

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk 15:10

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 14 5:00 pm – Al Brant & Pat Podjenski †
Sun. Sept 15 8:30 am – Joe Piccolo †
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Sept 17 9:00 am – Suzanne Rausch †
Wed. Sept 18 9:00 am – Mary Boska †
Thurs. Sept 12 9:00 am – Deacon Tracy Ortgies
Fri. Sept 20 9:00 am – Lynn Maitland †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 21 5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families
Sun. Sept 22 8:30 am – Rosemary Liebentritt †
10:30 am – Carma Jean Rausch †

MASS GREETERS NEEDED

Job Duties include: Smiling, greeting & handing out missalettes. Contact the parish office. *No prior experience required. Adults please.*

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training: Contacting Phil McEvoy at prmcevoy@gmail.com or Dan Linder at dan@linder.org.



WELCOME
Hanus Ephreme Eby
Baptized September 8, 2019

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS



Sept 8	Barb & Tom Shimerdla	\$50
Sept 9	Laurel & Bob Zielinski	\$25
Sept 10	Erin Wittkop-Coffey	\$25
Sept 11	Hannah Beaudoin	\$50
Sept 12	Roberta Mullen	\$25
Sept 13	Nicholas Crampton	\$25
Sept 14	Laurie Rocheleau	\$25

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

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.

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

September 21/22

Maintenance

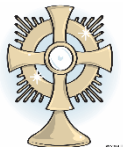
If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. World Mission, Camp. Campaign, etc.) in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, just call or email the parish office.

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 are received.

24 HOUR EUCHARIST ADORATION

Adoration is held every FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 8:00am Friday through 8:00am Saturday *Multiple people can attend each hour.* If you would like to be a sub, sign up on the table outside of the Chapel. Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact a sub. Contact is Phil McEvoy at 402-689-6457 or 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 office. 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: 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

Join us Tuesday, September 17, 6:30pm in the commons as we begin a new year with WWG. Meet new friends, be entertained, have refreshments and serve our church!

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Last week's rebate: \$93.82

We are always looking for volunteers to help sell scrip. Duties include: Selling scrip cards before and/or after mass, taking inventory and securing cards before and after mass. You can choose which weekends you help. Stop by the table or contact the parish office: 402-292-7418.



Looking for administrative assistance to place and process scrip orders. Volunteer(s) must be highly organized, dependable, and have strong computer skills. We will provide training: Call 402-292-7418

PTO AND KNIGHT'S FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

So far, you have brought in 328 lbs. towards our goal of 650 lbs. We are still collecting until September 25! Continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the wagons, just inside the front doors.



We are looking forward to celebrating the feast of our Patron Saint next Friday, September 20. We have invited our Grandparents to come join us for mass, donuts, and BINGO! We invite our parishioners to also join us for mass at 9:00 to honor St. Matthew.

OUR MASCOT HAS A NAME!

Thanks to those who voted. We proudly introduce "Red" the Cardinal as the newest member of the St Matthew Community. He will be in attendance at many of our school and parish functions. Thanks again to our graduating class of 2019 for their donation of this costume!



CONTINUE TO SAVE AND TURN IN:

BOX TOPS We receive 10 cents per label. www.bboxtops4education.com. This is actual cash we receive back!

COCA-COLA PRODUCTS How to donate My Coke Rewards points to St. Matthew School:

- Get the codes from hundreds of packages
- Go to mycokerewards.com (register if you are not a member);
- Enter codes to collect points – choose "donate to Your School" from the six ways to spend points.
- Find our school by zip code – 68123. When the school's page comes up, click "Donate Points Now" and enter the amount you want to donate.

OR simply drop off your rewards (lids or codes cut from the boxes) in the bin below the PTO table...and we will do the rest!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

HEARTS AFIRE

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS

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 our beautiful Divine Mercy Image! Classes will be on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm, in the school library (Bldg 2). We will begin Oct 10. Cost for the book is \$15. Please contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com to register by Oct 6 or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!

