

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 28 5:00 pm – Albert Brandt †
Pat Podjenski †
Sun. Sept 29 8:30 am – Ted Heinen †
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Oct 1 9:00 am – Steve Olson †
Wed. Oct 2 9:00 am – Bernie Crum †
Thurs. Oct 3 9:00 am – Deacon Kelly Schrant
Fri. Oct 4 9:00 am – Cathy Birdsall †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Oct 5 5:00 pm – Steve Olson †
Sun. Oct 6 8:30 am – St. Matthew Families
10:30 am – Marion Roman †

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.

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



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Two EMHCs needed for the Veteran Home on Sundays. Approximately one hour (10:30-11:30) once a month. These volunteers will join a team of two others. Contact Phil McEvoy at PRMCEVOY@Gmail.com or 402.689.6457.

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS



Sept 22	George Brennan	\$50
Sept 23	Mike Polak	\$25
Sept 24	Colette Piccolo	\$25
Sept 25	Cristabet R. Franklin	\$25
Sept 26	Bryan Vance	\$25
Sept 27	Wade Horton	\$25
Sept 28	Greyson Madej	\$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 28/29

Mission Co-Op

Fr. George Poonattu with the Vincentian Fathers will be our visiting priest for all Masses to make the Mission Appeal to promote missionary spirit - a spirit prayer, a sacrifice and a joyful enthusiasm for the Faith among parishioners.

October 19/20

Maintenance

October 26/27

World Mission

Pope Francis reminds us of our baptismal call to be Christ's Church on Mission in the world. Look for World Mission envelopes the weekend before the collection.

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.



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

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.

WWG

WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 6:30pm in the commons. Join us for a fun time learning cup stacking, and refreshments.



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Last week's rebate: \$42.70

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



A Note from Our Principal:

St. Matthew Feast Day and Grandparent's Day was celebrated on September 20. We had a record crowd of over 150 guests! We were so excited to spend time with our grandparents/special friends. The day started with mass to honor our patron saint, donuts, shopping at the book fair, some fierce games of bingo, and ended with a visit to the grandchildren's classrooms. Thank you to the PTO for helping organize and sponsor this wonderful day and to our Minutemen for their help in setting up! Go to shorturl.at/opJP3 to watch the highlights of the day!



CONTINUE TO SAVE AND TURN IN:

BOX TOPS We receive 10 cents per label. www.boxtops4education.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!

Faith Formation

STUDY BEGINNING OCT 10

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!

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.

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

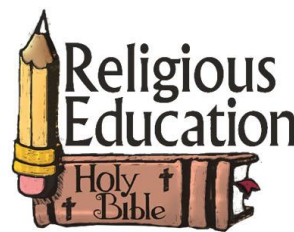
Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5pm to 6pm in the St. Matthew Chapel. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers to include an on-going Novena, and close with Benediction and Evening Prayer (Vespers). Parishes are encouraged 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.

FORMED.ORG

HAVEN'T 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 and books instantly. FREE App also available!



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).

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



Rosary Crusade 2019 Saturday, October 12

Meet us at the entrance of our parking lot to pray the rosary at 12pm. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We will ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

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 ensure 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.

OPEN GYM - BASKETBALL

THIS SUNDAY, SEPT 29 5-6PM

With basketball season just around the corner, we will be holding Open Gym on Sunday afternoons for players registered to play for a St. Matthew team.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

October Collection: Men's & Women's new underwear and socks. Items can be placed in

the blue bins, located just inside the doors.

All donations will go to Open Door Mission, Sienna Francis House and the Stephen's Center.

PTO & KNIGHT'S FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Congratulations! We surpassed our goal. Our St. Matthew Community really came through. On a goal to bring in 1300lbs. of food, we brought in 1702lbs. together.

Congratulations to the students in building two for winning the free dress down day by collecting the most lbs per student!



