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Crossing Paths with Other Parishes

Southern Cross Collaboration Helps Parishes Thrive

With the Southern Cross Collaboration starting, parishioners from St. Matthew will likely be crossing paths more often with parishioners from St. Louis, St. Mary by the Lake, and St. Stephen.



Three Goals Outlined

The parishes in the Southern Cross Collaboration have been working on goals for the collaboration, and the St. Matthew bulletin recently announced three of the goals: (1) to serve the faith communities, (2) to promote the sharing of resources and scope of ministries, and (3) to implement the directives of the Archdiocese. Parishioners from all the parishes should be enriched by the collaboration because each parish, like St. Matthew, has rich traditions, attractive places of worship, and promising future plans.

For example, while St. Matthew holds its famous fish boils regularly, St. Louis holds a festival each August on the weekend closest to the Feast of St. Louis. Parishioners and visitors enjoy the famous pork sandwiches as well as beef and ham dinners during the festival.

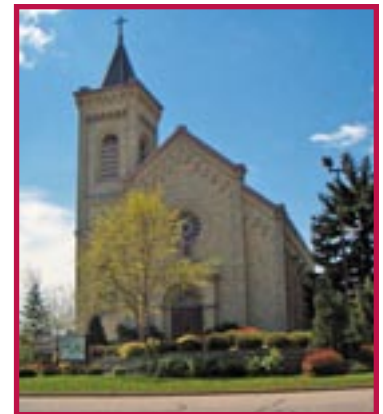
As another example, while St. Matthew just built a gathering space, St. Mary by the Lake recently added a new feature for celebrating Masses. Parishioners and visitors at St. Mary enjoy the music from its European-styled pipe organ that a donor gave to the parish in 1999.

Finally, while St. Matthew has plans to add a new worship space in the future, St. Stephen also has building plans. Its website shows a sketch of a new church that the parish someday hopes to build.

With each parish eager to share its traditions, worship, and plans, there are many opportunities for St. Matthew's parishioners to collaborate with those in the other parishes of the Southern Cross. Perhaps, you'll have time to attend a Mass or festival at another parish this summer.

— Article by Rick Barribeau

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St. Louis — Caledonia



St. Mary by the Lake — Racine



St. Stephen — Milwaukee

The Parishes of The Southern Cross Collaboration

Parish and Address	Pastor	Masses	Website
St. Louis 13207 County Road G Caledonia, WI 53108	Rev. Mark Danczyk	Sat. – 5 p.m. Sun. – 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	http://www.stlouis.4lpi.com
St. Mary by the Lake 7605 Lakeshore Dr. Racine, WI 53402	Rev. Stephen Stradinger	Sat. – 5 p.m. Sun. – 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	http://www.geocities.com/deekuj/index2.html
St. Matthew 9303 S. Chicago Rd. Oak Creek, WI 53154	Rev. William Stanfield	Sat. – 5 p.m. Sun. – 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	http://www.stmattoc.org
St. Stephen 5880 S. Howell Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53207	Rev. Richard Liska	Sat. – 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Sun. – 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	http://www.saintstephenmil.org/

Youth Mission Trips Being Planned

Travel to serve in Minnesota and Mexico set for June and July

High school students involved in the Youth Ministry program at St. Matthew Parish are currently working hard to prepare for two mission trips planned for this summer. The first one will take place in less than a month from now (June 18-25) to the Leech Lake Reservation in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The following month (July 16-23), some students will also be heading to Juarez, Mexico. We will also have students from our neighboring parish, St. Mary by the Lake, joining us for the trip to the reservation.

Trips Are Being Coordinated by St. Matthew's Shelly Madden

Both mission trips are coordinated by St. Matthew's Director of Youth Ministry Shelly Madden and planned through a program called Youth Works, which comes up with different locations for the youth to serve in each year. Youth Works is a youth mission organization created to serve youth, communities, and the church. It is a multi-denominational ministry that provides youth with a life-changing experience by allowing them to be the hands and feet of Christ and to see God move in a new way.



be busy performing a variety of tasks that will include painting and other maintenance work... and leading kids' clubs in communities that lack youth programs. According to YouthWorks, these ministries help youth develop their relationship with Christ as they spread God's word through practical work.