GENESIS TO JESUS: JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE. SUNDAY EVENING

What is the Bible, where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell?

These are the ever-important questions answered in *Genesis to Jesus*, the newest Journey through Scripture video Bible Study from the St. Paul Center. Join us to learn the basic Catholic principles for reading Scripture and to survey the broad outlines of the books of the Bible and their place in the story of salvation.

The Bible Study will meet on Sunday from 6pm to 7pm starting on September 22. This is a twelve-week study which is scheduled to end before Christmas.

Free pizza and "refreshments". The study will meet in the 8th grade classroom here at St. Matthew. Sign up lists are on the Knight's Table in the Commons or contact Rick Holdcroft, 402-350-4097.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS

Religious Education is the program that used to be known as "CCD." Information and registration forms are available on the information table in the parish commons-right outside the doors to Mass. You can also find information and registration forms on the parish website under the "Religious Education" tab. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

VOLUNTEER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

Please consider using your time and talent in the very rewarding ministry to our parish youth and families in the RE/FBC program. If you are interested in finding out more and/or volunteering to be a catechist (teacher), assistant catechist, or other support position then please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5pm to 6pm in the St. Matthew Chapel. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers to include an ongoing Novena, and close with Benediction and Evening Prayer (Vespers). Parishes are encouraged to join in community for the Liturgy of the Hours, especially the Evening Prayer on Sundays (Sacrosanctum Concilium). 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, please contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON DEALL

Meeting every Wed. night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Cardinal Spellman Room (lower level of the parish office), parishioners and their families can enjoy a walk through the readings for the upcoming Mass. During this study you'll discuss the history, the people, the writers themselves and the unique situations surrounding the readings and the books in which they're found. Though only an hour, it's filled with information, laughter, learning and most of all, there's lots of food – always food. *All are welcome from early teens to kids at heart.*

LEGION OF MARY NEW AT ST MATTHEW

Become a founding member of our parish's praesidium. The Legion of Mary is an international lay apostolate that promotes the sanctity of its members and performs spiritual works of mercy with the power of the Holy Spirit and the ministering help of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Membership for active members is a weekly meeting and weekly work; auxiliary members provide prayer support. For information contact Nancy Christman at 434-229-7402 with questions.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows

by Kimberly Hahn



Walk with Mary

Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

"Speechless... I have cried so many tears hearing this."

—Charity L. Anderson, SC

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT CERTIFICATION INITIAL TRAINING

St. Matthew Parish is offering Safe Environment Certification Initial Training on **Saturday, October 19th 2019**. The training begins at **9:00 a.m.** and lasts approximately two hours. It will be in the **Worship/Multi-Use (gym) area**. You can register for the training at <https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/#training>. At that link, you can find all available training date and location options that are currently offered by selecting "See All Upcoming Trainings." All training sessions contain the same material, so you're welcome to attend any session that is available and best suits your schedule. To specifically select the St. Matthew training session, use the calendar feature to find the session date above. The link will take you to the CMG (Catholic Mutual Group) website where you'll create an account that is used for signing up, tracking, and documenting your training. If you have any questions about the training or need assistance in signing up for the training, please contact the St. Matthew's Safe Environment Coordinator, Deacon Mark White at mhwhite@archomaha.org.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

September Collection: Diapers of all sizes, clothes & shoes in good repair, peanut butter, jelly (plastic containers only) and breakfast items. Items can be placed in the blue bins, located just inside the doors.

In July and August, we collected 178lbs of clothing, shoes, food and school supplies! All items go to the Open Door Mission. Thank you for sharing your time and treasure with those in need!

SOCCER CHALLENGE

Knights of Columbus will be having their annual soccer challenge on September 29 after the 10:30 Mass in the field below the lower parking lot. Sign in will be after Mass and competition will start at 12:00. This is open to all members of St. Matthew parish ages 9 to 14. If you have any questions, contact Satch Bradford 402 686-9761

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR PHOTO DIRECTORY?

