



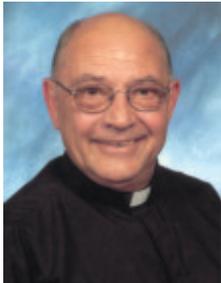
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FROM ST. MATTHEW

The community of St. Matthew exists in the world as a visible expression of God's love

MESSAGE FROM **father steve**



Fr. Steve's homilies are available on-line at www.st-matts.org

Helping Our Alumni Come Home

*"Making your way in the world today
Takes everything you've got.*

*Taking a break from all your worries
Sure would help a lot."*

"Where Everybody Knows Your Name" became the theme song for "Cheers" in August of 1982 and for twenty-seven years has been part of the daily re-run schedule.

The show is about community, a place that is "home", a place where it is more or less safe to be yourself; a place in which people look out for each other.

St. Matthew's School was for many people that kind of place. I hear stories almost daily from alums who speak with nostalgia about the events and times of their student days.

Even though students graduate and many leave the area to further their education or enter into the adult work world, St. Matthew's remains a kind of "home."

Every month, someone calls from near or far to ask if their new born could be baptized at St. Matt's. The caller is not currently a member of the parish but he/she says: "I was baptized at St. Matt's," or "I graduated from St. Matt's School." The same kind of phone call comes from those seeking to enter marriage. And many times a call comes at the time of death to arrange for a funeral and the caller will say "He has not been a member of the parish for a long, long time, but he went to St. Matthew's School."

Over the years and over hundreds and thousands of miles, St. Matt's remains a place where many remember a time and space, "Where everybody knows your name."

This issue contains many names of alums for whom we do not have a correct listing of name

and address. Can you help us find out where these alums are today?

If you are in contact with classmates and friends from your St. Matt's School days, you probably find a special bond has endured over many years and many miles. Reunions and reconnections are like coming back to "Cheers."

You are always welcome at Saint Matt's. Many alums have reconnected with the parish and are now part of the Saint Matt's community.

*"Making your way in the world today
Takes everything you've got."*

You can return to a place called "home." You can reconnect where everybody knows your name.

Yours truly,
Stephen Adrian, Pastor

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Kindergarten Round-Up, January 28 at 6:30 p.m.

All children attending kindergarten next year are welcome! Learn more about our academic goals, religious education and tuition assistance. For more information call the office at 651-224-6912.

FROM THE EDITOR

Can You Help Us Find Our Missing Alumni?



Alumni & Friends (A&F's) is undertaking a project to track down missing alumni who graduated from St. Matthew's School during the years 1961-1980. We're asking for your help to find them.

The more alumni who learn about the great things happening at their old school, the broader the base of support for school scholarships. A&F's commitment to St. Matthew's School is long-term, and the more people we have helping us achieve that goal, the better.

It's also an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with their former classmates, parish and neighborhood. For many people who've been long absent, the chance to attend a reunion, visit the school, or resume old friendships, has been an invaluable experience.

1000 Alumni are Missing

During the years 1961-1980, approximately 1640 students graduated from St. Matthew's. We currently have about 600 of these people on our mailing list; 30 more are known to be deceased, which leaves about 1000 names.

Getting Started

Starting on page 6 you will find the names of all the missing alumni. They are organized alphabetically under the year they graduated. It's likely that everyone on the list of missing graduates is known to one or more of our readers.

Part of St. Matthew's Past & Future

Our goal is to find everyone missing from the alumni lists and give each of them the option to reconnect with their roots. Not all of them will, but it's nice to have the choice. And that's all we're asking of you — help us give these missing alumni the chance to renew ties to their old neighborhood and their former classmates. Then they can decide for themselves if they want to be more than just a part of their school's past by also contributing to its future.

— Maggie Lee, Editor



TIPS FOR FINDING MISSING ALUMNI

It's All in the Family

The family connection can be a great tool for finding missing alumni. Since families were larger back then and the kids usually went to the same elementary school, chances are good, if you find one member of the family, you can get the addresses for everyone. Here are a couple of tips to keep in mind:

1. Check to see if any of your own siblings, nieces, nephews or cousins are on the missing list.
2. Scan the list for family names of people you might know and when you spot a familiar last name, check the other classes to see if other members of that family are missing from the list.
3. Look in the phone book to find a parent, a graduate or relative with the same last name. One phone call can result in finding several missing graduates.

How to Submit Names and Addresses:

1. Email to Alumninews@st-matt's.org
2. Mail them in the enclosed envelope
3. Phone them into the parish office at 651-224-9793

It's time
to order your
Girl Scout Cookies!

Watch for St. Matt's
Girl Scouts at the
Coffee Hour after
Sunday Mass or the
Lenten Fish Fries.



Girl Scout Troop 50163:
l-r, troop leader Kristine
(Nielsen) Erickson '80,
Zoila Moreno, Bree
Osborne, Sarah Garcia,
Anna Erickson, Samantha
Plante, Amanda Reding,
Joyce (Heininger)
Osborne '77.

Girl Scouts Committed to Community Service

If you've bought any Girl Scout cookies in recent years at St. Matthew's, you've probably purchased them from one of the girls in Troop 50163. They're an industrious group of 5th graders, most of whom have been together since kindergarten. Over the years, they've also developed a strong commitment to community service.

Joyce (Heininger) Osborne ('77) is the troop leader and she explains the group formed when she couldn't find a troop for her then five-year old daughter to join. She called up her friend, Kristine (Nielsen) Erickson ('80), and pitched her on the idea. Joyce says, "I talked Kristine into doing it with me. I said we'd have a small troop and we'd meet once a month."

For a small troop that only meets once a month, they seem to get a lot done. For instance, this Christmas, the girls sent Spruce tree tops and handmade ornaments overseas to the troops. Joyce explains that it grew out of a project they did last year. Joyce, who works at United Family Medicine, says, "One of our doctors was in Iraq last year and we thought, let's send him some cards and cookies — Christmas stuff. We also sent the top of a tree. He told us later, the thing the soldiers loved the most was the pine tree. They said it smelled like home. So this year, we sent two bundles so 20 people can have their own little Christmas trees."

