mass Intentions

November 20

5:00pm Jean Brandt, Michael Brandt
Bertha Baumgardner †

November 21

9:00am St. Mathew Families
11:00am Jack Mullen †

November 23

9:00am James Willard Beaudoin †

November 24

9:00am Special Intention

November 25

9:00am Ed Nicola †

November 26

9:00am Nancy Palma †

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Advent Family Night

Wednesday, December 1, 6:30-7:45
St. Matthew School Commons

Families will be decorating Advent Wreaths together during classroom time, children must be accompanied by parent(s)

All Parishioners are WELCOME

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. 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 via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert) with questions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

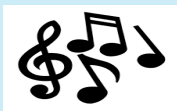
December 1 Advent Family Night
(all family members to attend)

December 15, 6:30pm-7:45pm



DAILY PARISH ROSARY

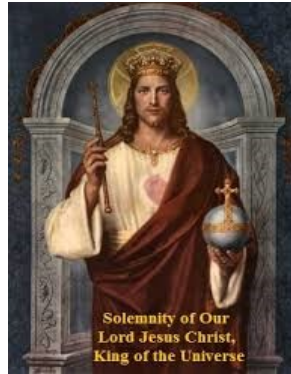
Join us for a daily rosary, Monday through Friday starting at 4:15pm. All are welcome!



LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS!

- Vocalists
- Instrumentalists

Needed for all masses and combined music groups for Christmas masses. Contact Suzi Brunner via Flocknote with questions.



***O JESUS, OUR ETERNAL
KING, REIGN IN OUR
HEARTS, O JESUS, MOST
MERCIFUL KING, REIGN IN
OUR HEARTS***

SUNDAY PREP BIBLE STUDY

Join us for one hour of food, fun, history, and preparation toward understanding Sunday readings. This Bible Study is held Wednesdays, 6:30pm, in the Narthex. Deacon Tom Deall facilitates the bible study.

PONDER: CONTEMPLATIVE BIBLE STUDY (YEAR C)

The first Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year—Year C, which features the Gospel According to Luke. Marked by the compassion of Jesus, the gospel stories of Luke demonstrate the universal nature of Jesus' mission. Luke's focus on God's faithfulness will encourage you to trust. Other themes include mercy and forgiveness, joy, the journey, the role of the Holy Spirit and the place of prayer. Join us as we dive deeper into the lectionary readings every Tuesday evening via Zoom. We pray with the Sunday readings and listen to what God is revealing to us. Our prayer method is Lectio Divina, but we also use Ignatian Contemplation and our own life experiences, along with lively and life-giving discussion. If you would like to join, contact Susan Tracy via Flocknote 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 7:00pm to 8:30pm, but you are welcome to drop in whenever you are available.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH He [St. Joseph] was head of the divine household on earth with, as it were, fatherly authority; he has the Church dedicated to his loyalty and protection. Such a person possesses so surpassing a dignity that no honor exists which should not be paid him. ~ Pope Leo XIII (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Caloway, MIC)

LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE Runners Please support the Knights of Columbus burrito sales next weekend, 11/27 & 11/28, after all Masses while burritos last. Funds raised will go towards student LIFE Runners jerseys for school chapters in the Omaha archdiocese, including our St. Matthew School Chapter. Thank you for your generous support!

Not a teammate yet? Join the largest Pro-Life team in the world, now with more than 17,200 teammates! LIFE Runners use prayer and teamwork to defend Life from conception to natural death. Running optional. Faith required. Sign up to get your "REMEMBER The Unborn – Jer 1:5" jersey and team updates/devotions at liferunners.org/signup. Invite others to join us. All In Christ for Pro-Life! Contact Kevin and Janice Todd via Flocknote with any questions.

PRAYER VIGIL Please mark your calendar for our next vigil on Fri, Dec 10, 10:00-11:00am, at the Bellevue abortion facility (1002 W Mission). We also encourage you to come pray for/with us each Saturday morning, 7:30-8:30am. 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.



Reflection: Post-abortion women often feel an unbearable amount of shame and regret. Abortion leave in its destructive path nothing but fatal consequences to the unborn child and lifelong torment to families. Although sin and destruction have sought to creep in and impose even more death, separation, and pain by the choices made, there is forgiveness through Jesus Christ who removes sin. Jesus abounds in His ability to reach even the deepest penetrating scars. The forgiveness of Jesus provides freedom from years of torment, guilt, and shame.

Today's Challenge: Pray for post-abortion women, men, and families to be vulnerable to Christ who will heal them. (LIFE Runners Daily Devotions by Dr. Patrick Castle & Bernadette Costello visit www.liferunners.org/gear)

GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select "Sign up as a parishioner" then enter "St. Matthew The Evangelist" (12210 S. 36th St., Ste A Bellevue, NE)
3. Enter your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

How to access your FREE FORMED account on a phone: It's easy with email authentication! First, you open your email account on your phone. Then open formed.org and select "sign in" in the top right. Then type in your email address and go check your email which will contain a new email with a button to click to confirm. And you're in!

Enjoy the Catholic faith On Demand. Thousands of movies, programs, audio talks and books instantly. Wonderful content for kids and families.



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT NOVEMBER 13-21

St. Matthew will be hosting the KVSS Spirit Catholic Radio Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit November 13-21 in the church narthex. It features 39 panels that highlight some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles in the world. Blessed Carlo Acutis designed and created the art for the panels before his death from leukemia at the age of 15. For more information, call or text Lisa Brandon at 402-968-9802.

Public Viewing Times of Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit
Sunday, Nov. 14, 4:00pm to 7:00pm, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Thursday, Nov. 18, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Sunday, Nov. 21, 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Immediately following the weekend Masses: 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, Nov. 13 and 20, 9:00am and 11:00am. Masses on Sunday, Nov. 14 and 21, 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

NEW – FREE AMEN APP

We are delighted for you to be among the first to know about the launch of the Amen Catholic Prayer App. We invite you to download the free app on the App Store or Google Play and enter deeper into the Word. The development and release of this app is an exciting moment for the Augustine Institute in answering Saint John Paul II's call for a New Evangelization—to proclaim the Gospel using new ardor, methods, and expression.

In the Amen app, you can:

- Delve into God's Word by meditating on the Daily Mass Readings, gain new insights into the Scriptures with Daily Reflections, and prepare your heart for each Sunday Mass with Opening the Word.
- Hear the Good News proclaimed in a powerful new way in The Life of Christ, a 50-day dramatized journey through the Gospels from the Incarnation of our Lord to his glorious Ascension.
- Draw your mind, body, and soul to rest in God in the midst of life's busyness with our Meditations, Evening Psalms, and Sleep Stories.
- Listen through all 73 books of the Bible in just 20 minutes a day with the exclusive audio version of the Augustine Institute's popular Bible in a Year, featuring the ESV® Catholic Edition.
- Discover exciting new content for everyone at home, including the beloved children's show Brother Francis, One-Minute Inspirations with Catholic speaker Chris Stefanick, and a host of prayers for the whole family.

The Augustine Institute is able to offer all of this entirely free of charge thanks to the generous support of donors! Enjoy!





WWG Women Working for God

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our meeting on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30pm in the school commons. Join us! If anyone needs a ride to the meeting, contact Shirrel Medara. Please direct any questions to Shirrel Medara via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert). Hope to see you then!



Community Outreach Ministry

November Collection:

New men's and women's underwear, socks, and gently used or new clothes and shoes. 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, October collection was 86 pounds of food and clothing to the Stephen Center, 98 pounds of food to Mater Filius House.



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 7:00pm in the new church conference room (and via Zoom). All Knights are invited and welcome to attend either meeting. If you are not receiving emails with general council information, contact Mark Kyriss to ensure your email address is current. If you need information to become a Knight, contact Mark Kyriss, Grand Knight or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert).

Need a ride to Church? Contact Butch Songcuan 402-933-1646

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth. If you have a heart to help others, come and join us at St Vincent de Paul. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at St. Matthew, in the lower level of the conference room. Come and check us out!



HEALTH CARE

PROFESSIONALS NEEDED!

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 or Amy Adams via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert).



Knitters and crocheters who prayerfully hand make prayer shawls for parishioners and community members in need of a comforting reminder of God's love for them. All shawls are well-crafted and blessed, then given to anyone in need of God's comfort. The next meeting is January, 24 at 2:00pm in the conference room.



SEEKING MASS GREETERS

The Evangelization Committee is seeking parish members who would be willing to welcome worshippers in the narthex before all of the weekend masses. It is a small commitment which can reap great rewards! If you are interested, please contact Mary Lomax via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert).



