

You were created on purpose, for a purpose!

The life of man is to know and love God. God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Saviour. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life. (CCC 1)

So opens the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in its very first paragraph. She then goes on to unpack this wonderful truth over the following 2865 paragraphs by explaining how God reveals himself through Sacred Scripture and the Sacred Tradition of the Church. God wants to be known and in a relationship with us — especially with you! An impactful way to deepen our relationship with God is through prayerful reading (*lectio divina*) of the Bible in the company of a small group of those who also want to grow closer to God.

Sign up today!

St. Matthew Parish will be offering a six-week, small-group *Lectio Divina* series, focusing on “Encounter Emmanuel: God is With Us,” during the weeks from October 5 to November 9, 2025—six ninety-minute sessions. No session preparation is needed; just show up! Interested? Please email the following info to Deacon Mark at MHWhite@ArchOmaha.org.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

What is your availability? Please check all that apply:

Weekday days Weekday evenings

Saturday days Saturday evenings

Sunday days Sunday evenings

If available, would on-site child supervision help you attend? Yes

Any special considerations?

Find out more.

To learn more about St. Matthew’s evangelization vision and mission, visit our website at

<https://stmatthewbellevue.org/evangelization>

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You can also contact Deacon Mark White at

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