PARISH PICNIC

The weather was good, the food was great, and the fellowship was outstanding! Thanks to everyone who came to the parish picnic last Sunday. Once it stopped raining, a good time was had by all. The Rockin C Ranch and Party Barn were definitely rockin.

Tom Medara was the winner of the Horse Plop Drop. All tickets were randomly drawn and placed on the board. B-10 was the winning square.

The picnic would not have been successful without all the help from the Knights of Columbus, WWG and other assorted volunteers. Thanks for Rick H., Jim M. and Andy L. for measuring and marking the Horse Plop Drop space and thanks to Ali D. and Marcey H. for drawing the names and placing them on the board. We hope to see you again next year!

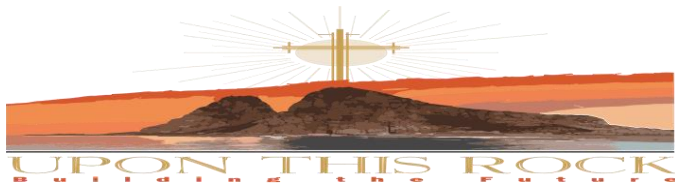
TREATS for RCIA

We are looking for parishioners who want to perform a generous act of kindness, volunteers 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.

WHO WAS THE REAL MARGARET SANGER?

Tuesday October 1st, from 7-8pm at Christ the King Parish come learn more about who Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, really was; identify the connection between the eugenics movement and the Nazis, and recognize the ties between the sexual revolution and the destruction of the feminine genius in society. Presented by Mary Flores of the Culture of Life Studies Program. No registration is required. This is part of the First Tuesday's series. www.eicatholic.org/first-Tuesdays



Total Pledges: 272
Pledged: \$2,280,961.00
Total Collected: \$1,607,222.77

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction Update. Several things going on this week. We will stack the Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) for the "4th Lift" which will bring us to the top of the north and south walls. Then the boom will return to pour concrete into those walls. Also this week, if things dry out, we will pour concrete on the ground floor. We will try to capture some action shots for the update next weekend.

Our subcontractor of the week is M & M Steel Erection Inc. These are the guys that lift the steel beams into place. They are a local company, headquartered in Papillion and their executives go by Mitch, Will, Ron, Austin and Troy. Check out their website at <https://www.mmsteelomaha.com/>



BEAM SIGNING

It's not too late to sign the beam. Due to the rain last Sunday morning, the beam is still available for signing after weekend masses

on 28 and 29 September. The beam is still located in the overflow parking lot by the Boyd Jones construction trailer. 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 AVAILABLE

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

Parish Council

Elected Parish Leadership

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

Organization Representatives

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



**St. Matthew
Knights of Columbus
News & Announcements**



**DON'T MISS THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
THIS SUNDAY!**

Sept. 29 9:00 - 11:45 AM.

**Your free will donations benefit our parish
Building Maintenance Fund**

**We have many delicious items on the menu:
Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon,
two varieties of Sausage and Potato Casserole.**

**Congratulations to our September Knight of the Month:
Zachary Cote**

**Congratulations to our September Family of the Month:
The George and Barb Bolter Family**

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.

THE INSTITUTE FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION

You are cordially invited to the St. John Paul II Fund for Priests Annual Mass and Dinner Thursday, October 24, 2019 in the Christ the King Parish Center. The following priests, who are among the 18 recipients of the *Saint John Paul II Fund for Priest Medallion*, will be honored during the dinner:

Fr. Daniel R. Andrews. Fr. Thomas M. Fangman Jr., Fr. Daniel S. Hendrickson, S.J., Fr. Frank E. Jindra, Fr. Thomas J. Merkel, S.J., Fr. Valentine J. Peter, Fr. John L. Pietramale, Fr. James A. Rafferty, Fr. Thomas Shanahan, S.J., Fr. Daniel F. Soltys, Fr. Ronald S. Wasikowski, Fr. Leo A. Wolpert.

