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OPPORTUNITIES

Parish Parish Pastoral Council Adult Faith Formation **Bible Study** Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) **Development Committee** Family Life Vacation Bible School **Knights of Columbus Columbian Squires** Women Working for God (WWG) Athletic Association Scouting – Boys & Girls Liturgical Ministries Music Servers Ushers Lectors **Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion**

St. Matthew School

School Board Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)

Religious Formation (CCD)

Catechist

Support Staff



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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Mass Schedule Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am Tues-Fri: 8:10 am Liturgy of the Word for Children (Sept - May) 10:30

Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 – 4:40 pm and by appointment: contact Fr. Leo at Parish Office

BAPTISM CLASS is required for anyone wishing to have their child baptized. Classes are held the fourth Monday of each month. Call the Parish Office, 402.292.7418, for registration and information.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION According to Archdiocesan policy a wedding date must be arranged at least six months prior to the wedding. Contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS If you wish a Mass celebrated for a special need or the welfare of someone, call the Parish Office to schedule, 402.292.7418.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED Call the Parish Office to inform of hospitalizations or other needs. Call Phil McEvoy, 402.689.6457 for homebound communion visits.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is held every Friday 7-9:00 pm. Enter Commons area via right side doors.

LECTOR TRAINING begins by contacting Paula Banks, 402.292.7418 or <u>plbanks@archomaha.org</u>

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING is available by contacting Phil McEvoy at <u>prmcevoy@gmail.com</u> or Dan Linder at dan@linder.org.

FLOWERS If you wish to donate flowers for the Sunday liturgies, please call Karen Biben, 402.292.9210.

SCRIP PROGRAM (MATT'S MONEY) Matt's Money is gift certificates/cards purchased at no extra cost and St. Matthew Parish or School/CCD receives a percentage. <u>stmatthewbellevue.org</u>

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS (BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 10:00 PM) CONTACT ANNETTE LINBRUNNER 402.331.3961 OR SUSAN TRACY 402.292.4986

PRAYER SHAWL REQUESTS CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, 402-292-7418

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat.	Aug.	5	5:00 pm – James Kotera †
Sun.	Aug.	6	8:30 am – Janet Hall †
	-		10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues.	Aug. 8	9:00 am – Dave O'Kane †
Wed.	Aug. 9	9:00 am – Dan Engel †
Thur.	Aug. 10	9:00 am – Ruth Grieser †
Fri.	Aug. 11	9:00 am – Frank Kotera †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat.	Aug. 12	5:00 pm –St. Matthew Families
Sun.	Aug. 13	8:30 am – Ruth Imig †
		10:30 am – Bob Poggenpohl †

Communion Service M-F at 7:00am

MINISTRY SCHEDULE August 12/13

	5pm	8:30am	10:30am	
EMEs	MAlday	JGoble	Knight's	
	LGrajczyk	DHarringtion	Mass	
	DHart	RHoldcroft		
	JLukasina	MLivergood		
	TPetranick	MLomax		
	JTracy	JSteinauer		
	STracy	JWelbes		
Greeters	DGrajczyk	NLeiber		
	DKerr	PVeylupek		
Lectors	MLockwood	EJaneczko		
	PMcEvoy	MRuane		
Servers	RBrink	AAdams		
	RFlores	MAdams		
Ushers	DHappe	MSchaeffer		
	DHaun	JSteinauer		
	MLukasina	GStoiber		

If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, please call a substitute. If you wish to be removed from the ministry list or the sub list, contact the parish office.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is scheduled by contacting Phil McEvoy at prmcevoy@gmail.com or Dan Linder at dan@linder.org



CONGRATULATIONS!

R ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	July 30	Allie Hall	\$50
	July 31	Mike Ferzely	\$25
	July Spc	Leo Smith	\$25
FR		Megan McClanahan	\$25
F ⁻ (C)E		Leslie Bradford Jr.	\$25
		Jean Hichborn	\$25
F Us		Chandra Droke	\$25
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There is no need to call or "claim" your prize. Winnings will be automatically mailed out to you.

SCHEDULE FOR SECOND COLLECTIONS

Aug. 19/20	Utilities
Sept. 9/10	St. Vincent DePaul
Sept. 16/17	Utilities

CALENDAR

FAITH DIRECT

Thank you for being a part of our St. Matthew family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NE489. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

24 HOUR EUCHARIST ADORATION

Every FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 8:00 am Fri. through 8:00 am 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 - 402-689-6457 or prmcevoy@gmail.com.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAMILY-BASED** CATECHESIS

We need adult volunteers to support this upcoming year's Religious Education (also know as "CCD") and Family-Based Catechesis program. We need Catechists, Co/Assistant Catechists. and other support volunteers. There will be various days and times that you may be able to contribute. Please contact Deacon 292-7928 Mark White 402 at or mhwhite@archomaha.org if you are able to support this ministry that enhances St. Matthew's youth and adult faith formation.

