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FROM ST. MATTHEW

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

St. Matthew's Troop at 31 Eagle Scouts

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Matt Molina ('06)

Since it began back in 1932, St. Matthew's Boy Scout Troop #107 has produced 31 Eagle Scouts. This year, a few more Eagles will be added to the list. It's the continuation of a longstanding trend. In most troops, only 2% of the boys will achieve that ultimate rank, but in recent years at St. Matthew's, the majority of scouts have done so.

It's a remarkable accomplishment that speaks to the quality of the troop leadership and the young men who participate.

Most of the scouts in the troop are St. Matthew's School students or alumni, and as is true for the school, the small size of the troop has been a plus. Eagle Scout **Andy Heitzinger ('03)**, explains, "You get more one-on-one time. People are able to get involved, see what's going on — in large troops, not so much."

Brian Edwards ('06) currently a junior at Cretin-Derham Hall High School (CDH) is on track to become an Eagle Scout this summer. He thinks the small troop size has created deeply rooted friendships that also make a difference, "We motivate and support each other. We want each other to finish."

Four other scouts in the troop are either close to or have achieved the rank of Eagle. **Casey Viellieux ('06)**, a senior at St. Bernard's, just completed his requirements for the Eagle Scout Rank and is waiting for final confirmation from the Review Board. **Matt Molina ('06)** a junior at CDH, has completed his Eagle Service project, typically the biggest hurdle in the process, and plans to complete a few minor requirements over the next few months. **Nick Benish**, who attended St. Matthew's through 6th grade, is now a sophomore at St. Bernard's



On their way to becoming Eagle Scouts are (clockwise, from top left): Casey Viellieux, Nick Benish, Brian Edwards and Matt Molina.

High School and is hoping to complete his Service project this summer. A fourth member of their group, **Mark Heinen ('06)**, also a junior at CDH, became an Eagle Scout last fall.

All five young men joined scouts through school. Brian and Matt both started in Cub Scouts back in 1st grade. Matt says, "If I wouldn't have gone to St. Matt's, I might not have even tried scouts. It was a cool thing to do when we were in school."

It's clear these young men still think scouting is cool. Brian says, "Not many people get to go hiking in the mountains of New Mexico," referring to a trip the scouts are planning for next year.

Other cool experiences include a 160-mile bike trip to Rice Lake Wisconsin, canoe trips to the Boundary Waters, white water kayaking, and free-rock climbing (no ropes,

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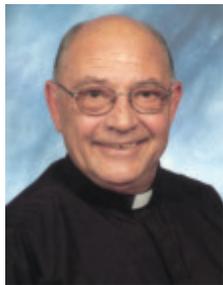
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Dear Saint Matthew Alumni and Friends:

Life changing events and opportunities touch all of us from time to time. For many people the experience of scouting has been a life changing opportunity.

Saint Matthew's Community has been blessed by Scout Troop #107 for more than 75 years.

In the midst of the depression, a young Saint Matthew's adolescent, Frank Rosenberger, came home one evening and told his parents that he wanted to join scouting and that there was a troop at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. His father told him to go to the parish rectory to see Monsignor; tell him of his desire and tell him that Saint Matthew's should start a scout troop.

Frank did this, Troop #107 was born and Frank became the first leader.

In the years to follow, hundreds of Saint Matthew boys would find in scouting an opportunity to learn skills and develop their leadership talents. Hundreds of adults have served in various leadership roles in Troop #107 and have provided opportunities and mentoring to scouts.

Scouting is a program which truly partners with parents in the rearing and education of young people. These young people learn team work. They discover their own talents and gifts as leaders. They learn skills which will serve them for all their lives; most of all, scouting provides a strong influence to help young people grow as strong, contributing members of a society.

The practice of one's religious faith is an important part of scouting and most of the members of #107 have completed their religious award projects – these projects are offered at every level of scouting and reflect the appropriate age and development of the scout.

The crowning achievement of scouting is to become an Eagle Scout. A large proportion of boys in Troop #107 achieve this rank. The rank indicates that a young person has truly developed and shown strong leadership capabilities and talents.

The Eagle Project often gets a lot of attention. I have consistently reminded the scouts that the project is but a means to demonstrate their leadership skills. Their job is not "to do" the project, but to enlist the talents and energy of others to work with them in the planning and execution of the project. Leadership has to do with encouraging others to take ownership of a common effort. Leadership is about inspiring others. Leaders are integrated schizophrenics: they enjoy the doing and succeeding, and they also enjoy watching others do and succeed.

