

# ST. MATT'S MATTERS

April 8, 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,

The fourth quarter has begun, which means that this school year is in its home stretch. As always, the halls and classrooms of St. Matthew School are humming with activity.

The topic of bullying has been much in the news lately. On Wednesday, Jane Finkenbine, the Critical Issues Initiatives Program Director at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, will conduct a series of workshops that address this issue here at St. Matthew School. The UW-Parkside website (<http://www.uwp.edu/departments/community.partnerships/k12/criticalissues.cfm>) states "The objective of this program is to create an awareness about bullying. Educate participants in how to create an anti-bully culture. And finally, change the social culture of the community the participant lives, works, and teaches within. The message is more than just anti-bullying...it is about creating cultures and environments that are physically, emotionally and socially safe. A place where all individuals are respected, protected, included and held accountable for their actions." The schedule for the workshops, which will take place in church, is as follows. Parents are welcome to attend.

9:00-9:45	Middle School	"Box of Beliefs"
10:05-10:35	4K, 5K, Grade 1	"Community and Friendship"
10:50-11:35	Grades 2, 3	"Cross the Line"
12:35-1:20	Grades 4, 5	"From Bystander to Defender"

Save the Date! Mrs. Correll is retiring at the end of this school year. A reception in her honor will take place in the Cafeteria on May 19th at 2:00. Mrs. Correll has taught the students of St. Matthew School since 1988! We have been blessed by her dedication to her students, parents, elderly, families in crisis, and men and women in the military. Please mark your calendars and save the date as we express our gratitude to Mrs. Correll for her years of service to the students of St. Matthew School and the community.

Change of teaching assignment for next year. Upon Mrs. Correll's retirement, Mrs. Jacqueline Luther, our current 4th grade teacher, will be moving to fifth grade. I will be forming a search committee and seeking a teacher to fill the 4th grade position.

**Help needed.** Due to the efforts of the Auction, Home and School, and SMPAA, we are getting an addition to the Creative Playground, which will be shipped on April 15. At this time, we are expecting delivery in 2-5 business days. We need a fork-lift or skid loader to unload the shipment as the equipment is being delivered by a "common carrier" who "may not assist in unloading the shipment." If you can help unload the shipment or have a fork-lift, we really need your help. At this time, I do not have a definite date—I will know 24 hours prior to delivery. If you think you may be able to help, please contact me.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education.

*Mrs. Barber*

## IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, 4/9 – Lenten Reconciliation Service, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, 4/10 – GIFT, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, 4/11 – Mad Science, 3:25-4:25; GIFT, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 4/12 – **GYM CLASSES TODAY**; Grade 4, Reconciliation, 10:00 a.m.; Student Council Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 4/13 – Bully Sessions; Grade 3, Reconciliation, 2:00 p.m.; Grade 8, Reconciliation, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, 4/14 – Grade 4, JRA, 8:45-10:00 a.m.; Grade 2, Play, 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 4/15 – 1:20 P.M. DISMISSAL; School Liturgy Hosted by Grade 4, 9:15 a.m.; Fish Boil, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4/17 – Palm Sunday

**GYM CLASSES** – Just a reminder that gym classes will be held next week on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**FOURTH QUARTER / FOUR QUARTERS / FOR TANZANIA / FOR A CHANCE TO BE OUT OF UNIFORM ON APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE PAY YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER.**

**STATE GEOGRAPHY BEE** – Congratulations to Evan Siira, grade 7. Evan competed in the State Geography Bee last Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Out of 100 contestants, Evan came in 4<sup>th</sup>. Outstanding job Evan!

**MR. Z'S FUNDRAISER** - Thank you to all that participated in the Mr. Z's fundraiser, we profited \$3,091.60. That is more than double what we did last year. Great job!!

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS** - Congratulations to the Mini Marshmallows and Fifth Grade Fadoodles Battle of the Books teams. They will proceed to the Oak Creek District Battles at West Middle School on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team are: Samantha Lee, Ally McNeive and Lauren Sims. Members of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team are: Abby Lownik, Jenna Dankert and Rebecca Koronkowski. Good luck St. Matt's!

**PARENTS OF SERVERS** - According to the "General Instructions For Mass" that the Church has issued, please take note of the following principle: **IF your child is scheduled to serve, but arrives after Mass has begun, do not go up to serve. Just stay in your pew for Mass even if there is no server at the altar. Mrs. Wargin**

**SPRING GARDEN FUNDRAISER** – This Home and School fundraiser runs until Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Besides the beautiful flowers, we also sell herbs, peppers and tomatoes. You can pick up your order on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 p.m.—just in time for Mother's Day. All checks should be made payable to St. Matthew Home and School. Profits from this sale are applied to your fundraising obligations. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Reinke at 414-762-8895.

**McDONALD'S MONEY** – Almost there—help us sell out . . . about \$200 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 Koronkowski at 414-762-8815.

**FREE THROW CONTEST** - April 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 11:00 a.m., St. Thomas More Gym. Are you the next Michael Jordan? Four divisions open to: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. Each opponent will have 50 shots and one winner will be selected from each division. Cost to participate is \$5 and each participant will receive a t-shirt. Register by contacting us at 414-481-8370 x 140.

**WATCH LIVING OUR FAITH WITH ARCHBISHOP LISTECKI** - The final three episodes of fourth season of "Catholic Financial Life presents Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki" are here. Watch them Saturdays (April 9, 16 and 23), at noon, on WISN TV 12. This Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, the episode will focus on "Other Gods" and reasons why Mass attendance is on the decline. Our filmed feature spotlights St. Anne Parish, Pleasant Prairie. Parishioners are taking evangelization into their hands with the creation of a parishioner-produced video. The program also airs on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin On Demand, Channel 411. (Find it under Your Community tab.) If you miss a show, every episode is available at [www.livingourfaith.net](http://www.livingourfaith.net).

### **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.

<b>SERVERS –</b>	April 9	4:00 p.m.:	Rachel Chilson	Cross: Jennifer Budzisz
	April 10	7:30 a.m.:	Lauren Tehan	Cross: Jenna Dankert
		9:30 a.m.:	Taylor Schaefer	Cross: Ashley Heiges

**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*

*"If you want something done, ask a busy person."*

-Benjamin Franklin

### **Prayer Square**

*God, take my hand, please light the way, my path make clear through darkest day.*

*I ask your light on act and deed, to follow on where you lead;*

*Your still small voice I will obey, stay close to you from day to day.*

*I pray that You will be My Guide for all eternity.*

- Mary Even