



THE GOOD NEWS

FROM ST. MATTHEW

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

Front Row, L to R: K-9 officers Patrick Murphy, Dave Longbehn, Dave Pavlak
Standing, L to R: Jeff Schultz, Larry Stanger, Tom Smith, Mark Kempe, Mike Tackaberry, Molly Lannon, Bob Pavlak, Jr., Dave Bellows, Mark Reding, Cathy Pavlak, Jay Wenzel, Elva Castro.

We'd like to thank Terry Bebertz who took the cover photo along with all the photos of the officers on the day they visited St. Matthew's. Terry has a granddaughter who attends St. Matthew's.



Honoring Our Alumni in Law Enforcement

Editor's Note: On June 15, St. Matthew's alum Tom Smith ('72) was sworn in as St. Paul's new Chief of Police. We decided to celebrate his accomplishment by recognizing the many graduates from St. Matt's who are current or retired law enforcement officers. We started by getting as many as possible together for a group photo — it was an impressive gathering. When a reporter from the Pioneer Press heard about it, he asked to run the photo and wound up writing his own story about the officers and their experience at St. Matt's. If you haven't seen it already, you should check it out. You can find it on the school's website: www.st-matts.org/school.

I had the opportunity to talk to three of the officers, St. Paul Police Chief Tom Smith ('72), St. Paul K-9 officer Dave Longbehn ('72) and St. Paul Police Sgt. Mark Reding ('82). We met one Sunday in the Social Hall on a day the West Side Boosters were having a pancake breakfast fundraiser.

All three men live in or near the West Side neighborhoods they grew up in and they've all sent children to St. Matt's School. Our discussion ranged from serious to raucous (the biggest laughs came when they recalled the discipline they received from the nuns.) What follows is an excerpt from our conversation.

Q: How did you decide to go into law enforcement?

Dave Longbehn: I lived with my grandma and grandpa and mom and her sisters and I remember it was the day my grandmother died. I was in the 2nd or 3rd grade. The police came to our house as part of a routine investigation of a death. Everybody was in the kitchen around Grandma because she had died in the kitchen and I was alone in the living room on the couch crying and a policeman came into the living room, I think to write his report. I remember him putting his arm around me and comforting me. He did something for me when other members of my family weren't available for me and I really liked and admired that. That policeman always stuck in my mind.

Growing up on the West Side — we'd always see the policemen driving by the neighborhood and we'd always wave to them. They were the greatest guys because they took five minutes out of their time to sit and talk with a bunch of neighborhood kids. And I really grew to respect and admire the

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MESSAGE FROM **father steve**



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

Congratulations to this year's students who made their First Communion!

Dear Saint Matthew School Alums and Friends:

Sixty years ago, May 1950, I received First Communion. I remember that day vividly. Hair slicked back; white pants, white shirt and blue tie; polished shoes; a nervous eagerness for the event and a host of people reminding me not to break the fast. These are some of the images and memories of that day.

During the season of Easter 45 young people – almost all second graders – received their First Communion. At Saint Matthew's this event happens individually and in a family setting – we do not have one, large, First Communion event. Individualizing First Communion allows families to make it more of a family event where they can focus on their child as an individual. At significant points in life every child has the right to be an only child.

In conjunction with First Communion we celebrated twelve baptisms during the Easter season. Some of these baptisms were siblings of First Communion students; other times the baptism was the initiation of a second grade student into the life of Christ through Baptism and First Communion.

At St. Matthew's, parents help prepare their child for First Communion, and this process sometimes is the opportunity for parents to plan the baptism of a younger brother or sister.

There can be many reasons parents may delay baptism; at Saint Matthew's school and church we try to encourage parents to have their children baptized in whatever way works for them – sometimes an extended delay is necessary to allow grandparents and aunts and uncles and cousins to travel from out of state or out of country.

Of all the religious events in the life of a child or adolescent, First Communion more often than not stands out as the single most important religious memory. Making this day a significant family occasion is important. Celebrating First Communion at a Sunday parish Mass allows members of the parish community to join in the celebration, to remember their own First Communion and to see a tangible expression of the growth of faith life in the parish community.

