

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

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,

Can you believe that the first quarter of this school year has been completed? Report cards go home on Friday, November 11th.

Last Friday, the entire faculty took part in "Sustaining the Mission," adult faith formation for teachers prepared through Cardinal St. Clare University's St. Clare Center. Along with the other faculties in District 15, we met at Holy Wisdom Academy. The sessions were divided into two tracks. Level one attended classes entitled: "Developing the Gift of Faith," "What Do We Believe?" and "A Catholic Understanding of Scripture." Level two attended classes entitled: "Catholic Education in America: Past and Present," "Eucharist: Source and Summit," and "The Synoptic Good News: Matthew, Mark, and Luke/Acts."

Dr. Kathleen Cepelka, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, has reminded all Catholic school teachers that we are "following in the footsteps of all who have preceded...(us)...in this important work, especially the thousands of religious sisters, brothers, and priests who built the Catholic educational system in our country." She further states, "The torch of that responsibility, for strengthening and sustaining Catholic education, has now been passed into (our) capable hands and generous hearts."

The entire faculty of St. Matthew School realizes what an awesome responsibility this is. Our school's mission statement proclaims that "our mission is to build a Catholic community where we encourage others to proclaim the Gospel with compassion and hope." Last Friday's classes will, indeed, help us to "Sustain the Mission."

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

November 4, 2011

What's Happening 11/5 - 11/14

Saturday, 11/5 - Service Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon; Wilderness Weekend

Sunday, 11/6 - Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall back one hour); Wilderness Weekend

Monday, 11/7 - Mad Science, 3:25-4:25 p.m.; Georgie Porgie Family Night, 5:00-9:00 p.m.; School Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 11/8 - Student Council Meeting, 3:20-4:15 p.m.; SMPAA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 11/11 - Grade 7, Tree Decorating, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Veteran's Day School Liturgy Hosted by Grade 2, 9:15 a.m.; Report Cards Sent Home; Book Fair Preview During School Hours

Saturday, 11/12 - Book Fair, Before/After Mass

Sunday, 11/13 - Book Fair, Before/After Masses; Grade 2, Parent/Child Reconciliation Class, 10:30 a.m. OR Monday, 11/14

Monday, 11/14 - Mad Science, 3:25-4:25 p.m.; Grade 2, Parent/Child Reconciliation Class, 6:30 p.m. OR Sunday, 11/13, Book Fair Open until 8:00 p.m.

"LIVING OUR FAITH" - Regina Bakala, a political refugee from Congo who was saved from deportation by the efforts of local Catholics, is an upcoming guest on Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI's radio show, "Living Our Faith." The half-hour show airs every other Friday at 9:30 a.m. on Relevant Radio (100.1 FM), and previous episodes can be downloaded at www.livingourfaith.net. Here is the schedule of upcoming topics:

November 18: Rescuing Regina (guests Sr. Joseph Marie Flynn, SSND, and Regina Bakala)

December 2: Mothers of Priests (guests Peggy Burns, Kathy Reesman and Mary Jo Widder)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Monday, November 7th is Family Night at Georgie Porgie's in Oak Creek. Total sales from 5:00-9:00 p.m. will benefit St. Matthew's School. Please bring your families and tell your friends. See you there!

SERVER DEADLINES - New servers need to turn in their registration sheet no later than Friday, November 11th. Current servers' deadline to turn in their information for December/January is Monday, November 14th.

MARKET DAY - Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped at our last Market Day sale. Thank you also to those who purchased products from our sale. Our profit was \$243.98. Our next sale pick up day is Monday, November 28th. See you then!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR/LUNCH MENU - Oops!!! The menu for Wednesday, November 30th was omitted on the November calendar. It should have said cook's choice.

BOOK FAIR - The book fair is coming! Preview day is Friday, November 11th. The book fair will be open before and after Masses the weekend of November 12th and 13th. It will also be open until 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. More volunteers are still needed. See the flier in your family folder.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING DATES - The dates of the next three Home and School meetings have changed. The January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th (instead of the 4th), the March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21st (instead of the 7th) and the May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16th (instead of the 2nd). Please make a note of these changes. Remember that two Home and School meetings are required or \$20/meeting as stated on the 5K-Grade 8 Tuition Contract.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS – Congratulations to the 6th Grade Girls St. Matthew Gold team who won the 1st Annual St. Matthew Voll-O-Ween Tournament last weekend. They won in 3 straight matches without losing a single game. All the girls on the team did a spectacular job. The girls received a t-shirt and a trophy and a team trophy on display in the school office.

Last weekend also ended the regular season for Volleyball. The 6th Grade Girls “Gold” Team won the league with a final record of 31-5. They will be receiving individual 1st place trophies as well as a 1st place team trophy for St. Matthew.

The 5th Grade Girls team took 2nd place in their league. A great job for a new team.
Way to go Bulldogs!

ALUMNI NEWS – Congratulations to the following St. Thomas More alumni who received first quarter Highest Honors: Alyssa Loferski, Class of 2012, Amanda Lee, Class of 2015, Andrea Schulner, Class of 2012, Drew Butzer, Class of 2014, Glenn Margraff, Class of 2012, Mathew Peter, Class of 2014, Nicholas Cheaney, Class of 2014, and Scott Butzer, Class of 2012. Congratulations to the following alumni who received first quarter First Honors: David Merkel, Class of 2012, Francis Margraff, Class of 2015, Hannah Tezak, Class of 2015, Jacob Schroeder, Class of 2015, and Noah Daun, Class of 2015. Way to go St. Matt Alumni!

ANATOMY OF A TEENAGE BRAIN - UNDERSTANDING WHY OUR TEENS THINK, SAY, & DO WHAT THEY DO" - St. Thomas More's Parent's Voice is sponsoring "Anatomy of a Teenage Brain - Understanding Why Our Teens THINK, SAY, & DO What They Do." This event is open to all. It will be held Wednesday, November 9th at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. The speaker will be Dr. Brian Fidlin of Children's Hospital & the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Fidlin will provide fundamental understanding of brain development through the adolescent years. This is a FREE event. For further information please call Mr. Heinecke at 414-481-8370 x 113.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL TREATRE PRESENTS THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR – A southern fried comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten will be performed at St. Thomas More High School (2601 East Morgan Avenue, Milwaukee) on Friday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are: adults \$9; and students and children \$7. For more information go to www.theatral.webes.com.

SERVERS –	November 5	4:00 p.m.:	Amanda Janquart	Cross:	Jennifer Budzisz
	November 6	7:30 a.m.:	Nathan Wester	Cross:	John Valla
		9:30 a.m.:	Kristin Fakler	Cross:	Jacklyn Payne

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. We have also joined the My Coke Rewards for School program. Go to www.mycokerewards.com/school. Thank you for supporting St. Matthew School.

YOPLAIT YOGURT - If you purchase Yoplait Yogurt regularly, please purchase the ones with the pink lids. Please save ONLY THE PINK LIDS that say, "save lids to save lives". DO NOT save the gold or red lids that say "race for the cure". Yoplait will accept only the pink lids. Send the intact pink lids to the school office. Ten cents per lid is donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for breast cancer research. Thank you!

Family Faith Sharing

In the daily activities of family life, we can easily find excuses for not attending to our spiritual lives. If not given top priority, prayer and reading Scripture risk becoming occasional activities rather than daily practices. In Sunday's gospel, Jesus reminds us that if we fail to give our spiritual life priority, we will find ourselves unprepared to receive Jesus. Daily prayer and spiritual practice keeps us ready to receive Jesus.

Gather together as a family and talk about some of the things our faith calls us to do every day and every week to keep God first in our lives. Talk about what might happen if we don't do these things regularly. Explain to your family that Jesus taught us that it is important to keep ourselves ready to receive him when he comes again. Tell them to listen as you read the parable that Jesus tells in today's Gospel. Read aloud Matthew 25:1-13. Talk with your family about why Jesus says that it is so important to remain ready to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Pray together that your family will always keep God first in your lives so that you will all be prepared to receive Jesus when he comes. Pray together the [Act of Hope](#).

O my God, relying on your infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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"You should not always bail your children out of trouble."



"C U @ Mass"