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FROM ST. MATTHEW

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

Roy Ferber, Good Samaritan

From Entrepreneur to School Benefactor

First in a Series on Alumni Who are Good Samaritans

Roy Ferber is 61 years-old and has been married to JoAnn (Bruner) Ferber, a former music educator, for 22 years. They have two sons, Scott, 20 years-old, who is a sophomore at Berklee College of Music in Boston, and Jason, 17 years-old, who is a senior at Benilde-St. Margaret's High School. In addition to his work with Alumni and Friends of St. Matthew's, Roy serves on numerous for-profit and non-profit boards. He resides with his family in Eden Prairie.

Over 120 years, St. Matthew's School has produced its share of success stories. Today's story is about Roy Ferber, '59. In 1990, Roy started his own business, Drop Ship Express, and in the process pioneered a new industry that's value today is approaching well over a billion dollars. After selling the business in 2003, he decided it was important for him to use a portion of this money to help others. His giving is shaped by his appreciation for the education and discipline he received as a child, which made his later success possible.

Growing Up on the West Side

Roy Ferber, born in 1945, was the third of eight children born to Bern and Marie Ferber. He remembers a modest childhood. With eight kids in the family, six girls had to share one bedroom. There was no air conditioning and when it was hot they slept on the floor in front of a screen door. If kids wanted money, they earned it by cutting grass, shoveling snow, babysitting or having a paper route.

He remembers with pleasure when he got to ring St. Matthew's church bell by pulling the huge rope in the back of the old church. He also recalls getting up early when it was his turn to be the altar server at the 6:30 a.m. weekday masses. He fondly speaks of Fr. Marshall, the priest who worked with the

altar boys, as someone who was "lots of fun but strict as well."

Roy credits the school and parish with providing the foundation that led to his successful career. "The strong discipline, the fact that it was very competitive. It instilled tremendous life values."

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Class of '55 Reunion

Karen (Schwarz) Thompson checks out the Kindergarten Play House during a tour of the school.

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

The months of November and December have come to be known as “the holidays” — referring especially to the Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts and seasons. Not only are these the biggest retail months of the calendar year, they are also the time when most charitable giving takes place.

The closest thing we have to a civic holy day is Thanksgiving. This civic holiday has strong religious overtones and calls upon all of us to reflect on the gifts we have received and to commit ourselves to sharing those gifts with others. The story of the pilgrims and the Indians is retold again and again — whether real or apocryphal it is the story of sharing the gifts of the earth.

Gospel Living Means Following the 3G's

I believe that the qualities which most ennoble human beings are those of graciousness, generosity and gratitude; and likewise there is no more destructive elements in human life than greed and selfishness.

Recent university studies have shown that “generous and gracious people” seem to live more peaceful lives, face less illness, sleep better, have better interpersonal relationships, are more open to intimacy, produce better on the job, are less prone to life threatening disease, and live longer. This suggests to me that “by nature” we are made to be generous and gracious people and that stinginess, arrogance, selfishness and greed are against our very nature and are hazardous to our well-being.

The 3 Gs — graciousness, generosity and gratitude — are the backbone of Gospel living. The parables of Jesus more often than not describe these qualities – or lack thereof. Jesus teaches us that God is gracious and generous in His relationship with human beings; He is forgiving and life giving — He is “giving” — He is holy, and invites human beings to be holy as He is holy.

It Takes Discipline

The 3Gs are for life, not just for “the holidays.” To develop a way of life that embraces the 3Gs is demanding and calls for discipline. I suggest that a start might involve taking a few minutes of time each evening, review the events of the day, single out three events of the day for which you give thanks and be able to indicate why you are grateful for the opportunities these events have provided you. Done day after day one soon comes to the point where he/she spontaneously sees the events of life as gifts and “by nature” expresses gratitude and thanksgiving.

When I live such a life I am eager to be generous with what I have — material and spiritual possessions — and to look for ways to “grace” the lives of others.

Of the many reasons I have to be thankful, you — the alumni and friends of Saint Matthew's School — are numbered and significant. Thank you for your generosity and your gracious lives. Saint Matthew's School is blessed by you.