Yours truly,
Stephen Adrian, Pastor



TOP
Fr. Steve with Elias and Jose Jr. Melendez

ABOVE
Trivante Horne



Fr. Steve with Natalia Rodriguez



Max Karas

St. Matthew's Rosary Society/CCW – Going Strong

St. Matthew's Rosary Society has been one of the pillars of the parish for about as long as there has been a parish. Formed in 1888, it is the longest continuously operating group at St. Matthew's. And while many churches much larger than St. Matthew's have seen their Rosary Societies dwindle in membership over the years, St. Matt's group is going strong.

The Rosary Society/CCW (which stands for Council of Catholic Women) has a long tradition at St. Matt's, but these days many people may not be aware of all they do.



**Committee Members L to R:
Secretary Doris Bisciglia, President
Stella Lundquist, Treasurer Beth Geis
and Vice President Pat Palmer.**

The group provides support to the church in many, very practical ways. They buy all the communion wafers the church uses every year at a cost of about \$2,000. This past year they purchased 22 new chairs for the church and remodeled the Family Room. For funerals, the Rosary Society provides the essential service of coordinating and staffing funeral lunches. (See sidebar.)

But what really sets St. Matt's Rosary Society apart is how many women continue to come to its monthly meetings. Stella Lundquist, the current President, says, "At our average meeting we'll have about 35-40 people come, which is excellent. Across the dioceses, most groups have meetings of only 10 or 12 people."

Stella thinks one of the reasons for their good attendance is the speakers they bring in. The topics can range from serious, such as a recent presentation about human trafficking in Minnesota, to the lighthearted, like

in April, when they invited a man who is a Julia Childs impersonator.

At the heart of their success is the fellowship they share, and one of the foundations for that is food. Every meeting features something good to eat. Stella explains, "There's something about eating together. We always have great homemade baked goods. People like to get together for the eating and socializing and to catch up on each other's lives."

At their May meeting, the group continued their practical assistance to the parish by discussing member Dr. Catherine Lang-Fee's ('57) recommendation that the church should have defibrillators on hand. They discussed how much the devices cost, how they might get one for free and how they are used and maintained. Most importantly, the members talked about the difference a defibrillator could make in an emergency. Even though the discussion was around a high tech item, the episode was in keeping with the traditional concerns of the society. Member Diane Kammerer observed,

"Women have always been here, taking care of the details, doing the work."

**For more information or to get involved,
call Carol Murphy at 651-457-6067.**

We'd like to recognize Marie Ferber as the Rosary Society's longest sustaining member. Marie has been a member since 1934.

The Face of Hospitality

Fr. Steve Adrian believes the Rosary Society's tradition of organizing funeral luncheons is among the most significant ministries that the parish does.

He explains, "It touches people at a very tender point in their lives."

About 40 times a year, the Rosary Society's Funeral Coordinator, Eileen Norton, receives a call about an upcoming luncheon. She then coordinates with the family and makes calls to organize a team who will set up the room, prep the food (which is brought in), serve it and clean up afterwards. Sometimes the gatherings are small, only 30 or 40 people, sometimes there are hundreds to serve.

It's an enormous commitment that happens with little fanfare, as Fr. Steve observes, "It's not something they blow their whistle about." But he believes the ministry is a crucial part of what the parish does. He says, "As disciples of Jesus, we're called to be welcoming, hospitable people." He adds that at St. Matt's, "The face of Christian hospitality is often their face."

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policemen on the West Side and I realized that someday I'd like to do that.

Mark Reding (His father was a captain for the St. Paul Police Dept.): I grew up around it...It sounded interesting. When I got to college I started out as a business major and I realized this isn't for me. I don't want to sit in an office. I enjoy dealing with people. I like going to work and not knowing what I have to do today. So I decided that's what I wanted to do.

Tom Smith: I grew up in a neighborhood of cops — I was surrounded. But I was a little different from Dave and Mark. I didn't much like police when I was growing up, except for the neighborhood guys. I had a couple of rides in the backseats of squad cars and maybe that jaded my view.