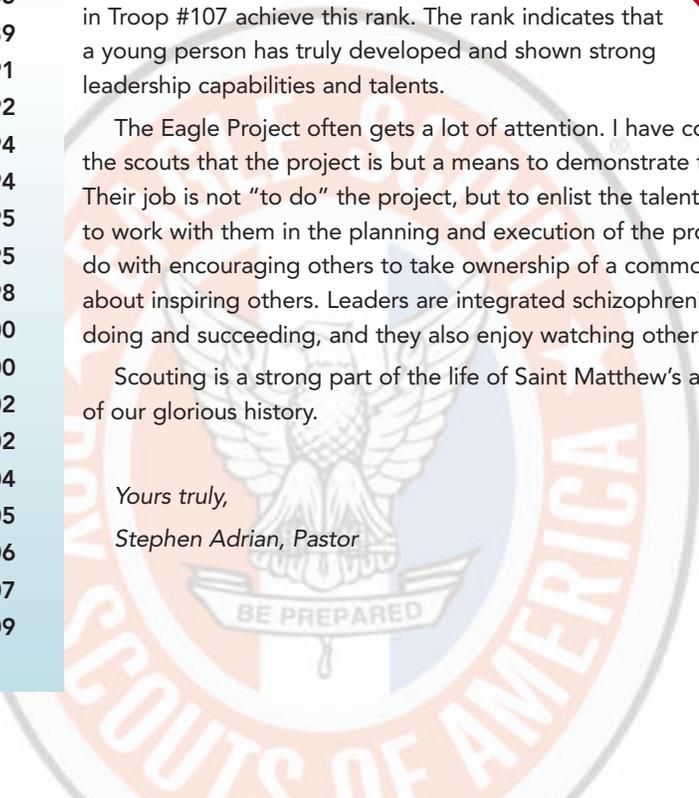
Scouting is a strong part of the life of Saint Matthew's and a strong part of our glorious history.

*Yours truly,
Stephen Adrian, Pastor*

List of Eagle Scouts from St. Matthew's Troop 107

Wayne Werling	11-21-55
Eugene House	2-21-58
Raymond St. Martin	6-20-58
David Ring	6-20-58
Gerald Isaacs	12-17-59
Thomas Armstrong	5-27-60
Evan Simmons	11-22-61
John D. Heilman	8-16-63
Richard Martin	9-20-63
John Mooney	1-17-64
George Tysowsky	12-19-72
Stephen Foumer	10-7-75
John Gabriel	5-22-85
Eric Henly	6-15-85
Paul Sachi	2-1-89
Patrick Thell	4-1-91
Dominic Hirdler	6-4-92
Jason Matters	4-13-94
Jason Nowak	11-7-94
William Matthews Jr.	11-13-95
Brian Schletty	11-13-95
Jeff Thul	8-18-98
Mark Schletty	2-2-00
Joshua Mike	6-23-00
Jeffrey Brown	6-5-02
Daniel Schletty	8-14-02
Michael Heitzinger	8-16-04
Alex Grunde	3-16-05
Michael Molina	1-18-06
Andrew Heitzinger	4-17-07
Mark Heinen	10-08-09

FUNDRAISING UPDATE FOR 2009
 Current total raised: **\$66,000**
 Goal is \$150,000 tuition aid by September 2009.



“ I definitely liked the small school environment... I loved it there (St. Matthews). ”

MARK HEINEN



The Tree

I'm sitting on my porch today
Where no one can see me
I don't want to be seen
Because I meet this tree

I think it's magical
Do you want to know why?
I walked past it
And it said Hi

Everyone thinks I'm crazy
Everyone thinks I'm nuts
But it's really them
Who don't know much

The trees name
Is Madice
He only talks to me and
Gives me advice

I wonder if inside
It's really Christ

— Alexandria Erickson
6th grade student

folks.) The scouts themselves are responsible for planning and executing the trips with the supervision of the troop leader. “It’s not adults telling us what to do. We’re learning and planning and making our own decisions,” Brian says.

But all the scouts in this group agreed that their most memorable trip was five day’s of backpacking on Isle Royale National Park. Isle Royale is a small island on Lake Superior that’s about a three-hour boat ride from shore. It’s an untouched wilderness with a population of moose and wolves. Matt says, “Only a few people are allowed on the island at a time so it’s special to get to go.”

The scouts are aware of the significance of becoming Eagles. Casey has a job at Byerly’s and says, “When my manager heard I was close to becoming an Eagle, he was impressed. I could tell he kind of looked at me differently.”

In addition to scouting, these are busy young men. All five are on the honor roll at their schools. Brian is a member of the National Honor Society, a paid tutor and coaches basketball at St. Matthew’s. Matt is in ROTC at CDH. Nick is on the varsity soccer, basketball and track teams for St. Bernard’s and plays trumpet in the school band. In addition to his job at Byerly’s, Casey plays baseball and golf for St. Bernard’s and plays percussion in the school band. Mark plays hockey and lacrosse and works at Mendakota Country Club.

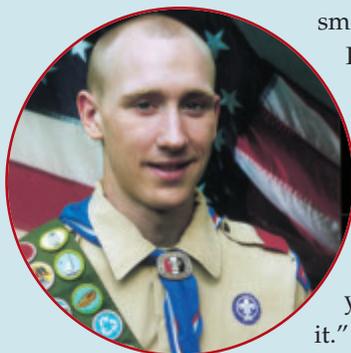
All five Scouts are also members of the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of Boy Scouts. Last October, Brian was recognized with the Order of the Arrow highest honor of Vigil for outstanding service to Scouting, his lodge, and the community.

For these young men, their experience in scouting is closely entwined with their days at St. Matthew’s School. It was Matt and Brian who first convinced Mark to join the troop when they were all playing on the soccer team in 7th grade. When Mark enrolled at St. Matthew’s at the beginning of 6th grade, it was the fifth school he’d attended since Kindergarten. Mark says, “I spent more years at St. Matt’s than at any other school...I definitely liked the small school environment ...

It’s hard not to feel accepted. I loved it there.”

Matt recalls how he felt on his last day of 8th grade, “It was sad. We had a definite group that had been together since kindergarten. The same thing is going to happen with scouting. They’re kids you grew up with. It’s going to be hard to leave it.” All of these scouts encourage other boys to give scouting a try. “It’s fun,” they all agreed. And the benefits, it seems, last a lifetime.

Special thanks to the adult leaders of Troop #107, William Matthews Sr. and John Edwards, for their help in guiding these young men through the scouting experience.



Eagle Scout Andy Heitzinger is currently serving in the National Guard.



Eagle Scout Mark Heinen



First Row Sitting: **Marcella Stokke**, Patricia Ward, Kathleen Kolles Tatiana Hrynyszyn, Mary Clare Walsh, Mary Sudeith, Margaret Murphy, Maureen Koehnen, **Maryann Monzel**, Joan Littfin, Diane Kammerer, Ellen Buckrey

2nd Row: Roy Ferber, **Thomas Gangl**, Michael McEachern, George Taylor, Patricia Bandholz, Mary Ramirez, Karen Karlen, Corinne Doyle, Priscilla Finch, **Joan Elliott**, Yolana Tysowsky, Mary Lou Stickler, **Michael Horsh**, John Cruz†, Keith Horst, Richard Drude

3rd Row: Karen Robinette, Patricia Ring, Lydia Nelson, Sharon Nafus, Anna Marie Ruberto, Carolyn Monsour, Jacqueline Bossart, Maryann Emerson, Judy Swenson, Bonnie Thelan†, Mary Gross, **RoseMarie Milligan**, Margaret Nasseff, Georgie Ann Wojnar, Christine Morgan, Carol Bruce

Class of 1959



4th Row: **Barbara Langer**, Margaret Monsour, Mary Jane Callahan, Antoinette Fischbach, Joanne Hawemann, Nancy Riehle, Kathleen Doffing, Dawn Woychik, **Darlene Justice**, Mary Frances Bohrer, **Kathleen Payin**, Judy Dressler, Claudia Lasch, Joanne Rascher, Joan Moyher, Judy Wall

5th Row: James Beacom†, John Ehrenberg, **Robert Scherbel**, Robert Smith, Donald Pike, Stephen Brewer, Kenneth Kosel, Charles Miller, James Weber, James Kueppers, Walter Schreiner, John George, Frank Troje, **Leo Riehm**, **Michael Kosthoryz**, John Zesbaugh, Robert Korman, Daniel Becker†, Michael Triviski

6th Row: John Seidl, **James Duffy**, Dennis Sadowski, Joseph Landsberger, **Daniel Wise**, John Hambrick, David Ross, Jerome Brisson, James Stahnke†, Richard Kerwin, Eugene Fibuch, Kenneth Burton, William Gaston, Edward Joseph, Paul Kukacka†, Conrad Burbach, Harold Roussopoulos

HELP US FIND OUR MISSING GRADUATES!

If you have information on any of the classmates in red, please email Karen Robinette Thompson at karen.thompson@securian.com or call her at 651-227-2551. You can also send the information to the parish office in the enclosed reply envelope.

Thank you!

