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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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." - Jn 6:51, 55-56

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat.	June	17	5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families
Sun.	June	18	8:30 am – Pete Kraft †
			10:30 am – Ramos Family †

Communion Service is held 7:00am Mon.-Fri.

Tues.	June	20	9:00 am – Forget Family
Wed.	June	21	9:00 am – Tessie Cole†
Thur.	June	22	9:00 am – Allen Matthew Wilson†
Fri.	June	23	9:00 am – Rev. Pat Walsh†

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat.	June	24	5:00 pm – Anna Lukasina†
Sun.	June	25	8:30 am – Don Leiber†
			10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

Communion Service is held 7:00am Mon.-Fri.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE June 24/25

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	5pm	8:30am	10:30am
EMEs	KBevan	PBrennan	SBradford
	MKathman	JSteinauer	TKopp
	JLukasina	TVeylupek	AMetzger
	PMcEvoy	CTomlinson	VNiemann
ALinbrunner		ATomlinson	MVan Slyke
	FPokorski	JWalsh	DWilson
	STracy	MWalsh	ERausch
Greeters DGrajczyk		PMendick	
	BStangler	PVeylupek	
	DKerr k	MLomax	
Lectors	JTracy	GCrews	RGivens
	JVihstadt	TMarshall	CMurray
Servers	TAdams	AAdams	JSevick
	RBrink	PTomlinson	BNicola
Ushers	DLinbrunner	TMlnarik	LBradford
	DHappe	MSchaeffer	TMedara
	MLukasina	GStoiber	APollack

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 <u>prmcevoy@gmail.com</u> or Dan Linder at <u>dan@linder.org</u>



CONGRATULATIONS! CALENDAR June 11 Dorothy Roth \$50 R June 12 Makayla Townsend \$25 E June 13 Don & Donna Medara \$25 N June 14 Manny Labrado \$25 June 15 Jeffrey Treu \$25 June 16 Sally Roth \$25 June 17 Kristina McLoud \$25

There is no need to call or "claim" your prize. Winnings will be automatically mailed out to you.

SCHEDULE FOR SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 17/18	Utilities
June 24/25	Peter's Pence

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Our next peaceful prayer vigil to end abortion, save babies and close the abortion clinic in Bellevue will be July 13 at 10:00am. We will meet at the clinic, 1002 W Mission Ave. Also, please join us for the screening of the "HUSH" film: One woman investigates the untold effects of abortion on women's health. After the film, ask a panel of medical professionals your questions about abortion. Monday, June 19, 7:00pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 5419 N. 114th St. Cost - \$5/per person donation to help fund the UNO March for Life trip.

24 HOUR EUCHARIST ADORATION

Every FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 8:00 am Fri. through 8:00 am Sat. Remember 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.

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 <u>prmcevoy@gmail.com</u> or 402-689-6457 to arrange pickup.

EMHC NEEDED

A Eucharist Minister is needed for the first Tues. of each month to take communion to patients at the Bellevue Medical Center. It takes about 1-1 1/2 hours. It can be done any time during visiting hours. Contact Phil McEvoy at 402-689-6457 or prmcevoy@gmail.com.



Welcome Hadley Bengford Baptized June 11, 2017

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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 Tom Medara, our Membership Director, at 502-4989 or John Steinauer, Grand Knight, at 402-926-6247. + + + + + + + +

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 John Steinauer, Grand Knight, at 402-926-6247.

> **Columbian Squires Chief Counselor** Phil Earsley 402-214-7877

WWG (WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD) The WWG will meet again in September.



KNITTERS NEEDED

Volunteer knitters are needed for two local community projects. This would involve knitting hats for newborns and babies. If interested please contact Mary Fran Williamson at mfw822@hotmail.com for more information.

FHC AND CONFIRMATION PICTURES

There are still a few photos left on the table in the Commons, please claim them asap.

SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY

Rebate Last Week: \$105.15

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.

