

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 15 5:00 pm – St. Matthew Families  
Sun. Sept 16 9:30 am – Peter Beaudoin  
10:30 am – Reynette AhSam †

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Tues. Sept 18 9:00 am – John Kotera †  
Wed. Sept 19 9:00 am – Rev. Dennis R. Stolinski †  
Thur. Sept 20 9:00 am – Forget Family  
Fri. Sept 21 9:00 am – Mary Schneider †

### MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 22 5:00 pm – Reynette AhSam †  
Sun. Sept 23 9:30 am – St. Matthew Families  
10:30 am – Richard Schneider †

### 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

## FAITH DIRECT

Thank you for being a part of our St. Matthew the Evangelist family! As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy autumn, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. 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**

Ladies, join us for the first meeting of the year Tuesday, September 25 @ 6:30 pm in the Commons. Trish Wallinger will share pictures of her trip to the Holy Land. We will also have snacks and refreshments. Come and enjoy an evening with other ladies of the parish.

**SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY**

Last Week's Rebate: \$41.14

WANTED YOUR HELP



**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.*

**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.* 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.*



*"May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us--yes, establish the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17*

Total Pledges: 264  
 Total Pledged: \$2,354,411.00  
 Total Collected: \$1,029,555.36

**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.

**ST. MATTHEW PTO/KNIGHTS FOOD DRIVE**

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Matthew, we are collecting food for the Bellevue Food Pantry from Sept. 1-25. Please drop off your items in the wagons located in the vestibule.

## LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

Thank you so much for those who joined us for the Hope for the Homeless walk on September 8. It was a lot of fun and with our Life Runners jerseys we witnessed the sanctity of life. Thanks also to those who joined us in prayer for our monthly vigil and at the Vigil for Life at St. Mary's. Please continue your commitment to the pro-life message and ministry!

### LIFE CHAIN

The annual Life Chain is Sunday, October 7, 2:00 – 3:00pm. We would love to fill our assigned block, the southeast corner of 72nd and Dodge, with St. Matthew parishioners/Life Runners. Come and be witnesses for the dignity of all life in the center of Omaha!

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

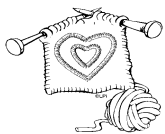
From Sept 26 – Nov 4, you're invited to join other Christians around the world for the 40 Days for Life campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Pray at home, but more importantly, pray in front of the abortion mill in our town, especially Thurs – Sat when the mill is open. (1002 Mission St, Bellevue) Let us bring hope and be a joyful presence of love to people looking for help in the face of a desperate time. Mark your calendar for St. Matthew's Prayer Day on Sat, Oct 13, and for Life Runners' Prayer Day on Sat, Nov 3. We would love two prayer warriors/Life Runners every hour throughout both days from 8:00am – 8:00pm. Sign-up sheets are in the Commons.

**Deliver us from the evil one. ~Mt 6:13**

**Reflection:** The evil of September 11, 2001 was not simply that lives were lost, but that some human beings had a blatant contempt for the right of other human beings to live. The same contempt for human life is found in every abortion clinic. What moral difference does it make if the instrument of death is an airplane or surgical forceps? The evil we fight is a reflection of the evil we do.

**Prayer:** Lord, [as I remember] this sad anniversary I resolve to defend all life, whatever threatens it. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr Frank Pavone of [Priestsforlife.org](http://Priestsforlife.org))

**(FYI:** According to Dr. Pat Castle, Life Runners founder, currently nationwide there are 2,500 abortions every day! . In the 9/11 attacks, 2,996 died. 9/11 continues to happen every day in our nation in our abortion clinics. Fortunately, the number has been steadily decreasing since 1991. There are 125,000 abortions every day worldwide.)



### CALLING ALL KNITTERS/CROCHTERS

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).

## 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 ongoing 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) ).



### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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.

### BASKETBALL ~ OPEN GYM

The St. Matthew gym will be open every Sunday from 5:00-6:00 PM for playing basketball beginning 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.



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 Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS) and the Pro-life services EPS provides at no cost. No woman leaves an EPS center without the help she needs to make an informed choice. Dine-in or take-out.

THIS Saturday, 15 September, 5:30PM – 7:00PM.

### SOCCER CHALLENGE

Knights of Columbus will be having their annual soccer challenge on 30 September 2018 after the 1030 mass. Sign in will be at 11:45 and competition will start at 12:15. This is open to all members of St. Matthew parish ages 9 to 14. If you have any question P.O.C. is Satch Bradford 402 686 9761.

## 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

(Upcoming October programs)

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 [janicetoddcmc@msn.com](mailto:janicetoddcmc@msn.com) to register by Tuesday, October 2, or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!

## 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 information, 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!

Just go to [stmatthewbellevue.formed.org](http://stmatthewbellevue.formed.org), click "Register" and enter your name, email address, and desired password. 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 have beautiful Catholic content available in only 1 click, anytime and anyplace.

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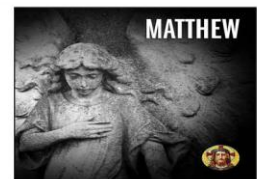
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