Then I got in trouble when I was 17, down on Harriet Island. And two cops actually took the time to talk to me. And I thought, "Man, these guys are good guys." Not that I didn't like the neighborhood guys, but they were neighbors, it was a different relationship. When I went to college I thought I wanted to be in law enforcement but my parents said, "No, get a business degree. You can always go back." So, that's what I did. In 1981 I became a neighborhood assistance officer to see if I'd like it and I worked alongside a lot of good guys. I decided to go back to school but it took me longer because by then I had a family that I was raising. I started going to school in 1984 and finished in 1988. I was officially on the force in 1989.

Q: How do you balance your work and family life?

Mark Reding: Once I leave work and I go home, everything just changes, because my kids are important to me. I have to deal with the kids, athletic events, school work and Connie (Mark's wife). I just keep it separate. Laughter is some of the best medicine.

Tom Smith: I'm glad you brought that up.

Mark Reding: That's how cops deal with that stuff. It's a coping mechanism.

Dave Longbehn: You see that same sense of humor not only with cops but with emergency workers — firemen, paramedics, doctors — they all have that sense of humor where you try to laugh and joke and bring your spirits up. Because sometimes you have really bad days at work with some of the terrible things people do to each other. And you're called to mediate that. At the end of



St. Paul Police Chief Tom Smith and K-9 Officer Dave Longbehn both graduated from St Matt's in 1972.

your 10 hours when you take your uniform off you have to take your emotions and push those off to the side. You have a life outside your uniform

Tom Smith: It's tough sometimes because as your kids get older, they get more curious. And they start asking tougher questions, especially when they see in the media something bad has happened. You can't run away from that either.

Dave Longbehn: We sign up to do this job and our wives marry us knowing that or agreeing to it. But our kids, they don't have a choice, it's what Mom or Dad does.

Mark Reding: When (St. Paul Police Officer) Chris Tayson got shot (in 2004), the report on the news just said it was an Asian gang investigator and that was the same thing that I did. And all of a sudden it became a reality for Nick (Mark's oldest son) and he had some issues. He was on his way home when he heard about it in the news — and they didn't say the name of the officer.

Tom Smith: "Officer shot," they don't say who — even if they know. Or "Officer killed," and everybody wonders. I've been involved in too many officer shooting incidents, personally and as a supervisor. These situations are hard enough within our own police culture, but add to it your family seeing things on the news without knowing if it's you, well, only our spouses and children can understand that stress. We hate putting our families through that. But when whatever terrible incident is over and I'm alone

with my thoughts, I think first of my family I'm going home to.

(On May 1, just hours after a Maplewood police officer was killed, Dave Longbehn was injured while struggling with one of the suspects. Dave shot and killed the suspect. The following statements from Smith and Longbehn refer to that situation.)

Tom Smith: Whenever an officer's hurt, everybody goes, no matter what. The biggest job is to make sure everybody knows what to do and that they're safe. Because we'll go out, all of us, it doesn't matter, even if you have a cast on your leg, it doesn't matter. You're going to go out and look for that guy that did something to one of your brothers.

Dave Longbehn: There's an extremely tight bond that officers share, especially in St. Paul. The outpouring of officers that came to my house, the phone calls and text

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St. Paul Police Sgt. Mark Reding '82, with daughter, Amanda, who was co-captain of the St. Matt's Flag patrol this year. Amanda, who is the second of Mark's three children, will be in 6th grade next year.



St. Paul K-9 Officer Patrick Murphy '86 shows off his partner, Sarik to St. Matt's students.

"I will have worked with my K-9 partner, Sarik, for one year in Oct. My previous partner, Boomer, was shot in the head on April 6th, 2009 during a shootout that resulted in the death of the suspect. Boomer has been awarded the United States Police Canine Association Top Award of 2009. Boomer was not able to return to police service and lives with me as a pet now."

