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School Fundraising Doesn't Take a Summer Break

The start of the new school year is still more than a month away, but a group of soon-to-be eighth graders at St. Matthew Parish are already hard at work. Even though it's their summer break... these dedicated boys and girls (and their parents) are planning ahead to make their last year of school here a memorable experience.

Car Wash Was Held in June

You may have met some of them on Father's Day weekend. As one of their first fundraisers of the year for their future class trip, a total of about 20 students and parents were hard at work washing cars in the back parking lot. Their dedicated efforts took place before and after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday... and then before and after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday.

The event was organized and coordinated by the Manka and Purpora families, as well as Barb Sadler and Jill Stout. However, so many other people were fundamental in making the car wash a success.

Barb Sadler says, “This really was a group effort. I want to thank the parents who came out here today to help out – donating their time and most of the supplies for the car wash. I also want to thank the people at St. Matthew who supported this event and

other things we do with the children.”

Their goal was to wash nearly 100 cars and raise at least \$400 from the weekend.

Funds Go Toward Annual School Trip

The funds collected will go towards the eighth graders' bus trip next spring to Washington, D.C. Students spend all year learning about government and are finally rewarded with the chance to see these places in person with teacher Mr. John Keane and an experienced tour guide. It's not only becoming an annual tradition that students look forward to... it's also a great educational experience and time for the children to bond before moving on to high school.

The trip to Washington, D.C. isn't a cheap one. It costs nearly \$650 per child to cover the 16-hour bus ride, hotel rooms, tour guide, meals, and other expenses encountered along the way. However, any student in eighth grade is eligible to go, even if they aren't able to pay the full amount.

Kyle Sadler, an incoming eighth grade student says, “I am looking forward to



the bus ride. That is going to be the highlight of the whole thing I think. I am also looking forward to seeing the Capitol building for the first time and getting a tour of that.”

Fundraiser a Hit With Parishioners

Many people who came to church on Father's Day weekend thought the car wash fundraiser was a great idea. Julie Tabb, a parishioner who was retrieving her car following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass said, “I really was attracted into the car wash by the signs the children were holding along Highway 32 when I pulled into the parking lot. They have a great presentation! My two nieces go to the school and it looks like a fun project that I want to support -- and a good way to raise money.”

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8th Grade Fundraiser

The majority of people who participated dropped their car and keys off before Mass began. During the service, students and parents washed the cars... making sure they were ready within an hour. A lot of people appreciate the fact it was a car wash that didn't take any time and had no lines. Something most commercial operations can't even claim.

Donations ranged from just a few dollars all the way up to \$20.

Eighth grade students and parents are also planning other events to raise money over the next year and they are asking for your help. On July 16th and 17th, students were busy selling hot dogs and sodas at the Wal-Mart on 27th Street in Franklin.

During the weekend of August 27th, the youth are planning another fund raising event at the Super America gas station near Puetz and Howell Avenue in Oak Creek.



— *article and photos by Robert Tabern*



New Garage and Picnic Pavilion

Construction Set to Begin Soon

Volunteers will soon begin construction on a new garage and picnic pavilion that will change the landscape behind St. Matthew's church. Since the idea for a new garage was proposed a year ago, many people have worked to ensure that this building project will serve the St. Matthew's committees and build the St. Matthew's community.

In July 2004, Mark Zapp, the representative for the Little Brick Church and Fish Boil committees, first proposed building a new garage. It was needed because the existing garages fell into disrepair and lacked the space needed by those who used them. Indeed, members of the Outdoor Maintenance and Grounds crew, the Fish Boil committee, and the Athletic/School association all found it difficult and inconvenient to store and use their equipment in the existing garages because of the lack of space and intermixing of their equipment with equipment from the other committees.

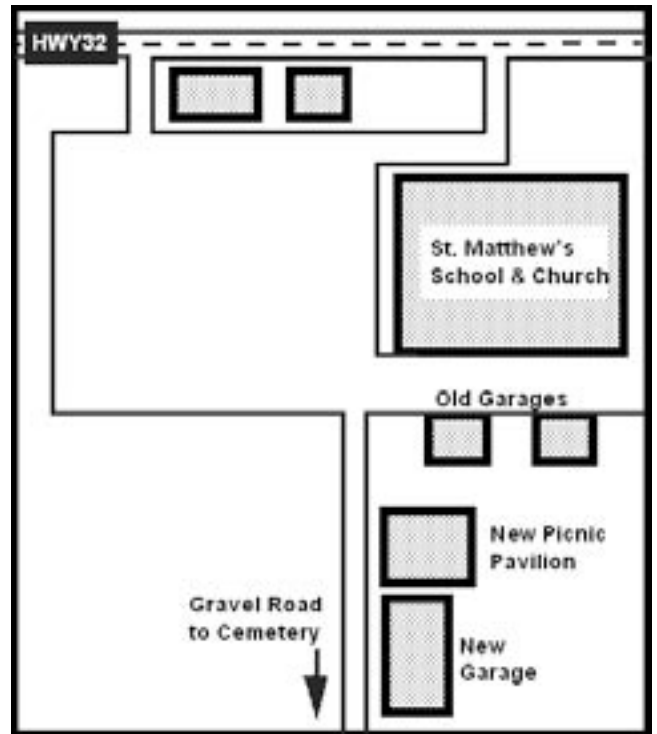
The new building project will solve these problems by providing a larger garage. The new garage will be 54 feet by 32 feet, and it will provide separate storage areas for each of the three committees. The garage will have a shingled hip roof, wood frame, cement siding that looks like wood, and a concrete floor.