FATHER STOLINSKI'S BIRTHDAY IS AUG. 31

Greeting cards and well wishes can be sent to: 407 S. 86th Street, Omaha, NE 68114

ASSUMPTION MASS TIMES

Monday, Aug. 14 Vigil ~ 6:30pm Tuesday, Aug. 15 ~ 9:00am & 6:30pm

Ministry Sign-Up Sheets are on the table in the Commons.

Remember to join us for the annual Ice Cream Social hosted by the WWG. See more details in the WWG section of the bulletin.

The Transfiguration of the Lord



<u>Knights of Columbus</u>: 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 Tom Medara, our Membership Director, at 502-4989 or 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



wwg (women working for god) Annual Ice Cream Social

will be held following the 6:30 pm Assumption Mass on **Tuesday, August 15th**. Plan to join us for ice cream, pie and brownies. All donated by our WWW group. There will also be a collection of Blessed Mother statues on dispay for your viewing pleasure. <u>DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT</u>!

SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY

Last weekend's rebate: \$128.91

Scrip rebates not designated to a school or CCD student will now solely benefit our Building Fund. If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer; stop at our Scrip table after Mass, see our website or contact Samantha Elbert at 515-341-5041.

MASS GREETERS STILL NEEDED

Job Duties include: Smiling, greeting & handing out misselettes. All ages welcome! If you are interested in helping to greet our fellow parishioners and visitors before mass, contact the parish office. No prioir experience required.

ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK UPDATE

Our July 2017 – July 2018 Goal: 10,000 lbs Current Donation Total: 1087 lbs.

This puts us right on track to meet our goal. A great start to the year. The food banks would like more canned fruits and vegetables at this time, thanks! If you would like to assist with this program, contact Scott Eversole at 402-216-1508.

August 6, 2017

ST MATTHEW FINANCIAL UPDATE

FOR YEAR 2016-17 (ENDING JUNE 30, 2017)

The financial books are closed for the past year and the parish ended the year approximately \$20,000 in the "red" (expenses exceeding revenue). The mortgage was "paid off" but the parish had to deal with the aging facilities in terms of HVAC replacement, parking/sidewalk repair, rectory maintenance and an unexpected property tax bill on the farm land south of the facilities. The good news was the child care/preschool and extended care functions had profitable years to help offset the expenses of the school that exceed revenue generated. The Finance Council is watching expenses closely but the parish clearly needs more revenue. How can you help? We need to increase the weekly collections from Sunday Mass. If everyone increased their weekly contribution by the cost of a Big Mac, it would do much to alleviate the revenue shortcoming. Also, promoting our outstanding school to your friends and neighbors would help out. The school has tremendous room for growth at relatively no increase in expense. Each new student means pure profit to the parish. Thank you.

<u>RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS</u>

If you are not baptized and/or are interested in becoming a Catholic, or just wish to explore the Catholic faith, you are invited to sign up for RCIA which begins August 24. RCIA meets every Thursday at 7 pm from August through April. If you wish to be a sponsor, there is also a place to sign up. Forms are in the bulletin and on the table by the sacristy.

FORMED.ORG

Check out one of the programs, books, movies, audio talks and audio books. Here are just a few examples of what is available: Theology for Beginners by Frank Sheed,

Beyond Belief - Following Christ Today by Fr. Michael Schmitz, Religionless Spirituality by Dr. Tim Gray, Who Do You Say That I Am? - The Four Great Expectations of the Messiah by Bishop Robert Barron and so much more!! 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

WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

In order to keep parishioners better informed while reducing expenses, we will be going to occasional e-mail transmissions. This will provide more effective communications on upcoming events, financial status of the parish, happenings as we work to build a church, and distribution of newsletters, etc. If you would like to stay informed please provide your e-mail address to the office at: stmatthew.bel@archomaha.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