– Patrick Murphy

Tom Smith's parents, Walter and Jean, both had second careers at St. Matthew's. Tom's dad, who everyone called Bud, was the boiler engineer and maintenance man. After the Social Hall was built, Tom's mom was one of the first hot lunch ladies to work there. Jean Smith started the tradition of selling cinnamon rolls to students.



Walter "Bud" and Jean Smith, parents of Tom Smith

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messages continued for a week and a half. It was from 8 in the morning until 12 o'clock at night. But it went beyond me — they said, "How is your wife doing? How are the kids doing?"

Mark Reding: There was an incident — I'm not sure how old I was — but my dad worked midnights — this was even before they had cages in the squad car. They were taking somebody to jail and my dad was in the backseat with him. Jim Long was driving. They were on the way to jail and the guy in the backseat started fighting my dad. He wound up kicking Jim Long in the head and Jim lost control of the car — rolled the car — nobody wore seatbelts back then. Jim went through the windshield, my dad ended up breaking his ankle and was pinned in the car. It was in the middle of the night and I can remember the knock at the door. They came to get my mom. Then all the cops came to our house, all the guys from the team. On their days off they built a fence in our backyard. It's just amazing how they take care of each other.

Q: What's kept you on the West Side?

Mark Reding: People who grow up on the West Side stay on the West Side. It's a lot of the same families. I worked on the West Side for three years and I was dealing with kids that I went to school with, which is unique compared to any other part of the city.

Tom Smith: There's a pride... I was at a Cinco de Mayo lunch at Neighborhood House the other day and there were some former West Siders there, but they don't call themselves former. What's the old saying? Once a West Sider, always a West Sider.

Dave Longbehn: I think the biggest thing is its home to us. And it feels good to be home. It was such a melting pot of different people and different cultures.

We had Lebanese families, Hispanic families and White families and Black families and American Indian families, and we all got along. It was a bond you had with all these different cultures and different friends, and we all took care of each other. Much like the police family, I think the West Side is very tight knit.

In 1981 my mother died in a car accident and after the funeral which was held at St. Matthew's, my dad wanted all the memorials sent to St. Matthew's so they could buy a computer, which may have been the first one for the school. His rationale for doing this was because our mother and all five kids were graduates of the school.

DAVE BELLOWES



From the St. Matt's class of 1969, L to R: Jeff Schwartz, Retired Dakota County Sheriff's Captain, Dave Bellows, Dakota County Sheriff & Mike Tackaberry, Detective with Burnsville P.D.

Q: What are your strongest memories from St. Matt's?

Tom Smith: The nuns! You want to know why we're doing what we're doing? Either we were going to be priests, firefighters or cops.

Dave Longbehn: You didn't get away with anything. And they were not afraid to grab you by the ear and set you down and crack you on the knuckles. All you had to see was one of them crack the smart one who was always mouthing off. And that was it, you thought, I'm not messing around in this class in front of this teacher. They didn't tolerate it. You were there to learn and get an education.

Tom Smith: The principal was even another level. Talk about fear. That would be like going to the Headmaster's office and knowing that you were going to get, well...

Dave Longbehn: It was called the Board of Education. Remember? Do you remember they would give the announcement — they'd call the ones who got in trouble and tell them to report to the office. It was over the PA system, (Dave pretends to speak into a microphone) "Good morning. We want to do the announcements and would Dave Longbehn report to the principal's office."

Tom Smith: Immediately!



Dave Pavlak and his K-9 partner, Chico, with a St. Matt's student. Dave and Chico recently competed against the best K-9 teams in the country and won first place in the bomb-detecting trial.

Dave Longbehn: And you went. And everybody else thought, "Oh, my gosh!" And you were so embarrassed to walk back into the classroom because you usually got a whooping down there.

Q: A lot has changed at the school since then — what values do you think endure?

Dave Longbehn: You learned discipline and you learned that when you came to school you were going to participate and get an education and there was minimal area for you to screw off. But that gave you some really strong foundations for what you needed after you left. And I think we all take that with us.

Mark Reding: I think there's some truth to that today, too. When you come out you're very well rounded and you're ready. You don't come from a school where everybody is the same, it's a mixture, not only race but social and economic, so you're more of a well-rounded person.

