

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 1 5:00 pm – Rev. Dennis R. Stolinski †
Sun. Sept 2 8:30 am – Jeff Kirkpatrick †
10:30 am – St. Matthew Families

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. Sept 4 9:00 am – Pat Bantner †
Wed. Sept 5 9:00 am – Evelyn Hichborn †
Thur. Sept 6 9:00 am – Marty Sosso †
Fri. Sept 7 9:00 am – Reynette AhSam †

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. Sept 8 5:00 pm – Ted & Sally Heinen †
Sun. Sept 9 10:30 am – Paul Beaudoin

REMINDER:

*In anticipation of attendance at our 10:30am mass and groundbreaking events next weekend...
there will no 8:30am mass on Sept. 9.*

MASS GREETERS NEEDED

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

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



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. **The journey begins September 6!** *Registration forms are available in the Commons and on the website.*

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

All checks made out to St. Matthew

September 1/2 St. Vincent DePaul
September 15/16 Maintenance Fund

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 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.

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, please check your junk/spam folder.*

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

Thank you for joining us for the annual ice cream social. A special thank you to everyone who donated the desserts and pies.

SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY

Last Week's Rebate: \$105.24



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 this is something you might be able to help with, and contact the parish office at 402-292-7418.

CALLING ALL MEN OF ST. MATTHEW PARISH!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Men of St. Matthew...please read this!

We will start the first semester of **That Man is You** this Friday morning at 5:30 am, September 7, in the Parish Center at St. Mary's in old town Bellevue. Eight new speakers will guide us to a deeper understanding of the four Gospels, strengthen our prayer life and help us to draw closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ! Now is the time! We know you'll like it! Contact Deacon Ted Menzel to sign up: 402-292-2076 or tcmenzel5@gmail.com.



"May the LORD guard our going and coming both now and forever. Amen. Psalm 121:8

Total Pledges: 264
Total Pledged: \$2,354,931.00
Total Collected: \$1,011,957.36

SAVE THE DATE

September 9, 2018



WE ARE Breaking Ground!

Schedule of Events:

10:30am

Mass with Archbishop Lucas

11:45am

Groundbreaking

Noon

Brick-Laying & Lunch

Families please bring your favorite dessert to share.

Entertainment provided by Ground Zero

Games for the kids

Overflow parking near 36th street south of the school.

Bring lawn chairs.

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

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. The next session is **Wednesday, September 5th from 6:30p to 7:45p**. You can find out more about the FBC program at the RE/FBC tab on the parish website StMatthewBellevue.org or by contacting Deacon Mark (mhwhite@archomaha.org).

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).

2018 HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS WALK/RUN

It's not too late to join us. Help us form a St. Matthew team for the 24th Annual Siena/Francis House Walk/Run on Saturday, September 8, at 9:00am at Stinson Park in Aksarben Village. There are two events: a 5K run or a (very non-competitive) 5K walk. The race is \$30 and includes an event t-shirt and refreshments. If you are a Life Runner, we encourage you to wear your jersey. All proceeds benefit Siena/Francis House, NE's largest shelter serving individuals experiencing homelessness. Contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com if you are interested. Register at <http://sienafrancis.org/news-events/walk-run.html>

DEACON DEALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

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

LOVING LIFE MINISTRY

We are excited to announce that we have named our pro-life ministry "Loving Life Ministry." We respect life from conception to natural death, in every condition. Our goal is to build St. Matthew parish into a true center of life, which is the #1 objective of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate. In making St. Matthew a center of life, we can then help build a culture of life beyond our parish.

Our next **monthly prayer vigil** is Friday, September 14, from 10:00-11:00am. We meet at the abortion mill in Bellevue at 1002 W Mission Ave. Please come join us to help convert hearts and minds for life, to be a witness for life in our community, and to save babies! We provide a prayer booklet, just bring your rosary.

*Attention all Life Runners teammates....*this Wednesday is first Wednesday. Please wear your jerseys for life! Not a Life Runner yet? Come join our Life Runners parish or school chapter at liferunners.org. Life Runners has over 8,300 teammates ages 1 to 101 in 50 states and 35 nations. You are not required to run! Just simply sign up, order "REMEMBER The Unborn – Jer 1:5" jersey, and wear it as a public witness to impact hearts and minds for saving lives. Join us at our Life Runner events and prayer vigils and be All In Christ for Pro-Life! Contact Kevin and Janice Todd, our chapter leaders, if you have any questions or would like more information.

ANNUAL VIGIL FOR LIFE

Help build the culture of life through prayer! Join Archbishop Lucas for the Vigil for Life at 8:00am on Saturday, September 15, at St. Mary Church (2302 Crawford St. Bellevue). There will be a Mass followed by exposition and a rosary procession to the Bellevue abortion mill. Life Runners please wear your jersey and walk with our group and our banner.

LIFE CHAIN

Mark your calendars for the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 7, 2:00 – 3:00pm. We would love to fill our assigned block with St. Matthew parishioners witnessing the dignity of all life in the center of Omaha!

