

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" — Mt. 25:34-36

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Nov 21 5:00pm - St. Matthew Families †
Sun. Nov 22 9:30am - Darleen Veylupek †
Jack Mullen †

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Nov 24 9:00am – Mary Elizabeth O'Riley †
Wed. Nov 25 9:00am – Michael Bevan †
Thur. Nov 26 9:00am – Special Intention
Fri. Nov 27 9:00am – **No Mass**

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Nov 28 5:00pm - Sheri Stock †
Sun. Nov 29 9:30am - Brayden Dennis †
St. Matthew Families

We continue to livestream daily and weekend masses. **Church donations** may be placed in the baskets at the entrance/exit to church or taken to the parish office or mailed. We are looking to set up a new drop off box. **Thank you!**

NEW ADDRESS

All mail for our church and parish office should be addressed to: 12330 S. 36th Street, Bellevue, NE 68123. **NOTE:** This is especially for those who have their donations mailed from their financial institution. Thank you for your cooperation.

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

November 21/22 Maintenance
December 12/13 Religious Retirement
December 19/20 Maintenance

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.



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS!

Nov 15	Jan Modelski	\$50
Nov 16	Jane Christensen	\$25
Nov 17	Percy Payne	\$25
Nov 18	Jon Tracy	\$25
Nov 19	Shelly Schaeffer	\$25
Nov 20	Gabriella Linbrunner	\$25
Nov 21	Matt Ruane	\$25

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

ST. MATTHEW CALENDAR LOTTERY 331 TICKETS SOLD

See Ed Janeczko in the Narthex or purchase your lottery calendar tickets in the Parish/School office anytime. This is a fundraiser for St. Matthew School and Parish. 365 daily prizes and 12 special monthly prizes, awarded for each day/month of 2021. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500. Cost is \$25.00 per Ticket. Winners need not be present to win. Drawing will be held NLT December 31, 2020. All ticket holders have 377 chances to win, as each ticket is eligible for each and every daily and monthly prize throughout the year. Sales will continue through the late December 2020 or the date of drawing. No more than 1,500 tickets will be sold; late entries will be returned.



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.

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 have been received.



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 new 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 dbuceb1@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 prmevoy@gmail.com for information on how to return it.

WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD



We are again having a food drive for the Women's shelter and Thanksgiving Dinner. Due to Covid, we are asking for gift cards to Walmart. If you wish to donate, contact Cindy Brazeal, 402-312-7101 or cbrazeal81@gmail.com. Or you may send gift cards to Safe Haven, %Julie Fagan, PO Box 1612, Bellevue, NE 68005.

Meetings are suspended until further notice.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Last week's rebate: \$72.21

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/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR CLEANING OUR CHURCH

Teams are being put together to vacuum, dust, and sweep on a weekly basis. We hope to have several teams. If you are interested, contact Sue Mailhot, samailhot@archomaha.org. With 5 or 6 people to a team, it would take about an hour and a half to clean.



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. Contact the school – 402-291-2030

JOB OPENINGS

St. Matthew School is looking for a qualified individual to work in Extended Care. Hours are from 3-6. If you are interested, please contact Barb White-brwhite@schools.archomaha.org

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. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).



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 or Phil McEvoy if you would like to participate regularly or substitute as needed. Donna Buell at BUELLDONNAJMGMAIL.COM Phil McEvoy at PRMCVOY@GMAIL.COM

USHERS NEEDED!!

We are asking for more people to volunteer to be an usher. Five ushers are needed for each mass. Contact the parish office if you are interested in helping.

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. 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

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. We invite you to check out The Search on FORMED.org. "The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered. Are you ready for The Search?"

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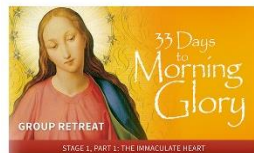
PICK OF THE WEEK

November 22, 2020

WATCH

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Ever considered consecrating yourself or your family to the Mother of God? Follow Fr. Michael Gaitley this Advent in order to draw nearer to Mary—the Mother of God—and her Son and to prepare yourself for a spiritual renewal.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

REMEMBER
The Unborn
Jer 1:5
liferunners.org

LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

PRAYER VIGIL Please mark your calendar for our next monthly prayer vigil Fri, Dec 11, from 10:00-11:00am. We always encourage you to pray on any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the Bellevue abortion facility is open (1002 W. Mission Ave). 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.

LIFE Runners Not a teammate yet? Please join our St. Matthew Church or School LIFE Runners chapter at liferunners.org. Running is optional! ☺ Sign up, order your "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey, then wear it in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives.

From the beginning you have heard the message that we should love one another, unlike Cain who was from the evil one and slew his brother. ~ 1 John 3:11-12

Reflection: When an unborn child is diagnosed with a terminal illness, some feel justified in aborting the child. The excuse they use is that he or she "will die anyway." But we will all die anyway. Since when does our mortality make us disposable? Since when is the inevitability of death a justification to kill?

Prayer: *Lord, teach us that the beauty of life is not measured in days or years, but in the love we give and receive.* (Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone; visit priestsforlife.org to sign up for daily Pro-Life Reflections emails)

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>



Total Pledges:	282
Pledged:	\$2,297,981.00
Total Collected:	\$2,426,266.28

CAMPUS WIDE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE:

The Parish is forming a committee to oversee the maintenance of the landscape across the entire campus. If you enjoy working the ground, gardening, maintaining sprinklers, cutting grass, etc, consider joining this group. Contact Teresa Metzger, Greg Stoiber or Brian Carney for more information.