Tom Smith: I think it's just a pillar church. This is kind of a hub. Whenever there's something like this (he gestures towards the West Side Boosters serving breakfast), they do it at St. Matt's. We can all come together for different things right here. I don't know what it is. I don't know how you define it but maybe you don't want to — because it works.

Dave Longbehn: You can't always put it in words. It's what everybody brings to this table and what they're willing to keep bringing, even after so many years.



Pictured Standing L to R: Siblings Dave, Bob Jr. and Susan Pavlak and their uncle Judge Ray Pavlak. Seated L-R: Bob Pavlak Sr. and his uncle, Joe Pavlak, brother of Leo Pavlak. The photo was taken in 1993 to commemorate the 60th year since Leo was killed in the line of duty.

Leo Pavlak was a South St. Paul police officer when he was killed in 1933 by a member of the Ma Barker gang. Leo was 38 years old when he died and he left a wife and four children. One of Leo's sons, Bob Pavlak, Sr., attended St. Matt's School and eventually joined the St. Paul police force. Bob became an active member of the parish and sent his own children to St. Matt's School. He also served as a state representative for the West Side and later, after retiring from the St. Paul Police Department, President Reagan appointed Bob to the position of U.S. Marshal. Bob passed away in 1994, but not before seeing two of his own sons, Bob Jr. and Dave also go into law enforcement.



Dave Longbehn visited the second grade classroom with his K-9 partner Cody.

Meet Some of St. Matt's Grads in Law Enforcement



Congratulations to Tom Smith for his promotion to Police Chief and thank you to all the officers for their service to our community. We've listed 22 law enforcement officers who attended St. Matthew's School, but we know this isn't everyone. If you know of others who should be included, please let us know and we'll acknowledge their service in the next newsletter.

GEORGE ALTENDORFER, JR.

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1971.
- Has served in law enforcement for 29 years.
- Is currently the undersheriff for the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department.

DAVE BELLOWS

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1969.
- Has worked in law enforcement for 31 years.
- Is currently the Sheriff for Dakota County.

ELVA CASTRO

- Left St. Matt's in 1967 after 6th grade.
- Has worked in law enforcement for 6 years.
- Currently works in Ramsey County Sheriff's Department and provides services to the Department of Homeland Security.

RICHARD CASTRO (Elva's son)

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1999.
- Has worked as a correctional officer in Ramsey County for 4 years.

MARK KEMPE

- Left St. Matt's School in the sixth grade, in 1967.
- Worked in law enforcement for 30 years.
- Retired from the St. Paul Police Dept, and currently works as a Special Agent with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in the Metro Homicide section.

MOLLY LANNON

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1977.
- Served in law enforcement for 16 years and was a K-9 officer for 6 years.
- Retired in 2002

DAVE LONGBEHN

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1972.
- Has worked in law enforcement for 29 years.
- Has been a K-9 officer for the St. Paul Police Dept. since 2002. He has worked with his current K-9 partner, Cody, for 5 years.

PATRICK MURPHY

- Graduated from St. Matthews in 1986.
- Has been with St. Paul Police Department for 15 years.
- Currently serves on the SWAT Team and is a K-9 officer.

BOB PAVLAK, SR.

- Attended St. Matt's 1933-34.
- Worked in law enforcement for 40 years.
- Retired from SPPD in 1981 and in 1984 was appointed U.S. Marshal by President Reagan.
- Died in 1994.

BOB PAVLAK, JR.

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1974.
- Has worked in law enforcement for 26 years.
- Served as K-9 handler for 9 years. Is currently a Commander for the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

DAVE PAVLAK

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1979.
- Has worked in law enforcement for 21 years.
- Currently is a K-9 officer for St. Paul Police Department. He and his partner, Chico, came in 1st place in national bomb detecting trials.



Mark Kempe and Elva Castro were classmates at St. Matt's. Mark now works for the BCA and Elva for the Ramsey County Sheriff — before that, she was St. Matt's school secretary.



Jay Wenzel's daughters, along with his mother, Jeri, look on as officers visit with each other on the day the group photo was taken at the school.