† deceased

Alice Schletty – Food Service Director Retiring after 19 years

By Marian Wolters

This June, Alice Schletty will retire after 19 years of serving up tasty meals and snacks to children at St. Matthew's School, Childcare and KLT. Alice was born in Bemidji and came to the cities after two years of college. She soon met and married Joe Schletty ('62) and became a part of the West Side community. Alice and Joe had four children who all attended St. Matthew's School. David graduated in '87 and Sarah in '97. Matt and Nick would have graduated in '85 and '92 respectively, but at that time, St. Matt's 7th and 8th graders attended Brady.

When Sarah started 2nd grade, Alice had an opportunity to wash dishes for the student lunch program. After a few years with dishes, she moved to baking. Those were the days St. Matt's was noted for their cakes and cookies. They sold the beloved frosted shortbread cookies regularly. Chow mein noodles were the secret ingredient.

Alice and Josie Mike co-directed the food program for about four years. When Josie left, Alice became director. Now there are five part-time employees in the kitchen who cook and serve the food along with several mothers who work to cover the cost of tuition for their children at school.

Alice believes her love of cooking runs in the family. She says her mother was a great cook and both her father and sister had careers in the food service industry. She also likes that she works close to home and she loves being a part of the St. Matthew Community.

Alice developed her expertise in food service by participating in many state and federal workshops. She oversees hundreds of meals served each day for children at the school and child care center. Students have breakfast in the classrooms and hot lunch in the Social Hall Mondays – Fridays. The after school "Homework Club" is served snacks Mondays – Thursdays. Hot lunch is also provided to children in child care every weekday. Another important part of Alice's job is determining what food is consumed and then completing the required paperwork.

And the food is great! Italian Dunkers, cheese bread with pizza sauce, are a popular item on the St. Matt's menu. Another favorite is chicken nuggets. And the Josie Mike family meat sauce recipe for spaghetti is still a hit with the kids.



"I'm going to miss the kids," says Alice. She knows all of them by name.

The years since Alice first started out washing dishes are dramatically marked when she notices her daughter, who is now in her mid-twenties. The job has also changed. Where once Alice spent her time cooking, now many of her work hours are spent doing paperwork.

"I'm gonna miss the kids," Alice says when she reflects on her retirement. She knows all of them by name and, for most of them, knows their favorite foods just as well as their own parents do.

We thank Alice Schletty for her enthusiastic and generous dedication to feeding our bodies and our spirits these nineteen years. Enjoy your future.

RECEPTION TO HONOR ALICE SCHLETTY AND JOYCE MARXER

Help us say thank you and good-bye to our good friends, Joyce Marxer and Alice Schletty, at a reception on Sunday, June 7th following 10:30 a.m. mass. Both Alice and Joyce announced their plans to retire this year, Joyce after 30 years of teaching, and Alice after 19 years as part of the food service team. Both women will be deeply missed, but that doesn't mean we can't have fun saying goodbye. So please join us.

From the Editor

Calling all Web Designers

Alumni & Friends (A&F) is a volunteer operation with the simple goal of making a high quality, Catholic education at St. Matthew's available to all families regardless of their ability to pay. Personally, I can't write out a big check to help the school fund scholarships but

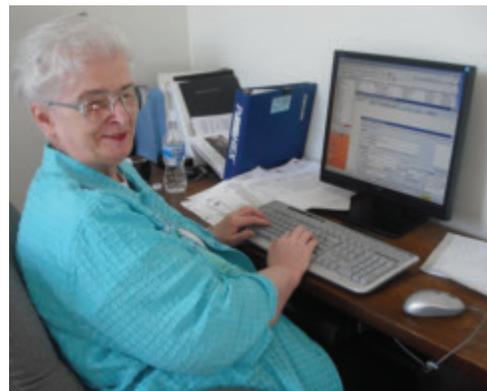
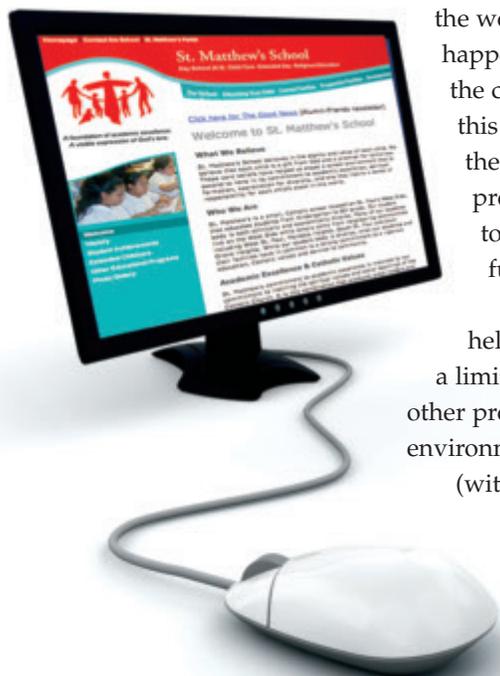
I can give a few hours of my time to get the word out about the great things happening at the school and parish. All the costs for designing and publishing this newsletter are also donated. Then there's a group of accomplished professionals who meet twice a month to steadily work on achieving our fundraising goals.