ELECTRONIC MARQUEE FUNDRAISER

We have raised \$3700 toward our matching donation! So this is a total of \$7400!

There are several items available on our next silent auction: Hand Crafted Metal Cross, Cook Book, Xbox Game, Handmade Stone Desk Clock and Nature Art. Reminder, the item will change every 1-2 weeks, so check out the display often (just outside the Chapel). If you have an item you would like to donate for auction, Scott Eversole contact at sreversole@schools.archomaha.org or 402-216-1508, or drop it off at the parish or school office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Matthew parishioners are being welcomed to attend VBS at St. Mary's of Bellevue parish. Sign-up deadline is June 23, 2017. Sign-up information is on the St. Matthew website under the "VBS" tab or go directly to http://www.stmarysbellevue.org/web/ReligiousEd/Vacat ionBibleSchool.aspx website. Also, if you would like to be a youth or adult volunteer, informationis available on this website as well. We hope you will be able to take advantage of this great opportunity!

FORMED.ORG

Do you need some summer reading suggestions? Check out the books available to download to your reading devices. A few examples are: God Is Love by Pope Benedict XVI; Understanding "Our Father" - Biblical Reflections on the Lord's Prayer by Scott Hahn; and Love Unveiled - The Catholic Faith Explained by Edward Sri. It's always a great time to learn about and deepen your faith!!

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.

EMHC AND LECTOR TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming an EMHC or Lector, contact the parish office to register and plan to attend one of the training sessions listed below, as well as the Mandation Mass. These sessions are offered once annually in the Omaha archdiocese.

> Sunday, August 6 1:30-4:30pm St. Columbkille, Papillion

Tuesday, August 8 7-10pm St. Leo, Omaha

Monday, August 21 7-10pm St. Vincent De Paul, Omaha

Mandation Mass Thursday, Sept. 7pm St. Cecelia Cathedral, Omaha You must register by July 21

FAITH DIRECT

Did you know that June 21 - the first day of summer - is National eGiving Day? St. Matthew can take particular joy in this celebration, as the response to eGiving in our church has been wonderful. To build on this success, our goal is for St. Matthew families to put envelopes on a permanent summer vacation and make the switch to eGiving. The more families who welcome the beginning of summer by participating in direct deposit, the more consistency and predictable our offertory will be month after month. To participate: Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NE489. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!



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!



IMPORTANT ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING WE NEED HELP!

Attention St. Matthew Parents: On Tuesday,

June 27, at 6:00 PM in the Commons, there will be an important meeting to identify new Athletic Board members for next year to ensure we have a basketball and volleyball program. We need at least 4 volunteers for the Athletic Board for next school year. All volunteers need to attend this meeting. Contact Ed Rausch at 402-650-5693 or edwardrausch@yahoo.com for information or questions. If we do not get any volunteers, the athletic program is in jeopardy. See you on June 27 at 6:00 PM. Thank you.



NEXT SUNDAY

Join the Knights for a pancake breakfast next Sunday, June 25 from 9-11:45am. Free will donations will benefit the Gabriela home.

ST. MATTHEW JOB OPENINGS

St. Matthew School has two paid,

part-time positions open:

<u>IT Coordinator</u> Duties would include software updating, network maintenance and coordinating with Parish and Archdiocese IT providers.

<u>Spanish Facilitator</u> Duties include monitoring children as they utilize the Rosetta Stone program. Spanish speaker preferred.

Please contact the school office if you are interested 402-291-2030.

LIGHT\$ AROUND OUR CAMPU\$

Please be conscientious when using the lights on our campus. Our utility expenses have been on the rise, so whenever possible use the least amount of lighting possible. If you see extra lights on, please turn them off. We appreciate everyone's effort in helping to lower utility bills.

MERCY & MARY RETREAT ~ SEPT 15-16

Join the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy for an inspiring retreat featuring Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC and experience the time of mercy! To be held in Ralston, St. Gerald, Sept. 15-16, 2017. \$49.95 There are five dynamic conferences from Fr. Michael Gaitley.• There will be coffee and doughnuts, lunch with the Marian Missionaries, Retreat Mass and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, personal testimonies, book signing with Fr. Gaitley and so much more! The link to register is:

http://events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-retreat-ralston/

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.

