

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Oct. 6 5:00 pm – Bernice Zakaras †  
Sun. Oct. 7 8:30 am – St. Matthew Families  
10:30 am – Matt & Jenny Medara

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Tues. Oct. 9 9:00 am – Paul Beaudoin †  
Wed. Oct. 10 9:00 am – Stolinski Family  
Thur. Oct. 11 9:00 am – Michelle Forget  
Fri. Oct. 12 9:00 am – Larry Osborn †

### MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Oct. 13 5:00 pm – Charlie Baxley †  
Sun. Oct. 14 8:30 am – Rev. Dennis Stolinski †  
10:30 am – Sylvia Loecker †

## NOTICE TO LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Oct./Nov. schedule was emailed last week. If you did not receive the schedule, please contact the office. As always, the schedule is available on line and limited hard-copies are available in the Commons.

## MASS GREETERS NEEDED

*Job Duties include:* Smiling, greeting & handing out misselettes. Contact the parish office. *No prior experience required. Adults only.*

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is scheduled by contacting Phil McEvoy at [prmcevoy@gmail.com](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com) or Dan Linder at [dan@linder.org](mailto:dan@linder.org).

## 24 HOUR EUCHARIST ADORATION

Adoration is held every FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 8:00am Friday through 8:00am Saturday *Multiple people can attend each hour.* If you would like to be a sub, sign up on the table outside of the Chapel. Reminder: If you are unable to keep your commitment, please contact a sub. Contact is Phil McEvoy at 402-689-6457 or [prmcevoy@gmail.com](mailto:prmcevoy@gmail.com).



## WHAT IS THE RCIA AND WHO IS IT FOR?

The RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process of inquiring into and or becoming a member of the Catholic Church.

---It is for the unbaptized who seek to become members of the Church.

---It is for those baptized in another Christian faith

---It is for those Catholics who wish to complete their faith formation through Confirmation and First Communion.

If you feel that God is calling you to a fuller participation in the church, RCIA is for you. All sessions meet Thursdays, 7:00 pm in the lower part of the parish office. The next session is September 20! Registration forms are available in the Commons and on the website.

## SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

*All checks made out to St. Matthew*

October 20/21 Maintenance Fund

October 27/28 World Mission

If you are not using envelopes, please write your envelope number in the memo line. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, just call or email the parish office.

*This will help cut mailing expenses. Thank you!*

## FAITH DIRECT

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Matthew the Evangelist. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NE489. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

## GIFT IDEAS

When considering a charitable gift to St. Matthew remember some of these gift options: A gift of securities, a gift of a life insurance policy, an estate gift through your Will and/or Trust or a year-end gift of cash.

For more information on how to do so, please contact Tony LaMar, Legacy Planning Officer, Archdiocese of Omaha at 402-557-5650 or [ajlamar@archomaha.org](mailto:ajlamar@archomaha.org)

## ST. MATTHEW COMMEMORATIVE COINS

If you missed your chance to get the first coin in our collectible series, no worries...we have received more! They are available in the Parish Office for \$10. Profits will benefit the new church.





**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 not receiving emails, check your spam email.*

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, crutches and a home-use oxygenator. 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**



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16. Please note this is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 6:30pm in the Commons.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The financial resources generated through this appeal fund 23% of the archdiocesan budget and make certain programs, personnel and services are fully available to serve our parishes, schools, individuals and families. The goal this year is \$35,941.73. Please mail these directly to the archdiocese.

**SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY**

Last Week's Rebate: \$21.65



**Volunteer Sales People Needed:** Duties include: Selling scrip cards before and after masses, taking inventory and securing cards before and after your sales shift. *Please prayerfully consider if either if this is something you might be able to help with, and contact the parish office at 402-292-7418.*

**PET Blessing**

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ NOON  
IN BACK PARKING LOT.



*"Set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity." 1 Tm 4:12*

Total Pledges: 264  
Total Pledged: \$2,354,411.00  
Total Collected: \$1,067,511.36

**NEW CHURCH UPDATE**

*...and so it begins!*

*Construction trailer is on location and construction fence is scheduled to go up Monday, October 8!*

**PATHWAY BRICKS**

As an ongoing fundraiser...Pathway Bricks are being sold for \$100. These bricks will be used to build the actual Pathway to OUR Church. You may personalize your brick in any way that is meaningful to you. Simply fill out the form located in the Commons or pick one up in the office. Be a part of OUR Pathway, OUR church family, 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)

**"GO FUND ME" PAGE**

\$475 Total raised to date.



In an effort to reach outside of the parish to help fund our new church, we have established a "Go Fund Me" page (thanks to Tim & Ariel Tompsett). We would also like to share the link to this page with you, in hopes that you will be willing to share it on your personal social media sites. *If you haven't seen the school video...it is worth the watch! (See what the kids know about "pews" and "kneelers"!)*

<https://www.gofundme.com/a-pathway-to-our-church>

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The memorial committee is looking for someone interested in helping with the following tasks: Tracking/logging memorials received and sending thank you letters, as needed. This is generally completed in approximately 1-2 hours a month and training will be provided. Would this be a way that you are able share your time and talent with our parish community? If so, call the parish office: 402-292-7418.



## **LOVING LIFE MINISTRY**

**LIFE CHAIN THIS SUNDAY** The annual Life Chain is this Sun, Oct 7, from 2:00 – 3:00pm. We would love to fill our assigned block, the southeast corner of 72<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge, with our St. Matthew community and LIFE Runners. Come and be witnesses for the dignity of all life, especially the unborn, in the center of Omaha! Signs will be provided. LIFE Runners please wear your jersey. Jesus said to his disciple “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?”

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE Prayer Day this Friday** Through Nov 4, you’re invited to join other Christians around the world for the 40 Days for Life campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Pray at home, but more importantly, pray in front of the abortion mill in our town, especially Thurs – Sat when the mill is open. (1002 Mission Ave, Bellevue) Let us bring hope and be a joyful presence of love to mothers and fathers looking for help in the face of a desperate time. This Friday, Oct 12, is **St. Matthew’s Prayer Day** and **Sat, Nov 3, is LIFE Runners Prayer Day**. We would love two prayer warriors/Life Runners every hour throughout both days from 8:00am – 8:00pm. **Here's how to sign up in 3 easy steps:** 1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on [SignUp.com](http://signup.com/login/entry/856981883463018035): <http://signup.com/login/entry/856981883463018035> 2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on [SignUp.com](http://signup.com)) 3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - [SignUp.com](http://signup.com) will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy! Note: [SignUp.com](http://signup.com) does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Kevin and Janice or there are sign-up sheets in the Commons.

**Sidewalk Advocacy Training** If you would like to learn how to do sidewalk advocacy, Dr. Pat Castle, founder of LIFE Runners, will show us the most effective method to reach abortion bound mothers and fathers. Join us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom (Bldg 2) this Tues, Oct 9, at 7:00pm. All In Christ for Pro-Life!

**I looked, and there was a pale green horse. Its rider was named Death. ~ Rev 6:8**

**(Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Oct 13)**

**Reflection:** Our Lady of Fatima warned that without conversion, Russia would spread its errors throughout the world, leading to the annihilation of nations. That was in 1917.

Three years later, Russia first legalized abortion—and error has indeed spread world-wide and continues to annihilate some 50 million children a year.

**Prayer:** *Lord, You have warned us of evils, and You have also promised salvation. Protect us; save us; raise us up.* (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr Frank Pavone of [Priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org)) Please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or [janicetoddcmc@msn.com](mailto:janicetoddcmc@msn.com) with any Loving Life Ministry questions.



## **PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**

**Saturday, Oct 13 ~ 12 Noon**

**Near the Marquee Sign**

Plan to join the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

## **CROISE**

### **WORLD PREMIER CHALLENGE HOUR OF PRAYER**

October 15 at 7pm

St. Cecilia’s Cathedral

Astounding Music, Preaching & Adoration

A new Faith and Goalsetting Journey for men over 18.

## **WEEKLY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR**

Join your fellow parishioners in a weekly Holy Hour on Sunday evenings from 5p to 6p in the St. Matthew Chapel. During the Holy Hour we adore our Lord in Eucharistic Exposition, offer our prayers to include an on-going Novena, and close with Benediction and Evening Prayer (Vespers). Parishes are encouraged to join in community for the Liturgy of the Hours, especially the Evening Prayer on Sundays (Sacrosanctum Concilium). The current Novena that we’re offering is for a Rebirth of Chasity and Purity. Come offer your prayers for this intention, as well as your own, in the presence of Jesus during this Holy Hour of Exposition. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark ([mhwhite@archomaha.org](mailto:mhwhite@archomaha.org)).

## **LOVE AND LIFE PROGRAM #1**

**I + YOU = WE**

October 20-21, St. Joan of Arc, cost is \$150 per couple. This is a unique couples’ weekend. Two day worth of lectures, workshops, and dialogue, that will lead you through 6 simple steps to real joy in marriage. Retreat Master is Fr. Jay Szymczak from the Institute of the Holy Family, Lomianki, Poland. Contact Lisa and Kevin Ciecior at 402-658-2718 or email questions to [familycare.omaha@gmail.com](mailto:familycare.omaha@gmail.com).

## **GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE**

Grieving with Great Hope is a five-week grief workshop/support group, firmly grounded in the Catholic faith, for adults who have experienced the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, friend or any loved one. Offered by the Catholic community of Columbus, NE on Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 11:00 am, October 11 – November 15 (skipping October 18) at St. Anthony’s Parish Center in Columbus. \$20 registration fee. Scholarships are available. Please register by October 8 by calling Dianne at St. Bonaventure at 402-564-7151.

