

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:25-27

## MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 7 5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families  
Sun. Sept 8 8:30 am – Joe Piccolo †  
10:30 am – Ted & Sally Heinen †

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Sept 10 9:00 am – Deacon Tom Manhart  
Wed. Sept 11 9:00 am – Maggie Hovey †  
Thurs. Sept 12 9:00 am – Forget Family  
Fri. Sept 13 9:00 am – Forget Family

## MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

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

## 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](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com) or Dan Linder at [dan@linder.org](mailto:dan@linder.org).

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### FORMED PICK

**Lectio: Prayer**  
Session 1: Prayer

**Prayer as a Conversation**

Prayer is one of the most basic elements of a life of faith, but sometimes it feels like a one-way "conversation." Dr. Gray shows how the solution to this problem can be found in the Scriptures.

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)

**LECTIO**  
Prayer as a Conversation

★★★★★

"Dr. Tim Gray explains the practice of Lectio in a way that makes you thirst for more!"

—Debbie S., Austin, TX

## CALENDAR LOTTERY

### WINNERS

## CONGRATULATIONS

Sept 1	David McCoy	\$50
Sept 2	Dave Linbrunner	\$50
Sept 3	Tom McFall	\$25
Sept 4	Nathan Beyer	\$25
Sept 5	Michael Holdcroft	\$25
Sept 6	Barb & Tom Shmerdla	\$25
Sept 7	Vivienne Doht	\$25

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

## FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving this year. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://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 THIS FRIDAY~ SEPT. 6

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](mailto: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

*Health Care Items are available for loan from the Knights: wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and a home-use oxygenator. If you have borrowed and no longer need, please return. If you have items you no longer need and would like to donate, contact Phil McEvoy, at 402-689-6457 or prmevov@gmail.com.*

**WWG**

**WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD**



Come join us Tuesday, September 17, 6:30pm in the commons as we begin a new year with WWG. A great way to meet other women in our church. What a better way to

meet new friends, be entertained, have refreshments and serve our church?

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS**

*Last week's rebate: \$No Sales*

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.



Welcome Back to School! Our school's mission will be at the forefront of what we do: Dedicated to Christ, Committed to Learning and Service to Others.

You may notice our posters in the hallways reminding us of our roots and why we are here at St. Matthew, 'It's All for Jesus'. T-shirts will be available for order in this weekend's bulletin.

**It's all for  
JESUS**

**VOLLEYBALL**

The Volleyball Season is underway. St. Matthew has three teams with 25 school and parish girls competing. We have a 4th grade team comprised of 3rd and 4th graders, a 5th grade team, and a 7th grade team made up of 6th and 7th graders. The season runs from Aug - Oct with teams playing 8-9 games and several tournaments. Teams play in the Parochial Athletic League (PAL) all across the metro and surrounding areas.

**Recent Results:**

4th grade defeated St. Bernadette, 5th grade was a winner against St. Pius/St. Leo, and the 7th grade has split their games winning against St. Stephens and dropping a very close game to St. Roberts.

**HOME GAME DATES:**

12 September: 4th grade at 6 PM,  
5th grade at 7 PM 7th grade at 8 PM  
26 September: 4th grade at 6 PM,  
5th grade at 7 PM  
7 October: 7th grade at 6 PM  
10 October: 5th grade at 6 PM

**PTO FUNDRAISER**

Otis Spunkmeyer goodies are being sold after all masses this weekend. You may place orders until September 12, by contacting Carin Crampton, 402-650-7224.

**CONTINUE TO SAVE AND TURN IN:**

**BOX TOPS** We receive 10 cents per label. [www.bboxtops4education.com](http://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](http://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**

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### **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 22 September. This is a twelve-week study which is scheduled to end before Christmas.

**Free pizza and “refreshments”.** The study will meet in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class room here at St Matthew’s. Sign up lists are on the Knight’s Table in the Commons or contact Rick Holdcroft, 402-350-4097.

### **FALL BIBLE STUDY:**

#### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

Often misunderstood and misinterpreted, the Book of Revelation helps us understand the struggle between good and evil, hear the call to conversion, and experience God’s ultimate triumph. We will explore a volatile period of history through apocalyptic imagery and symbolic numbers and colors. The book contains letters to seven churches of Asia Minor (modern Turkey), which urge faithfulness to Christ. Powerful visions of God and the victorious Lamb in heaven are unveiled as they achieve the ultimate and absolute victory over evil.

This 8 week study will be offered on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 10th, from 7-8:30 PM in the St. Matthew school library, OR on Wednesday mornings, beginning September 11th, from 9:30-11 AM at Thanksgiving! Lutheran Church at the corner of Hwy 370 and 36th Street. Babysitting for little ones is available on Wednesday mornings for a small fee (contact me for details). Cost of the study set is \$15. I use the Little Rock Scripture Study materials, published by Liturgical Press.

If you are interested or need more information, call Susan Tracy (402-292-4986; leave a message), or email me: [srtracy2@icloud.com](mailto:srtracy2@icloud.com) so that books can be ordered. Please join me on this fascinating study of Scripture!



### **FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS**

Registration is open for this year's RE (FBC) program. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto:mhwhite@archomaha.org)).