He will have pity on the lowly and the poor; the lives of the needy He will save. Psalm 72:13
Reflection: Biblically speaking, the "poor" are not simply those who are material deprived, but rather those who have no help but God. God has mercy especially on those who really he is their only hope and only help. Those who are like God also have a "preferential option for the poor." "In other words, we go first to those who need our help the most.

Prayer: Lord, I pray for the "poor," for those most abandoned and forgotten. Let their voices be heard and their lives spared.

(Pro-life Reflections for Every Day by Fr Frank Pavone of Priestsforlife.org)

FORMED.ORG

Get FORMED Now! It's EASY and FREE to Register! Go to 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 now have beautiful Catholic content available in only 1 click, anytime and anywhere.



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THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Bonus Episode: For Children – The Miracle at Every Mass
The Miracle at Every Mass will help children encounter the wonder and mystery of what is taking place on the altar in the Mass. The Eucharist is a priceless and precious gift that Jesus freely gives, even to little children.

This week, login to formed.org and watch *Presence*, Bonus Episode: For Children.

FORMED

If you missed joining us for our parish-wide viewing of Presence, it is available to watch on FORMED. If you did watch all three sessions with us, there are four other bonus sessions available: Biblical Foundations by Dr. Tim Gray, For Catechists, For Children and For Parents.

To watch Presence and for the Study Guide questions to go deeper into the program, go to your FORMED account. Click on the "Community" tab at the top of the page. Click on the Presence image and then click on the session that you wish to watch. For questions scroll down. On the right side click on "Participant Materials" and then "Study Guide."

NEW - ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"Take a Fascinating Tour of the Mass in this Five-Part Study! In A Biblical Walk through the Mass, Dr. Edward Sri explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful experience. We will meet in the library (Bldg 2) on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00pm from Sept 6 – Oct 4. Cost for the book and workbook is \$22. Please contact Kevin and Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com to register or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION-STARTING NOW!

Join us for a six-week program based on the best-selling book 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley. "People's lives today are often busy and challenging. Stage 1 of the Hearts Afire Parish-based Program offers individuals a quick and easy way to withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter into a peaceful interior reflection on their relationship with Christ in the context of Marian devotion. We begin with the Immaculate Heart because Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The end result is that, by learning to entrust ourselves to the Mother of Our Lord, we can discover a transforming trust in Jesus himself." We will meet on Sundays beginning Aug 26, from 5:00-6:30pm, in Bldg 1 OR on Mondays beginning Aug 27, from 6:30-8:00pm, in the school library (Bldg 2). Participants will make/renew their Consecration to Jesus through Mary on Sunday, Oct 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Cost for the book is \$5; optional participant packets are available for \$15.

SHARING TABLE IS OPEN

Our community garden is producing. Hope some of you have had an opportunity to take some home. The Sharing Table is still open...if you have something to share, please bring it. Otherwise, enjoy God's bounty.



"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 4 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.



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.

HASHTAG CONTEST

To help the branding of our Community, the school is having a hashtag contest to create a strong visual to use in our communications, website, t shirts, media, etc. We are looking for corporate sponsors so we can purchase specially designed hashtag t-shirts for every student. If you have a business that would like to advertise on the back of the shirts, please let our school principal know (acpalmer@schools.archomaha.org).

COMING SOON: ENCHANTED FOREST SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

SEPT. 14 -25

Look for more information on hours other details in next weekend's bulletin.

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.



PHOTO DIRECTORIES

The link for the online version of our photo directory was emailed out to all parishioners last week. If you would like to receive it, but did not, please contact the parish office with your current email address. Also, we have moved the hardcopy versions of the directory from the Commons to the parish office. If you participated by either having your photo taken or submitting a photo, you should receive one. Please stop in, or call the parish office @ 402-292-7418 if you have not received yours.

ST. MATTHEW PTO AND KNIGHTS FOOD DRIVE

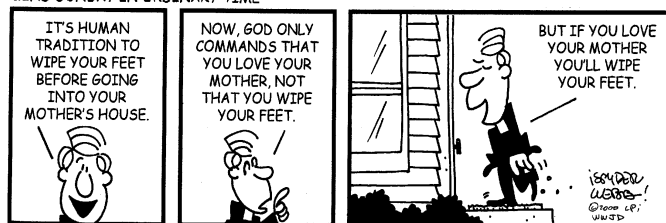
In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Matthew, we are collecting food for the Bellevue Food Pantry from Sept. 1-25. Please drop off your items in the wagons located in the vestibule.

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.

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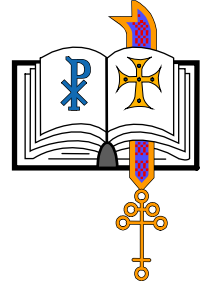
*Good and Gracious God,
You created human beings in Your image and likeness and gave us dominion over creation to be stewards of the land and co-creators of Your Kingdom. Jesus, You became one of us and labored as a carpenter. You ask all people -- whatever our state of life --to follow you faithfully. Holy Spirit, bless all workers this Labor Day. May all our actions be animated by Your love, as we do all things for the glory of God.
Amen.*



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 now for the RCIA journey that begins Thursday evening, September 6, 2018 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM.

Candidate

Please complete the following

Name: _____

Street: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Sponsor

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: _____

Street: _____ **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*