CAMPUS WIDE IT/AV COMMITTEE:

The Parish is forming a committee to oversee the management of Information Technology, Audio and Visual systems across the campus to ensure we maintain our state of the art systems and have consistency across the school and new building systems. We are interested in individuals who have expertise in networking, video systems, audio systems and computer systems. Contact Rick Holdcroft, rholdcroft@cox.net, 402-350-4097 for more information.

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'.

ALL OF OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED!

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.

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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



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE
ST. MATTHEW PARISHIONERS!
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
BEAUTIFUL CHURCH!
MSGR. FURLONG**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

November Collection:

Warm gently used clothes – socks, shirts, shoes, coats, gloves, and hats will be very much appreciated. The warm clothes 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.

NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY!

Looking for a way to deepen your understanding of the Scripture readings you hear proclaimed at Mass each weekend? Join us for a lectionary-based study which incorporates *lectio divina*, Ignatian contemplation, and group discussion to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. Using the book, **Ponder**, from Little Rock Scripture Study, we will learn how the Word of God applies to our lives today.

Because of the pandemic, this study will be conducted via Zoom on **Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM, beginning November 24th**. Contact Susan Tracy via email: srtracy2@icloud.com, or by text message: 402-630-9938 in order to get a book (approximate cost \$20) and to be put on the Zoom invitation list. All are welcome—no prior Bible study experience needed!

ST. MATTHEW FOOD BANK UPDATE:

With the opening of our new church and new **opportunities to serve our community, we have made** some updates to our Food Bank program.

One Food Bank wagon is located in the new church (positioned near the restrooms)

One Food Bank wagon remains in the east school commons entrance.

We have begun a direct support effort for the Mater Filius House located in north Bellevue. There is a special collection box located near the school commons Food Bank wagon with contact/delivery information and a wish list. A Mater Filius wish list is also attached to the Food Bank wagon in the church if you desire to purchase those items. A volunteer with consolidate items into the collection box in the school (To keep the church uncluttered). If anyone would like to assist in deliveries or organization of the Food Bank program, please contact Scott Eversole at 402-216-1508.

THANK YOU

As we are getting settled on our new church and offices, we wish to thank everyone who has helped make this a smooth transition. There are still many things to be done and organized, but it will happen. We especially would like to thank Suzi Brunner for organizing, researching, and putting together our beautiful liturgy for our church dedication mass. We also would like to thank Suzi Brunner, Angie and Travis Reineke who have given a lot of time to livestreaming all our masses. We appreciate the time and work you have given to St. Matthew so we can celebrate mass and keep our St. Matthew community together.

FR. MCGIVNEY CANONIZATION ARTICLE

Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 as a mutual aid society. He wanted to provide financial support for families having lost their primary breadwinner. He also wanted to ensure that Catholic men could remain strong in their faith. Now 138 years later, his legacy continues to inspire the nearly two million Knights today. Father McGivney died at the age of 38 from influenza thought to be a strain of coronavirus. Fr. McGivney was beatified to sainthood Oct. 31, 2020.

Fr. McGivney, the first American parish priest to be beatified, has long been a hero of working-class Catholics. His first miracle, recognized by the Vatican, occurred in 2015 where an unborn child was cured of a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops. The parents were given no hope. They prayed to Father McGivney and the baby, Mikey Schachle, is now 5 years old.

A second miracle is needed to advance Father McGivney's cause for canonization to Sainthood. We offer this novena to support and advance the cause for sainthood for Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The novena to be said at the end of the rosary each week can be found below.

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

We received \$742.65 for last quarter's rebate!

Thank you to the 164 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

AMAZON SMILE

We received \$137.43 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!

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.



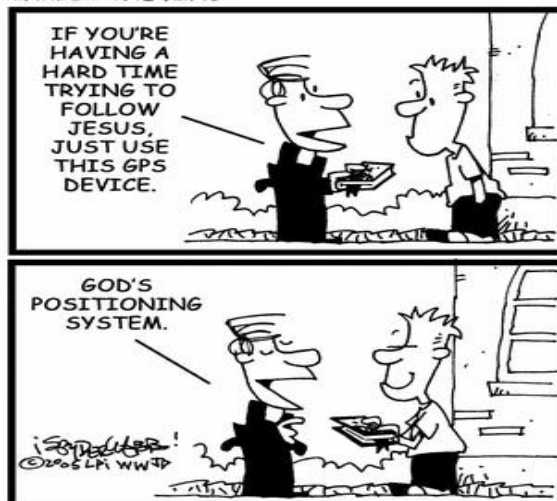
Congratulations to our St. Matthew Middle School for being voted "Best in Sarpy County". Our amazing teaching staff includes: Joann Price, Mary Jo Holdcroft, Mark White, and Ashley Wynne. We are blessed by amazing students that welcome and care for each other, and supportive parents who expect excellence. This award solidifies to the entire Bellevue Community what we already knew- St. Matthew is a great place- achieving greatness! Congratulations!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

CHRIST THE KING





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.**