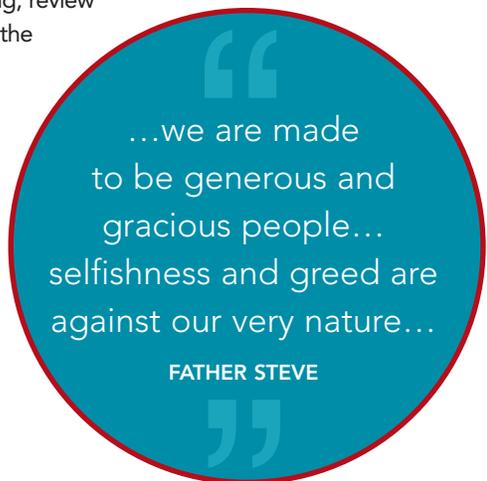
Yours truly,
Stephen Adrian, Pastor



REMEMBER THE DAY THE CHURCH BURNED DOWN?

Were you there? Do you have a story to tell? Share them with us and we will print as many as we can in the March/April newsletter which will recognize the 40th Anniversary of the event.

Send in your stories via e-mail: AlumniNews@St-Matts.org or use the envelope in the newsletter to mail it in. **Deadline for submissions is January 15th.**



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FATHER STEVE

Remembering St. Matthew's Oldest Parishioner, Alma Becker

Alma Becker was 108 years old and the second oldest citizen of the state when she died April 18, 2007. For almost 50 years of her life she was a member of St. Matthew's Parish and lived within walking distance of the church. Her life touched three different centuries and the changes she witnessed are hard to fathom. But her granddaughter, Lynn (Traynor) Stenerson, ('62) says the defining characteristic of Alma's life was her commitment to her faith and to her family.

She was born Alma Elizabeth Marte, on February 23, 1899, to a farm family in Perry, Iowa. In 1920, she married Ambrose Becker. Soon afterwards, the couple moved to southern Minnesota where they rented a series of farms, moving often. The 1920's & '30's were tough times for farmers but during those years, Alma and Ambrose managed to raise six children: three daughters and three sons.

They eventually bought their own farm near Cambridge and Isanti, Minnesota. Ambrose died in 1959. A few years later, Alma left the farm and moved to St. Paul to be near her daughter, Vicki (Becker) Traynor.

When Alma was in her 60's, she got a job at Peter's Meat Packing Company on Robert Street on the West Side. The factory work was extremely physical but she kept right up with men she worked alongside. Despite her age, she was considered one of the company's hardest workers and was a favorite among her co-workers.

In the early 1980's, she moved into an apartment at Wilder on Humboldt. During that time she was an active member of the senior community. She worked in the cafeteria, played cards, and was active physically. Several times a week she'd walk downtown to join friends for a free cup of coffee at McDonald's, followed by mass at the Assumption, before walking home again. She participated in the exercise classes at Wilder until she was 100 years old.

She was an active member of the Rosary Society and was a Eucharistic Minister for many residents at Wilder. But she is probably best remembered for her love of the rosary. She always carried her rosary beads with



ABOVE: In 1920
Alma married
Ambrose Becker.



RIGHT: Alma at her
106th Birthday Party.

her. She led the rosary prayers at the Wilder Nursing Home as a volunteer and continued to lead them when she became a resident herself in 2004.

Fr. Steve was a regular visitor. "Alma was not only the oldest member of Saint Matthew's at the time of her death, she was also one of the most gracious and optimistic people. She always wore a smile, always enjoyed a chuckle, always saw the silver lining in every cloud. The only time I saw her disagreeable was on her 100th birthday when she chided her family for not allowing her to wear her high heel shoes to the party."

In addition to her husband, Alma was preceded in death by four of her children. Her granddaughter, Lynn, is reflective when trying to sum up Alma's life. "She was a hard worker who lived a hard life. But her faith was unshakeable and her acceptance of God's will was complete."

Class of '55 Reunion

On September 7, St. Matthew's 8th grade class of '55 got together for their first-ever reunion since graduating 52 years earlier.

The idea for a reunion started over a year ago when Mike Schneider, who's lived in Roberts, Wisconsin for the past six years, visited his ailing brother who lived on the West Side and has since passed away. The visit got him thinking about his old classmates and the possibility of getting back together with them. Mike, together with George Schmid and Wayne Dressler took the lead in organizing the event but they got plenty of help from Karen (Schwarz) Thompson, Theresa (Blaeser) Carufel, Mary (Holmes) Chamberland, and MaryAnn (Monsour) Raines along with others.

Turn out was great. Out of a graduating class of 80 students, 40 people showed up, many traveling from out of state. The reunion began with a tour of the school which many hadn't seen since they'd graduated. The tour was followed by dinner at Joseph's Restaurant.