All are invited to join us for a program based on the book Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told by Fr. Michael Gaitley. "In 10 fast-paced and lively sessions, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendor of God's merciful love. From the epic story of Poland's national suffering, to the events of Fatima, the revelations of St. Faustina, the heroic efforts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the life of St. John Paul II, the panorama of Divine Mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality." Come learn more about the important message and devotion behind the Divine Mercy image that you see at Mass every week! This is the introduction to the entire Hearts Afire Parish-based Program (HAPP) that will follow. This program will be offered for ten weeks on either Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00am at Thanksgiving Lutheran Church (daycare provided) OR on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in the St. Matthew library in Bldg 2. Classes will start on August 16 OR 17. Cost is \$5 for the book needed. Contact Kevin and Janice Todd to register or if you have any questions at janicetoddcmc@msn.com or 402-933-7574.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER ("VESPERS")

Beginning Sunday, August 6, 2017, St. Matthew will have community Vespers Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew parish chapel. Evening Prayer is one part of the Church's Liturgy of the Hours. Through the Liturgy of the Hours, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. Because the Liturgy of the Hours can appear complicated until you're familiar with the flow of the liturgy, the leader will guide all through the liturgy. Participants will need to have either the book of Christian Prayer or the appropriate volume of the four volume set of the Liturgy of the Hours. If you don't already have one of these praver books, the cheapest, simplest, and totally appropriate option would be to get the book of Christian Prayer (ISBN 10: 0899424066 or ISBN 10: 0899424074 for the large print version). Also, we need a hymn leader (or leaders) to guide our voices in praise during the liturgy. If you're able to be a hymn leader or if you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark White (mhwhite@archomaha.org or 402 292-7928).

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

If your child transfers into St. Matthew School from a local non-Catholic school, your family could be eligible for \$1000 off tuition for the first year and \$500 off the second year. This applies to students in grades 1 - 7 in classes that have openings. Check out our school, you're already here for Mass anyway!

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR **STILL** NEEDED

A new St. Matthew Athletic Director is needed for the upcoming school year by August 1. Any parent can perform this duty. All other Athletic Board positions are filled. Please contact Ed Rausch to volunteer and ask any questions you have at edwardrausch@yahoo.com or 402-650-5693.

WANT TO MAKE A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO ST MATTHEW?

Building a new church will drive significant growth in St Matthew. There will be a challenge to provide that outstanding "welcome" our Parish is known for to all these new parishioners. We currently have a vacancy as the Chairperson of the Stewardship Sub-Committee. One of the major tasks of this sub-committee is to assure new parishioners are welcomed properly and provided all the information they need to become active parishioners. The job of the Chairperson is to recruit fellow parishioners to the committee and provide the leadership to create a new parishioner program. Several people have indicated an interest in serving on this subcommittee but we need a leader(s). If you have an interest in this rewarding opportunity of welcome new parishioners to St Matthew contact the Parish Office or e-mail the Development Program Chairperson (Ron Hall) at ronhall43@cox.net

"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: <u>stmatthewbellevue.org</u>

May God bless you and may God continue to bless St. Matthew Parish, school and families.

THE ELECTRONIC MARQUEE PROJECT

Current Total <u>\$24, 301.70</u>

- ✓ A Great Success
- ✓ Received Tremendous Support
- ✓ Has an End in Sight

There will be a new wave of auction items in the next couple of weeks, the individual donations continue to come in, and we <u>can</u> hit our \$40,000 Goal by **Sunday**, **October 1st**! Please consider being the bid or donation that puts us over the top!! Contact Scott Eversole if you have questions or would like to donate an item. 402-216-1508 or sreversole@schools.archomaha.org.

WHY DOES ST MATTHEW NEED A MARQUEE?

You might ask "Why is this important to St Matthew ... we are trying to build a church?" The announced effort to build a church, the mortgage burning, the laving of bricks, the pounding of stakes and the architect's presentation have created a "buzz" at St Matthew. In order to keep the buzz "buzzing" and to announce to 36th Street passerby's that something is happening at St Matthew, we need to be able to communicate who we are and what we are doing. The best way to do this is a highly visible marquee. Think of the possibilities: being able to promote our school and CCD, inform parishioners and non-parishioners of upcoming events, promoting pancake feeds and fundraising events; announcing plans/dates for ground breaking for a new church; showing brief video clips of students in the classroom or attending Mass; and recruiting new parishioners/students to help us grow the parish. There might even be a revenue generating opportunity to sell advertising (like back of this bulletin); offer space to the City of Bellevue to communicate the long awaited 36th Street upgrade dates/plans, or allow parishioners to announce a son/daughter's birthday as they arrive for school or CCD or recognize wedding anniversaries. The opportunities are endless. If 100 parishioners donated \$100 each, we would reach our goal in the next month and see a marquee by early fall. The marquee is the next step in the Pathway to Our New Church. Let's keep the "buzz" going. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

A family in our parish has graciously loaned us a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue has been a part of their family for over 30 years, has traveled to many members of the family in times of need, as well as to many parishes throughout the country. Many prayers have been answered! You may sign out the statue from the Parish Office M-F from 9am-12pm or 1pm-4:00pm. If this is not convenient, please contact Phil McEvoy at prmcevoy@gmail.com or 402-689-6457 to arrange pickup.