It's just one of the many projects the girls have undertaken over the years. Joyce says the girls set their own agenda. Last year, they raised \$700 at a holiday boutique and put all the money towards good causes. One project was to give a Christmas gift to an elder who didn't have any family. With Sr. Anne Becker's help, they found someone and assembled a care package. Joyce says, "The elder wanted to meet the girls, she was a retired teacher, and the girls had the most wonderful time!"

While the troop puts a lot of effort into a wide range of community service projects, they also have fun on field trips that include outdoor activities such as horseback riding, snowshoeing, and learning how to use a bow and arrow.

Joyce says, "It gives them confidence. It makes the next thing they don't think they can do, easier to try."

As a group, the girls have become close and have learned to work well together despite their differences. For her part, Joyce likes getting to spend time with her daughter and her friends. She believes Girl Scouts has really opened some doors for the girls, "They're doing things that most of these kids would never have experienced." She adds, "When they're older, they'll have some great memories."

Volunteer Librarians Keep Setting Goals — And Achieving Them

Every Tuesday morning, St. Matthew's students in grades K-5 get to visit the school library, listen to a story or a poem, hear a few book reviews and best of all, check out a book. They get to do all this because of the dedication of St. Matthew's two volunteer librarians who've been coming to the school for the past six years.

Annette Patient and Ellie Breister started out in 2003, by assisting the school's part-time librarian. The two of them had volunteered together for several years and found they clicked as a team. Neither Annette nor Ellie had any previous connection to St. Matt's, but they liked what they saw. Annette says, "I wasn't familiar with St. Matthew's School, but what I saw happening each school day was wonderful and truly fulfilling the school's mission."

After their first year, budget cuts eliminated the librarian's position and it looked as if the library would be shuttered. Instead, Annette and Ellie stepped in. Annette recalls, "It started out with Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. I'd read a little story and they could check a book out for themselves." After two years, they added 4th and 5th grade as well. "It was initiated by the kids — they kept asking us 'Can we still come to the library? We really miss it!' So we thought, let's run with this and we asked the teachers — can you fit us in?" Both Annette and Ellie acknowledge it wouldn't have been possible without the considerable support of the teachers and school administration.

Annette, who has a degree in library science, is passionate when talking about how important it is to instill a love of reading in children, "I am a strong believer that reading is the foundation for all future learning." Besides, Annette adds, "It's fun! Reading is just as good escapism as TV, a DVD or a video game. A book can take you places you've never imagined."

Ellie, also new to St. Matt's, was soon won over by the kids, "A lot of them think I'm like their grandmother, especially the little ones. I think it's comforting for them." Ellie also appreciates the school's commitment to promoting strong reading skills, "I'm amazed at the resources that are here to help kids. Title One, East Side Learning, plus the parishioners who volunteer. I just think they really care about how that student is going to progress."

Reading is just as good escapism as TV, a DVD or a video game. A book can take you places you've never imagined.

ANNETTE PATIENT



Annette Patient and a 5th grade student read a poem together.

When they started, their first goal was to interest kids in reading and to get them hooked on using the library. Annette shares one of her strategies, "With the younger children, if I see a reluctant reader, sometimes I give them a book and say, 'Take this home and when you come back next week let me know if I should read it to the whole class. Give me your opinion.' It definitely engages them."

Entire Library Now on Computer

Annette and Ellie have recently completed another big goal, one that's taken over three years. St. Matthew's library is now completely computerized. The new software program, InfoCentre, allows books to be checked out and in by scanning the barcode on the book. InfoCentre also allows students to search the library collection on computer, making the card catalog obsolete.

Ellie explains that for part of the last two summers, they each put in about 20 hours a week working to get the system up and running. Ellie says, "To get one book on the shelf in a library is a lot of work — people have no idea."

Completing that goal has led to their next one. Because it costs about 50 cents to enter each book into the computerized system, they weeded out any that were



Ellie Breister scans two books using the library's new computerized system.



Annette Patient reads a story to the 2nd grade class.

outdated or in disrepair. Now they'd like to fill the shelves with books.

New Goal – 2500 More Books

Annette estimates the library currently has 2500 books. Their goal is to double that to 5000. She notes the library already has a good collection, particularly for fiction, and they want to build on it.

Annette explains that there is no money in the school budget to buy books, "There are a few very generous people who have given us money. And we do very well with the Fall Scholastic Book Fair — we get about 30 books from that each year." While new books are great, they also welcome gently used books and encourage people to contact them if they have books they'd like to donate. *(See sidebar for more information.)*

When asked what keeps them coming back the women agree, it's the children. Ellie says, "I've seen kids come in at kindergarten and over the years watched them blossom."

Annette says, "Even the ones who have difficulty reading — you can tell they like the time they spend here." Later she adds, "I believe everyone should do what they can where they're planted. I can't cure AIDS in Africa or solve world hunger, but I can do this."

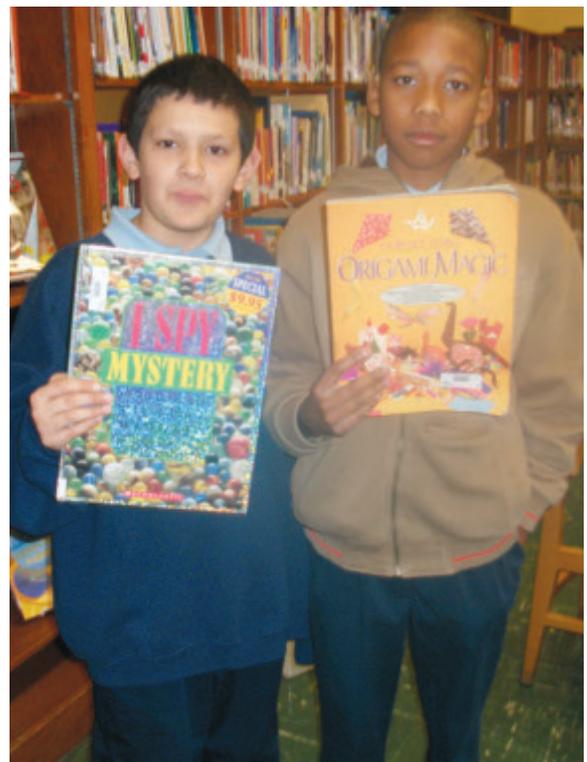
3 Ways You Can Help Fill the Shelves with Books!