The group was especially pleased to have in attendance one of their favorite teachers, Sr. Dominica S.S.N.D., who taught 7th grade. Sr. Dominica, who is now in her 80's, lives in Mankato at the order's retirement home.

The occasion was also touched with sadness by the sudden death of classmate Pete Simon. Pete had planned to come to the reunion from his home in Colorado but suffered a stroke the week before the event. He was remembered with a special tribute given by his good friend Doug Moe.

The success of the event is well documented in the Photo Show George Schmid assembled which shows alumni checking out the Kindergarten Play House, trying to squeeze into school chairs, walking the school halls that were once part of their daily lives and having a great time.

Mike said plans are already being kicked around for a get together next year. He thinks maybe they should try a cruise.

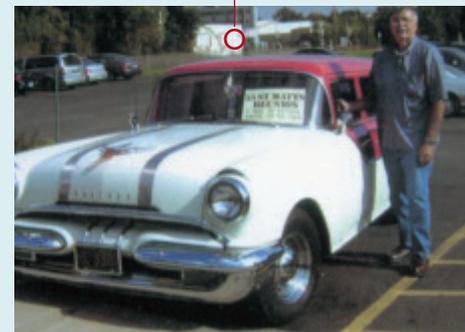
To see the Class of '55's Reunion Photo Show on the internet, here's the website: www.photoshow.com/members/g.schmid_1/all/ZX8yp6PC



Gordy McIntosh,
Jim Korman and
Doug Moe



Wayne Dressler



Mike Schneider
drove his '55
Pontiac to the
reunion



Marji (Troje) Brustad and
Karen (Zasada) Nedeau



Doug Moe pays
tribute to Pete Simon



Mary Ann (Monsour) Raines and
Karen (Schwarz) Thompson



Sr. Dominica visits with Dorothy Holzem Eley

Rosann (Taylor) Juenemann, Theresa (Blaeser) Carufel and Bill Sellner



George Schmid and Sandy Schmidt



Mary (Holmes) Chamberland, Karen (Schwarz) Thompson, Karen (Zasada) Nedeau, Marji (Troje) Brustad



Gerald Hughes and Mary (Holmes) Chamberland

1951

MARIAN WOLTERS

Grade School Memories 1942 to 1951

Some words that come to mind when I think of my years at Saint Matthew's Grade School are prayer, knowledge, and discipline.

Prayer punctuated every aspect of my years at school. We prayed to begin and end our days. We prayed while waiting in lines. We had prayer contests for Advent and Lent. We prayed for and "bought" Pagan babies. We stopped on the playground for the Angels. And most importantly, we attended Mass most days.

Gaining knowledge filled all school hours. Some of the most memorable lessons for me were reading and geography. I'm from the "Dick and Jane" generation. It launched me into a life of reading and loving language arts. For some reason I never forgot the fourth grade geography book's photos of the cliff dwellings of New Mexico, which I finally visited in the 1970's.

Discipline saturated those years. The light and dark tiles on the corridor floors were one regulator of our lives. We stood on them on our way in and out of the lavatories. We marched on them to the same Sousa tune as we exited by group every afternoon. Some years were more intense than others, but it taught me patience and may have given me depth. I still thank Saint Matthew's for giving me a strong foundation on which to build my life.

Editor's Note: Send us your memories, favorite stories, anecdotes or photos from your days in school and we will put them in the newsletter.



TOP: Marian Wolters in Kindergarten, 1943.



ABOVE: Marian in 8th grade, 1951.

Gift Suggestions That Provide Educational Benefits

A Wish List for St. Matthew's School

\$25 will purchase one of the following:

- **Instructional DVDs** for use in the classroom
- **New books** for the Library
- **First Aid Kits** for each classroom
- **Classroom supplies** such as electric pencil sharpeners, markers, art supplies, etc.

\$50 gift will purchase one of the following:

- **Outdoor play equipment** – these are items that constantly need to be replaced such as balls, hula-hoops, cones and bases.
- **Hot Lunch for one student for one month** – It happens every year. Students who did not qualify for free or reduced lunches at the beginning of school experience a change in their financial circumstances due to things like medical expenses or job loss. Fr. Steve personally has established and contributes to an account for students who can no longer afford a hot lunch. You are invited to contribute to this fund too.
- **Photo Finishing for Teachers** – Our teachers are very creative and often use photography for a wide range of lessons about discipline and self-control, language arts, science and storytelling.

