

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" – that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. — Mk 7:34-35

Illustration from the Treasury for Mass, 1988, 1995, 2002

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 4 5:00pm – St. Matthew Families
Sun. Sept 5 9:00am – Tom Ruane †
11:00am – Special Intention

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Sept 7 9:00am – George Kathman †
Wed. Sept 8 9:00am – Ted & Sally Heinen †
Thur. Sept 9 9:00am – Karen Newport Fridge
Fri. Sept 10 9:00am – Forget Family

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 11 5:00pm – Michael Bevan †
Sun. Sept 12 9:00am – Pat Clapp †
11:00am – St. Matthew Families

MASS INTENTION CHANGES

Due to Archdiocesan policy, we can only take Mass Intentions for a year out. Now scheduling intentions between now and August of 2022. We may also send Mass intentions to the Archdiocese to have them sent to missions. These masses may not be able to be offered on a specific date. Even if we don't witness the mass, all spiritual graces are still conferred. Please email all mass requests to Patsy at pahart@archomaha.org

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

September 4

Haiti Relief

September 11

Maintenance

If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number and designated fund (e.g. Maintenance etc.) in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, contact the parish office.



EUCHARIST ADORATION NEW DAY AND TIME ADDED

Exposition of the Eucharist is every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 7:00pm on Thursday and ending at 8:00am on Saturday. If you would like to participate regularly or substitute as needed, please contact Donna Buell buellldonnajm@gmail.com or Phil McEvoy prncevoy@gmail.com.

Currently, we have openings in the Eucharistic Adoration schedule that need to be filled. There is already one person scheduled at each of these hours, but two people are needed since Jesus is exposed. Here are the openings that need a second person. Thursday: 11:00pm; Friday: 1:00am, 2:00am, 7:00am, 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm; Saturday: 1:00am.

Additionally, we would like to expand the Adoration hours either before the current 7:00pm start time on Thursday or after the 8:00am closing on Saturday that we currently have. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Buell or Phil McEvoy

WE NEED ALTAR SERVERS

Anyone in 3rd grade or above can be an Altar Server. Please contact Phil McEvoy, PRMCEVOY@gmail.com or 402.689.6457

DIFFICULTY HEARING AT MASS?

Please go to the AV table and they will provide you with a hearing device. If no one is available at the AV table, please see an usher for assistance.

ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

If you need access to the church Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, please utilize the call button on the far left brick column near the card reader. If you desire access outside of these times, please fill out an application in the Parish Office to receive a key card.

ARCHBISHOP'S VIGIL FOR LIFE

September 25, 2021, 8:00am, St. Mary's Church in Bellevue. This is one of the most powerful Pro-Life events in the area. For more information, contact St. Mary's Church 402-291-1350, email rectory@stmarysbellevue.com

**BLOOD GLUCOSE/BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING**

Operation Diabetes is part of the American Pharmacist Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) at UNMC College of Pharmacy. Pharmacy students will be offering blood glucose and blood pressure screens from 10:00am to 11:00am on Sunday, September 26, 2021. The goal is to increase awareness of diabetes and to educate on risk factors, prevention, and management of diabetes.



**HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS NEEDED!**

We would like to identify a pool of medical personnel that would be available to provide care, if needed, at each mass. If interested, please contact Mark Lockwood at 402-215-7835 or Amy Adams at 402-689-1093



**SECURITY-
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The parish of Saint Matthew has established a Safety Board under which falls our Security Team. This team provides security services for all the weekend and holyday masses. charge. If interested or for additional information, please call Greg Stoiber at 402 203-3685 or Dick Lewis at 402 301-5849.

BABY HATS NEEDED

Get your crochet hooks and your knitting needles ready because we are starting to collect your hand-made baby hats again!. Please contact Mary Fran Williamson mfw822@hotmail.com for specifications on size, yarn type, etc.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Rebate: \$36.55

Thank you for your support of our parish scrip program. Order Scrip online. <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/> Parish Office also has scrip on hand and ordering every two weeks.

PATHWAY BRICKS

Pathway Bricks are being sold for \$100. These bricks are located on each side of the main entrance of church. You may personalize your brick in any way that is meaningful to you. Fill out the form located in the Narthex or pick one up in the office. You may also order a brick by clicking the link on our website, under 'Pathway to Our Church'.

**BAKER'S COMMUNITY
REWARD PROGRAM**

We received \$756.55 for last quarter's rebate!