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: <u>stmatthew.bel@archomaha.org</u>.

"THE *PATHWAY TO OUR CHURCH"* COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS ARE ON SALE

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.

GARAGE SALE SUCCESS!!

THANK YOU AGAIN TO MARY KAY MARSHAL AND CREW FOR ALL THEIR TIME AND WORK IN ORGANIZING THE GARAGE SALE. OUR **PROFIT** IS: **\$6432.50**



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!!

Religious Education Update

Deacon Mark White, Director

There certainly has been a lot going on in religious education and faith formation at St. Matthew's! But, the dust barely settles from one activity before we're on to the next--and that's a blessing! I'd like to update the parish on three items – *First Holy Sacraments*, *Vacation Bible School*, and *Family-Based Catechesis*.

First Holy Sacraments! As listed by name in the May 7th bulletin, there were 61 of Jesus' disciples who received their first Holy Sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation) during the Lenten and Easter seasons. The St. Matthew community continues to offer our pravers of praise and thanksgiving as we continue our pilgrimage on our own faith journey along with these faithful. We also offer our thanks to all the families, sponsors, friends, teachers, catechists, and the many assistants who were key to supporting these disciples as they closelv encounter Jesus through more His sacraments.

Vacation Bible School (VBS). This summer St. Matthew's families will have the opportunity to attend VBS as we are partnering with St. Mary's Church in Bellevue. VBS will be Monday, 26 June to Friday, 30 June 2017 at St. Mary's School. The program will be fun-filled and its theme is "The Makers Fun Factory. Created by God. Built for a Purpose." You can find the sign up information on the St. Matthew's website (see below) under the "VBS" Make sure you indicate your parish is St. tab. Matthew's on the registration form. We are also looking for adult and youth volunteers to assist with VBS. If you're interested in being a volunteer, please let me know. Also, volunteers can watch the website for continually updating information relevant to them. In the long-term we plan to continue working with St. Mary's to have fun and exciting VBS opportunities-to include alternately hosting VBS between St. Mary's and St. Matthew's parishes. Please watch for future bulletins announcing sign-up opportunities after Or, go to the website to register weekend Mass. now.

Family-Based Catechesis (FBC). The St. Matthew's **"Wednesday Night" RE program** is transitioning next fall to a FBC program. The FBC model of religious education is based on the Catholic teaching

that "Parents are the primary educators in the Faith." In FBC, a core team catechizes the parents or guardians of our parish youth. This catechesis occurs during a once-a-month 75-minute session. The catechized parents then go forth provided with two home lesson plans to cover as a family during the month. The goal is to increase the faith formation of entire families, not "just" the children. This then also helps build-up the faith life of the entire parish. While the primary participants of FBC is projected to be the Wednesday night RE youth and families, parishes implementing this model have found it fruitful to offer it to the entire parish, i.e. the 5school families. empty nesters. dav sinale parishioners, etc. In other words, the once-monthly group teaching session is open to the entire parish! The program we're choosing is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This will be a great opportunity for parish adult faith formation as well as our parish youths' formation. Please watch for a future bulletin announcing Information sessions about this exciting new program.

Questions, Feedback, or Need More Information? Although always a work in progress, my goal is to keep the **St. Matthew's website** updated with timely and relevant education and formation information. Additionally, feel free to **email, call, or stop by** the DRE office--contact information below.

The Religious Education **office hours** are typically:

School in Session: 9:30a to 11:00a 2:30p to 5:30p School Not in Session: 9:30a to 11:00a (Tue and Thu)

DRE Contact Information: <u>MHWhite@ArchOmaha.org</u> 402 292-7928 <u>HTTP://WWW.STMATTHEWBELLEVU</u> <u>E.ORG/</u>



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