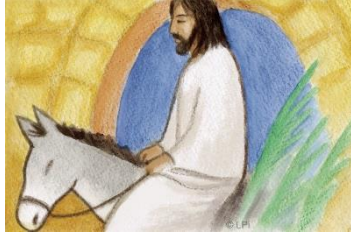


# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



## PALM SUNDAY

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" - Mk 11:9-

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Mar. 24 5:00 pm – Bernie Roman †  
Sun. Mar. 25 8:30 am – St. Matthew Families  
10:30 am – David Jenuwine †

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Tues. Mar. 27 9:00 am – St. Matthew Families  
Wed. Mar. 28 9:00 am – Stolinski Family †  
Thur. Mar. 29 6:00 pm – Rev. Dennis R. Stolinski †  
Fri. Mar. 30 6:00 pm – Good Friday Service

### MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Mar. 31 8:15 pm – Helena Hornick †  
Sun. April 1 8:30 am – St. Matthew Families  
10:30 am – Gene Peter †

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ministry Schedules are emailed the week prior to the new schedule. 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 call a substitute.* If you wish to be removed from the ministry schedule or sub list, or need a copy of the substitute list; contact the parish office.

## 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](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com) or Dan Linder @ [dan@linder.org](mailto:dan@linder.org)

## SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

April 21

Utilities

## Lenten Schedule

### Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Tuesdays 6:00pm Chapel

Thursdays 2:30pm

### Reconciliation

Monday & Wednesday: 6:00pm

Tuesday: Following Stations of the Cross

Friday: 12:00pm

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sundays: Following 10:30am Mass



Holy Thursday ~ 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross ~ 3:00 pm Friday

Good Friday ~ 6:00pm

Easter Vigil ~ 8:15pm

Easter Sunday ~ 8:30 & 10:30am

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### APRIL 8

Holy Hour of Mercy

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Praises

Reconciliation

*Please sign up for ministries, on the table  
outside of the Chapel, in the Commons.*



*Welcome  
Angel Diaz  
Janae Hodges  
Jordyn Hodges  
Baptized March 17, 2018*



**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



**WWG~WOMEN WORKING FOR GOD**

We are collecting food for an Easter dinner and to stock up the pantry for the Safe Haven. Sign up to help on the WWG table in the

Commons. Next meeting will be Tues., Mar. 27 at 6:30pm.

**SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY**

*Last Week's Rebate: \$85.02*

Scrip rebates not designated to a 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.

**24 HOUR EUCHARIST ADORATION**

Adoration is held 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 at 402-689-6457 or pmrcevoy@gmail.com.

**SPRING CLEANING**



Just a reminder our Garage Sale is coming up June 7 – 9. Your trash is someone else's treasure! Items can be dropped off beginning June 3. More details to come.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Students from St. Matthew School recently competed in the 3rd stage of the **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Completion**. Congratulations to **Brianna Gregg**, who was a **winner at the Regional Level** Competition last Sunday at Skutt Catholic High School! She will be moving on to the 4th stage of the competition at the State level on April 7th in Grand Island.



**UPON THIS ROCK**

*"May the LORD guard our going and coming both now and forever. Amen.*

Psalm 121:8

*Total Pledges: 262  
Total Pledged: \$2,350,331  
Total Collected: \$532,720.53*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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First Holy Eucharist Mass Our St. Matthew School and Religious Education youth will be receiving their First Holy Eucharist at Mass on **Sunday, April 8th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Worship Area. Please pray for our youth, and their teachers/catechists, as they enter the final stage of preparation for receiving this Sacrament as well as their First Reconciliation. All parishioners are invited and welcomed to attend this Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark.

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.

## **COULD THIS BE SOMETHING FOR YOU?**

In anticipation of the number of new members joining St Matthew as our church is built, we want to roll out the welcome mat to each and every new person who walks through the doors. Would you be interested in being a part of the Welcoming Team? This team will make initial calls to new members and ensure they have a friendly face to greet them before or after Masses. You could be a "sponsor person/couple" to answer questions about St Matthew or simply be a new parish friend. Join our team now and contribute to maintaining our reputation as a welcoming community. Contact Angie or Dan, the Office, or e-mail Ron Hall @ ronhall43@cox.net to find out more about the Welcoming Committee.



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

For enrollment and tuition information visit:  
[www.stmatthewbellevuene.net](http://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<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **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."

### **FORMED.ORG**

Enrich your Easter with many faith formation materials at your fingertips for FREE. Find programs, audio presentation, movies and eBooks from trusted partners like the Augustine Institute, St. Paul Center, Ignatius Press and others. Here are just a few suggestions:

Program – Forgive

Audio Talk - The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin

Movie – Mary of Nazareth

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 everyone that attended Dr. Pat Castle's presentation on Tuesday. We hope you were informed and inspired! Visit Liferunners.org for more information about his apostolate. Please mark your calendar for our next monthly prayer vigil on Friday, April 13, from 10:00 - 11:00am. We meet at the clinic in Bellevue at 1002 W Mission Ave. Contact Kevin and Janice Todd at janicotoddcmc@msn.com or 402-871-4699 for more information or if you would like a pro-life prayer booklet to guide your prayer hour.

*Intercessions for Life* May Christ give us the grace of loving self-sacrifice, as we cherish every person's life; We pray to the Lord:

*Words of Life* "Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that 'everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as "another self," above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity.'" Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1931.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

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 janicotoddcmc@msn.com to register by April 3 or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!

