

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” — Mk 10:7-9

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## MASSES THIS WEEKEND

- Sat. Oct 2 5:00pm – St. Matthew Families
- Sun Oct 3 9:00am – Darlene Veylupek †
- 11:00am – Vinny & Mary Ann Sabato †

## MASSES THIS WEEK

- Tues. Oct 5 9:00am – James Willard Beaudoin †
- Wed. Oct 6 9:00am – Pat Clapp †
- Thur. Oct 7 9:00am – Jennifer Knepper †
- Fri. Oct 8 9:00am – Paul Galloway †

## MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

- Sat. Oct 9 5:00pm – St. Matthew Families
- Sun Oct 10 9:00am – Mary Jo Taylor †
- 11:00am – Darlene Veylupek †

## MASS INTENTION CHANGES

Due to Archdiocesan policy, we can only take Mass Intentions for a year out. We are now scheduling intentions between now and September 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. Please email all mass requests to Patsy at pahart@archomaha.org

## SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

*All checks made out to St. Matthew*

### October 16.....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.*

### Bulletin Submission Deadline:

Submit information for the upcoming bulletin by 12:00pm on Tuesday to: acmcfall@archomaha.org  
Submissions are subject to edits, review and approval.



## EUCHARIST ADORATION NEW DAY AND TIME ADDED

Exposition of the Eucharist is every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 7:00pm on Thursday and ending at 8:00am on Saturday. To participate regularly or substitute as needed, please contact Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert). Currently, we have openings in the Eucharistic Adoration schedule. There is already one person scheduled at each of these hours, but two people are needed. A second person is needed for Thursday: 11:00pm; Friday: 1:00am, 2:00am, 7:00am, 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm; Saturday: 1:00am. We would like to expand the Adoration hours either before the current 7:00pm start time on Thursday or after the 8:00am closing on Saturday. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert)

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CELEBRATION

In honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will be having a candlelight procession on Thursday, October 7. The evening will begin with benediction at 6:45pm, followed by reciting the rosary in an outdoor procession. In the event of inclement weather, we will recite the rosary in the church. Please mark your calendars now for a grace filled evening.

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Recently you received a letter from Archbishop Lucas inviting your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal (**there has been a printing delay, and letters should be out in the next couple of weeks**). 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.



## CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY

Commitment: \$2,249,083.00  
Pledges Collected: \$ 686,583.31



**HEALTHCARE**

**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).



**SECURITY-SECURITY-SECURITY**

The parish of Saint Matthew has established a Safety Board under which falls our Security Team. This team provides security services for all the weekend and holy day masses. If interested or for additional information, please contact Greg Stoiber or Dick Lewis via Flocknotes (see Flocknote insert).

**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).

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO 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.

**PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY**

**October 12-16**

We are updating our photo directory and we are hoping you will be a part of it. Every family that participates will receive a free 8x10 photo and a St. Matthew photo directory. Starting September 4 through October 9, after each mass, we will begin assisting our parish members with making their appointments for the church directory. Computers will be set up in the Narthex. If you would like to volunteer to help with making appointments after masses, please email Pat Dolezal at [pdolezal@cox.net](mailto:pdolezal@cox.net).

Please make appointments at this link: <https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=763&typId=63655&step=2>

**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).

**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: \$20.52*

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

**BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM**

*We received \$756.55 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](http://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](http://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 FEAST DAY FOOD DRIVE**

The goal for the parish was 750 pounds and we collected 801 pounds! Thank you for your support and generosity.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes begin this week and will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. It is not too late to sign up. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact Lisa Deall in the RE Office 402-547-5361 or via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert). Next class will be October 6.

The St. Matthew Religious Education Program has begun. Starting this year, we are returning to a traditional religious education meeting twice per month. While waiting for students, parents can enjoy snacks and “Sunday Mass Preparation” with Deacon Tom, in the main conference room, at 6:30. With more than seven years in religious education, I am honored and excited to serve our parish and families as the Religious Education Director. Thank you and God Bless! Lisa Deall

## 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.

## SUNDAY PREP BIBLE STUDY

Join us for one hour of food, fun, history, and preparation toward understanding Sunday readings. This is held Wednesdays, 6:30pm, 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.



## NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY!

This is Year B in our liturgical cycle, which focuses on the Gospel according to Mark. 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 7:00pm to 8:30pm, but you are welcome to “drop in” when you are available.

