

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



Welcome
Maura Jane Milburn
Baptized April 7, 2018
Charlie John Swierczek
Baptized April 8, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Apr. 14 5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families
Sun. Apr. 15 8:30 am – Manuel Nascimento †
10:30 am – Bernadette Kosch †

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Apr. 17 9:00 am – Jennie Nazarku
Wed. Apr. 18 9:00 am – Denver Dunn †
Thur. Apr. 19 9:00 am – Robert Sample †
Fri. Apr. 20 9:00 am – Reynette AhSam †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Apr. 21 5:00 pm – Joan Beaudoin †
Sun. Apr. 22 8:30 am – St. Matthew Families
10:30 am – Forget Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ministry Schedules for April 7 - May 27, were emailed to all ministers. If you did not receive them, we do not have a current email address on file for you. If you would like to add or update your email address, contact the parish office. The schedule is also available on our website, and hardcopies are available in the Commons. If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, please arrange for a substitute.

MASS GREETERS NEEDED

Job Duties include: Smiling, greeting & handing out misselettes. All ages welcome! Contact the parish office. *No prior experience required.*

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is scheduled by 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 Fri. through 8:00am Sat. Multiple people can attend each hour. If you would like to be a sub, sign up on the table outside of the Chapel. Contact is Phil McEvoy at 402-689-6457 or prmcevoy@gmail.com.

MEMORIALS

St. Matthew Parish welcomes financial gifts as memorials for deceased relatives and friends, or to honor/celebrate loved ones' Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations, Baptisms, First Communion, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or any Special Occasion. The gifts will be applied to the building fund for debt reduction, unless designated otherwise. A quarterly listing, of the loved one's name along with the remembrance of the occasion, and donor, is placed in the Bulletin and Parish website. The Parish Memorial Committee will send notification, as applicable, to the family or loved one of the gift given in their behalf.

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

April 21

Utilities

May 13

Catholic Communication Campaign

This campaign helps to connect people with Christ through the internet, television, radio and print media. Fifty percent of the funds we collect stay in our diocese to support local communication efforts, as well as projects in developing countries.

FAITH DIRECT

The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Matthew with electronic donations through Faith Direct. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NE489**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK UPDATE

OVER 9,200 POUNDS! No, that is not a typo! It is an amazing St. Matthew Community achievement. With our goal of 10,000 pounds easily in reach, it is going to be great to see how far over it we will get by June. A recent Bellevue Leader article said the Bellevue Food Pantry serves 700-800 people each month. Current items needed include dried potatoes, pasta, macaroni and cheese, snacks, toiletries, pork and beans, Hamburger Helper and pasta sauce. In addition to the Bellevue Food Pantry, last week we were able to make a donation to a local family in need and to provide for five Domestic Abuse shelters in the local area. If you would like to assist with this program, contact Scott Eversole at 402-216-1508.



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 interested in joining or want more information, please contact Pat Brennan, Grand Knight, at 402-592-5027.

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Need a ride to Church? Contact Butch Songcuan 402-933-1646

Health Care Items are available for loan from the Knights: wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, walkers and crutches. If you have borrowed and no longer need, please return. If you have items you no longer need and would like to donate, contact Pat Brennan, Grand Knight, at 402-592-5027.

Columbian Squires Chief Counselor

Phil Earsley 402-214-7877



CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIANNA GREGG

Brianna was the 1st place winner for her age group at the Council, District and Regional levels, and our only Free Throw participant to advance all the way to the State level competition! Brianna had a very respectable finish at the State level Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest last Saturday, April 7th, at Grand Island. She did an awesome job representing the St. Matthew community; we're proud of her and her accomplishments!



WWG~WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD

Thank you to all those who contributed food for the pantry and the Easter Dinner for the Women's Shelter. Our next meeting is Monday, April 23, 6:30 pm in the commons.

SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY

Last Week's Rebate: \$108.42

Scrip rebates not designated to a student will now solely benefit our Building Fund. For more information, stop at the table after mass, see our website or contact Samantha Elbert at 515-341-5041.

CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP ON OUR WEBSITE

Just a reminder that we have an online gift shop on our website. It offers thousands of beautiful Catholic gifts, jewelry, books, and art. The best part...**our parish receives 12%** of your purchase price! Just make sure you shop directly from our parish website each time you place an order. That way you can be sure we are receiving the benefit of your sale.



"So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church."