## BASKETBALL ~ OPEN GYM

The St. Matthew gym will be open every Sunday from 5:00-6:00 PM for playing basketball Aug 19. This "open gym" is for boys and girls of all grade levels (including high schoolers) who plan on playing basketball for a St. Matthew basketball team this season.

## DESKS, CHAIRS AND TABLES FOR SALE

The school has some excess furniture for sale. We will be posting these items for sale on social media, but wanted to give first dibs to parishioners. You may view these items and details on the front page of our website.

## CALLING ALL KNITTERS/CROCHETERS



Holidays are coming! Volunteer knitters and crocheters are needed for two local community projects to knit/crochet hats for newborns and babies, especially for Thanksgiving and Christmas! If interested, contact Mary Fran Williamson at [mfw822@hotmail.com](mailto:mfw822@hotmail.com).

## BAKER'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATES. THIS QUARTER WE RECEIVED \$822.66!! *This program does not cost you anything or take away from any other reward points you receive.*

To join, go to: [www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards](http://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 PF663 and select "St. Matthew"

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



**Next Saturday, 13 October, 5:30PM – 7:00PM.**

Please join the St Matthew Knights of Columbus in the commons for a Spaghetti / Pasta Dinner. Enjoy a great meal of pasta, meatballs, homemade Italian sausage and delicious sauce. Salad, garlic bread and drinks will also be served. Your free will offering will benefit Gabriel's Corner and the Pro-life services they provide at no cost, including an ultrasound of the baby. Their caring, professional, confidential counseling provides Hope and Help for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Dine-in or take-out.



## PARISH STORAGE PROGRAM

*A message from our*

*Parish Storage Authority:*  
The members of our parish here at Saint Matthew's have always been very generous. Many have donated valuable items for use by our parish and school. However, we have developed a problem.

Our parish campus has very limited storage capability available to keep donated items. In order to ensure we are keeping what is needed for future use and to eliminate those items we no longer have a need for, we have developed a Storage Program.

Any person or organization desiring to provide, donate or appropriate items for our parish that require storage for some future use by the parish or school will require approval from the Parish Storage Authority prior to delivery of any items to the parish complex.

This requirement is not applicable to those donating to the Silent Auction Program, the Craft Fair, the Knight's of Columbus Medical Equipment, Loan Pantry or the Annual Parish Garage Sale. The organizers of these programs will be responsible for the acceptance, safe storage and distribution of any such donated items. The organizers of these activities shall insure that items are safely stored, that coordination with the Facility Lead for temporary storage of any items is accomplished and that any residue of donated items is eliminated from temporary storage as soon as possible after the activity has concluded.

More specific information including request forms may be obtained from the Parish Administrative Office. Requests for approval will be received by the Parish Administration Office who will forward them to the approving authority for consideration.

*Thank you for all you do for our parish.*

## FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS

ALL parishioners are warmly welcomed to attend St. Matthew's monthly FBC sessions. This year we'll be learning more about the Sacraments of Christ's Church. During these once-monthly sessions, the adults will meet in the Worship Area (gym) while the youth meet with their grade-specific catechists in one of the school's classrooms. You can find out more about the FBC program at the RE/FBC tab on the parish website [StMatthewBellevue.org](http://StMatthewBellevue.org) or by contacting Deacon Mark ( [mhwhite@archomaha.org](mailto:mhwhite@archomaha.org) ).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us as we continue the **Hearts Afire Parish-based program with the book *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* by Fr. Michael Gaitley**. This 10-week program focuses on the devotion to Jesus' Sacred Heart and gives us an awareness of God's infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy, showing us the way to console His heart by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely. It is based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Come learn more about our beautiful Divine Mercy Image! Classes will be on Sundays, 5:00 – 6:30pm, in Bldg 1 OR Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00pm, in the school library (Bldg 2). Classes will begin Oct 14 OR 15. Cost for the book is only \$5.

Join us for a 3-week program called **FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession on Thursdays**, October 11, 18 and 25 from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the library. "FORGIVEN explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, FORGIVEN communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." This program is especially recommended for parents who have children receiving their First Reconciliation in November or who recently received this Sacrament but ALL are encouraged to come learn more about this wonderful Sacrament. The cost is only \$6 for the participant guide.

*Please contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or [janicetoddmc@msn.com](mailto:janicetoddmc@msn.com) to register by Tuesday, October 2, or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!*

## NEW BIBLE STUDY! A WINDOW INTO THE SPIRITUALITY OF PAUL BEGINS OCTOBER 9-10

Join us for a new Bible study on the Spirituality of St. Paul. Explore key biblical passages from the early church's most influential evangelist and discover the rich spiritual tradition of Paul that continues to influence believers today. This study draws us into the power of Jesus' cross and resurrection not only in our lives but also in the lives of key historical figures who embodied Paul's spirituality.

Choose either the evening session, which begins Tuesday, October 9th, from 7-8:30 pm in the St. Matthew school library (middle building), or the morning session, which begins Wednesday, October 10th, from 9:30-11 am at Thanksgiving! Lutheran Church at the corner of 36th Street and Hwy. 370. Childcare is available during the Wednesday morning session for a small fee. Cost for the study set is \$15.

*Please contact Susan Tracy to sign up so that books may be ordered, or if you have questions.  
Call 402-292-4986 (leave a message) or email: [srtracy2@icloud.com](mailto:srtracy2@icloud.com).*

## SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON DEALL

Meeting every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm., parishioners and their families can enjoy a walk through the readings for the upcoming Mass. During this study you'll discuss the history, the people, the writers themselves and the unique situations surrounding the readings and the books in which they're found. Though only an hour, it's filled with informatin, laughter, learning and most of all, there's lots of food – always food. All are welcome from early teens to kids at heart.

## FORMED.ORG

Get FORMED Now! It's EASY and FREE to Register!

Go to [stmatthewbellevue.formed.org](http://stmatthewbellevue.formed.org), click "Register" and enter your name, email address, and desired password and you're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED! We recommend you start with *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*. FORMED also has an app for Apple or Android mobile devices! Go to the Apple App store or the Google Play store and do a search for FORMED, then download the free App. You will now have beautiful Catholic content available in only 1 click, anytime and anyplace. Pick of the Week:

FORMED PICK

### Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Experience the Power of God's Mercy

Join Fr. Michael Gaitley on a breathtaking journey to uncover the reality of God's merciful love as he weaves together history, Sacred Scripture, the prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and the world-changing witnesses of Saint Faustina, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope Saint John Paul II.

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)

"This series will change your life! Fr. Gaitley has scored another home run with this series."  
—Dan S. Milledgeville, GA



**MORE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Listen: Brother Francis
- Watch: John XXIII
- Watch: True Reformers
- Ep. 5: Saint Teresa
- Watch: Lectio: Peter Ep. 9
- Watch: Symbolon
- Ep.9: Mary and the Saints







## Special Gifts—Updated September 2018


Thank you for helping us to check

**Some of the items off of this list! New items added!**

The following items could not be funded through the annual budgeting channels because of the limited amount of revenue generated in a year. These items remain needed and hopefully a parishioner or group of parishioners might be interested in funding one or more privately. The estimated cost of each item is provided. Please contact the Parish Office if interested, or simply drop your *clearly noted* contribution in the collection basket.

1. Install electronic marquee on 36<sup>th</sup> Street. est. \$50K 
2. Rectory repairs \$8,500 
3. Replace/repair windows in the Rectory \$15K 
4. Mudjacking \$1475 –\_Needed sidewalk repairs due to annual safety inspection. 
5. New computers for our teachers \$12K *down to \$1,900K* Computers have been purchased for most of our teachers. We are still in need of 2 more computers.
6. Concrete pad for dumpsters \$5K A concrete pad is needed to prevent any further damage to our asphalt caused by the heavy garbage trucks that service us.
7. Classroom Lighting update for efficiency est. \$24K) *Partially Funded* ~2 classrooms completed Upgrading the classroom lighting would enhance the learning experience and reduce utility bill.
8. Materials for maintaining playground \$3K. Minutemen are working on this project.
9. Motorized utility vehicle (new or used) \$4.5-6K. To be used by our maintenance staff and Minutemen for hauling equipment/supplies throughout our campus.
10. St. Matthew School is looking to create a new hands-on makerspace in our media center. In order to make this dream a reality, there are items that would be wonderful to have. In addition to the generosity of our parishioners who may be able to help fund these items, we would love the support and time of any parishioner willing to help research, find, and write **grant opportunities** to fund items like these as well as other possible items for our school. Please contact our school principal, Angie Palmer, if you are interested: [acpalmer@schools.archomaha.org](mailto:acpalmer@schools.archomaha.org)

### Technology items for new makerspace:

- iPads- \$370 each  (10 iPads received via an Archdiocesan Grant)
- 3D printer \$1500
- Robotic kits
  - Spheros \$130 each
  - Dot and Dash robots \$149 each
  - Bee bots \$140 each
- Circuit boards
  - Little bits \$159
  - Makey Makeys \$49 each or classroom kit of 12 for \$700
- 3D Doodle pens \$99 each
- Building/hands on materials
  - Legos (new or used)
  - Tegu- magnetic wooded block sets \$220-400 each

Kenex \$100