Thank you to the 174 families who participate in this program. Remember this does not cost you anything or take away from any other reward points you receive. To link your rewards card to St. Matthew: 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.



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.

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.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO PARISH

Memorial donations for the parish should be made payable to St. Matthew, with the memo line designating specifics (i.e., Building Fund, General Use, etc., and name of honoree or deceased). Checks made out to families or other organizations are not acknowledged by the parish Memorials Committee unless St. Matthew is the payee.



**CALENDAR LOTTERY
WINNERS**

CONGRATULATIONS!

August 29	Torrie Welsh	\$ 50
August 30	Kate Mattar	\$ 25
August 31	James R. Tracy, Sr.	\$ 25
August Special	Myrena Van Slyke	\$ 87
September 1	Jasper Irons	\$ 25
September 2	Matt Medara	\$ 25
September 3	Patsy Hart	\$ 25
September 4	Becket Skoug	\$ 25

A check is automatically mailed to all winners.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This year we will start our Religious Education program on September 8 with a meet and greet at the school. Sign up tables will be available at all masses on September 4 and 5. I am looking forward to this coming year. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Deall in the RE Office 402-547-5361.

With school beginning, so, too, is the St. Matthew Religious Education Program. Starting this year, we are returning to a traditional religious education meeting twice per month. While waiting for students, parents can enjoy snacks and the T.V. series "The Chosen", OR "Sunday Mass Preparation" with Deacon Tom, in the main conference room, at 6:30. With more than seven years in religious education, I am honored and excited to serve our parish and families as the Religious Education Director. Thank you and God Bless! Lisa Deall

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in helping to raise our next generation of Catholics, please contact Lisa Deall 402-547-5361 to assist with the Religious Education Program.

WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers as a community, and close with Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Benediction. A Sunday evening Holy Hour and Vespers is not just a randomly scheduled event. According to Church tradition, parishes are encouraged to join in community for the Liturgy of the Hours, especially the Evening Prayer on Sundays (Sacrosanctum Concilium). Accordingly, we as the St. Matthew's Catholic Community join our prayers, in union with the universal church, for the mission of the Church--the salvation of souls. Come offer your prayers for this intention, as well as your own, in the presence of Jesus during this Holy Hour of Exposition. Contact Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org) with questions.

SUNDAY PREP BIBLE STUDY

Join us for one hour of food, fun, history, and preparation toward understanding Sunday readings. This is held Wednesdays, 6:30pm, in the CSR conference room. To attend, come to the southwest corner at the back of the church. Come in the doors by the sign "Parish Office". Deacon Tom Deall facilitates the bible study.

NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY!

This is Year B in our liturgical cycle, which focuses on the Gospel according to Mark. What does Mark's gospel have to tell us about Jesus, and why is it important to hear this unique perspective?

We explore these questions (and more) in a Scripture study every Tuesday evening via Zoom. Using the book Ponder from Little Rock Scripture, we pray with the Sunday readings and listen to what God is revealing to us. Our prayer method is Lectio Divina, but we have also used Ignatian contemplation, and our own life experiences, along with lively and life-giving discussion. If you would like to join, email me at srtracy2@icloud.com and I will send you a link to the Zoom meeting, and also make sure you have a book. This is an ongoing study, meeting every Tuesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, but you are welcome to "drop in" when you are available.

Introduction to the Bible begins September 22nd

Whether you have had a lot of experience with Scripture, or not very much at all, you can benefit from this course. Have you ever wondered about the difference between Catholic and Protestant Bibles? Is there a difference in the way Catholics study and use Scripture in liturgy and prayers? What is meant by "divine inspiration"? How has the Second Vatican Council shaped the way Catholics think about and interpret Sacred Scripture? We will explore these questions and much more in a 7-week course entitled, An Introduction to the Bible.

If there is enough interest, I plan to offer an in-person class in the conference room at St. Matthew on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 AM, and a Wednesday evening online option via Zoom from 7-8:30 PM. Please call or text Susan Tracy (402-630-9938) or email srtracy2@icloud.com if you have any questions or would like to register for the class. I think I can guarantee that your understanding of the Bible will be enriched by taking this class. Cost of the study set is \$15, but no one will be turned away because of lack of funds. Please join me!

