

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

March 18, 2011

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,

Tomorrow, March 19th, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Mary's husband and Jesus' earthly father. He is the patron saint of fathers, carpenters, and also the Universal Church.

Spring officially arrives on Sunday. It arrived "unofficially" this week when the temperature rose to the 50's and 60's. The coming of spring usually occurs just as the third quarter ends. Believe it or not, we will have $\frac{3}{4}$ of this school year completed on Thursday, March 29th!

During the past few weeks, I have given many tours of our school to prospective parents. At times, I am asked, "Why should I send my children to a Catholic School?" In response, I note our excellent academic program. I then speak about the "value added" nature of our school. In addition to preparing students for scholastic success through our strong academic curriculum, St. Matthew School instills Catholic values in each of our children.

Registration for next school year continues. Please keep in mind, our Refer-a-family program is on-going. If you refer a family who then enrolls their child/children at St. Matthew School, you will receive a \$100 reduction in next year's tuition.

The "Principal's Corner" will not appear next week, as I will be attending the annual national ASCD conference. The theme this year is "Bold Actions for Complex Challenges" and will address the challenges of "develop(ing) knowledgeable learners who are equipped with the necessary academic, technological, social, and economic skills to be successful in the global community". This conference is always exciting and informative.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 3/21 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher in Service

Thursday, 3/24 – Rollaero, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, 3/25 – School Liturgy by Grade 3, 9:15 a.m.

MCDONALD'S MONEY – \$950 of certificates are still available! Feel free to place another order. They are good from February 1 through June 30, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Koronowski at 414-762-8815.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH NEWS – The 6th-8th graders played the math game Krypto for several weeks. The winning 6th grade members are: Andi Sullivan, Jason Klatt, Beck Apple and Sarah Studer. The winning 7th grade members are Even Siira, Rachel Chilson, Dhanya Attipetty and Katalyna Bartek. The winning 8th grade members are Elizabeth Shelton, Frank Margraff, Evon Karpinski and Alyssa Reinke. After a Krypto showdown the overall champions are the 8th graders! Congratulations to all.

MAD SCIENCE – Attention 4K-5th graders. Mad Science classes will be held at St. Matt's after school on Mondays from 3:25-4:25 p.m. The dates are March 28, April 4, April 11 and April 18. Please register online at www.madscience.org/Milwaukee.

ALUMNI NEWS – Congratulations to Fiona Dolan (Class of 2009) who has received a Renaissance Award for the month of February from Dominican High School in Performing Arts. Way to go Fiona!

John Hammernik (Class of 2007) was named the first-ever Mr. Oak Creek. Oak Creek High School's first-ever Male Pageant was held Saturday night at the school which raised money to help pay for the senior gift and the cost of graduation at Miller Park. Congratulations John!

CATHOLIC FINANCIAL LIFE PRESENTS LIVING OUR FAITH WITH ARCHBISHOP LISTECKI - The March 19th episode focuses on Hispanic Catholics. In a filmed feature, viewers will see how St. Andrew Parish, Delavan, ministers to its large Hispanic population. The March 26th episode focuses on Faithful Citizenship. John Huebscher, executive director of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, will be the guest as the show looks at what Catholics should consider when casting their votes. The April 2nd episode will focus on Medical Ethics and Moral Theology. Dr. Michael White, Physicians Guild, will share his thoughts on the Church's positions on issues like stem cell research and euthanasia. Watch "Catholic Financial Life presents Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKI," at noon, on WISN TV 12. The program also airs on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin On Demand, Channel 411 (under Your Community tab). If you miss a show, every segment is available at www.livingourfaith.net.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL 2011; LIVING FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE - Join us on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, for an event in Madison featuring workshops on Catholic social teaching, promoting life, state budgeting from a Catholic perspective, justice for immigrants, human trafficking, and more. Hear from speakers including keynote speaker, Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki of Milwaukee. End the day by traveling to the State Capitol to meet and speak with policy makers and staff. For information and registration forms, go to: www.wisconsinatholic.org. Admission: \$37 for adult advanced registration; \$12 for full-time students. Wisconsin Catholic Conference 608-257-0004. Join us for a day of Catholic fellowship, education, and advocacy! The Office of Social Justice Ministry has chartered a coach bus for the event. Bus registration is available at <http://www.archmil.org/Resources/BusRegistrationtoCatholicsatth.htm>. For more information please contact Rob Shelledy at 414-758-2286 or shelledyr@archmil.org

REFER-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Refer a family to enroll their child/ren in St. Matthew's School and receive \$100 off next year's tuition.

REGISTRATION

We are accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 school year in grades 4K-8.

Please call the school office at 414-762-6820 ext. 10.

SERVERS –

March 19
March 20

4:00 p.m.: Sara Hofmann
7:30 a.m.: Emily Shelton
9:30 a.m.: Noah Daun

Cross: Marie Hofmann
Cross: Andi Sullivan
Cross: Anna Daun

WE COLLECT – St. Matthew's School collects the following items to earn money and/or supplies: McDonald's receipts, empty HP ink/toner cartridges, General Mills box tops, Campbell's UPC codes, Kemps milk caps and labels, Golden Guernsey/ Morning Glory milk caps and cancelled postage stamps. It is helpful if you separate the items. They can be placed in the marked drawers in the plastic bin in the hallway outside of church or sent to the school office. In addition to these collection programs, the school also participates in the Pick 'n Save We Care Program as well as the Target Red Card program. Thank you for supporting our school.

P r a y e r F i r s t

“The problem with stretching the truth is that it's liable to snap back.”

Prayer Square

Loving God,

*it is difficult for us to let go of our selfishness and
really love others as we want to be loved.*

*Grant us the grace to come to you by following the example of Jesus.
Help us to learn from him and way of selfless love and humble service.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.