1 Corinthians 14:12

*Total Pledges: 262
Total Pledged: \$2,350,331
Total Collected: \$585,628.53*

New Church Update

We continue to remain on track for ground breaking in September and a completed church in December of 2019. We have come very far since last year's Pentecost celebration where, as you may recall, we burned the mortgage, laid some bricks and staked out our new church. Since that time, we have held a very successful capital campaign, received the go ahead from the Archdiocese to plan for a new church and have been engaged over the past three months with architects to develop our design. In two weeks we will be at the 30% point in design development. 70% in June and 90% in July. A construction contract is expected to be awarded in late August. Last week our Liturgical Committee Ladies (and a few others) took an initial stab at identifying the interior materials for the new Church. Those will be on display in the commons on 21/22 April. A final decision will be made at the end of the month. A lot of effort is also currently being made to define our sound system, security system and phone/IT systems. We are planning a major milestone event on Pentecost, May 20th 2018. More to follow on that. Finally, you should be receiving this week, your quarterly Capital Campaign statement. Please let us know if you have any issues with that. Thank you for your continuing support. Rick Holdcroft, rholdcroft@cox.net, 402-350-4097.

SPRING CLEANING?



Just a reminder our Garage Sale is coming up June 7 - 9. We are accepting clean, useful items! Items can be dropped off beginning June 3. More details to come.



**REGISTRATION FOR THE
2018-2019
SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN!**

For enrollment and tuition information visit: www.stmatthewbellevuene.net

We are AdvancED and NCEA accredited! We also offer small classes, individual attention and a faith filled environment for your children.

WELCOME TUITION GRANTS

Welcome Tuition Grants are now available for transferring public school students in Grades 5-7. The grants total \$1500 per student over a 2-year period. Contact the school office for more information at 402-291-2030.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Again this year, Council 11879 will award scholarships to deserving St Matthew Parish 8th graders. Each scholarship is to be used for tuition or fees at a Catholic High School next year. Award of these scholarships will be based on an Essay Contest. Essays must be submitted by May 10. For more information concerning the details of the essay contest and/or the scholarship contact Rick Holdcroft (402-350-4097). Entry forms and materials are available on the Knight's Table in the Commons. *Any parish 8th grader is eligible to compete for these scholarships.*

WWG SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Matthew Women Working for God (WWG) group is offering two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to 8th grade students in our parish, who will be attending a Catholic High School. The WWG seeks to promote Catholic education and further our objective to encourage more members to serve in parish ministries. Each student must complete an application form and an essay on "How a Catholic Education will prepare me for service in parish ministry." Application forms are available at the School and Parish Offices. The entry must be returned by Friday, April 27. The scholarship certificate will be awarded in May.

The essay must be a minimum of one page and a maximum of two pages. It must be typed, double spaced and use 12pt font. It will be judged on the quality and development of your ideas, and effective use of English composition skills.

**PANCAKE FEED
NEXT SUNDAY**

Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast on April 22nd, from 9:00 - 11:45 AM. Free will donation

proceeds will be used for Confirmation Bibles and Catholic Education Scholarships.



Confirmation Mass Our St. Matthew School and Religious Education youth will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mass on *Sunday, May 6th at 1:00 p.m.* in the Worship Area. Archbishop George Lucas is projected to preside at the Mass. Please pray for our youth, and their teachers/catechists, as they enter the final stage of preparation for receiving this Sacrament. All parishioners are invited and welcomed to attend this Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark.

Summer 2018 Vacation Bible School (VBS) Save the Dates! Our Parish is excited to again partner with St. Mary's (Bellevue) Parish to offer two outstanding VBS opportunities for our youth this summer. Each parish is offering a different type of VBS experience for two life-changing opportunities--attend both! At St. Matthew's, we're hosting "Totus Tuus (Totally Yours)" from July 23-27 2018. Totus Tuus has fun and faith-filled programming for grades 1-12. At St. Mary's, they're hosting "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" from June 25-29 2018. This programming is for youth in grades 1-8. St. Matthew's youth are invited to attend both/either session(s). Save the dates now and watch the parish website (under the "VBS" tab) for updated information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering (!), please contact Deacon Mark.

**ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY
SILENT AUCTION UPDATE**

We have \$2,566 towards our \$5,000 Goal! Thanks to all the generous donations, there are new items each week, so please keep an eye out for the treasure you want to take home. Thanks to all the bidders that are including phone numbers, it makes it much easier and quicker to contact you. For those with items to donate, you can place the items under the auction table. To answer a frequent question, we try and end auctions every Tuesday morning. A blessed thanks to Jean Hichborn for packing up the sold items and notifying the winners! If you would like to assist with this program, contact Scott Eversole at sreversole@schools.archomaha.org

NOTICE: Another **BRICK ORDER** will be placed soon. All orders placed in the last few months will be sent in. Order forms are by the chapel. You may drop off your order in the collection plate, school office or parish office or order online. See our website for more information.

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Beginning now! Were you moved by the message of Divine Mercy last weekend at Mass or the Prayer Service or during your reception of the Sacrament of Mercy? Do you want to learn more about Divine Mercy? It's not too late to join us for a six-week program based on the best-selling book **33 Days to Merciful Love** by Fr. Michael Gaitley. "Sharing new material on the heart of St. Therese of Lisieux's Little Way, Fr. Gaitley uncovers the power of trust in the face of personal darkness, inspires viewers to become great saints amid ordinary circumstances, and lays the foundation for a personal consecration to Divine Mercy." We will meet on Sundays, April 15 – May 20, from 5:00 – 6:30pm in the Library (Bldg 2). Participants will make/renew their consecration on Sunday, May 29, Trinity Sunday. Cost for the book is \$15; optional participant packets are available for \$15. Please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com to register or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Please join us for Sunday Evening Prayer liturgy in praise of God and for the intentions of St. Matthew's parishioners. The liturgy includes Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, Benediction, and Evening Prayer. It begins in the chapel at 5 p.m. and concludes with Evening prayer finishing about 6 p.m. If you have any questions or inputs, please contact Deacon Mark."

DEACON DEALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Deacon Tom Deall is facilitating an adult education Scripture study, 6:30–7:30 pm every Wed. in lower level of the parish office. All are welcome!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE	
OCT. 30 – NOV. 8, 2018 • 10 DAYS (FROM OMAHA)	
	Please join Deacon Tom Deall spiritual leader St. Matthew Catholic Church Bellevue for this faith-filled Pilgrimage \$3,899 advance booking \$3,825
Brochure contact Patti Gardner 478.808.8067 email: walkhisland@outlook.com	
visit: www.walkhisland.com complete itinerary	

FORMED.ORG

We are now in the Easter Season. Continue to learn more about Easter and the Resurrection on FORMED.org. Here are just a few suggestions of talks, movies and books:

Program – [Opening the Word](#)

Audio Talk – [The Resurrection of Jesus](#)

Movie – [Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?](#)

Book – [Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?](#)

Visit FORMED.org. Click on the "Learn" tab for more information about the website. Then click on "Register" to sign up for FREE using the St. Matthew Parish code: TGQQ66.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Thank you to Dr. Pat Castle for sharing his passion for the sanctity of life and introducing us to his Life Runners apostolate. We are happy to announce that we now have both a St. Matthew Parish and School Life Runners Chapter. Contact Kevin and Janice Todd at janicetoddcmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699 if you have any questions and visit Liferunners.org.

Join us for our next monthly prayer vigil at the abortion mill this Friday, April 20, from 10:00 - 11:00am. We meet at the mill in Bellevue at 1002 W Mission Ave. Contact Kevin and Janice Todd if you would like a pro-life prayer booklet to guide your prayer hour.

Title X update The Nebraska Legislature passed the state budget bill, LB944, with the pro-life Title X provision intact! This is a major pro-life victory! The Title X provision ensures that Title X taxpayer funds do not go to abortion services. Please send a message to your senator regarding their support or opposition to this legislation. We extend a special thanks to the pro-life senators who courageously stood in defense of life. Thank you again to all who took the time to sign our parish petition!

We are collecting donations of diapers, baby wipes and baby blankets for the Bellevue EPS in honor of the K of C Day of Prayer for the Unborn (April 8) through Sunday, April 22. Please place all donations in the Pack and Play by the WWG table in the Commons. Thank you for your generosity!

Intercessions for Life For all who feel incapable of welcoming life: May the Lord fill their hearts with peace and strengthen them to receive this gift; We pray to the Lord:

Words of Life "A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called 'perinatal hospice,' it's a way of caring for both the baby and the baby's family before, as well as after, birth." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis"

CALLING ALL KNITTERS/CROCHTERS



Since August volunteers have made approximately 246 baby hats for NICU!!

