

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



“Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

— Mt 20:13c-16

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

## MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 19 5:00 pm – Darleen Veylupek †  
Sun. Sept 20 10:30am – Lynn Maitland †  
St. Matthew Families

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Sept 22 9:00am – Carma Jean Rausch †  
Wed. Sept 23 9:00am – Lynn Maitland †  
Thur. Sept 24 9:00am – Elroy Hefner †  
Fri. Sept 25 9:00am – Freddie Rausch †

## MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 26 5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families †  
Sun. Sept 27 10:30am – Ted Heinen †  
Don Medara

## 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 still be dropped  
in mail slot of the parish office or mailed. **Thank you!**

## SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew



### September 19

### Maintenance

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.

## CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

### CONGRATULATIONS

Sept 13	Angela LeRoy	\$50
Sept 14	Mike Hichborn	\$25
Sept 15	Myckael Rake	\$25
Sept 16	Nathan Affolder	\$25
Sept 17	Marcia Klein	\$25
Sept 18	Rebecca Brink	\$25
Sept 19	Linda & Edward Janeczko	\$25

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

### FAITH DIRECT

Consider e-giving. 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.

### 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.



### EUCHARIST ADORATION

Adoration is held every Friday from 6:00am - 9:00pm and every FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 8:00am Friday through 8:00am Saturday.

*Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact a sub.* Contact Donna Buell also if you would like to participate regularly, or substitute as needed. To sub for FIRST Friday 24 hour adoration, contact Phil McEvoy at 402-689-6457 or [prmcevoy@gmail.com](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com).

We would like to **expand the time of Exposition of the Eucharist to all Fridays of the month** to be the same as on 1st Friday's (6:00 a.m. Friday to 8:00 a.m. Saturday). To achieve this goal we are in need of people to take the overnight hours, 9:00 p.m. Friday to 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Ideally if there were two people per hour that would be the best.

There is also the option of expanding the Exposition time even greater than these hours if we have the people to cover all of the hours. We would like to start this in October after the Church is open. Any questions, you may contact:

Donna Buell at [BUELLDONNAJM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BUELLDONNAJM@GMAIL.COM)  
Phil McEvoy at [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 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: No Sales

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](mailto: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](mailto:brwhite@schools.archomaha.org)

**TEACHERS WISH LIST**

This link is on the school website: [shorturl.at/mCE23](http://shorturl.at/mCE23)



**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

**Your donations will benefit the parish maintenance fund that we missed due to the COVID pandemic.**

We are trying to get back to normal. Join the Knights for a delicious breakfast **Sunday, September 27 following the 10:30 mass.** Social distancing seating will be provided and take-home orders will be available. Your free will donations will benefit St Matthew maintenance fund that we missed do to cancellation of earlier events. Do to restricted kitchen operation, we will offer a reduced menu including eggs, pancakes, bacon/sausage, coffee, juice and milk. To facilitate the process, all orders will be made in advance and all will contain the same items. We hope you can join us once again.... Sincerely, Dave Boone...Grand Knight.

**Knights of Columbus Awards:**

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Council 11879 recent award winners:

**June Knight of the Month** Tom Peterson

**June Family of the Month** Butch and Kelly Songcuan family

**July Knight of the Month** Phil McEvoy

**July Family of the Month** Al and Suzi Brunner family

**August Knight of the Month** Satch Bradford

**August Family of the Month** Kevin and Janice Todd family

**ROSARY FOR THE BELLEVUE POLICE**

Join us for a rosary in honor of our police on **Saturday, September 26, 10:00.** Meet in front of the station at 1510 Wall Street.

# 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](mailto: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](http://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.

**FORMED**  
PICK OF THE WEEK

#### Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bilocation, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

[SIGN UP FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP](http://FORMED.org/SIGNUP)



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## 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.