If you had your photo taken (or submitted a photo) this year or LAST year, there is an updated hardcopy of our parish photo directory in the Commons labeled with your family name. *Reminder: This directory is intended for the use of St. Matthew Parishioners only and shall not be used for solicitation, preparation of mailing lists or "for profit" activities.*



NEXT WEEKEND

Annual Parish Picnic
& Brick Laying

September 22

11:30am Brick Laying
with Picnic to Follow
@ Circle C Rockin' Ranch
Located right next door to
us!

Be sure to get your ticket for the 'Horse Drop Plop' after mass this weekend, or in the parish office this week. Only 100 tickets available! See enclosed flyer!



SAFETY---SAFETY---SAFETY

The parish of Saint Matthew has established a Safety Board which is looking into all issues regarding the safety of our facilities and security for all who use them. The Safety Board is in need of volunteers who will assist in the efforts to insure our facilities and parishioners are safe while on the parish property during religious services.

Volunteers who are interested to serve on our Safety Team must be parish members at least 18 years old, and both females and males are welcome. Since we will be working with our parish youth it will eventually be necessary for all members of the Safety Team to have Archdiocese Safe Environment training, which is available to all at no charge. If interested, please call the parish office, 402 292-7418.

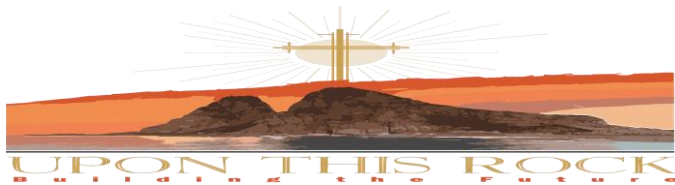
Parish Council

Elected Parish Leadership

Rick Holdcroft--President
Jane Lukasina--Vice President
Greg Stoiber - Secretary

Organization Representatives

Fr. Leo--Pastor
Sue Mailhot-- Parish Staff
Wade Horton--Finance Council
Sherry Trupp--WWG
Angie Palmer--School
Dave Boone--Knights of Columbus
Mark White--Religious Education
Dick Lewis--Minutemen



Total Pledges: 272
Pledged: \$2,280,961.00
Total Collected: \$1,592,877.77

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

With concrete in place on the upper level, the lower level has dried out sufficiently to allow completion of running the underground electrical and plumbing conduits. Pouring of concrete in the lower level has been tentatively scheduled for September 23.

As you can see, the forms for the 14' stained glass windows are in place and the front of the Church (east side) is finishing with doors with windows. Once complete and reinforced, the big boom will be back to fill the walls with concrete.



BEAM SIGNING

Parish and school members will have the opportunity to sign a structural

beam before it is hoisted into place. The signings will be after masses on September 20 (school mass), 21 & 22. The beam will be near the work site and the actual hoisting will be videotaped. Come out and leave your mark.

PATHWAY BRICKS

As an ongoing fundraiser, Pathway Bricks are being sold for \$100. These bricks will be used to build the actual Pathway to our Church. 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'.

FOUNDATION FAMILIES

Families who 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 into the parish office.



2019 COMMEMORATIVE COINS HAVE ARRIVED

The new coins are now available for purchase in the parish office. Coins are \$10. Cases are \$1.

Artists:

Elliot 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

BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

WE RECEIVED \$728.42 FOR LAST QUARTER'S REBATE!

Thank you for all 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.

TREATS for RCIA

We are looking for parishioners who want to perform a generous act of kindness, someone who would be willing to bring a treat for the RCIA group that meets on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm. The treat should feed about 12 people and can be brought to the sacristy at your mass time, labeled 'RCIA'. We've filled the September slots, so now we are asking for 4 parishioners who's last name starts with C or D to bring treats on a Sunday in October). Other alphabet letters will be offered the opportunity to participate in the upcoming months (E-F in November, G-H in December, etc) You MUST register if you are interested in providing treats. Email Sue at samailhot@archomaha.org or call the parish office . Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

Prayer Vigil Thank you to all who joined us for our prayer vigil at the abortion facility on Friday and at the Vigil for Life Mass at St. Mary's. Please mark your calendar for our next one on Oct 18 (3rd Friday!). All are encouraged to pray any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the facility is open. 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 and be the light of Christ and witnesses to life in our community. LIFE Runners please wear your jersey.