MARK REDING

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1982.
- Has worked in law enforcement for 21 years.
- Is currently a sergeant for St. Paul Police Department.

PETE RENTERIA, JR.

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1976.
- Has worked in law enforcement for 15 years.
- Is currently an officer with the St. Paul Police Department.

JEFF SCHWARTZ

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1969.
- Served in law enforcement for 32 years.
- Retired in 2009 as the Dakota County Sheriff's Captain.

SYLVESTER "CHIP" SCHWARTZ, JR. (Jeff's brother)

- Graduated from St. Matthew's in 1961.
- Worked in law enforcement for 31 years.
- Retired in 2002 as the Deputy Chief for Edina.

SYLVESTER SCHWARTZ, SR. (Father of Chip and Jeff)

- Graduated from St. Matthew's in 1930.
- Served in St. Paul Police Department for 42 years.
- Died in 1999.

TOM SMITH

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1972.
- Has worked in law enforcement for 21 years.
- Is currently the Chief of Police for the St Paul Police Department.

JAY WENZEL

- Graduated from St. Matts in 1986.
- Has been in law enforcement for 13 years.
- Is currently a Patrol officer for Maplewood Police Department.

LARRY STANGER

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1981.
- Has worked in law enforcement for 21 years.
- Currently is a lieutenant for the Inver Grove Heights Police Department.

MIKE TACKABERRY

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1969.
- Served in law enforcement for 32 years.
- Currently serving as a detective for the Burnsville Police Department.

RICH THUL

- Attended St. Matt's through 7th grade in 1957 when his family moved.
- Served in law enforcement for 32 years.
- Early in his career, worked as a firefighter and police officer in Burnsville. Served as Chief of the Mendota Heights Police Department and retired as Chief Deputy Sheriff from Dakota County in 2000.

RANDY SMITH

- Graduated from St. Matt's in 1977.
- Worked in law enforcement in Mobile, Alabama.



Rich Thul retired in 2000 as Chief Deputy Sheriff from Dakota County.

Making a Difference – One Student at a Time

JoAnn Brown's daughter, Nicole, just graduated from St. Matt's in June. JoAnn took a moment to explain how Nicole first came to St. Matt's.

JoAnn says, "Nicole went to Roosevelt Elementary — it only went to third grade then. She would have gone to Cherokee next but I'm a gut feeling person, and Cherokee didn't fit well with me."

A friend suggested she consider St. Matt's but JoAnn wasn't sure. "I'm a public school person, so Catholic school had never occurred to me. I always thought Catholic school kids were snooty."

She decided to check St. Matt's out by attending mass. That was enough to change her opinion. "I'd spent several years going to different churches to find one that fit. When I went to mass at St. Matt's, I said, 'This is home.'" That Sunday happened to be the day the school held its Open House, so JoAnn and Nicole got to visit the school and meet the teachers. She enrolled Nicole for the next year.

Looking back, she thinks the small school environment and the religious education has made all the difference in her daughter's life. JoAnn says, "Her confidence and her personality have blossomed at St. Matt's. She has gone from total fear, to 'Okay, I can do this.' I don't believe that would have happened somewhere else."



JoAnn Brown, her daughter Nicole and son Michael at Nicole's graduation from St. Matthew's.

Next year Nicole will be attending Henry Sibley High School and she is already scheduled for the more rigorous Advance Placement classes. JoAnn says the tuition at Cretin-Derham was more than she could afford, but she's not worried about Nicole going to Sibley. JoAnn explains, "After St. Matt's, she's well equipped to handle the public school."

In addition to being a reliable volunteer, JoAnn has been an active member of the school's Education Advisory Committee which has worked hard to promote the school and increase enrollment. Even though she won't have kids in the school, she'll continue to have an interest in St. Matt's. "The kids are getting what they need. I'm very happy with Nicole's time there."

St. Matthew Annual Fun Fest September 18 and 19, 2010

The Annual Fall Fun Fest is now in the planning process. Many of the past volunteers are busy updating our newest volunteers regarding this great two day annual event which has been held here at St. Matthew's for the past 100+ years.