### **SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON DEALL**

Meeting every Wednesday 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.

### **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!*



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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!



### **PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Current Parish Leadership**

Rick Holdcroft--President (Elected)  
Jane Lukasina--Vice President (Elected)  
Greg Stoiber - Secretary (Elected)

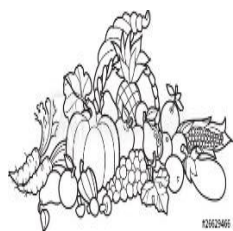
#### **Organization Representatives**

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

## **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.



## **SHARING TABLE**

The sharing table is back this weekend. If you have some surplus to share with our community, we look forward to the bounty of your garden.

## **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.*

## **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

If you have borrowed medical equipment and are no longer using it, please contact Phil McEvoy @ 402-689-6457 for information on how to return it.

## **SOCCER CHALLENGE**

Knights of Columbus will be having their annual soccer challenge on September 29 after the 1030 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

## **THAT MAN IS YOU!**

**Please join us!**

The overall title for our sessions is: *The Fight of Faith*. This practical Men's Ministry program features 9 dynamic and engaging speakers. Meet other faith-filled Catholic men, enjoy a hot breakfast and challenge yourself a little bit. We meet Friday mornings in the St. Mary's Parish Center. To register or if you have questions, contact: Deacon Ted Menzel @ 402-292-2076 or email [tcmenzel5@](mailto:tcmenzel5@)

## **LOVING LIFE MINISTRY**

**Parking Spot Needed** Nebraskans Embracing Life is looking for a safe place near the Bellevue Carhart facility to park their Ultrasound RV. There has been some recent vandalism to it, so they need a new spot. If you have any good leads, please contact Ann Marie Bowen at 402-689-1992.

**Prayer Vigil** Join us for our next vigil this Fri, Sept 13, from 10:00-11:00am at the Bellevue abortion facility (1002 W. Mission Ave). 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.

**Annual Vigil for Life Help** build the Culture of Life through prayer and public witness! Join Archbishop Lucas for the Vigil for Life at 8:00am this Sat, Sept 15, at St. Mary Church (2302 Crawford St., Bellevue). There will be a Mass followed by exposition and a rosary procession to the Bellevue abortion facility. Life Runners please wear your jersey.

**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](mailto: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](http://necatholic.org). Keynote Speaker is Greg Schleppenbach, Assoc Dir of Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities (USCCB).

**LIFE Runners Not a teammate yet?** Join our LIFE Runners parish or school chapter at [liferunners.org](http://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. Wear it in public to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. Invite others to join the team!

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

40 Days for Life 2019 Fall Campaign – Wed, Sept 25-Sun, Nov 3

Annual Life Chain – Sun, Oct 6

Dinner/Unplanned Movie, hosted by LIFE Runners – Sat, Oct 26

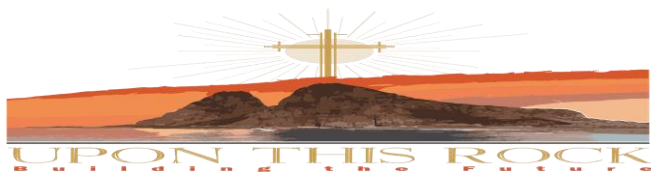
Please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or [janice@liferunners.org](mailto:janice@liferunners.org) with any questions.

**I have gazed upon You in the sanctuary so that I may behold Your power and Your glory. ~ Ps 63:3**

**Reflection:** The baby in the manger and the man on the cross do not look like God; yet by faith we know Jesus is no mere man. The Eucharist does not look like Jesus, but we worship Him.

Christians are used to looking beyond appearances. Hence, we can also see in the annoying person, or the person who is unconscious in a hospital bed, or in the unborn child, the image of God.

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, grant us to see beyond appearances to the dignity of every life! (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone. Visit [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org) for all daily reflections. Click on the "Prayer" tab)



Total Pledges: 271  
Total Pledged: \$2,279,961.00  
Total Collected: \$1,583,644.77

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The concrete has been “placed” on the upper level. Hopefully, this will limit the amount of rain flowing into the lower level where excess moisture has slowed the process of laying underground plumbing and electrical conduit.

Our subcontractor of the week is Americom who is doing our Data, Intrusion Detection and Access Control. We will have a state-of-the-art security system for the new building with 24hr 100%-coverage video surveillance, automatic locking doors, remote access control and card readers at key access points during the week. Americom has served Southeast Nebraska for over 30 years and counting. It takes pride in its ability to meet customers’ needs with quality products that evolve for growth in the years to come, while providing efficient solutions for today. Check them out at their website: [www.americom.biz](http://www.americom.biz)

### 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](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.*

### **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’. For September, we are asking for 4 parishioners who’s last name starts with A or B to bring treats (one person for each Sunday). Other alphabet letters will be offered the opportunity to participate in the upcoming months (C-D in October; E-F in November, etc) You MUST register if you are interested in providing treats. Email Sue at [samailhot@archomaha.org](mailto:samailhot@archomaha.org) or call the parish office .

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



# 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's arrest, a new baby, a final paycheck, and a story being told too many times. 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](http://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.