In addition to the new garage, many people expressed a desire to have an outside meeting area, so a picnic pavilion will be built adjacent to the garage. The pavilion will be 40 feet by 40 feet. It will have a shingled hip roof that overlaps the garage's roof and wood beams to support the roof. So that the

pavilion can be used for meetings, Kevan Thomas will build approximately six picnic tables as part of his Eagle Scout project.

The parish has been working to develop a safe and affordable plan for the garage and picnic pavilion. To do this, the parish has used feedback from the city of Oak Creek to ensure the building meets city code. For example, the parish was originally going to have a garage with an attached pavilion, but the city suggested separate buildings would be more stable. The parish has also decided to locate the new buildings west of the existing garages along the gravel road that runs to the cemetery. Finally, the plan for constructing the buildings has been created so that the construction can be completed during the summer. It will start with the excavation of the areas for the garages. Then, a stone base will be created and concrete floors will be poured. The garage will be built first. To finish, the new picnic area will be built and the old garages will be raised.

Fortunately, the cost of the project will be covered by three committees. The Little Brick Church committee will donate approximately \$15,000 dollars for materials, and the Home and School committee will contribute approximately \$4,000 dollars for materials. The Building and Grounds committee



This diagram shows how the new structures will be situated on the parish grounds

is organizing the volunteers who will build the garage and pavilion.

The new garage and picnic pavilion hold a lot of promise for the St. Matthew's community. One participant mentioned, "Our committee is very excited about this project. It will meet our needs and help build community as well." Still, more volunteers are needed to help build the garage and pavilion. If you are interested in volunteering for the project, please contact Tom Schneider by phone at 762-4200 (ext. 21) or by email at tschneider@stmattoc.org.

— article written by Rick Barribeau

Parish Census Overview

Since our last Parish Directory came out in the year 2000, and we are expecting a new Parish Directory soon, we thought it might be time to take a look at the numbers... Who made up our parish in 2000 and who makes it up now?

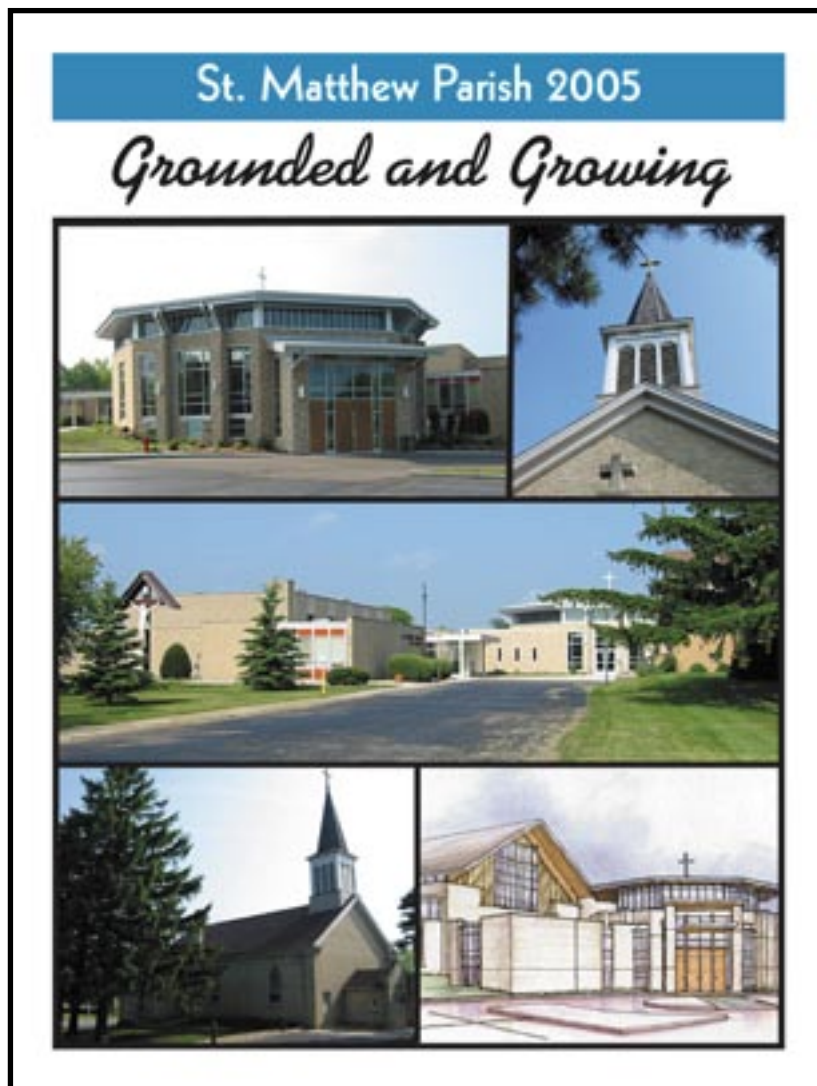
Registered Households

2000	2004
973	960

Membership Breakdown by Age

	2000	2004
65+	314	375
45-64	516	612
25-44	723	632
18-24	200	292
14-17	218	210
6-13	318	455
under 6	244	240
Total Membership	2533	2816

Above census data reflects parish population as of December 31, 2000 and December 31, 2004.



The cover of our upcoming 2005 Parish Directory. The directories are currently with the printer and will be distributed at the parish in mid-August.



New Parishioners

Daniel and Jocelyn Lownik, Abby and Samuel
 Laura and Andrew LaFond
 Patrick and Nicole Murphy
 Chad and Julia Richter
 Tricia and Kevin Teske
 Clifford and Mary Shelton, Elizabeth, Emily and Nicholas
 John and Jodi Payne, John and Jacklyn
 Christopher Piper and Heather Otto

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