Mass is at 5:30 p.m., followed by cocktails and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 per dinner; \$800 for a table of eight. To make a dinner reservation before Oct. 17, go to PriestlyFormation.org/banquet, IPF@creighton.edu or call Linda (402-280-3901).



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

BABY SHOWER Please see bulletin insert for all the details.

LIFE CHAIN The annual Life Chain is next Sun, Oct 6, 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 the dignity of all 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 sanctity of all human lives.

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 3. Pray at home, but more importantly, pray in front of the abortion facility in our city, especially Thurs – Sat when the facility is open. (1002 Mission St, Bellevue) Mark your calendar for the St. Matthew/LIFE Runners' Prayer Day Sat, Nov 2, from 8:00am – 8:00pm. We also encourage you to sign up for the daily devotionals during the campaign at 40daysforlife.com or get them on the free app and to read the books 40 Days for Life or The Beginning of the End of Abortion during the campaign.

LIFE Runners We are excited to announce that with Father Leo's and Mrs. Palmer's approval St. Matthew is now a LIFE Runners School! This means that all students who do not already have one will be gifted a LIFE Runners jersey and will be signed up to join the team (unless opted out). We would love to grow our St. Matthew Church Chapter. Become a teammate at liferunners.org. LIFE Runners is the world's largest Pro-Life team having almost 13,000 teammates ages .1 to 101 in 50 states and 38 nations. Running is optional! Sign up, order "REMEMBER The Unborn" jersey. Wear your jersey in public, especially on the First Wednesday of every month with teammates around the world. 78% of post-abortion women said if ONE person had offered support or if they had ONE supportive sign, they would have chosen life. Be that ONE person and ONE sign to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. Invite others to join the team! Mark your calendar for the LIFE Runners Dinner/Unplanned Movie Night Sat, Oct 26, following 5:00 Mass.

"Choose Life" License Plates We encourage everyone to choose these plates for your vehicles. What a great way to spread the message to love and choose life all over town and wherever you travel! The alpha/numeric plates are only \$5! Go to <https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/choose-life-plates> for more info and to order them.

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

The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. ~ Blessed Mother Teresa (Nobel Peace Prize Lecture)

Reflection: You have heard people say that being wrong on abortion outweighs being right on other issues, and that is correct. The full truth is, if you are wrong on abortion, you can't be right on other issues.

To permit abortion, but then to cry out for the right to work, housing, education, health care, and peace is to say that these other rights belong to some people but not to all.

Prayer: Lord, forgive our nation for allowing all the rights of the unborn to be taken away. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit priestsforlife.org for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)



It's A Girl!

The St. Matthew Community (Church and School) is invited to participate in a baby shower being held to support a single mom who chose life for her baby.

St. Matthew parishioner and 2nd Grade teacher, Mrs. Gahl, along with another Sidewalk Advocate were instrumental in helping a mom choose life for her baby when she arrived for her abortion appointment at the Carhart abortion facility in Bellevue. In the words of the mom “they were the sign I needed to choose life!” Praise God that they were present on the sidewalk on Good Friday morning, April 19. She is expecting her second daughter in November. She has a 6-year-old daughter anxiously awaiting the arrival of her baby sister.

Hosted By: St. Matthew Loving Life Ministry and
Sidewalk Advocates for Life

Dates: Sunday, September 29 – Tuesday, October 15

Drop-Off: Pack ‘n Play in the Commons

What: Diapers (Pampers Swaddlers, Size 2 and up)
Toiletries (No wipes needed)

Monetary Gifts/Gift Cards (clothes not needed)
Amazon Gift Cards to go towards her Baby Registry
Savings Bonds for future needs
Cards with prayers, well wishes and support

(Janice Todd – janicetoddcmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699 for any questions)

St. Matthew

Bellevue, NE



Save the date & plan to join us!

**Fun, Food, Raffles
& Live Auction**

Would you like to help plan this event?

Join us for a planning meeting on

Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 6pm ~ Cardinal Spellman Room

Or contact Sue at samailhot@archomaha.org