While we have many events that have been held each and every year, we're always looking for new, fun events to feature. If anyone has an idea or suggestion for how we can make our Fun Fest bigger and better, we'd appreciate your input.

The committee is meeting every month right now, and soon the meetings will be much more often than that. Contact any one of the Co-Chairmen if you have any interest at all in volunteering, donating, set up, clean up, etc. They will be more than happy to let you know how much your help will be appreciated.

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From the Editor

Becca Goldenstein ('07) wins Leadership Award at CDH

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize **Becca Goldenstein ('07)** for receiving the Carondelet Student Leadership Award, one of the highest honors offered by Cretin Derham Hall High School (CDH). Each



Becca Goldenstein ('07)

year, two young women entering their senior year at CDH receive the award which includes a monetary gift that covers approximately half of the tuition costs for one year. The award was established in 1995 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Derham Hall High School.

Nominations for the award come from faculty and staff at CDH. Becca didn't even know she was in the running. She received an invitation to the Honors

Recognition Night but had no idea why and halfway through the evening, she was convinced she wasn't supposed to be there. "It was near the end of the night and I was embarrassed because I thought there'd been a mistake, that I was there by accident."

When the award was announced, reasons for her selection included her deep love of liturgy, her commitment to supporting the spiritual life of others at her school and parish, and her three years leading the Empty Bowls fundraiser. The presenter concluded by saying "She has been a blessing to Cretin-Derham Hall."

Becca is a regular part of St. Matt's liturgy. She's a member of the choir and she, along with her two sisters, frequently serve as cantors at mass.

Becca thinks her experience at St. Matt's paved the way for her involvement in high school. Becca says, "St. Matt's has given me so many opportunities to do so much in the school and the parish. It made it more comfortable to do things at Cretin-Derham."

Becca used to babysit our kids and was the kind of babysitter who inspires your kids to ask why you don't go out more often. We always thought she was great, and, Miles, who's now five, thinks she's one of the all-

time greatest. So on behalf of our family, we'd like to extend our personal congratulations as well. Miles will be glad to learn that the faculty at Cretin-Derham agrees with him.

— Maggie Lee, Editor

CLASSMATE REUNION
St. Matthews Classes of '54, '55 & '56 '57
Thursday, September 9, 2010
4 PM till 8 PM

Joseph's Grill
140 Wabasha St., Saint Paul

Cash Bar and \$13.00/person to cover cost of hors'douvres

Spouses are welcome

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From now until Sept. 1st every new or increased contribution will be matched dollar for dollar by a St. Matt's alum and parent. If you've never contributed before or if you increase the amount you give, your gift will be doubled! Please don't miss this opportunity to support scholarships for families who want their children to receive a high quality, Catholic education.



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Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday - 5 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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EVENTS calendar

MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING — August 11 & September 8 at 8 p.m. in the Social Hall

Come and find out more about one of the most active groups at St. Matt's. They do a lot for the parish and school but have fun while they're at it. For more information contact timothy.nowak@usfamily.net.

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION MASS AND PICNIC IN CHEROKEE PARK — August 14 at 6:15 p.m.

The Feast of Assumption is on Sunday, this year so we'll hold our annual celebration at 11 a.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the Men's Club. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the day. In case of rain, Mass will be at church.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE — Until September 1

Every new or increased contribution will be matched dollar for dollar. If you've never contributed before or if you increase the amount you give, your gift will be doubled! See pg. 11 for more information.

BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE — September 2, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

LABOR DAY MASS — September 6 at 9:00 a.m.

CLASS REUNION FOR '54, '55, '56 & '57 — September 9, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m at Joseph's Grill

This is a well organized group who put on a great party. For more information, George Schmid: g.schmid@comcast.net or 651-454-2410. See pg. 11 for details.

FALL FESTIVAL — September 18 & 19

Plans are in the works for this year's Festival and like always, they'll include good food, fellowship and fun. The committee is looking for people willing to lend a hand or make a contribution to the many auctions and sales. See pg. 10 for details.