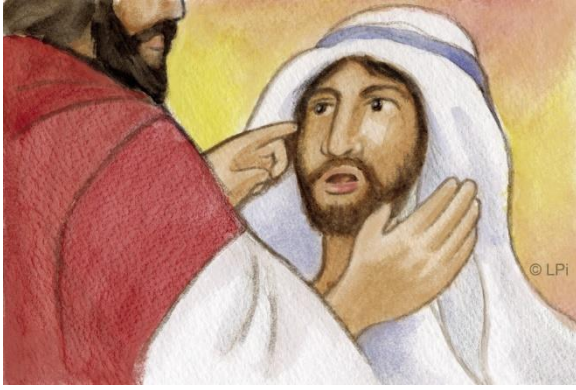


# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH



## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"- that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

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Tues. Sept 11 9:00 am – Stolinski Family †  
Wed. Sept 12 9:00 am – Gerald Hichborn †  
Thur. Sept 13 9:00 am – Gerard Forget  
Fri. Sept 14 9:00 am – Patricia Smith †

### MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

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

### 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 13!** *Registration forms are available in the Commons and on the website.*

## SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

*All checks made out to St. Matthew*

**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](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 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**

Ladies, join us for the first meeting of the year Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 pm in the Commons. We have snacks and refreshments. Come and enjoy an evening with other ladies of the parish. No pressure- just a good time!!

**SCRIP/MATT'S MONEY**

Last Week's Rebate: \$125.53

**WE NEED 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 HAVE **RECEIVED \$822.66!!** *This 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 71120 and select "St. Matthew"

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



**UPON THIS ROCK**

*Building the Future*

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

Total Pledges: 264

Total Pledged: \$2,354,411.00

Total Collected: \$1,025,940.36

**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)



**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) ).

**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) ).

### **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**

Our next **monthly prayer vigil** is this 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. **Annual Vigil for Life** Help build the culture of life through prayer! Join Archbishop Lucas for the Vigil for Life at 8:00am this 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 team 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/Life Runners. Be witnesses of the dignity of all life in the center of Omaha!

**Behold, children are a gift from the Lord, a reward of the fruit of the womb. ~ Psalm 127:3**

**Reflection:** Because children are a “gift,” they can neither be demanded nor discarded. That is why it is wrong not only to abort them, but also to “create” them through artificial means that replace normal human procreation.

We do not have a “right” to children, but rather an awesome privilege to receive them, if God so chooses to give the gift.

**Prayer:** Lord, deepen our understanding of children as a gift. Give generosity to all parents and patience to all those who await that gift. (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](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 We pray the following recommendations help you cling to Christ amidst the stormy times in the Church. **Watch** - True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation (Meet six Saints who energized the Catholic Reformation. In the midst of confusion and immorality, God sent saints to reform the Church.) **Listen** – Heroes of the Catholic Reformation, Making Sense Out of Suffering, Put Not Your Trust in Princes, Saint Teresa of Avila: A True Reformer **Read** – Characters of the Reformation, Boys to Men: the Transforming Power of Virtue, Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality

### **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](mailto:janicetoddcmc@msn.com) to register or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!

### **SHARING TABLE IS OPEN**

Our community garden is producing cucumbers and zucchini with tomatoes on the way. Hope some of you have had an opportunity to take some home. The Sharing Table is open for another summer. 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 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.



### **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.

### 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).

### 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.

### PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

"In the Footsteps of St. Paul": Come along Nov. 5-15, 2019, to some truly beautiful and holy places! We'll visit many of the great sites where St. Paul wrote his Epistles, including Athens, Corinth, Crete, Santorini, Ephesus, Thessaloniki and more. We will also take a three-day cruise to the Greek Isles! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,759 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com call 712-899-6870.

### DID YOU BORROW????

We are looking for our *TWO RED TABLE CLOTHS*. Someone has borrowed them and they have not been returned.

**DONATED ITEMS:** When you donate an item and leave it at school/church, please put a note on it as to whom should receive it. Don't just drop it off without information. It may just be tossed if we don't know who should receive it.

### REMEMBERING OUR LITTLE ONES MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS PRAYER AND SUPPORT GROUP

If you have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss recently or years ago, please join us in the Social Hall every third Sunday of the month from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. This prayer and support group will be a safe confidential place to ask for prayers, remember your loss, share your feelings, fears, memories, pictures, anything you wish with those that truly understand. For more information, please contact Kristin Heilman at 402-250-7758 or kristin\_heilman2811@yahoo.com or Marci Petta at 402-502-4416 or marcipetta@yahoo.com. We look forward to praying with you and supporting you through your loss journey.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES "CARS FOR KIDS"

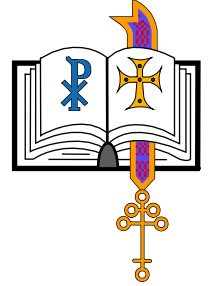
Do you have an extra vehicle sitting in your driveway, garage or storage that could be put to good use? We accept and pick up all vehicles running or not. We also accept campers, boats, and motorcycles in working condition. Your donation is tax deductible. Contact Deacon/David Klein at 402-829-9241 to donate or fill out vehicle donation form online at [www.ccomaha.com](http://www.ccomaha.com)



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bellevue, NE 68123*