Prayer booklets to help guide your hour of prayer are available in the Commons.

Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SAFL) Training SAFL is a peaceful, prayerful advocacy program that trains people how to most effectively offer loving, life-affirming alternatives to women and men entering abortion facilities. Training is on Sat, Sept 21, from noon – 4:00pm at St. Gerald's (96th & Q) in the multipurpose room. Snacks provided. \$20 for training and materials. One additional hour of on-the-sidewalk training is required, to be arranged individually. Contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janice@liferunners.org to register by Sept 19.

Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference Fri-Sat, Sept 20-21 – All are invited to attend "Abound in Hope: The Next 50 Years" at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. Details and registration at necatholic.org. Keynote Speaker is Greg Schleppbach, Assoc Dir of Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities (USCCB).

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat God has forgiven you but you're struggling with shame and doubt about a prior abortion? Attend a confidential healing Rachel's Vineyard retreat in October 2019. \$200; Scholarships are available. Contact Heather at 402-253-9936 for more information or email helpingrachel@yahoo.com.

LIFE Runners Not a teammate yet? Join our LIFE Runners parish or school chapter at liferunners.org. LIFE Runners is the world's largest Pro-Life team having over 12,300 teammates ages .1 to 101 in 50 states and 38 nations. Running is optional! Sign up, order "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey. 78% of post-abortion women said if ONE person had offered support or if they had a supportive sign, they would have chosen life. Wear your jersey in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. Invite others to join the team!

Please mark your calendar for more upcoming Pro-Life events:

- 40 Days for Life 2019 Fall Campaign – Wed, Sept 25-Sun, Nov 3 (St. Matthew/LIFE Runners Prayer Day Sat, Nov 2, 8:00am-8:00pm)
- Annual Life Chain – Sun, Oct 6, 2:00-3:00pm
- Dinner/Unplanned Movie, hosted by LIFE Runners – Sat, Oct 26, following 5:00 Mass

Please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com with any questions.

Be mindful, O Lord, that mercy and kindness have been Yours from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth. ~ Ps 25:6-7

Reflection: A woman wrote of her abortion, "It was very painful physically and mentally. It affected me in the worst way. I felt very guilty. I couldn't look at any kids. I know I won't ever do it again."**Prayer:** Lord, show us how to reach out to those who have had abortions and how to understand their pain. Bring us all to healing. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit priestsforlife.org for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you experiencing a difficult period in your life? Contact Stephen Ministry's local leader. You can be paired with a Stephen Minister who is a trained Christian caregiver ready to: listen, provide support and encouragement, pray with and for you, in a same-gender confidential 1 to 1 interaction.

A poster with a blue border and a light blue background. At the top, the title "Stephen Ministers: The After People" is written in white serif font. Below the title, a paragraph explains that Stephen Ministers are the "After People." A list of ten scenarios follows, each starting with "... after". The scenarios include: a missed phone call, a funeral, a relationship falling apart, a doctor's bad news, a nursing home move, a child leaving home, a loved one in jail, a new baby, a final paycheck, and a story being repeated. At the bottom, a paragraph states that Stephen Ministers are ready to provide support for as long as needed, followed by the website URL. A small copyright notice is at the very bottom.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org

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- St Matthew has one parishioner who is a trained Stephen Minister and we are looking for more parishioners to support St. Matthew.
- Do you have the capacity to support a person who is having a difficult time? Becoming a Stephen Minister will provide you with skills and support - **Class for New Stephen Ministers is starting Sept 30, 2019. Monday Nights.** Contact Dan-(local Leader-402-707-4581) as soon as possible to reserve a place for this very special calling.