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St. Matthew Soccer Classic Takes Off

Twenty-five teams played in the third annual St. Matthew's Soccer Classic over the Memorial Day Weekend, and the parishioners, volunteers, and players all enjoyed the event.

Eager to get started, the Soccer Committee began planning for this year's classic in January with a clear goal in mind. Sue Maurer, one of the committee members, explained, "Our goal was to make this a wonderful event for people in our parish and neighboring parishes."

Getting Bigger Every Year

The planning seemed to pay off since this year's event was the biggest in the event's three-year history. In fact, the twenty-five teams that participated in this year's event doubled the number of teams that participated in the event during its first year. The spaghetti dinner also grew this year: approximately 300 people were served, and that total triples the number served last year.

What was the secret to the success? Two years of experience and a lot of plan-

ning certainly helped, but many feel that the event was a success because of the high participation this year. Besides players and their families, a lot of St. Matthew's parishioners seemed to stop by to watch a game. Many also participated in a variety of entertainment activities, including a raffle, games, and

ed by volunteering their time. These included people who ran the booths, served the food, and worked as line judges during the game. Everyone seemed to pitch in. Sue Maurer observed, "Overall, it ran smooth and incredibly well. The participation from parishioners and from kids and their parents was huge."



Of course, the main draw of the event was the soccer. Children from kindergarten to eighth grade played in games during the two-day event. All participants enjoyed the action. Best of all, in the competitive division, the team from St. Matthew's came in first.

music. The food had many admirers as well; the spaghetti dinner was a big draw on Friday night, and the grill fed people hamburgers and hot dogs as they watched the games Saturday and Sunday.

A Well-Run Volunteer Effort

Approximately 100 people participat-

"As much work as it was, the weekend was a blast," remarked Sue Maurer. The event was also a success because it raised money for the parish, the building campaign, and a future gym. Thanks to all the players, spectators, volunteers, and especially the Soccer Committee for another successful Soccer Classic.

— article by Rick Barribeau

More Memorial Day Soccer Classic Photos

— photos by Sue Maurer



8th Graders Learn, Experience History

Trip to Washington D.C. Brings Lessons To Life

School at St. Matthew Parish is already out for the summer, but the recent graduates have been left with a lot of memories, especially that of their recent class trip to Washington, D.C.

During the first week of May, a total of nineteen students and sixteen parents left Oak Creek by bus on a Tuesday afternoon and arrived in the nation's capitol the following morning. The group spent three days touring the sites before heading back to Wisconsin. The students got to see all of the memorials (Lincoln, Washington, Arlington, Korean, Vietnam, World War II) -- as well as Ford's Theater and the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Group Toured the Capital and the White House



Congressman Ryan even got the group into the White House... and an inside tour of the Capitol. Eighth grade teacher Mr. John Keane says, "Certainly they look forward to the sites that they have read

about or discussed in class... but the bus ride, the movies on the bus, the dinner at Hard Rock Cafe, the swimming at the hotel, staying at a first class hotel (the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill) and all the other little things make the trip a great experience."

The trip is planned by Mr. John Keane through the a tour bus company. The company provides a guide and together they work out the itinerary once everyone arrives in Washington. Sue Chilson, one of the parents who went along as a chaperone on the trip says, "From my perspective, it was great to go on a trip where everything is planned in advance and all I had to do was sit back and enjoy it! John had every detail planned - when we went, what we ate, etc. It was all perfect. We did so much in three days."



Group Visited 30 Sites

Chilson explains further, "From my count we saw about thirty sites! It is unbelievable when I think of all we accomplished in that short period of time. Our tour guide, Herb, was fantastic. He has lived in DC for 50 years...and he knew details about all of the sites that made it so much more interesting. The students spent two years studying US history, so it was very educational for them to see all the sites they have studied."

Even though next year's trip is still eleven months away, planning is already underway. In 2006, twenty-three students and nineteen parents will head back to Washington, D.C.

While it's always a lot of fun, a trip like this isn't cheap... it costs around \$500 per student. Any fund-raising by the 8th grade class... such as dances and car washes ...goes toward the Washington, D.C. excursion. If you would like to donate any money to help the students out, you can contact Mr. John Keane or St. Matthew's principal.



— article by Robert Tabern

Photos from Sunday, June 5

Barb Kozleuchar and Ed Duncklee Farewell, Parish Raffle held after the 9:30 Mass

— photos by Dick and Carol Tenner



New Parishioners

Marianne Haverfield

Mark and Jennifer Jaeger, Zackery

Mary Ann Rakowski

Matthew Scheeler and Jennifer Sladky

Christopher and Emily Sears, Connor and Julia

Steven Wilding and Jody Oates, Nicholas, Michael, Maureen

Philip

Theresa Dowden, Michael

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