SECURITY DOORS – LOCKED

As part of the plan to protect parishioners against any form of malicious entry into the church during mass services all church doors are automatically locked 5 minutes after the scheduled mass start time. Entry after this time will be made by the security personnel on duty.

All doors are unlocked 1 hour prior to the scheduled mass for pre-mass activities.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Anyone who has borrowed medical devices and are no longer using them please return them to Phil McEvoy. If anyone has a wheelchair to donate please do so, a Parishioner is in need of one.

VETERAN'S HOME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EMHC to take the Eucharist to the Veterans Sunday at 10:30-11:15am, Rotating Schedule Contact Philip McEvoy via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert) Not an EMHC, Father can give you a temporary Mandation.

HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING DRIVE

"Do a good turn daily" is the Scouts BSA slogan. This year, Troop 231 in Bellevue is living that slogan by recycling old holiday lights! These lights are recyclable because of the small amount of copper within the wires. There will be a collection bin in the church lobby from November 15 to January 15. Please bring any lights you no longer need and help the troop do its good turn! Contact Barb Bittner bbittner68@gmail.com with any questions.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR SAFE HAVEN

WWG is collecting non-perishable food items to help restock the Women's Shelter pantry. All items will be picked at noon on Sunday, November 21.



SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you are interested in participating in a quarterly widow/widowers support group please contact Mary Fran Williamson via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert).

YOUTH



CHRISTMAS CONCERT- Dec. 6 , 6:30pm Our PK-8th graders will be holding their Christmas concert in the church. All are invited!

ST. MATTHEW ADVISORY TEAM (SMAT)- The SMAT is looking for individuals to help with alumni relations and grant writing. If you are willing to help, please contact Principal Angie Palmer- principal@stmattschool.com

PARA NEEDED St. Matthew School is looking for a para to work in 1st grade from 9:30-12:00 M-F. Duties include: supervising students, assisting in small groups, lunch duty, recess duty. Please contact Principal Angie Palmer if you are interested. principal@stmattschool.com



LUNCH ROOM VOLUNTEERS We are hoping some of our amazing parishioners can help us out by volunteering in the cafeteria. We are in most need of help on MWF. Times are from 10:30-12:30. Duties include: helping distribute food and clean up after each lunch period. Volunteers need to be Safe Environment trained. If you can help us out, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/Stmatthewlunchroomhelp>



Do You Love Volleyball? Do you want to see young players learn the game in a fun, friendly and faith based environment? The St. Matthew Athletic Board has a volunteer opening for a Volleyball Coordinator. This position oversees the volleyball program, assists volleyball coaches, and is an active member of the Athletic Board. If interested, please contact Arnold Nash Via Flocknote.



Welcome

Alex Hector Ford

Baptized November 14, 2021

Eloise Joy Mangus

Baptized November 14, 2021

Leo-Alexander

Cherubin-Gross

Baptized November 14, 2021

MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Memorial donations for the parish should be made payable to St. Matthew, with the memo line designating specifics (i.e., Building Fund, General Use, etc., and name of honoree or deceased). Checks made out to families or other organizations are not acknowledged by the parish Memorials Committee unless St. Matthew is the payee.

PATHWAY BRICKS

The most recent brick order has arrived. They will be put in place Spring 2022.

Bulletin Submission Deadline

Submit information for the upcoming bulletin by 12:00pm Tuesday to : acmcfall@archomaha.org

Submissions are subject to edits, review and approval.



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

Nov. 14	Melissa Maltomeg	\$50
Nov. 15	Erin Wittkop-Coffey	\$25
Nov. 16	Bill McKay	\$25
Nov. 17	Louise & Jim McCoy	\$25
Nov. 18	Joy Tracy	\$25
Nov. 19	Roberta Mullen	\$25
Nov. 20	Ruth Brazeal	\$25

A CHECK IS AUTOMATICALLY MAILED OUT TO ALL WINNERS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 6 - thru
December 12
After mass**

Christ in Christmas Card Sales

November 13- 21, 5:30pm

Eucharistic Miracles
(See insert for times)

**November 20
5:30pm-7:00pm**

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

November 27 & 28

Breakfast Burritos

**December 7
7:00pm**

Light Up For Christ

December 19

Parish Wide Christmas
Caroling



BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling 'Keep Christ in Christmas' Christmas cards in the narthex after all masses from November 6th through December 12th. They will not be able to order any additional cards, so what they have on hand is all there is, and sales will be first-come-first-



MARDI GRAS SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2022

The Mardi Gras committee is asking you to consider donating items for our silent and oral auctions. Items such as weekend or week long time shares, tickets to games or concerts, airline and hotel points, golf outings or dinners, symphony tickets, gift cards, new unopened items for camping, gardening, fishing, etc.. Monetary donations also accepted. Please contact Joann Price at 402-297-1027 if you have questions.