DONATE USED BOOKS Bring your gently used books to the school office for the librarians to review.

CONTRIBUTE NEW BOOKS Non-fiction books about sports, history, biography, ancient cultures and geography are always welcome. For fiction, Caldecott or Newberry Winners and Honor Books are great choices. We also are looking for poetry collections and books on mythology.

CONTRIBUTE MONEY Use the envelope in the newsletter to make a contribution — just indicate that you want your donation to go towards books for the library.

For more information, call the school office 651-224-6912.



How Many of the Missing Can You Find?

The following is a list of all St. Matthew's missing alumni from 1961–1980. The list is organized alphabetically by the year they graduated. You'll also find some tips for how to go about locating alumni, as well as the stories of a few alumni who've taken on the challenge of finding their missing classmates, why they did it and how they went about it. Information can be sent in three ways: email to Alumninews@st-matts.org; use the enclosed envelope, or call the parish center at 651-224-9793.

Note: Married women are listed alphabetically by their baptismal name with their married name in parentheses.

1961

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rosemary Allie | Marjorie (Spinner) Hall | Harold Schulte | Edward Benoe |
| Donald Altendorfer | Judith (Kelly) Havig | Sylvester Schwartz | Elizabeth Blissenbach |
| David Anderson | Karen (Kunzman) Kelly | Margharet (Colbert) Schweickert | Sandra Boehmer |
| Richard Auge | Elizabeth Keonen | Mary (Legrid) Soukup | John Booton |
| Gerald Augst | Cheryl A. (Bierbrauer) Lorch | Theresa (Lindeke) Speiker | Dwayne Bronk |
| Dolores Beacom | Kathleen McCann | Judith (Horwath) Stelter | Marilyn (Kawakami) Bukrey |
| Dennis Beissel | Refugio Mendez | Elizabeth (Hall) Swiderska | Michael Burns |
| Mary (Skarda) Briel | William Michaelsen | Alice (Zamora) Triviski | Paul Burth |
| Donald Burth | John Moonay | Lynn (Boettcher) Winter | Barbara Clancy |
| Joseph Burth | Dennis Moore | | Patricia Crisman |
| John Corrigan | Barbara (Ashton) O'Connor | | Michael D |
| Linda (Hansen) Drude | Bruce Peterson | 1962 | Kathleen Darlow |
| James Duerscherl | Robert Plantenberg | Lawrence Abel | Diane Delmont |
| Ellen (Gordon) Eastman | Susan (Zaske) Ramirez | Phillip Adam | Mary Diedrich |
| Darlene Fibuch | Capt. Edw. Reuter | Janice Ahlman | James Gabriel |
| Diane (Wineman) Gabriel | Howard Rockwood | Robert Allie | Patricia Grogan |
| James Griffin | Susanne Roeller | Kathryn Anderson | Stephen Gross |
| Roy W. Haas | Thomas Ruberto | Jerome Asterman | Gary Guldberg |
| Donna (Westpha)l Haffely | | Charles Baurer | Conrad House |
| | | Jay Benello | Tina Isaac |
| | | | James Johns |
| | | | Richard Jorgensen |
| | | | Marilyn Kisch |
| | | | Michael Koller |
| | | | Linda Korsell |
| | | | Robert Kukacka |
| | | | Linda Leko |
| | | | James Lotzer |
| | | | Thomas Lundgren |
| | | | Martin Madsen |
| | | | Anne Marxer |
| | | | Jane Meyer |
| | | | Robert Michaelson |
| | | | Patricia Monsour |
| | | | Gary Mosberger |
| | | | Peter Nasseff |
| | | | Valerie Neveu |
| | | | Gerald Nutzman |
| | | | Jerome Osterman |
| | | | Mary Jo Pagel |



Jeanne Marie (Troge) Peterson
 Steven Peterson
 Mary Ellen Reuter
 Joan A. (Isher) Rosenberger
 Leo Ruberto
 Carol Schaefer
 Thomas Schmidt
 Thomas Seidl
 Laureen Seivert
 Patrick Shanley
 Gerald Shomion
 Kathleen Skadski
 Richard T. Soutor
 Margaret Sullivan
 Rudy Thell
 Richard Thill
 William Uhlenkott
 Diane Valen
 Michael Vallant
 Stephen Vesey
 Carolyn Waldo
 Kathleen Warner
 William Wiblishauser
 Peter Zarate
 John Zasada

Richard Anderson
 Susanne Anglo
 Alfred Bauman
 Timothy Bellows
 David Blomgren
 Patricia Bossart
 Sharon Brisse
 Theresa Burdash
 Mario Casa De Calvo
 Vera Denysiuk
 Carol Diaz
 Gerald Faehnrich
 John Fishback
 Peter Frank
 John Greco
 James Grogan
 Diane (Emerson) Gross
 James Guegal
 John Heilman
 Robert Hill
 Thomas Hueffmeier
 Mary Joseph
 Robert Kane
 Mary Karlen
 Diane Kervin
 Janice Kofoid
 Michael Kolb
 Barbara Lancette
 Donald Lancette
 John Landsberger
 Mary Lotzer
 Faith MacDonald

Sharon Marx
 Christine Melbye
 Robert Meyer
 Terrence Michel
 Constance Monsour
 Mary Moran
 Mary Morin
 Patricia Moschner
 Diane Moyer
 Diane (Salmon) Mrozinski
 Mary Mueller

James Nutzman
 Margaret Phillippi
 David Prokop
 Donald Prokop
 Kenneth Prow
 James Quirk
 Kathryn (Wicke) Schadegg
 William Schreiner
 Judith Steckmeyer
 Gregory Tackaberry

1963

Daniel Achman
 John Adams
 Sandra Alfveby



MIKE KOSEL ('57)

"I saw it as a challenge."

Mike volunteered to help find people for their 50-year class reunion.

"I thought, somebody's going to have to do this or it's going to be a thin crowd. I managed to find about 25 members of our class. I talked to most of them myself. Some of them were really excited about it — many of them came to the reunion. I found out two guys from Florida live right near each other and didn't even know it. Then there was the gal from California we found by writing to her brother in Wisconsin the week before the reunion. He got the letter to her just in time and she came. Another woman was found the night before the reunion. She was in town visiting her mother so she came too."

"One guy — he was one of the smartest kid in our class — I was just determined to find him. He couldn't come to the reunion but he invited me to lunch at his house. He was extremely fascinating. He'd been in charge of Burlington Northern Railroad's Chicago operation and in his basement he'd built a model of downtown Chicago with all the buildings and rail lines."

To find people, Mike often used a phone book, "In some cases, I just looked up last names. One time, I found two names that were the same. I called one of the guys and he said, 'No, it's not me, but if you find that other guy let me know because he had a bill at Sears and I had to pay it!'" Later, Mike adds, "When I found the right guy, I never brought it up."

Kay Tako
 Theresa Thill
 Christine Thul
 Louise Thurn
 Kathleen Tiger
 Mark Triviski
 Beverly Verdouw
 Laura Waldo
 Donna Waldoch
 Barbara Wallace
 Linda White
 David Wilmes
 Ronald Wylie
 Barbara Zaun



1964

Cheryl Bateman
 Diane Bauer
 Bernadette Bobick
 Marilyn Casalenda
 Linda Duerscherl
 Carol (Nelson) DuFour
 Diane Engen
 Carol Haas
 Robert Haffely
 Michael Lichtenberg
 Gregory J. Lorch
 Gregory Padelford
 Michael Patrick
 Richard Patrick
 William Peter
 Christine (Sanders) Quehl
 Rosemarie Rahn
 Richard Sellner
 Timothy Tabor
 Paula (Rude) Verdouw
 Edward Viktora
 Gail Zaun

James Diederich
 Stephen Duerscherl
 Mary Ehrenberg
 Alfred Einberger
 Judith Engen
 Linda Frame
 Mary Frank
 Jeffrey Gebhardt
 Virginia Greene
 David Gross
 Gail Gutzmer
 Eleanor Handwerk
 Jeffry Heutmaker
 Gary Hinze
 Deborah (Boullt) Kaminski
 Elaine (Haberkorn) Kraker
 Cavan Lasch
 Lenny Lingofelt
 Gregory Lothenbach
 Susan Maher
 Shanna McCann
 Kevin McMonigal
 Susan Meyer
 Jean Michalski
 Theresa (Thompson) Miller
 Janice (Hawkes) Mrozinski
 Mary Ann Nasseff
 Stephen Petersen
 Jane Pirkl
 James Plantenberg
 Richard Potzman
 Sandra Reiland
 Dennis Ring
 Mark Roeller
 Michael Santori

Patrick Schmidt
 Steve Schueller
 Pat Scott
 Kathleen Seidl
 Michael Shanley
 Gerald Stahnke
 Donna Thellen
 Daniel Triviski
 Mark Troje
 Mary Wanger
 Kathleen Ward
 Jane Wazlawik
 John Wenker
 Denise Wessel
 James Wilmes
 Petra Zarate
 Jeanne Zimmerman

1966

Richard Adams
 John Aguirre
 Elizabeth Argo
 Wendy Bachel
 Richard Bandholz
 Doris Barnes
 Robert Behan
 Marianne Benoe
 Patricia Bredehoft
 Denise Brown
 Charles Chaika
 Catherine Clancy
 Thomas Cruz
 Gregory Dalton
 Joann Danmeier
 Deborah Duerscherl
 Mary Jo Fibuch

**Classmates
 Get Together**

If you graduated during the years 1961-1980, plan a get together with a few or your St. Matt's classmates and brainstorm. Where did the missing graduates live? Who were they friends with? Where did they work? Who did they marry? Pool your information until you have some good leads. This is a fun, sociable way to tackle the challenge.

Lucy (Maloney) Francis
 Raymond Gangl
 Sharon Gebhardt
 Deborah Genin
 Sharon Gonsoir
 Mary Jean Haas
 Janet Heutmaker
 Mary Ann Hinze
 Frank Jack
 Amelia Joseph
 Jeffrey Kelzer
 Diane Kisch
 Dorothy Kolb
 Rita E. Kosel
 Daniel Lancette
 Michael Leahy
 Kathleen Lothenbach
 Margaret Maher
 John Millan
 Susan Mishler
 Michael Moszer

1965

Samuel Achman
 Lawrence Adams
 Sylvia (Santos) Aguirre
 Steven Alfveby
 Linda Allie
 Robert Anglo
 Beverly Bachel
 Barbara Bellows
 Patrick Berg
 Mary Bitterman
 Don Bossart
 Gary Brown
 Barbara Burns
 Joseph Cardenas
 Robert Cruz

Larry Nehring
 Anthony Palumbo
 Claudia Paquette
 Daniel E. Patton
 Shirley (Mattson) Patton
 Catherine (Garvey) Pavlak
 Annamarie Peter
 Diane Prokop
 Mary Ann Rascher
 Robert Reuter
 David Robinette
 John Schaefer
 Thomas Schmahl
 Stephen Schmitt
 Stephen Schreiber
 Patricia Schwab
 Julie (Hurt) Stefaniak
 Michael Stein
 Stephen Tackaberry
 Pamela Thul
 Paul Triviski
 Charles Villaume
 David Wanger
 Carol Westbrook
 James Whebbe
 Joyce Wilmes