### **DIVINE MERCY DOCUMENTARY**

**This Sunday, March 25**, join us in the library from 5:00 – 6:30pm to learn about the message and devotion of Divine Mercy in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8. We will watch The Face of Mercy - Pope Francis has inspired millions by urging the world to embrace Mercy. The essence of this call is revealed in The face of Mercy, an extraordinary new documentary film narrated by Jim Caviezel. Watch its story unfold, from St. Faustina's powerful visions of a merciful God, to her countryman Pope John Paul II, who propelled the message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage. Weaving together theology and history with modern testimonials and visual effects – this stirring film creates a remarkable tapestry of what constitutes the face of mercy in our modern world. We will close by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please bring your Rosary. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

## SEMINARY VISIT

APRIL 14-16

The Vocations Office is planning a spring visit to Conception Seminary College, "Encounter with God's Call". If you know of anyone who is discerning a call to the priesthood and would be interested in attending, please contact [vocations@archomaha.org](mailto:vocations@archomaha.org) or call 402.558.3100, ext. 3010.

## SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON DEALL

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

## 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 [prmcevoy@gmail.com](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com) or 402-689-6457.



## COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

WOW...8505 pounds and climbing! We have delivered 141 pounds of food to the Bellevue Food Pantry. As we pray, fast, and attend to those in need during the

Lenten season, I am encouraged at the generosity of the St. Matthew Community. Thanks again to all the Knights of Columbus and Parish Members that have volunteered to weigh and deliver the food each week.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Cloisters on the Platte would like to invite the women of St Matthew's parish to an upcoming retreat September 20-23. For more information go to the website [cloistersontheplatte.com](http://cloistersontheplatte.com). To register please contact Darla Koch at 402-618-2598 or [darlajkoch@yahoo.com](mailto:darlajkoch@yahoo.com)

## SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

The Auction continues to generate great funds for the Capital Campaign. We have raised \$1,867 towards our Capital Campaign Goal of \$5,000. I think the best part of the project is the wonderful support of those donating items. Many say, "I'm not sure if anyone will bid on this" but I get to hear the other side also, "Oh, I love that item." So, keep the donations coming. A reminder that you can leave items under the Auction table and I will get them. One additional note on making payment easier. There are envelopes at the table that can be dropped in the SVDP box. They have graciously agreed to forward those payments to the parish. Also, please remember to include your phone number when you bid. For more information or questions, contact Scott Eversole at [sreversole@schools.archomaha.org](mailto:sreversole@schools.archomaha.org)

ANOTHER **BRICK ORDER** WILL BE PLACED IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. ALL THE ORDERS PLACED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS WILL BE SENT IN. ORDER FORMS ARE BY THE SACRISTY IN THE COMMONS. YOU CAN PLACE YOUR ORDER IN THE COLLECTION, DROP OFF IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE, OR PARISH OFFICE OR ORDER ONLINE - SEE THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE.

## "THE PATHWAY TO OUR CHURCH" COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

(AN ONGOING FUNDRAISER)

*The next brick order will be placed in early Spring.  
Still plenty of time to get your order in!*

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](http://stmatthewbellevue.org)*

## 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](mailto:walkhisland@outlook.com)

visit: [www.walkhisland.com](http://www.walkhisland.com) complete itinerary

## 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](mailto:mfw822@hotmail.com).



COME TO THE

# MARQUEE DEDICATION **PALM SUNDAY**

MARCH 25

AFTER 10:30 AM MASS



JOIN THE PROCESSION OF PALMS OUT TO THE NEW SIGN  
STAY TO PLANT A DAFFODIL TO SIGNIFY NEW CHURCH/NEW LIFE

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SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY MAY 4

# MAY DAY CROWNING

at the 9:00 AM FIRST FRIDAY ALL-SCHOOL MASS



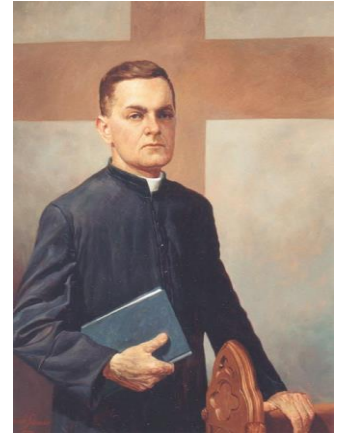


# *Knights of Columbus* *Saint Matthew* *Council 11879*



## **FR. LEO WANTS YOU!**

### **TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS**



The Knights of Columbus was founded by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and a group of men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut on March 29, 1882. From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action.

Knights of Columbus can be found on both the International and local level. Worldwide, there are nearly 1.8 million members who annually give over \$170 million and over 70 million hours of volunteer service to charitable causes. Within the State of Nebraska, the Knights of Columbus are a tremendous presence with more than 26,000 members in 173 Councils. Each year the Knights in Nebraska conduct annual drives for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and to provide Coats for Kids in need. The Nebraska Knights are staunch supporters of religious vocations through our Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) campaign, which provides support to many seminarians. Our disaster relief program helps victims of natural disasters. Finally, the Nebraska Knights are proud to be a Pro-Life organization and are partners in placing eight (8) ultrasound machines in pregnancy resource centers around our state. Our Council does their share, but we could do even more with your help!

The only way the Knights of Columbus can continue their good works in the church and community is with you on our side. We need every practical Catholic, 18 years or older to join us, so that they too can be part of the 'Experience of a Lifetime'.

Being a Knight of Columbus can be a tremendous blessing to those who say "YES." Participation in the many programs can help a Catholic man better live out his Catholic faith and even become a better husband & father. And, you'll have fun in the process! Please accept this invitation and become a Knight of Columbus.

This weekend, there will be Knights from our Council available to answer any questions you or your family may have about becoming a Knight and about our Council.

If you didn't have time this weekend, or if you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Pat Brennan at 402-592-5027 or [patrickjbrennan@cox.net](mailto:patrickjbrennan@cox.net).