Magnificat-Omaha Advent Brunch

All women are invited to brunch on Saturday, December 4, 9:30am—1pm St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, for reservations: www.MagnificatOmaha.org

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

St. Matthew Narthex November 13-21

Knights of the Holy Eucharist Talk

Sunday, Nov. 14, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

(In the Church)

Public viewing times of miracles exhibit:

Sunday, Nov. 14, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Knights of the Holy Eucharist Talk

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Vespers

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 21, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Vespers

**Immediately following the weekend Masses: 5 p.m. Mass on
Saturday, Nov. 13 and 20 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, Nov.
14 and 21**

The exhibit features 39 beautiful panels that highlight some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles of the world. The panels feature both graphic and written depictions of the miracles.

Spirit
CATHOLIC
RADIO
NETWORK



Display is FREE to view.



Breakfast Burritos

A fundraiser benefitting Life Runners.

November 27th & 28th
Available in the narthex.

A free will donation will be accepted



Helpers wanted to decorate the church for Christmas. Please join us on Sunday, December 19 at noon.



Start planning now for Light Up For Christ (December 7) and Parish Wide Christmas Caroling (December 19). More details to come.

PARISH SUPPORT

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

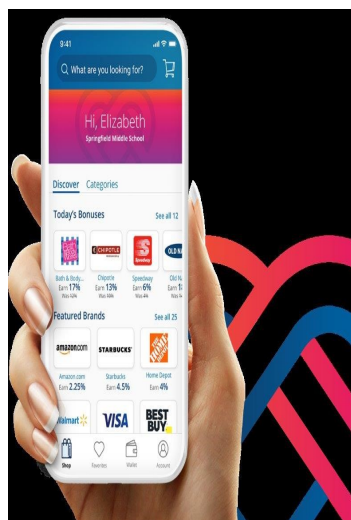
"Makin' a list and checking it twice"

Shop the Black Friday sales with Matt's Money gift cards!

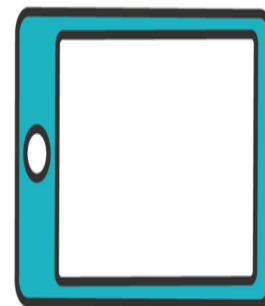
How to get Matt's Money

Download the "Raise Right" app
It is like giving two Christmas presents in one because...

St. Matthew Church and School benefits from every purchase you make.



Download the
**TOGETHER
A GREATER
GOOD**
app + start tagging
your purchases today!



HOW TO TAGG

- 1 Download the TAGG mobile app.
- 2 Choose us and upload a photo of your receipt.
- 3 The business will make a donation to us at no extra cost to you!

SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.



EARN FOR A SCHOOL.



AMAZON SMILE

We received \$204.93 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!

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$83.37

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. To order scrip online please contact the Parish Office.

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

We received \$719.29 for last quarter's rebate!

Thank you to the 174 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.

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 call 1-866-507-8757. You can give a one-time gift or sign up for recurring gifts.

ST. MATTHEW CALENDAR LOTTERY 341 of 862 tickets sold, 42 1/2% of goal

See Ed Janeczko in the Narthex or purchase in the Parish/School office. A fundraiser for St. Matthew School and Parish 377 individual prizes during 2022. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500. **\$25.00 per Ticket.** Winners need not be present. Drawing to be held NLT December 31, 2021. A donation of \$25 entitles each ticket holder a chance to win one of 365 daily prizes and 12 special monthly prizes, awarded for each day/month of 2022. All ticket holders have 377 chances to win, as all are eligible for each and every daily and monthly prize for the year. Sales will continue through late December 2021 or the date of drawing; if all are sold prior to the closing date, late entries will be returned.