1967

Anna Aguirre
 Gerald Allers
 Warren Anderson
 Alvin Bachel
 Mary Beaudette
 Jeanne Becker
 Virginia Berg
 Marilyn Bobick
 David Bukowski
 Barbara Burdash
 Deborah Dalton
 Mary Duffy
 Geoffrey S Ewald
 Karen Faehnrich
 Thomas Frank
 Russell Hager
 Steven Hammer
 Steven Hayes
 Denise Heinger
 Thomas Heinger
 Carmen Hunter
 Charles Kaiser
 Roxanne Kaufhold
 Patricia Kelly
 Charles Ketchmark
 Yvonne Korman

David Krejci
 Mark Krull
 James Leach
 Sandra J. Lorch
 Sandra Martin
 Richard Marz
 Sandra Mathis
 Patrick McCauley
 David Miller
 Lynne (Overlie) Miller
 Terrence O'Brien
 Thomas Paquette
 Paul Patient
 Robert Peterka
 Mary Lou Plantenberg
 Kathleen Preuss
 Michael Prow
 Kevin Robinette
 Patricia (Orth) Schadegg
 Coleen Scherado
 Diane Schowalter
 Timothy Schreiber
 Rosanne Schueller
 Ruthanne Schueller
 Sheila Shaughnessy
 Claire St. Sauver
 Philip Stehr
 Joann Stodola
 Richard Straus
 Gerald Sussner
 Thomas Tabor

Jeffrey Thul
 Phyllis Vesey
 Paul Ward
 Janice Zasada
 Carol Zimmerman

1968

Patricia Achman
 Ronald Aguirre
 Rita Amon
 Jean Behan
 Joseph Behan
 Joseph Beissel
 Judith Bengston
 Barbara Bitterman
 Alison (Forester) Boehmer
 Victoria Buchete
 Margaret Bukowski
 Katharine Curran
 Gary Danmeier
 Ann (McDonough)
 Del Vecchio
 Peter Exley
 Mary Beth (Cubus) Haas
 Veronica Kachel
 Michael Kaess
 Gregory Kaufhold
 Kathleen (Kuntz) Kelly
 Bonita Kelzer
 Diane Ketchmark
 Cynthia Klein

James Klein
 Barbara Kolb
 Lori (Reif) Krull
 Steven Landsberger
 James Leahy
 Linda Lingofelt
 Joan Livingstone
 Diane Marx
 Gary Meyer
 Joseph Nielsen
 Gina (Quinn) Palumbo
 Victoria (Baker) Petschauer
 Montell Pierce
 Barbara (Tackaberry) Pirkel
 Debby (Carlson) Potzmann
 Francisco Ramirez
 Patricia (Petschauer)
 Rasmussen
 Nancy Reeves
 Keith Reiland
 George Schadegg
 Thomas Schwab
 Barbara St Sauever
 Joseph Thul
 Donald Walker
 Diana Wallner
 Deborah (Williams)
 Wazlawik
 Jonette Wazlawik
 Jean Wenker
 Timothy Zeurk

KATHY CHAPDELAINE ('64)

“There are so many people who know each other.”

Kathy, along with Donna Duffy McCarthy helped organize a 45th Class Reunion last Spring as part of Reunion Sunday. They set up a website to help organize the event.

“We had been to our high school reunion (Humboldt) in the fall and decided we should do it for our grade school class. We went thru the list (of missing alumni) and put together a letter that said we were looking for these people. We asked if anyone had names and addresses. We found at least half of them that way. It was a very good response.”

“We did it in such a short period of time. We started in January and had the reunion in May. We were so excited we found everybody. The response was so great. The farthest someone came was from Las Vegas.”

“The website is very easy to do. We put all the information about the reunion on the website and people could email their addresses. There are so many people who know each other. With email and the internet — stuff like this is getting easier.”

1969

Angela Adams
 Karolyn Anderson
 Vicki Argo
 Benjamin Bagley
 Diane Bateman
 Richard Bauer
 William Bengston
 Carleen Berg
 Judith (Cocchiarella)
 Blissenbach
 Constance Bossart
 Patricia Brysky
 Michael Casalenda
 Patricia Cassidy
 Mary Cruz
 Sue Dalton
 James Del Vecchio
 Nancy Deustermann
 Robert Fischbach
 Diane Grant
 Michael Gubash
 Jim Hafiz
 Barbara Hager

Valorie Huey
 Matthew Isaac
 Douglas Kaiser
 Beverly Kelzer
 Patricia (Meyer) Kolb
 David Krull
 Vincent Langevin
 Tony Larson
 Jim Letourneau
 Thomas Maher
 Thomas Millan
 Jeanine Moe
 Virginia Morin
 Lynn Nehring
 Margaret O'Brien
 Linda Piringner
 Debra Prokop
 Denice Roering
 Laura (Lafaver) Rowan
 David Scherbel
 Laureen Sieber
 Steven Tabor
 Mary Todora
 Robert Tonda

Mary Vasterling
 Mike Vesey

1970

Diana Bagley
 Gregory Bauer
 Stephen Blaschka
 Pamela Bredehoft
 Harvey Buchite
 Gregory Burg
 Roseanne (Arnold)
 Cardenas
 Catherine Cunningham
 Janice Dwuznik
 Christopher Exley
 James Exley
 Mark Fischbach
 Barbara Fretschel
 Kathleen Giesel
 Sandra Gonsoir
 Catherine Gubash
 Jeanne (Bann) Haas
 Mary Jo Hager
 James Halligan

Deborah Hayes
 Laureen Heininger
 Patricia Isaac
 Timothy Jack
 Jeffrey Jenniges
 Rebecca (Peterson) Kaess
 Ted Lancette
 Nicholas Lardani
 Thomas Leahy
 Ed LeClair
 Joseph Letourneau
 William McElmury
 Kathleen McInnis
 Scott Norton
 Leonard Noyola
 Rosa Noyola
 Anna Odegaard

Check Your High School Alumni List

High schools have a much better track record for staying in touch with their graduates. Check with the person who's keeping track of your h.s. classmates and see if any missing St. Matt's alumni are listed.

TONI BLOECHL '72

"For me, it's about reconnecting."

Toni is just getting started on planning a reunion for her class next fall. She'll be doing it all long distance.

