

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

April 8, 2009

MISSION STATEMENT

As a Christian community of believers at St. Matthew School in Oak Creek, we declare our mission to be one in which we promote academic excellence by providing a high quality, Catholic education. Through value-centered education and spiritual nourishment we strive to meet the needs of our families. Our mission is to build a Catholic community where we encourage others to proclaim the Gospel with compassion and hope.

A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Spring has finally arrived. The days are finally getting warmer; soccer practice is underway. The third quarter has been completed: report cards are coming home.

Looking ahead to May, I need to ask for some Dads to help with our "Muffins for Mom" event which will take place on Friday, May, 8th. You will find a flier in today's family folder. Dads, if you could assist in this event, which takes place at the beginning of the day and ends before Mass on that day, please contact Mrs. Otto.

Please remember that children who arrive at school before 8:20 need to report to Extended Care. Starting after the Easter break, the inner doors to the Gathering Space will be locked until 8:20. Students attending Extended Care will need to use the Extended Care buzzer to gain access to the building. The doors will open at 8:20 when the morning bell rings and students are released from the busses.

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Our forty days of Lent are about to come to a close. This week, the holiest week of the year, ends with the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

I wish each of you a Blessed Easter. I hope that your Easter break is spent enjoying family time together
Easter Blessings to all . . .

Thank you for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, 4/9 – 11:20 A.M. DISMISSAL; Report Cards Sent Home; Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 4/10 – NO SCHOOL, Good Friday, Service, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, 4/11 – Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4/12 – Easter Sunday, Masses, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 4/13-4/19 – NO SCHOOL – Easter Break

Friday, 4/17 – Scrapbooking, 6:00 p.m.-midnight

Sunday, 4/19 – Confirmation, 2:00 p.m.

Monday, 4/20 – School Resumes; Market Day Pick Up, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 4/23 – Grades 3 and 4, 8:45-11:15 a.m.; Grades 1 and 2, 11:50-2:30, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful

Friday, 4/24 – All School Liturgy by 5K, 9:15 a.m.; Grades 6 and 8, 9:00-11:00, Internet Dangers Assembly;

Middle School Fundraiser Dance, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, 4/25 – Parish Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Please fill out the volunteer form and return it on Monday, April 20. Please let us know when you are available. We may only need you for one time slot or a short time slot, but anytime is great! Contact Lisa Cheaney at 414-768-1063 or Renee Tezak-Unti at 414-531-1366 for more information/details.

EGG HUNT – Join us for a St. Matthew's Easter Egg Hunt. Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. Children in grades 4 and younger are welcome! Please bring a basket to collect your eggs. Weather permitting, meet at pavilion; otherwise indoors.

BAKE SALE – Friday, April 3, the St. Matthew School seventh grade class held a bake sale to benefit Operation Rice Bowl. We raised \$103.00. We would like to thank everyone who bought Rice Krispies and helped out!

THANK YOU – A big thanks to everyone who participated in the Mr. Z's Pizza, Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough and Auntie Anne's Pretzels Fundraiser. Overall we made a profit of \$2,600 for the school. Just as a reminder, if you participated in the fundraiser, you will receive 37% of profit towards your fundraising obligations.

PINEWOOD DERBY – When the results were posted in the newsletter a few weeks ago, the most unusual car winner was omitted. Congratulations to Justin Smith, grade 4, who won this title for his car that looked like a slice of pizza! Awesome.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION – Packets are available at any South Milwaukee elementary school. All programs will be held at the high school and are open to South Milwaukee residents only. Registration for summer school will be at Rawson Elementary School on Wednesday, April 22, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

SPRING CONCERT – The all school spring concert will be held on Thursday, April 30, at 1:30 p.m. Save the date!

BASKETBALL PLAYERS - Please return your clean, dry basketball uniforms to the school office as soon as possible. We are beginning inventory on them and will soon determine any uniforms not turned in as late.

TUITION ASSISTANCE - As in recent years, there will be monies available from St. Matthew School for tuition assistance. Decision-making in regard to tuition assistance will be based upon family need. Any information that is disclosed on the application is strictly confidential. Please contact Mrs. Barber if you have any questions or would like an application. Completed applications should be returned to the school office by Monday, May 4, 2009.

LIVING OUR FAITH WITH ARCHBISHOP DOLAN - Catholic Knights presents the following shows on Saturdays at noon, on WISN TV 12 and on Time Warner Cable's "Wisconsin On Demand," Channel 1111.

- Saturday, 3/14** : Faith in the Workplace and in the Classroom
- Saturday 3/21**: Faith: It's Positive Impact on Marriage and Family
- Saturday, 3/28**: Race Relations and a New President
- Saturday, 4/4**: Living your Faith with Health Care Challenges
- Saturday, 4/11**: Am I Saved?

ST. MATT'S MOVIE, "HERE'S LOOKING AT YOUR KIDS" – There are still movies left. Each movie costs \$35 which includes a free poster. The cost is \$5 to purchase only a poster. (A framed copy is on display in the school office.) Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew School Auction. Orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

McDONALD'S MONEY – We still have \$700 available of McDonald's money/certificates. Orders will be filled after Easter break, April 20. For every \$1 of McDonald's Money you purchase, 30 cents goes to Home and School and is applied towards your fundraising. Orders are filled on a first come, first served basis. This is an easy Home and School fundraiser. Certificates are good now until June 30. Any questions, call Michelle Luczak at 414-762-5426.

SAINT THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Freshmen Welcome Day Coming Up Soon. All incoming STM incoming freshmen and their parents are invited to our Freshmen Welcome Day on Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. The event will give incoming freshmen an opportunity to meet some of their "Big Buddies" and soon-to-be classmates before the start of the school year. Families will also be able to get more familiar with the school. All incoming freshmen will be officially invited soon. We'll also have games and food.

SERVERS:	April 13	7:30 a.m.: Abby Czerwinski	Cross: Hannah Tezak
		9:30 a.m.: Ashley Heiges	Cross: Josh Duchniak
	April 18	5:00 p.m.: Bryce Schultz	Cross: Jacob Wolf
	April 19	7:30 a.m.: Cary Sikora	Cross: Lauren Tehan
		9:30 a.m.: Amanda Lee	Cross: Rachel Chilson
	Confirmation	2:00 p.m.: Nick Cheaney	Cross: Angela Stodola

"In the book of life, the answers aren't in the back."

GIFT: GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

EASTER BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY