

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,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! Though the school year is young, St. Matthew's has been buzzing with activity.

Our school theme this year is "C U @ Mass." As a school, we will be examining the Mass: why we go to Mass, how to say the new acclamations and responses that will go into effect during Advent, the meaning of the scriptures that we hear proclaimed and the symbols that are a part of Mass. As a part of our dedication to this theme, you will notice a Family Faith corner in St. Matt's Matters this year.

It was so good to see all of you at Supply Day/Back to School Night, the new family social, and the first Home and School meeting. We are blessed and enriched as a community by all the families who have children enrolled at St. Matthew School.

On a personal note, this Saturday marks a special hallmark in the Barber family, as we are celebrating the second birthday of our grandson, Matthew Barber! I also want to thank you for all the condolences and support that I have received on the recent death of my father.

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

September 9, 2011

What's Happening the Week of 9/12 - 9/18

Monday, 9/12 - Cross Country Meet, Muskego; Market Day Pick Up, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 9/14 - Cross Country Meet, Grant Park

Friday, 9/16 - Field Day

ABSENCES - Just a reminder to call the school office each day your child is out sick. There is an answering machine available to take your call. (414-762-6820 Ext. 10)

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN - Sessions will be held here at St. Matthew's in the cafeteria on Tuesday, September 20 and Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Remember this is necessary for all adults who volunteer with children at St. Matthew's. This includes: coaches, scout leaders and anyone who chaperones any field trip. You only need to attend once. You may register on line at <http://www.archmil.org> Near the bottom of the page, "Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal" section, click on Safeguarding All Of God's Family (formerly known as Virtus), go to events and click on the appropriate session you wish to attend to register. Any questions, call Shelly at 414-762-4200, ext. 15.

CUB SCOUTING - Join the FUN with Pack 251! Boys in 1st grade or older and their parents are welcome to attend a special open house to learn more about scouting. Come have fun with the scouts Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you have further questions, please contact Matt Bruins at 414-234-0258 or Chris Adams at 414-731-0116. Have fun, make friends - Be a Scout!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PENALTY KICK SOCCER CHALLENGE - 10-14 Year Old Boys and Girls; This Friday, September 9, 2011; Register at 4:30 p.m. /Kick at 5:15 p.m.; at Divine Mercy Field, 695 College Avenue, South Milwaukee, (Enter off of Badger Avenue.)

THEME SHIRTS - Support the 8th grade fundraising efforts and order your school theme "C U @ MASS" shirts! Orders must be in by September 13th. These shirts can be worn on Wednesdays in place of a uniform shirt! Any questions, please contact Stacy Sims at stacysims@wi.rr.com or 414-571-0565.

BULLDOG SPIRIT WEAR - Go online at www.burghardtssportinggoods.com and check out all of the spiritwear...We have some new items this year including a pullover wind coat, 1/2 zip microfleece jacket, dry fit tshirt and plaid flannel pants! All ordering is done online. Deadline to place your order is Sunday, September 11th at 11:59 p.m. And remember, any spirit wear (without a hood) can be worn on Wednesdays instead of a uniform shirt!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Children who expressed an interest in singing in the parish's Children's Choir took yellow registration/information sheets home today. Please look at the information to see if this is workable for your child. Fill it out and send it back in your child's folder.

Mrs. Wargin

SERVER SLIPS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER - The server information sheet for the October/November Server Schedule are in today's folder. Please note that the deadline for returning this slip is Monday, September 19th.

ENTERTAINMENT/GOLD C BOOKS – The 1st annual Home and School fundraiser is here. We are selling the Entertainment books again. The Entertainment book is \$35. The fundraiser will be from September 9-26. If you have out of town families that would like to order, you can complete the form enclosed. All orders and money are due on September 26th. Please return the sample book if you are not ordering as soon as possible to the school office. If you are returning the sample book, be sure to include the envelope with the family name on it so that I know which family has returned their book. If you are ordering, there is no need to return the sample book. Payment for the books should be in the form of one check payable to St. Matthew's Home and School. This year, for every 3 Entertainment books sold you will receive 1 free Entertainment book. **The free books will all be given at the end of the sale.** You will also receive a voucher for a free kid Wave ticket with the first book sold. There are Bonus saving cards in each book. Samples of the book will be in the school office. The profits go towards your fundraising commitment. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Janquart at 414-761-0626.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND TOY RESALE FUNDRAISER - Help support the Home and School Association as well as clearing out some of the gently used kids items in your home. On Saturday, October 15th this fundraiser will be held in the school cafeteria from 8:00-4:00 p.m. Please consider participating by signing up for a packet, pricing your items and volunteering some time for the event either in the set up or the day of the event. 50% from the sale of your item goes to you, 50% goes to Home and School. Your volunteer time will also count toward your fundraising service hours. Consider this great opportunity to put your used items to good use. For information contact Wendy Schueller at wlschueller@yahoo.com or Susan Malison at susan.jim@att.net.

ALUMNI NEWS - Congratulations to St. Matthew alumni, Kelly Kotowski, Amanda Lee and Hannah Tezak for earning the Girl Scout Silver Award for their Animal Awareness project. The girls found many people do not know who to call or how to handle wildlife in and around their homes. To answer this need they researched Wildlife books, websites, and rehabilitation centers; the results of which they combined into a brochure and puppet show. They performed the puppet show for 3 days during State Fair at the Expo Center Youth Exhibition Hall. The Silver Award is the highest award a middle school Girl Scout can earn.

SERVERS –	September 10	5:00 p.m.: Noah Daun	Cross: Anna Daun
	September 11	7:30 a.m.: Ryan McNeive	Cross: Amanda Janquart
		9:30 a.m.: Kayleigh Pook	Cross: Briana Deschaine

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. Thank you for supporting our school.

Family Faith Sharing

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches an important lesson for families: from the youngest and simplest among us we can learn the most profound insights about God. Parents who are attentive to this reality can learn much from their children even as their children are learning from them. Families who create time and space for encounters with God will enrich the faith of all who share in family life.

Gather as a family and read together today's Gospel, Matthew 11:25-30. Allow time for each person to reflect on what Jesus reveals to us about God. Invite each person to show these things in a creative way, perhaps through a picture, poem, or some other means. Share these with one another. Conclude in prayer together, thanking Jesus for making God known to us. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm, Psalm 145.

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“Exercise Daily. Walk with God.”

WELCOME BACK!

Have a great year.

"C U @ Mass"