"I live in Santa Cruz, California. I've been here for 36 years. I'm the youngest of five — all of us went through St. Matt's. My dad is Virgil Bloechl, he's 88-years old and graduated in '37. He was the fire captain at Station #6. He retired at 52 (due to job related injuries.) My three older brothers were out in California already so we moved too. I was 15 when we moved — it was pretty traumatic. My life was really disrupted."

"I put together a reunion in the '90's. We met at Cherokee Park and had about 10-12 people come. It was an interesting cross section who showed up, the class brain, the class trouble maker — it was fun seeing how people had changed."

When the newsletter asked people to submit their memories about the church fire, Toni shared hers, "When I wrote about the fire, a classmate saw my name and wrote to me. We've been corresponding. I figure if a few of us can put our heads together, we can really get things going."

Toni points out that when she organized the reunion in the '90's, it was without the aid of computers. The strategy this time combines old-fashioned legwork with modern day social networking. "There were 90 kids in our class and we probably have 25 names. We're using Facebook. When we find somebody we find out who they might know and get a chain going. One guy (who's helping) works for an insurance company — he seems to have a way of finding people."

They're planning the event for next October, which will make it the 38th anniversary — not a year everyone celebrates, but Toni doesn't mind, "For me personally, it's about reconnecting. I've always been a person who doesn't like to lose people. It goes back to how and when I left Minnesota. It's important to reconnect with my roots."



1970, continued

Stephen Paquette
 Thomas Plantenburg
 Patrice Quehl
 Paul Ramirez
 Elizabeth Reicher
 Mark Santori
 Theresa (Grovm)
 Schadegg
 Beverly Schaefer
 Michael Schaefer
 Susan Scherbel
 Ellen Schwartz
 Michael Scornovacco
 Pamela Sieber
 Barbara Simones
 Bruce Smith
 James Stuhlman
 Richard Thul
 Mary Vondrasek
 Kathleen Wallner
 Kathryn Weisman
 Mary Ann Wessel
 Barbara Wilberg

1971

Raymond Achman
 George Altendorfer
 Robert Auge
 Deborah Bachel
 James Benoe
 Joan Berg
 Deborah Birch
 Connie Blaschka
 Paul Boehmer

Paul Bredehoft
 Denise Burg
 Sheila Cassidy
 Stella Castillo
 Patricia Chapdelaine
 Patricia Clancy
 Shannon Conlin
 Janice (Tribbett) Cooper
 Tom Cybyske
 Linda Diederich
 Mary Lou Giesel
 Patricia Halligan
 Donald Heppleman
 Michael Hossalla
 Arlene Letendre
 Kathy Marx
 Kenneth Meyer
 Judy Michaelson
 Ann Moser
 Michael Nieman
 John Noyola
 Mark Ohmann
 Ted Page
 Julieanne Palacio
 Paul Paquette
 Thomas Patton
 Laura Peltier
 Deborah Prow
 Katherine Reicher
 Pam (Verdeja) Roering
 Kim (Emerson) Rowan
 Glen Schlichte
 Greg Schmidt
 David Schmitt
 Wallace Sieber
 Carolyn Smith

Kathleen (Sarageno)
 Smith
 Greg Stein
 Madonna Tackaberry
 Mary Thomas
 Suzanne Todora
 James Wanger
 Joanne Waschek
 Cynthia Westbrook
 Donna Wilberg
 Jane Zimmerman

1972

Michael Bestman
 Anne Budziszewski
 Stephen Cruz
 Daniel Duncanson
 Mike Eastman
 Peter Fischbach
 Mary Huxley
 Michelle Joseph
 Margaret Langevin
 David Longbein
 Mary (Revoir) Ohmann
 Mark Patrick
 Roberta Scherbel
 Roberta (Young)
 Scherber
 Susan Seaken
 Mary Staples
 Rose Mary (Charles)
 Tonda
 Michael Uager
 Diane Vandenbosch
 David Wilberg

1973

Jeff Blaschka
 Mary Budziszewski
 Jane Bukowski
 Rita Clancy
 Patrick Cybyske
 Debra Dokka
 Donna Fischbach
 Steve Follmer
 Kathy (Schiltz) Hughes
 Joseph Karas
 Mike Kubiszewski
 Steven Lonning
 Pamela Mosberger
 Ed Palacio
 Diane Plantenberg
 Timothy Rochon
 Anthony Santos
 Richard Smith
 David Stefaniak
 Randy Straus

Interesting stories?

If you've got one to share about tracking down your classmates let us know and we'll include them in the newsletter.

Contact us:
alumninews@st-matts.org



Check the Web

The Internet is a powerful tool for finding people, particularly those who've moved out of state.

1. Try setting up a website for your class where alumni can easily exchange information.
2. Visit some social networking sites like Facebook, for names of missing classmates.
3. Google Class Reunion and you'll find a host of free sites designed to help people reconnect. One of them may work for you.

1973, continued

Robert Strauss
 Laurie Tackaberry
 Teresa Topritzhofer
 Philip Vail
 Barbara Wessel
 John Yanez
 Lisa Yanez

1974

George Akin
 Steven Andersen
 Debra Bagley
 Thomas Blaschka
 Jeanne M. (Gravem) Brunzel
 John Budziszewski
 Joseph Buse
 Thomas Costello
 Jerome Cubus
 Laurie Duncanson
 Denise Erickson
 Anita Follmer
 Carl Folsom
 Debra Gentle
 Laura Gilliland
 Christine Gubash
 Lisa Haverland
 Leonard Heininger
 Elizabeth Hernandez
 George Hernandez
 David Hill
 Joyce Jahnke

Teresa Joseph
 Harlen Lafontaine
 Andrea Lancette
 Laurie (Jarvis) Leach
 Jeffrey Letourneau
 Margaret McNamara
 Timothy Meyer
 Kathryn Odegard
 Jessica Ramirez
 Gregory Sanft
 Patricia Scherbl
 Cary Schmidt
 Craig Schmidt
 Mark Schwartz
 Mary Lou (Lagerstrom) Smith
 Maureen Tackaberry
 Brenda (Armstrong) Tonda
 Anne Tosnsy
 Roger Verduzco
 Catherine Wanger
 Nancy Wenker
 Cynthia Wenner
 Maribeth (Rice) Wilmes