### Introduction to the Bible begins September 22nd

Whether you have had a lot of experience with Scripture, or not very much at all, you can benefit from this course. Have you ever wondered about the difference between Catholic and Protestant Bibles? Is there a difference in the way Catholics study and use Scripture in liturgy and prayers? What is meant by “divine inspiration”? How has the Second Vatican Council shaped the way Catholics think about and interpret Sacred Scripture? We will explore these questions and much more in a 7-week course entitled, An Introduction to the Bible.

If there is enough interest, I plan to offer an in-person class in the conference room at St. Matthew on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 AM, and a Wednesday evening online option via Zoom from 7-8:30 PM. Please contact Susan Tracy via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert) if you have any questions or would like to register for the class. Your understanding of the Bible will be enriched by taking this class. Cost of the study set is \$15, but no one will be turned away because of lack of funds. Please join me!

## SUNDAY EVENING ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

This Bible Study unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. In this beautiful and awe-inspiring series based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book Hail, Holy Queen, watch the Mary of doctrine and devotion come alive in a powerful, new way! The Bible Study will meet on Sunday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm starting on September 19. This is a twelve-week study which is scheduled to end before Christmas. Free pizza and “refreshments”. The study will meet in the new conference room in the southwest corner of the lower level of the new building. If interested, please contact Rick Holdcroft, via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert).







## LOVING LIFE MINISTRY OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!!!

**LIFE Runners** Not a teammate yet? It's the perfect month to join our St. Matthew Church chapter! 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](http://liferunners.org/signup). Invite others to join us. All In Christ for Pro-Life! Contact Kevin and Janice Todd via Flocknote (see Flocknote Insert).

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN** (Sept 22-Oct 31) You're invited to join other Christians around the world for the 40 Days for Life campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Pray at home, but more importantly, pray in front of the abortion facility in our city (1002 Mission St, Bellevue) or Planned Parenthood in Omaha or Council Bluffs. Mark your calendar for our St. Matthew Parish/LIFE Runners Prayer Day at Carhart's on Sat, Oct 9, 8am-8pm. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/opJLvSm>. Order one of Shawn Carney's (co-founder of 40 Days for Life) books to read during the campaign to be informed and inspired: 40 Days for Life, The Beginning of the End of Abortion, To The Heart of the Matter or What to Say When. Visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) for more info.

**LIFE CHAIN** The annual Life Chain is this Sun, Oct 3, 2:00-3:00pm. We would love to fill our assigned block, the southeast corner of 72nd and Dodge, with our St. Matthew community and LIFE Runners. Come and be joyful witnesses for life in the center of Omaha! If you can't join us, please pray for a successful event.....that many hearts and minds in our city will come to believe in and speak up for the dignity and sanctity of all human lives.

**PRAYER VIGIL** Please mark your calendar for our next monthly vigil on Fri, Oct 8, 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.

*"Equipped for the Journey" – by Alice Chapman (Sept 26)  
He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, 'take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money – not even an extra tunic.' ~ Lk 9:2-3*

**Reflection:** Journeys during that time were accomplished on foot through desolate areas where wild animals and thieves preyed upon vulnerable travelers. We know the disciples bravely set out, proclaiming the gospel, and successfully carried out the mission to which Jesus appointed them. God always equips His followers for the tasks He calls them to. Go out and respond lovingly to our lost brothers and sisters who sadly support abortion.

**Challenge:** Commit to wearing your "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey in public often to impact hearts and minds. (LIFE Runners Daily Devotions by Dr. Patrick Castle & Bernadette Costello visit the "gear store" at [liferunners.org](http://liferunners.org))  
LIFE Runners Thank you to all our teammates who joined us for the Siena/Francis House "Hope for the Homeless" walk/run. We had a great turnout of teammates from St. Matthew and all over Omaha. What a beautiful morning and fun time! Some of our teammates even won medals for their age groups, including our own Pat and Angi Castle!! A huge thank you, also, to the Lomax's, Medara's, Weber's, Janecko's, Lukasina's for helping "gift" jerseys to our new St. Matthew students, teachers, and staff!! We are within \$100 of covering the cost. If you would like to help, please contact Kevin and Janice Todd via Flocknote (see Flocknote Insert).

