

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” — Mt 21:32

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

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Oct 3 5:00 pm – Al Brandt †/Pat Podjenski †
Sun. Oct 4 9:30am – Mary Ann Arnould †
St. Matthew Families

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Oct 6 9:00am – Mary Elizabeth O’Riley †
Wed. Oct 7 9:00am – Cathy Davis
Thur. Oct 8 9:00am – Jennie Nazaruk
Fri. Oct 9 9:00am – Ted & Sally Heinen †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Oct 10 5:00 pm - Darleen Veylupek †
Sun. Oct 11 10:30am – Divino Enano †
Maria Evangelisto †
St. Matthew Families

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Live Streamed

Masses: Daily at 9:00 am Tues – Fri
Weekend Masses
Saturday – 5:00 pm
Sunday - 10:30 am

FYI: All Masses live streamed.
You may be recorded

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:30pm
After 10:30 Mass

Church donations may be taken to the parish office or mailed. We are looking into a drop off box. Will keep you informed! **Thank you!**

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

October 18

Maintenance

October 24

World Mission

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.

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.



CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sept 27	Leslie Bennett	\$50
Sept 28	Bob & Mary Ellen Huck	\$25
Sept 29	Jim Kirkpatrick	\$25
Sept 30	Deb Strack	\$25
Sept Special	Wade Wittkop	\$33
Oct 1	Mike & Cathie Chaloupka	\$25
Oct 2	Josh Hubbard	\$25
Oct 3	Nikki Nash	\$25

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

ST. MATTHEW CALENDAR LOTTERY Don't miss your chance to buy your ticket!!

See Ed Janeczko in the Commons or purchase in the Parish/School office anytime. A fundraiser for St. Matthew School and Parish 365 individual prizes awarded, one per day throughout 2021. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500. **\$25.00 per Ticket.** Winners need not be present. Drawing to be held NLT December 31, 2020.

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 2021. All ticket holders have 365 chances to win, as all are eligible for each and every daily and monthly prize for the year. Sales will continue through the later of December 2020 or the date of drawing; if all are sold prior to the closing date, 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.



EUCHARIST ADORATION

Exposition of the Eucharist is now all Fridays of the month 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 BUELLDONNAJM@GMAIL.COM Phil McEvoy at PRMCEVOY@GMAIL.COM



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 lower level of the 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 dbruceb1@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 prmevov@gmail.com for information on how to return it.

WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Meetings are suspended until further notice.



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Last week's rebate: \$38.03

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/>

AUCTION ITEMS IN COMMONS

Don't forget to pick up your items if you have been notified! Also check out the new items on the table in the commons!

**TECHNOLOGY DONATIONS
NEEDED ASAP**

St. Matthew School is in need of 10 iPads to help complete our school being a 1:1 device school.

If you are willing to purchase one, or contribute any money toward the purchase, please reach out to Mrs. Palmer principal@stmattschool.com for specifics on what model needs to be purchased. Devices will be about \$400 each.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**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. Visit this link to enroll: <https://app.sycamoreschool.com/admissions/index.php?schoolid=2060>

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

TEACHERS WISH LIST

This link is on the school website:

shorturl.at/mCE23

CRAFT SHOW VENDORS NEEDED

The St. Matthew PTO Annual Craft Show is in need of vendors for November 7, 2020, 9AM-2PM. Crafters, direct sales, and commercial businesses are welcome! For application and additional information, please email stmattthewschoolcraftshow@gmail.com

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Shop our Book Fair online and earn rewards for our school! Visit our Book Fair homepage to get started: <https://scholastic.com/bf/stmatthewschool4>

THANK YOU!

We appreciate Chris Treu for supervising the painting of the retainer wall in front of Building 2. This is Chris' Eagle Scout project! Thank you to Troop 305 who helped Chris. Thank you to all the young men and their fathers! It looks great!

HOLY WATER

Small bottles of Holy Water are available to take home. The containers of Holy Water are located by the middle doors of the gym. Bring them back to refill or leave by holy water if you do not want any more.

**WISH FR. LEO
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
OCTOBER 4**

Faith Formation



FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS (FBC)

Register now for RE/FBC sessions. Sessions *for the entire parish* have begun. Sessions are held the *first Wednesday of each month* from 6:30p to 7:45p. This year's RE/FBC focus is about 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 RE/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 RE/FBC as well as registration forms in the bulletin insert, on the parish website, or by contacting Deacon Mark at mhwhite@archomaha.org. Youth and adult sessions will follow COVID-19 safety guidelines.

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?"

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

WATCH

OCEAN OF MERCY

At the dawn of the twentieth century, three voices rose up from Poland—St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II—to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness.



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

October is Respect Life Month

LIFE CHAIN Tomorrow/today is the annual Life Chain (Sun, Oct 4) from 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 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 see the dignity and sanctity of all human lives.

PRAYER VIGIL Our next monthly vigil is this Fri, Oct 9, 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.

GABRIEL'S CORNER BENEFIT DINNER This Sat, Oct 10, our St. Matthew K of C will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner from 4:30-7:00pm. All proceeds will go to support Gabriel's Corner pregnancy counseling center in Council Bluffs. Covid caused the cancellation of their annual "Life's Celebration" fundraiser. Please generously support this most worthy ministry! Thank you.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 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 – now thru Nov 1. Pray each day at home, but more importantly, pray in front of the abortion facility in our city. Mark your calendar for the St. Matthew/LIFE Runners' Prayer Day Sat, Oct 24, from 8:00am- 8:00pm. We also encourage you to sign up for daily devotionals during the campaign at 40daysforlife.com or get them on the free app and to read 40 Days for Life or The Beginning of the End of Abortion. There are a few books to borrow on the table in the Commons as well as the movie Unplanned.

DIAPER/GIFT DRIVE Donate diapers (Pampers size 3, any brand size 3 & 4), wipes, Enfamil formula, Wal-Mart and Target gift cards. Cash donations also gladly accepted. We are helping the family of 5 and single mom with 2 daughters that Sidewalk Advocates for Life and Liferunners reached out to at Carhart's and encouraged to choose life for their babies. We have grown in friendship with them and continue to help them through their struggles. Donations can be placed in the Pack 'n Play in the Commons. Thank you so much for your generosity and prayers for these families!!

LIFE Runners It is Respect Life month!! What a great time to join our St. Matthew LIFE Runners chapter at liferunners.org. LIFE Runners is the world's largest Pro-Life team with 15,000 teammates, ages .1 - 101. Running is optional! Sign up, order your "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey, then wear it in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. Contact Kevin or Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699 with any questions. **(Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – Oct 7) "Blessed is she who believed that what the Lord has said to her would be fulfilled."** ~ Lk 1:45



Total Pledges:	282
Pledged:	\$2,297,981.00
Total Collected:	\$2,317,151.69

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are still in the last weeks of construction. The pews are taking longer than anticipated so the Dedication Mass is delayed until we have confirmed a new date with the Archbishop.

With a temporary certificate of occupancy, the parish office function can move from the admin building. We are shooting for a parish office opening date of Monday, 5 October.

We are very close but need to have patience as we finish our beautiful church.

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'.

MASS TIMES FOR NEW CHURCH

Daily Masses Tues – Fri – **9:00 am**
 Saturday Masses – **5:00pm**
 Sunday Masses – **9:30am**



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.



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



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

October Collection:

Underwear and socks – all sizes. September donation was 88 pounds of clothing to Stephens Center. Donations can be placed in the blue bins just inside the doors. Thank you for your continued support.



FEAST DAY STEP-UP FOOD DRIVE

Goal was 545 pounds. We received 745 pounds! THANK YOU!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

If you wish to donate to the St. Matthew St. Vincent de Paul Society, you may put your check in the collection. Mark in the memo "SVPD".

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.

Interested in becoming a Vincentian? Call the church office at (402) 292-7418 and leave a message for Barb Bolter.

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 \$126.23 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!

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>

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE ELECTION YEAR.

Join us Mondays at **8:15 PM** for *Exposition* of the *Blessed Sacrament* and praying together in *Adoration* the *Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. The intention of the rosary is for the election of politicians, at every level of government, who will protect religious freedom, traditional marriage, and the vulnerable, especially the unborn. We'll conclude this time of prayer together with *Benediction* and *Reposition*. This will continue every Monday until the eve of Election Day, November 3rd. That is **just 10 Mondays**. (9 Mondays for the Novena and the 10th in Thanksgiving.)

The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows dates back to the Middle Ages but the practice was lost. In 1980, God sent the Blessed Virgin Mary to Marie, Claire, a visionary at Kibeho in Rwanda, Africa, to reintroduce the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows to the world. This is an amazing rosary prayer and a beautiful reflection on how to accept suffering through faith and love of God.

Email Kristi Black if you have questions, at kablack@gmail.com.



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.**