\$100 gift will purchase one of the following

- **Leveled Readers** –If you want to share the gift of reading, this is one of the best ways to do it. Leveled Readers are important tools to promote success in literacy for students in K – 2nd grades. This gift would buy one set of 30 titles and help get future readers off to a great start.
- **Classroom set of Classic Literature for Middle School** – No education is complete without them. They're books you probably remember reading in school yourself: *Romeo and Juliet*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Call of the Wild*, and *The Great Gatsby* are just a few of the novels that comprise this collection. This gift will allow us to replace worn out copies of old classics as well as update the collection with the new classics.
- **Museum admissions for a Field Trip for one grade** – The Twin Cities has many great museums that can enrich the education of our students. Destinations may include The Science Museum, the History Center or the Children's Museum.

\$250 gift will purchase one of the following

- **Art Supplies for Classroom Use** – This would cover the cost for all the art supplies needed for one grade for an entire year.
- **Scholarship for a 7th grade student to attend Camp St. Croix** – This would cover all the costs for a student who receives financial aid to participate in this event.
- **Television for classroom** – The school needs to replace five old televisions with models that can receive digital signals and will work with DVD's.

Please let us know if you'd like your gift to go towards a specific item on the wish list. Otherwise, we will place in the tuition assistance fund.

Thank you!



For A Lifetime

Did you know.....

- >> At St. Matthew's School, everybody pays something towards their tuition.
- >> 70% of families with children at St. Matthew's receive financial assistance to help pay for tuition.
- >> Average Income of families receiving financial assistance is less than \$28,000.

\$500 gift will purchase one of the following:

- **Scholarship for 8th grade student to attend the YMCA Youth in Government program** – This is an important educational opportunity for our students who, along with 1,400 8th graders from around the state, take part in a mock government. Students spend four days in downtown Minneapolis where they draft bills, pass laws, and learn hands-on how our government works.
- **Bus Transportation for all-school field trip** – Three buses are needed to transport the entire school. Last year's trip was to the Science Museum of Minnesota.
- **Artist in Residence** – Working with COMPASS and other arts organizations, this gift would allow us to bring professional artists to the school to work directly with students.

\$700 gift will purchase a Leveled Reader Set.

- If you love to read, this gift is another way to share it. This set provides all the leveled readers necessary for an entire grade (K-2nd) to work in small groups as they learn to read. This is a gift that will be used by teachers and students every day.

\$1,000 gift will purchase one of the following.

- **Set of Desks for Classroom** – What gets used more in a classroom than a desk? Many of our desks are old and in need of replacement. This gift will allow us to replace all the desks in one classroom. We have five classrooms that need new desks.
- **Band Scholarship for Full Year** – Band is a new program this year and we have a waiting list of students who would like to participate but can't afford the costs. The scholarship covers all the costs including instrument rental and weekly instruction.
- **Science Fair Sponsorship** – Every student will work on an exhibit for the Spring Science Fair. This would cover all the costs for extra resource books, materials and supplies for the entire school, approximately \$100 per grade.
- **School Calendar Sponsorship** – This would cover the total cost of printing the school calendar for one year. The sponsor would be welcome to dedicate the calendar.

\$1,500 gift will provide 50% of the cost of tuition for one student for one year.

\$3,000 gift will provide a full scholarship to one student for one year.

\$6,000 gift will purchase new wood floor for one classroom.

- St. Matthew's is an old school but it has been very well maintained. In keeping with that tradition, the school is in the process of replacing wooden floors in the classrooms. We've replaced five floors and have five more to go.





St. Matthew's Students In The News

St. Matthew's middle school students were in the news recently for participating in "PinWheels for Peace," an international art and literacy project. The students made pinwheels with personal messages for peace and planted them in front of the school along the Humboldt Avenue boulevard. This is a non-political project students could choose to relate to the conflict of war or to violence and intolerance in our daily lives. Last year, students planted more than 1 million pinwheels at 2,350 locations world-wide. Photos of St. Matthew's students planting their pinwheels appeared in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and the *Catholic Spirit*.

PICTURED ABOVE: Middle school students plant PinWheels for Peace on Humboldt Avenue.

Gym Teacher Cassidy Coaches in Belgium

St. Matthew's gym teacher, Ed Cassidy, spent part of his summer in Belgium coaching youth basketball camps. The camps, open to boys and girls ages 7-17, are part of a youth basketball program started by Jean-Pierre Fransquet, one of Belgium's premier professional coaches who has since retired. Mr. Cassidy was recommended to Messieur Fransquet's by one of his former players who is also a friend of Mr. Cassidy. When Mr. Cassidy, who only speaks English, was asked how he communicated with the players, he indicated that it was no problem, "Basketball is a universal language."