1975

Eve Ackermann
 Thomas Adams
 Sheila Andersen
 Steven Bade
 Donna Benolken
 Julie Blaschka
 Kevin Boehmer
 Paul Budziszewski

Mark Burg
 Theresa (Maher) Buse
 Christine Califano
 Mary Clancy
 Mark Cruz
 Stanley Cunningham
 Ann Cybyske
 Christopher Delao
 Thomas N. Doyle
 Mary Jo Fretschel
 Edward Frias
 Donna Gross
 Gilbert Hernandez
 Timothy Hughes
 Kathleen Hurley
 Patrick Jaskowiak
 Sandra Joseph
 Manfred Krug

Suzanne Kuntze
 Denise (Munos) Lerczak
 Phillip Mauricio
 Bernadette Monsour
 John Morgan
 Robert Munoz
 Michael Ostrowski
 Timothy J. Patton
 David Poechmann
 Robert Potzmann
 Patrick Quinlan
 Patricia Raines
 Ann Renteria
 Anthony Renteria
 Anita Ruiz
 Glorina Saucedo
 Joseph St. Sauver
 James Staples



1975, continued

Eva Steinhasuer
Ann Steinhoff
Pamela Swenson
James Tietz
Maureen (Berends)
Traynor
Jeffrey Wenker
Colleen Wenzel
Susan Yanez
Gene Ziemann

1976

Monica Ackerman
Jerry Adams
Perry Altendorfer
Margo Bachel
Ann Bade
Jim Behan
Richard Boldt
Sue Brown
Brian Brunner
Jim Buse
Jim Castor
Karen Costello
Gregory Cubus
Annette Delao
Kurt Erickson
Gary M. Ewald
Leoncio Fernandez
Michele Gabriel
Angela (Neuman) Gangl
Diana Goubash

Juanita Hernandez
Mark Hernandez
Julie Herzog
Timothy Hurley
Stephanie (Norton) Langer
Mary Leahy
Robert McHolland
Dennis McNaughton
Thomas Medina
Vickie Meisinger
Joseph Mooney
Joseph Morin
William O'Donnell
Margaret O'Neill
Patti Ohmann
Connie Pelacio
Aaron Ramirez
Peter Renteria
Timothy Rogers
Shawn Schmidt
Walter Schoumaker
Lori Singer
Cindy Staggs
Cynthia Staggs
John Steinhauer
Mark Stellmach
Thomas Tonda
Bruce Uhler
Paul Wenner
Kathy Willmes
Elizabeth Wolf
Elvira Yanez

1977

Dan Brunzel
Anthony Bukowski
Tom Buse
Annie Delgado
John Deutsch
Timothy Garcia
Susan (Hendrickson)
Hernandez
Lisa Hughes
Michelle Jahnke
Kim Jenniges
Kelly Josephs
Lori Justice
John Klein
Kathy Kubiszewski
Pam Lerczak
Geraldine Lopez
John Marson
Colleen McHolland
Mona Mendoza

Jackie Meyer
Mike Montour
Robin Moser
Tim Osborne
Mary E. (Korby) Patton
Sheryl Pederson
Tony Pirkl
Karen Potzmann
Lydia Rangel
Patricia Renteria
Dave Schoumaker
Scott Schwartz
Sharon Sisson
Randy Smith
Rob Steinhoff
Mike Sura
Mark Sward
Gina Torres
Pat (Kinderman) Tosney
Norman Vail
Gordon Wanger
Scott Weisman

1978

Michael W. Abbott
Bruce G. Alfeby
Mary Ellen (Jeffers)
Ambrose
Kathleen Jean Benedict

Katherine M. (Pamperin)
Brenngman
Alan M. Brunner
Thomas M. Burth
Susan A. Califano
Mark S. Damon
Thomas P. Deutsch
Jose Manuel Garcia
Matthew G. Gubash
Stephen M. Hernandez
Patricia L. Hurley
Julie A. Karels
Catherine Langevin
Robert Leach
Ann M. Leahy
Kimberley A. Lerczak
Jane E. McNamara
Mark G. Meyers
Anthony J. Michalek
Robert L. Montour
Marie Therese Nasseff
Ann T. Nehring
James M. Ohmann
Matthew J. Ohmann
Jane F. Opine
Christopher D. Pirkl
Laura Ann Rangel
Michael F. Renteria
Vicky Rodriguez

NANCY RIEHLE BURKE ('59) "Much more fun than I expected."

Nancy attended a 50th anniversary gathering of her class at Reunion Sunday last May.

"It was great. Everybody was warm and friendly and talking to each other. Who would think that a Sunday brunch would be such fun? It was just lovely!"

To track down missing people, Nancy says they used high school lists, "I furnished the names of people who went to OLP."

"I had not seen most of these people since I left St. Matthew's in '59." Even so, she was able to identify almost all 100 classmates in their 8th grade class photo. As for recognizing her fellow alumni 50 years later, "Most of us needed the name tags to identify each other — I know I did and I think people were looking at mine."

1978, continued

Roman J. Saucedo
Martin J. Scherbel
Michelle M. Scherbel
Ward L. Stellmach
Lynne M. Sward
Judith Y. Swenson
Joanne M. Taylor
Michael R. Traynor
Richard Wayne Tyler
Ramon Valdez
Kevin Walker
Patrick J. Wenner
Cheryl Wenzel
Susan M. Wolf
James R. Zimmerman

1979

Ann M. Adams
Mary B. Bukowski
Matthew L. Cunningham
Mary Jo Cybyske
Maureen A. (Smith)
Deutsch
Jacquelin A. Hager
Susan M. (Connor)
Hammer
Julie A. Kelzer
Joseph Paul Krueger
Bridget Ann Lannon
Lisa Mary Leach
Margaret M. (Nielsen)
Marsollek
Eileen M. O'Neill
Leonard J. Patton
Kathleen A. Pedersen
Mia L. Ramirez
Steve Scherbel
Catherine E. Szlaius
Rose M. Vetter
Mary A. Wenner
Robert William Wolf