The mission trips that are being planned are affordable to those who are looking to go, generally ranging between \$198 and \$348, depending on the location. However, that only



Shelly Madden, St. Matthew's Youth Ministry Director, is coordinating two mission trips for parish youth this summer.

Serving Others in Many Ways

During this summer's trips to Minnesota and Mexico, the youth at St. Matthew plan to be presented with a variety of challenges. During their time there, they will be partnered with local ministries such as homeless shelters, children's homes, elderly homes and community centers. Students will

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includes the costs for lodging, meals, and supplies while on site. Director of Youth Ministry Shelly Madden says, "There are many other costs you have to factor in, including the transportation costs to the sites themselves. Gas will probably be our biggest expense this year with the prices so high. We're looking at needing at least several hundred more dollars for that part of the trip to Minnesota." Students must also raise funds for activities they plan to do along the way, including some time they plan to spend in Duluth.

Trip Fundraisers

The young adults who are looking to spread St. Matthew's generosity beyond Southeast Wisconsin are looking for your help. They have a variety of fundraisers planned. The group will host a car wash and bake sale as well as asking for sponsorship from the parish and community. The group is talking about hosting a fund raising night at a local restaurant and a possible rummage sale. With just 5 weeks to go until the students leave, the young adults need your help. Please be generous and support our young people.

For donations and more information, contact Shelly Madden at shelly.madden@stmattoc.org

Later this summer when the young adults return from their trips, the youth will host a Thank You event for all those who helped support their trips. "The Buzz" will get their reflections on the trip and have a follow-up article.

— Article by Robert Tabern

St. Matthew Soccer Classic Planned For Memorial Day Weekend

If your "goal" is to have fun over Memorial Day Weekend, come out and support St. Matthew's Annual Soccer Classic May 27th - 30th. The Classic is a competition for children's teams from the Bay View Parochial Soccer League. Kids in the kindergarten through 4th grade division will receive medals based solely on their participation. The 5th through 8th graders will compete against each other to determine a champion of the 5th & 6th grade division and a champion of the 7th & 8th grade division. St. Matthew's will have at least one team in every division.

Soccer Classic proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign. We will provide fun for the whole family. On Friday, May 27, we "kick-off" the weekend with a spaghetti dinner and Alumni soccer games at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars... more information coming soon. In addition to enjoying great soccer competition on Saturday and Sunday there will be kids' games, concessions, raffles, commemorative t-shirts for sale, and music by the Chilson DJ Extravaganza. The soccer games will be played on Saturday, May 28th from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 29th from 11 a.m. until done. Come and join us for burgers and beer after the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass.

If you'd like more information about the Soccer Classic or would like to make a donation, please contact Sue Maurer at 764-4269. Volunteers are also needed to help run this event, call Deb Yost at 856-1293 if you are interested.

Because May is the month in which we celebrate Mother's Day, we present a poem about Mom written by one of your fellow parishioners.

Memories and Mom-eries

by parishioner Rosemary Czarnecki

She feeds her houseplants with 7-Up

...When was the last time I called her up?

She leaves papers and books all over the place

...Why did I not notice the lines in her face?

She likes to go out and socialize

...Invite her?...Why didn't I realize?

She says her thumbs are beginning to ache

...When's the last time I took her a birthday cake?

She's so independent, won't ask for aid

...How many years did she act as my maid?

Maybe we weren't as close as she'd like

....What did she give up to get my first bike?

She's stubborn, she's funny, doesn't always agree

...How many of these qualities surface in me?

She's done her best to keep family together

...Can she still get around in inclement weather?

When she can't help herself, if the time should come

...Lord willing, I hope, I can take care of Mom!

Parishioner Appreciation Reception Photos

Taken after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 15



Mark Your Calendar!

Join us in the Gathering Space after all Masses the weekend of June 4 and 5, to say "Thank You and Farewell" to our Principal Barb Kozleuchar and our Director of Adult and Child Formation, Ed Duncklee.



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