Volunteer knitters and crocheters are needed for two local community projects to knit/crochet hats for newborns and babies. If interested, contact Mary Fran Williamson at mfw822@hotmail.com

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

A family in our parish has graciously loaned us a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. It has been a part of their family for over 30 years, has traveled to many members of the family in times of need and many prayers have been answered! You may sign out the statue from the Parish Office M-F from 9-4. Or contact Phil McEvoy at prncevoy@gmail.com or 402-689-6457.

**“THE PATHWAY TO OUR CHURCH”
COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS**

(AN ONGOING FUNDRAISER)

We, the parishioners of St. Matthew, are the foundation of OUR Church. As noted in our prayer said together at the end of Mass, we must commit our hearts, minds and finances to the spirit and actual structure of OUR Church.

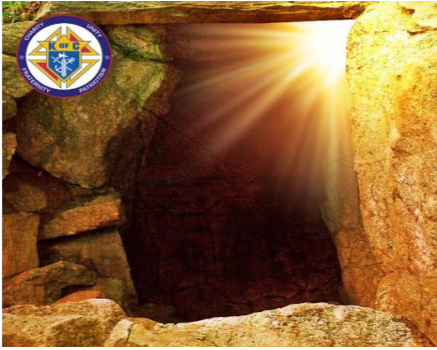
One fund-raising opportunity is the sale of these bricks. The bricks, available for \$100 each, will be used to build the actual *Pathway to OUR Church*. In the meantime, they'll be used to line the sidewalks leading into our current church. When the time comes, they will be moved to the pathway.

On each brick you can make a dedication to your family, your marriage, your children or in memory of a loved one who rests in peace. It's your brick and it's your choice of words.

Forms to purchase a brick are available in the Commons, parish and school offices, online and periodically in the bulletin. Simply fill out the form, pay the \$100 fee and be a part of OUR Pathway, OUR church family and OUR History and, most importantly, OUR future!

You may also order a brick by clicking the link on our website: stmatthewbellevue.org

Dear Parishioners,



This Easter season is a wonderful time for new beginnings! In this Easter season we celebrate the empty tomb. The empty tomb signifies Christ risen in glory. Emptiness should not be the state of our spiritual life. The Knights of Columbus provides an opportunity for the Catholic man and his family to find great fulfillment in service to the church, community, and to brother Knights. If you are a

Catholic gentleman and would like to do something to enhance the spiritual lives of yourself and your family, **there's never been a better time for you to consider joining our Knights of Columbus family here at St. Matthew!**

Catholic men are invited to consider joining this great brotherhood— a brotherhood of care, respect, reverence for the Catholic faith and all God's people—especially those who are most vulnerable. You will meet other "like-minded" Catholic gentlemen and have an opportunity to give something back to your parish and community by participating in any one of the fulfilling charitable and fun projects we do throughout the year. We never ask for more than you're willing to give – even just an hour a year of your time will make a difference!

I ask you to **prayerfully consider if the time is right for you to become a member of the Knights of Columbus.**

WE ARE HOSTING A 1ST DEGREE CEREMONY FOR NEW MEMBERS:

THIS MONDAY NIGHT, APRIL 16TH AT 6:00 P.M.

AT THE ST. MATTHEW'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (PARISH OFFICE).

Please call me at 402-592-4027 if you are interested, or if you have any questions about our awesome Knights of Columbus Council here at St. Matthew.

May God Bless You and Your Families,

Pat Brennan

Grand Knight



**22nd Annual "Benefit the Birdie" Golf Tournament
Friday May 11, 2018, 12:30 Shotgun Start
Platteview Country Club**

- 📍 Proceeds Benefit the School and Parish Operations
- 📍 One Price for All Activities and Dinner
 - Hole in One Contest, Pin Prizes, Raffle, Cheater's Package
 - Zero Tournament costs at event (Drinks are on you)

Single Golfer	\$110.00	_____	
4 Person Team	\$400.00	_____	
Hole Sponsor	\$200.00	_____	
Hole Sponsor & Team	\$550.00	_____	(Includes 4 Golfers + Hole Sponsorship)
Donation	\$	_____	
Total Amount Enclosed	\$	_____	

New Hole Sponsor Name on Sign: _____

Raffle Prize Donation: _____

Team Member Names
(Please include phone number for Team Captain)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Thank you in advance for your sponsorship, donation, and participation in this year's event. Our success is because of your support. Please sign up by 5 May, 2018.

Sincerely,

The Tournament Committee
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