1980

Thomas M. Benedict
Darren L. Bergstrom
Corinne Budziszewski
Lena Grace Diaz
Mary B. Follmer
Kenneth Robert Goers
Alicia R. Hains
Ventura B. Hernandez
Michael Jehnke
Tamera K. Jenniges
Jody L. Knops
Maureen A. Meyers

Lisa A. Michalek
Scott E Miller
William E. Moser
Theresa A. Ohmann
Thomas Opine
Mark F. Osborne
Cheryl A. Prokop
Susan M. Reding
Steven Rivers
Patrick J. Rogers
Brad A. Rongitsch
David W. Samuelson
Lionel J. Sanchez
Theodore Sanft
Joseph Schmidt
Brenda L. Schultz
Michael R. Shaughnessy
Gina R. Verduzco
Amy T. Wenner
Robert E. Zimmerman



Even though students graduate and many leave the area to further their education... St. Matthew's remains a kind of "home."

FR. STEVE ADRIAN

KAREN ROBINETTE THOMPSON ('59) "Just Be Persistent"

"Our graduates went to several different high schools. If the high school had a reunion, we started there."

"We sent a letter out to people and we got a response from that – friends who kept in touch, relatives from the parish. The hardest part is finding women (because of the name changes.) In those cases, we try to find someone in the family."

"For me, it was more fun finding people and talking with them. When you do talk with people, you find out what they've accomplished is phenomenal. We share common values and experiences. We share stories that over the years have become legends."

"Everyone has succeeded and has a lot to be proud of, and it goes back to our roots, going to Catholic School."

IT'S A GO! PLEASE SHOW

January 23, 2010

6-9 p.m.

St. Matthew's
Social Hall

Reunion for Coach Krueger's Players

All St. Matthew's alumni who played on a team coached by Jerry Krueger ('72) are invited to a reunion with their former teammates. "It's a chance to thank Jerry," says David Hottinger ('81) one of the reunion coordinators. He's put together a committee of 10 former players who are trying to track down their missing teammates and invite them to the event. Some committee members plan to contribute toward a scholarship to St. Matthew's School in Jerry's honor.

Reaching Out to Old Classmates

David says, "We have one or two people from each class year on the committee. We're attacking it by saying, 'you're in charge of finding these guys.'" As for the missing teammates, David points out, "It's an opportunity to reach out and invite them to the event, and also to see how the heck they're doing!"

The committee's first step was to brainstorm on the missing players list and share ideas for finding people. "You know who's had the most information about the most people?" David asks, "The cops." David says they have three police officers on the planning committee, Dave Pavlak ('79), Mark Reding ('81) & Jim McKnight ('82), "They know where people are, they know their families — I'm telling you, if you want to try and find people, get a hold of some police officers!"

David says just getting the committee together to review the list of former players was a good time, "We went through the names of our team mates and started telling stories and we were cracking up. Guys we had not really seen or thought of in 25 years. It's fun to get together. Just looking at the uniforms, we're like, 'you got to be kidding!'"

"These are People You Really Knew"

David, who works in development at the University of St. Thomas, observes there's something special about a grade school reunion, especially when it's a place like St. Matt's, a small school from a close knit community, "These are people you really knew. We went to school together for eight years. Guys have taken different career paths. One guy, Greg Emerson, is a teacher in Little Falls, and the guys who are cops — they all turned out and continue to serve the community. And there are guys who've done well in business, smart guys who didn't come from a lot and have worked hard to get where they are."

The committee hopes to contact every one of Coach Krueger's former players and invite them to the reunion. The plans for the event include appetizers and drinks in the Social Hall as well as a visit to the old gym.

For more information about the event or if you have information about one of Jerry's former players, contact: David Hottinger 612-363-7691 or dghottinger@stthomas.edu



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Joe Cullen '78
Dan Schadegg '78
Jeff Kubiszewski '78
Dave Pavlak '79

Bob Zimmerman '80
Brian Osborne
David Hottinger '80
Bill Szlaius '81

Mark Reding '81
Steve "Stoney" Schneider '81
Jim McKnight '82



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EVENTS calendar

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE — January 31, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

METROPOLITAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — January 31 at 3 p.m.

Join us for a FREE Family Concert in the church! After the concert, children are welcome to meet the musicians and try out some of the instruments.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP — January 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Families are invited to visit St. Matt's with their future kindergartener to learn more about our academic goals, religious education and tuition assistance. If you know a family with a child who will be attending kindergarten next year, let them know. For more information call the school office at 651-224-6912.

SCOUT SUNDAY — February 7, 10:30 a.m. Mass

St. Matthew's Boy and Girl Scout troops will participate in the 10:30 a.m. Mass and host the coffee hour after both Masses. Come, learn more about scouting and meet these fine young people and future leaders.

"THE BIG GAME" PARTY — February 7 at 5 p.m.

The Men's Club invites everyone to watch the biggest football game of the year in the Social Hall on the BIG screen. There's games and food for kids so bring the whole family. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per kid ages 13-18 and free for kids under 13. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST BEFORE "THE BIG GAME" PARTY — February 7 at 4 p.m.

Teams of two will compete to be the first to complete their puzzle. The entry fee is \$15 per team with cash prizes for the winners. For more info or to register, contact Steve Grundei at 651-297-8328.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES — February 17

Masses with ash distribution at 6:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Prayer services with ashes at 9 a.m. (with the school,) 12 p.m. & 7 p.m. (with Religious Education students.)

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE — February 18, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

For parents with children not currently enrolled at St. Matthew's School who would like to learn more about our school and its academic goals, religious education and tuition assistance. For more information, call the school office at 651-224-6912. Tell your friends and neighbors!

LENTEN FISH FRY — Fridays, February 19 – March 26

Regular serving time is from 5-7:30 p.m. with a Senior Citizen Special from 4-5 p.m. The Fish Fries will be co-sponsored by the Rosary Society, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Home & School. We also dedicate a portion of our profits to the Street Children of Bucharest.