A&F could use the volunteer help of a web designer. This would be a limited time commitment working with other professionals in a very creative environment. If you'd like to find out more (without actually committing yourself)

send me an email at

AlumniNews@St-Matts.org.

— Maggie Lee, Editor



Too Much Good News? She's Here to Help!

For those of you getting extra copies of the *Good News*, Colleen Erickson ('49) is on the case. She has volunteered her time to re-enter our entire mailing list on a new database system and clean it up in the process. Her goal is to complete the new list sometime this summer. In the meantime, if you've got extra copies of the newsletter, pass them on.

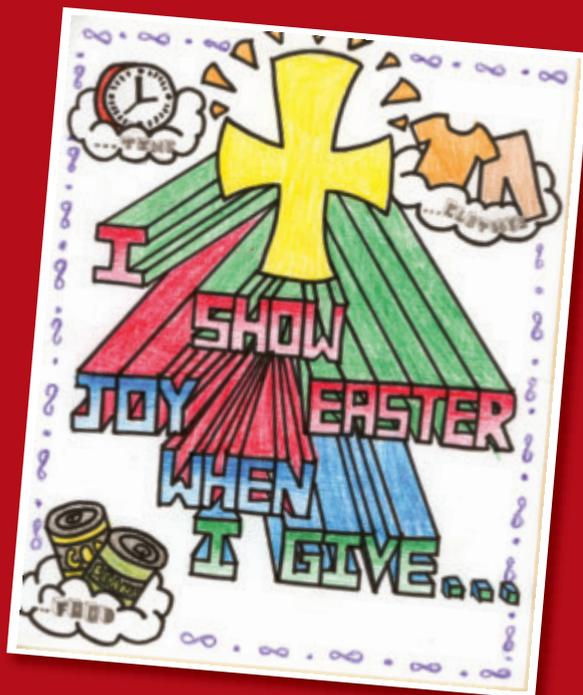
St. Matt's 7th grade Student Wins 1st place in Art Contest

Monique Roquemore won 1st place out of all students in grades 7-9 who participated in the *Catholic Spirit's* Easter poster contest.

The *Catholic Spirit* asked youth in grades 1-12 to create Easter posters by completing the phrase, "I show Easter joy when..." and drawing a poster to illustrate. The newspaper received 772 entries from students throughout the Archdiocese. They were judged by a panel of *Catholic Spirit* staff members, who chose first place winners in four age groups. Entries were judged for artistic skill, creativity and reproducibility.

Monique's winning phrase was "I show Easter joy when I give."

Congratulations Monique!





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EVENTS calendar

PROJECT RAINBOW MASS AND RECEPTION – May 6 at 9:15 a.m.

Students in 4th – 8th grade will get to visit in person with their Project Rainbow pen pals. After Mass, everyone will meet in the social hall for a reception.

KINDERGARTEN VISIT – May 12, 9-11 a.m.

Children registered for St. Matthew's Kindergarten next year and those who are considering it are welcome to come and find out what kindergarteners actually do. For more information, call the school office at 651-224-6912.

SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR – May 14, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

SPRING CONCERT – May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

This year's concert, which takes place in the gym, will feature songs from Broadway. Before the concert, everyone is welcome to check out the student's science fair projects on exhibit in the school hallways.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION – May 31 at 10:30 a.m. Mass

St. Matthew's 8th grade class of 2009 will have their graduation ceremony at the 10:30 a.m. mass. Following the mass, there will be a luncheon in the social hall for family and friends of the graduates.

PRAYER SERVICE ON LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – June 5 at 9:15 a.m.

SPAGHETTI DINNER SCHOOL FUNDRAISER – June 6, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

The Catholic Order of Foresters together with the Men's Club are hosting a dinner in the Social Hall to raise money for the school. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 16. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information call 651-224-6912.

RECEPTION FOR RETIREE'S JOYCE MARXER & ALICE SCHLETTY – June 7 after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Please join us as we thank Joyce Marxer for 30 years of teaching and Alice Schletty for 19 years in food service at St. Matt's. Everyone is welcome.