CALLING ALL MEN

Join us for an exciting and Spirit-filled Men's Ministry opportunity called, *That Man Is You*! This dynamic program will start on Friday morning, September 8th in the Saint Mary's Parish Center. To register, or if you have any questions contact: Deacon Ted Menzel at 402-292-2076 or E-mail: tcmenzel5@gmail.com.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Please mark your calendars for our next peaceful praver vigil this Thursday, August 10.at 10:00am. We will meet at the clinic, 1002 W Mission Ave. Contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-933-7574 for more information. Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS), serving expectant women and parenting families, invites you to its 7th Annual Breakfast for Life event on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017, at 9:15 a.m. in the St. Robert Bellarmine's Mainelli Center. Guest motivational speaker, Star Parker, is the Founder and President of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE). Parker's inspiring story of welfare mother to business woman, national celebrity, and international author includes a continental breakfast catered by Wheatfields. Tickets are \$35 per person or four for \$100. RSVP is preferred by Aug. 15. Visit www.friendsofeps.org/breakfastforlife or call 402.554.0121 for more info.

INTERCESSION FOR LIFE:

FOR MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH: MAY GOD OPEN OUR EYES TO HIS GIFT OF LIFE AND MOVE OUR HEARTS WITH COMPASSION TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR IT; WE PRAY TO THE LORD

WORD OF LIFE:

"BY OPENING OUR HEARTS TO HIS LOVE AND MERCY, WE LET CHRIST DWELL IN US AND WE SEE MORE DEEPLY THE INTRICATE AND UNIQUE BEAUTY OF EACH PERSON." CARDINAL SEÁN P. O'MALLEY, O.F.M. CAP., CHAIRMAN USCCB COMMITTEE ON PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES 2013 RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES

We have envelopes for children to use for their contributions to church. This is a great way to teach by example. The envelopes are located on the table by the chapel.

ADULT CHURCH ENVELOPES HELPFUL HINTS

If you use church envelopes, please try to write the amount of the donation on the envelope. For loose check contributions, please include your envelope number in the bottom left corner. If you do not know your envelope numbber, you may contact the parish office. Also, for <u>all</u> special collections, please make the check out to "St. Matthew".

Bakers COMMUNITY REWARDS ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

Thank you to those who participate in this program. <u>We earned \$835.88 from Apr. 1 – June 30.</u>

If you do not yet participate, but would like to, follow the directions below. This does not cost you anything or take away from any other reward points you receive. Go to: www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards

1. Sign in to your online account, or create a new account if needed;

2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to "Community Rewards";

3. Click on "Enroll Now";

4. Enter 71120 and select "St. Matthew"

You may also call: 866-221-4141 to enroll your card



A positive step forward, given the current excitement about building a church, would be to install an **electronic marquee** along 36th St. in an area between the current school and future church.

This marquee would promote St Matthew to the thousands of cars traveling by each day. Purchasing one with a video capability would provide passerby's with views of students in the classroom, going to Mass, Knights working in kitchen, social gatherings, etc. *It would also help others understand the wonderful community we have at St Matthew.*

Scott Eversole has been raising funds but we now have an opportunity to move the project forward rapidly.

A party has offered to $\underline{\text{match}}$ up to \$20,000

of parishioner contributions to reach the \$40,000 needed for this project!

Donations can be dropped off in the collection basket (clearly marked MARQUEE) or sent to the parish office. Let's make this giant step forward to grow St Matthew happen!!

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC PARISH

R.C.I.A.

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) WANTS YOU!





IF YOU ARE NOT BAPTIZED AND/OR INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH, WE INVITE YOU TO SIGN UP FOR THE RCIA JOURNEY WHICH WILL BEGIN AUGUST 24, 2017 FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM.

CANDIDATE

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

NAME:					
STREET:	СІТУ:	ZIP:			

	PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING				

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR OR COMPANION FOR SOMEONE WHO IS EXPLORING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH. I AM A PRACTICING CATHOLIC AND HAVE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

NAME:		·····
	CITY:	ZIP:

HOME PHONE:______ WORK PHONE:_____

PLEASE PLACE YOUR COMPLETED FORM IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR MAIL TO: ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, RCIA 12210 S. 36TH STREET

BELLEVUE, NE 68123



IBLICATIONS

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