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH** "Whereas Adam and Eve were the source of evil which was unleashed on the world, Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spreads over the earth. The Savior began the work of salvation by this virginal and holy union." ~ Blessed Pope Paul VI (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

### CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS PROGRAM

Join us as we continue the Hearts Afire Parish-based program with the book, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, by Fr. Michael Gaitley. This 10-week program focuses on the devotion to Jesus' Sacred Heart and gives us an awareness of God's infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy, showing us the way to console His heart by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely. It is based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Come learn more about Divine Mercy as depicted in our beautiful Divine Mercy Image! Classes will be on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm, in the school library (Bldg 2). We will begin Oct 7. Cost for the book is \$15. Please contact Janice Todd via Flocknote (see Flocknote Insert) to register by Oct 4 or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience needed. All are welcome!

### GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://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](http://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!

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### 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 Dave Boone 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



### WWG WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

We are meeting again! All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our meeting on Tuesday October 19 at 6:30pm in the school commons. Please join us and we get reacquainted, meet new friends, and work for our parish. Please direct any questions to Shirrel Medara via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert). Hope to see then!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Make a difference in your Bellevue community! The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) of St. Matthew assists our neighbors in their time of financial, emotional and spiritual need. If you would like to learn more about the mission of St. Vincent de Paul, or if you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, please join us on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the lower level conference room at St. Matthew. You may also call the church office and one of our Vincentians will respond to your request.



### COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

#### October Collection:

New men's and women's underwear and socks. 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, September collection was 87 pounds of food and clothing to the Stephen Center.



### CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

September 26	Steven Leiber	\$ 50
September 27	David E. Burgos	\$ 25
September 28	Bob Zelasney	\$ 25
September 29	Evelyn Tracy	\$ 25
September 30	Dennis Hynes	\$ 25
Monthly Special	Barbara Bolter	\$ 87
October 1	Steve Ament	\$ 25
October 2	Rick Yanovich	\$ 25

*A check is automatically mailed to all winners.*



### CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Find out what our school children are up to. Find our newsletter at: <https://www.smores.com/tvqg9>



CARDINAL ATHLETICS

### 2021/2022 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Basketball teams for St. Matthew and Religious Education students in K-8th grades are now forming. For more information contact Nic Crampton, via Flocknote (see Flocknote insert).



### 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 weeklong 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.



### SAVE THE DATE VENDORS WANTED! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Matthew Annual Craft Show. Sponsored by St. Matthew School PTO. Saturday November 13, 2021 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. \$1 admission. Deadline for vendor sign up is October 2. Contact Carin Crampton for more information, [stmatthewschoolcraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewschoolcraftshow@gmail.com)

**Fiscal Year 2021-22 Financial Report to Parish–July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021**

<b>Parish &amp; School day-to-day Operating Funds–Monthly &amp; Fiscal YTD</b>		<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21–Aug 21</b>
Total Income	faith direct/envelopes, cash/coin, registration/tuition, fundraisers, etc.	\$160,580	\$285,453
Total Expense	payroll, utilities, maintenance/repairs, services, supplies, admin, etc.	\$139,021	\$242,034
<b>Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenses</b>		<b>\$21,559</b>	<b>\$43,419</b>

<b>Continuing Our Journey (COJ)–Monthly &amp; Fiscal YTD</b>		<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21–Aug 21</b>
Total Income	contributions from COJ fundraising campaign & its pledges	\$95,752	\$135,190
Total Expense	COJ expenses to operate church & pay its mortgage	\$30,703	\$63,913
<b>Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenses</b>		<b>\$65,049</b>	<b>\$71,276</b>

<b>One Time Unbudgeted Financial Transactions–Monthly &amp; Fiscal YTD</b>		<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21–Aug 21</b>
Total Income	insurance proceeds for air conditioning unit replacement	\$0	\$85,000
Total Expense	no unbudgeted expenses thus far this fiscal year	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenses</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>

<b>Total Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenses</b>		<b>\$86,608</b>	<b>\$199,695</b>
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**Other Information**

- The primary sources of the August 2021 parish and school income: (1) \$83,651 from general contributions and (2) \$73,732 from school tuition/fees.
- August 2021 mortgage payments to Archdiocese & Security National Bank for church loan totaled \$26,315.
- August 2021 church loans from Archdiocese & Security National Bank together totaled \$8,400,696.



## **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](http://stmatthewbellevue.flocknote.com)