SUNDAY EVENING ADULT

FAITH FORMATION

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

This Bible Study unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. In this beautiful and awe-inspiring series based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book Hail, Holy Queen, watch the Mary of doctrine and devotion come alive in a powerful, new way! The Bible Study will meet on Sunday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm starting on September 19. This is a twelve-week study which is scheduled to end before Christmas. Free pizza and "refreshments". The study will meet in the new conference room in the southwest corner of the lower level of the new building. If interested, please contact Rick Holdcroft, 350-4097.



LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

LIFE Runners Each school year we “gift” LIFE Runners jerseys to the Kindergarteners and all new students, teachers, and staff. We have had generous donors help pay for these jerseys for the past three years that we have had our school LR chapter! We would like to have new jerseys in time for their First Friday huddle on Oct 3. Is there anyone that would be willing to help gift new jerseys this year? It would be awesome to have several donors help with the cost. Please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com.

LIFE Runners Next Huddle Join us for the 27th Annual “Hope for the Homeless” 5K Walk/Run for the Siena/Francis House. Elmwood Park on Sun, Sept 19, 9:00am. Register now at www.sienafrancis.org! Before Sept 19: \$30 fee/Same Day Reg: \$40. (You do not need to be a LIFE Runner to participate with us!)

SAVE THE DATES--Upcoming Pro-Life events:

Bishops’ Pro-Life Banquet & Conference – Fri-Sat, Sept 17-18

Annual Vigil for Life with Archbishop Lucas – Sat, Sept 25 at St. Mary’s, Bellevue

40 Days for Life 2021 Fall Campaign – Wed, Sept 22-Sun, Oct 31

40 Days Kick-Off Rally – Sat, Sept 18, 9:00am Bellevue Abortion Facility/11:00am Omaha Planned Parenthood Gabriel’s Corner Pregnancy Center 15th Anniv Celebration of Life Dinner – Fri, Oct 1 Annual Life Chain – Sun, Oct 3

PRAYER VIGIL Our next vigil is this Fri, Sept 10, 10:00am-11:00am, at the Bellevue abortion facility (1002 W Mission). We also encourage you to come pray for/with us each Saturday morning 7:30am-8:30am. When the facility

If we allow a mother to kill her own child, how can we tell people not to kill each other? ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

Reflection: Mother Teresa died on this day [Sept 5] in 1997. She saw in each person—no matter how sick or depraved—the image of God. She spoke boldly to those in power about the evil of abortion. In her Nobel Peace Prize lecture, she said that the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. She led women away from abortion clinics and toward alternatives. Let us honor her by imitating her.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH “Why was St. Matthew so keen to note Joseph’s trust in the words received from the messenger of God, if not to invite us to imitate this same loving trust?” ~ Pope Benedict XVI (St. Joseph Gems by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC)

GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR FREE FORMED ACCOUNT!

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select “Sign up as a parishioner” then enter “St. Matthew The Evangelist” (12210 S. 36th St., Ste A Bellevue, NE)
3. Enter your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

How to access your FREE FORMED account on a phone: It's easy with email authentication! First, you open your email account on your phone. Then open formed.org and select "sign in" in the top right. Then type in your email address and go check your email which will contain a new email with a button to click to confirm. And you're in!

Enjoy the Catholic faith On Demand. Thousands of movies, programs, audio talks and books instantly. Wonderful content for kids and families.



Adiel Alexander Acevedo
Baptized August 28, 2021

Evelyn Marjorie Flott
Baptized August 29, 2021

Emmbe Baldwin
Baptized August 29, 2021

Aiden Baldwin
Baptized August 29, 2021





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Officer Meetings are held the first Monday of each month. The general Member's Meeting is the third Monday of the month. Meetings are 7:00pm in the new church administration conference room (and via Zoom). All Knights are invited and welcome to attend either meeting. If you are not receiving emails with general council information, contact Dave Boone to ensure your email address is current. If you need information to become a Knight, contact Mark Kyriss, Grand Knight, 402-661-4674, mkyriss@cox.net or Membership Director, Dale Bauermeister, 402-658-9636, or email dbauermeister3@gmail.com.

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Need a ride to Church?

Contact Butch Songcuan 402-933-1646

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WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Our first meeting is September 21 at 6:30pm in the Commons. Ladies, please join us for fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

September Collection:

Diapers Needed—all sizes Any clothes and shoes gently used. All items will be donated to the Stephen Center. These can be placed in the blue bin at the school or the west entrance when you come into church. Thanks for your continued support, August collection was 129 pounds of food and clothing to the Stephen Center, 169 pounds to Bellevue Food Pantry.



PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY SAVE THE DATES OCTOBER 12-16

Signup in the following ways:

*St. Matthew Church Website

* St. Matthew Church Facebook Page

*Or use this link <https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=763&typId=63655&step=2>

*Upcoming appointments after Mass- watch for dates

*Please schedule a time- we want to know you!



SCHOOL'S IN SESSION!

Our teachers have put together some **Wish List** items if anyone is interested in helping support our classrooms, recess, and new art program. Here is the

link: <https://tinyurl.com/teacherwishlist21>

ST. MATTHEW EXTENDED CARE

Seeking candidates to help in our Extended Care Program. Hours would be from 3:00pm-5:30pm M-F. Start date as soon as possible. Two Years of experience in a certified child care setting/school, Safe Environment trained, Loves working with children. Interested candidates should contact Barb White at bwhite@stmattschool.com

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Find out what our school children are up to. Find our newsletter at: <https://www.smores.com/fb149>



2021/2022 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Basketball teams for St. Matthew and Religious Education students in K-8th grade are now forming. For more information contact Nic Crampton, 402-650-5760, ntcrampton@outlook.com.



MARDI GRAS SAVE THE DATE:

FEBRUARY 26, 2022

The Mardi Gras committee is asking you to consider donating items for our silent and oral auctions. Items such as weekend or weeklong time shares, tickets to games or concerts, airline and hotel points, golf outings or dinners, symphony tickets, gift cards, new unopened items for camping, gardening, fishing, etc.. Monetary donations also accepted. Please contact Joann Price at 402-297-1027 if you have questions.



SAVE THE DATE CRAFT FAIR VENDORS NOVEMBER 13, 2021, 9:00AM TO 2:00PM

Looking for more vendors to fill booths at the Craft Fair.

Contact Carin Crampton,

stmatthewschoolcraftshow@gmail.com

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Sponsored by Parent Teacher Organization



EVERYONE INVITED!

Come meet new families and visit
with friends you haven't seen for a while!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 6:00 - 8:30 PM

St. Matthew Multi-Purpose Center

**Everyone is a winner! Kids (all ages)
have a great time!**



12 GAMES PER CARD

THERE WILL BE SOME SPECIAL PRIZES.

**Cost: \$6.50 - 2 SLICES OF PIZZA, CUPCAKE, SALAD, POP
and a BINGO CARD (12 games)**

**Children age 4 and under \$3.00: 1 SLICE PIZZA, SALAD OR
APPLESAUCE, CUPCAKE, and DRINK (No Bingo Card)**

Extra Slice of Pizza; \$1.50 Extra pop: \$0.50 Extra Salad \$0.50 Popcorn \$0.50
Tootsie Pop \$0.25 Extra Cupcake \$0.25 Extra Bingo Cards (10 Games) \$2.50

**Tickets are available after Mass September 11/12. Stop by
to make your reservation or buy them at the School
Office. Questions? Call the School Office, 291-2030.**

**SIGN UP ON THE POSTER IN THE COMMONS OR THE
NARTHEX to help us plan for food and drinks. We
need a head count.**



ST. MATTHEW'S
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, September 11
5:30-7:30 PM
(in the school commons area)

Free will offering benefits:
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Our Delicious Menu:

- » Spaghetti or Mostaccioli
w/ meat sauce
- » Homemade sausage or meatballs
- » Tossed Salad
- » Garlic Bread

We'd love for you to join us!!

Questions? We'd love to hear from you!
Email kofccouncil11879@gmail.com
or find us on Facebook: St. Matthew Knights of Columbus Council 11879

Sept 5, 2021

WATCH

NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



LEARN

FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

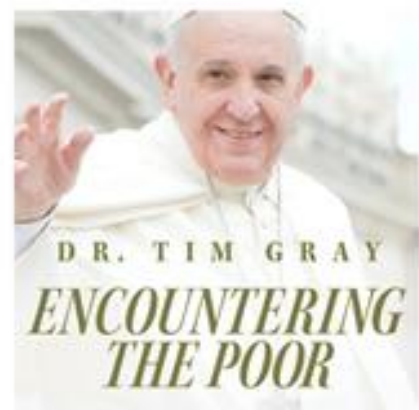


As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.

LISTEN

ENCOUNTERING THE POOR: BIBLICAL ROOTS FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY TIM GRAY

Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



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To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.