## MASS TIMES FOR NEW CHURCH

Beginning October 1

Daily Masses Tues – Fri – 9am

Saturday Masses – 5pm Sunday Masses – 9:30 am

**REMEMBER  
The Unborn**  
Jer 1:5  
[liferunners.org](http://liferunners.org)

## LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

**PRAYER VIGIL** Please mark your calendar for our next monthly vigil on Fri, Oct 9, from 10:00-11:00am. We always encourage you to pray on any Thurs, Fri or Sat, when the facility is open (1002 W. Mission Ave, Bellevue). 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 in our community and pray for the conversion of Carhart and the workers.

**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 – Sept 23 thru Nov 3. 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. Dr. Pat Castle, founder of LIFE Runners, will speak at a 40 Days for Life kick-off at Gabriel's Corner in Council Bluffs (131 S 16th St) this Sun, Sept 20, at 3:00pm. All are invited!! We also encourage you to sign up for daily devotionals during the campaign at [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) or get them on the free app and to read 40 Days for Life or The Beginning of the End of Abortion during the campaign. There are a few books to borrow on the table in the Commons as well as the movie Unplanned.

**LIFE CHAIN** The annual Life Chain is Sun, Oct 4, 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. We can social distance and wear masks if desired.

**LIFE Runners** October is Respect Life month. What a great time to join our St. Matthew LIFE Runners chapter at [liferunners.org](http://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](mailto:janicetoddcmc@msn.com) or 402-871-4699 with any questions.

**Do not use your freedom as a means to cover up wrongdoing. ~ 1 Pet 2:16**

**Reflection:** The public debate should not be whether the bishops will allow politicians to receive communion, but whether the politicians will allow children to be aborted.

When we read the descriptions of what the abortion procedure does to little babies, we understand that the core question is not whether these politicians are good Catholics, but whether they are decent human beings.

**Prayer:** Lord, I pray today for every leader, politician, and person who remains blind to the evil of abortion. (Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone; visit [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org) to sign up for daily Pro-Life Reflections emails)





Total Pledges:	282
Pledged:	\$2,297,981.00
Total Collected:	\$2,261,008.22

### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

We are at 95% complete with the pews being the last major movement to get to completion. We are still shooting for a dedication mass on 30 September.

This week the finishing touches will be done on the upper level including: sanctuary furniture (Altar, Ambo, Presiding Chairs, Credence Table); Stations of the Cross; St Mary & St Joseph Statues; the sound system; carpeting in the Narthex and the finishing touches to the baptismal font.

On the lower level, the IT hardware is going in for WiFi and internet connectivity. Modular furniture will be assembled in the Parish Offices. We will also start moving material from the Admin Building to the new Building.

Tours of the new building are available every Sunday at 1pm and 2pm. Reservations are no longer required. The last Sunday for tours will be 27 September.

### **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'.

### **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**

#### **September Collection:**

DIAPERS are needed – all sizes. Last month 94 pounds of food was donated to Mater Filius, 74 pounds of clothing to Stephens Center. Donations can be placed in the blue bins just inside the doors. Thank you for your continued support.



### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.

**Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help 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.

### **PHOTO DIRECTORY**

Due to Covid 19, Lifetouch Photography is postponing our photography session for our church directory. They will notify us when we are able to reschedule.

## **EXCITING NEWS, THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME**

We have been informed, by the Archdiocese, that the first Mass in the new church will be the Consecration Mass, which is celebrated by the Archbishop. This will be on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 7:00pm. Look for more information to come.

### **ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES**

Someone once said, "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, *you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.*" Here is an opportunity to influence the community you live in: join **Essential Pregnancy Services** in supporting women struggling with an unplanned pregnancy. Volunteer **receptionists** are especially needed, but also volunteers in the areas of nursing, client mentoring and advocacy, sorting donations, working in the clothing boutique, landscaping/yard work, painting, planning baby showers, helping with events – if you have a skill or are simply available, we'd appreciate your help! Volunteer every week or 4 hours a month – whatever works in your schedule. Please contact Susie Diercks at [susied@essentialps.org](mailto:susied@essentialps.org) or (531) 213-1133 to arrange a tour and see how you can put hands and feet to supporting mothers choosing LIFE for their child!

### **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](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

### **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=Ot3tVMXnOzl>

### **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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup>. That is **just 10 Mondays**. (9 Mondays for the Novena and the 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.**