Mr. Cassidy instructs Belgium youth during summer basketball camp.

Chess Anyone?

St. Matthew's students will be playing chess again as part of an after school program on Tuesdays. The Chess Club will be open to all students from K-5th grade. The Club members will receive instruction from Mr. Diaz, who has achieved the International Chess Federation's rank of Chess Master. Mr. Diaz, a native of Columbia, is also St. Matthew's Spanish teacher.

Not only is chess a fun game to play, but studies have shown, students who play chess regularly strengthened not only mathematical, logic and problem-solving skills but also increased their verbal aptitudes.

If you like to play chess and are interested in volunteering to work with Chess Club members, call the school office at 651-224-6912.



4th grade students play chess.

Roy Ferber,
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Business Success

After graduating from the University of Minnesota where he received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration and Accounting, Roy got a job in the fulfillment industry, working for companies that processed requests from consumers using box tops and coupons for premiums, rebates and sweepstakes. He was a success and eventually became the Chief Operating Officer of Young America Corp.

In 1990, Roy quit his job and started Drop Ship Express. His experience in the fulfillment industry had convinced him there was an opportunity to serve as the middleman providing mail and package consolidation services to big companies who used the post office. This was a new and untested idea but it turned out to be a good one. He was able to save his clients millions of dollars from the previous shipping and mailing methods they had used.

Starting from nothing, Roy built his business into a company with \$100 million in revenue and 500 employees working at nine U.S. locations. His 800 clients included Barnes & Noble, Aetna, J.C. Penney and United Health Care. When Federal Express and UPS started getting into the business, he decided it was time to get out. In 2003, he sold the company, which is now owned by DHL.

What's Next?

"I was kind of lost after I sold the company. I had a four-year non-compete agreement so I couldn't work in that industry for a while. I thought about buying other businesses but nothing really hit me. I went from being the head of a successful business with 500 employees that looked up to me to having an office at home where I shared the phone with my wife and two teenage sons."

Roy turned to something completely new. Working together with his wife, JoAnn, they created the Ferber Family Foundation. The Foundation's gifts are guided by the Ferber's belief in God, the importance of family and the dignity of all individuals.

Just as valuable as money, Roy gives his time and business experience to a number of nonprofits including Urban Ventures, Treehouse and Neighborhood House. He observes that non-profits face a challenge most businesses never have. "When I had the company, I grew it, it was like an annuity. If I got a new customer, so long as I didn't mess it up in the first 90 days, they'd stay and I could just keep growing. Nonprofits, they have to start over every year trying to raise money to do their work. Often they don't have the tools, software,



Clockwise: Roy Ferber, wife JoAnn, sons Scott and Jason.

hardware, personnel, they need to accomplish all they want to do."

Reconnecting – Alumni & Friends of St. Matthew's

In 2003, Roy renewed his involvement with St. Matthew's. The connection had never been completely lost since many members of his family still live in the area and attend church. While his father passed away in 2002, his mother, 90 years-old and always an active member of the parish, now lives at Cerenity (formerly Wilder) Care Center.

"I started out with a financial contribution. I thought geez, we're giving money around the country and the world and there are so many things in Minnesota that need help — things here on the West Side." Over recent years, the Ferber Family Foundation has contributed new text books, computers, software, music and phy-ed equipment to St. Matthew's School.

The Reason to Give Back

Roy is matter of fact about why he gives. "St. Matthew's did a lot for our family. We all received a tremendous education from the Sisters of Notre Dame who dedicated their lives to educating us for very little pay. We received strong values and a good work ethic."

As part of St. Matthew's Alumni and Friends, Roy works to enlist the help of others to provide financial and volunteer support for the school and scholarships to families who can't afford the cost of tuition. "Now it's time to help other young students on the West Side get a proper education like we got. Everyone can contribute something, whether it's money, talent or time. Join the cause. Get the word out."

Editors Note: If you'd like to join the cause, please consider a gift to the school from the Wish List on pages 6 and 7. For more information about getting involved with Alumni & Friends of St. Matthew's, send an e-mail or call us.

Alumni & Friends Set Goal of \$150,000

Alumni & Friends of St Matthew has announced a fund raising goal of \$150,000 to be used for tuition assistance for students at St. Matthew's School. The money will be made available to students registering for the 2008-09 school year. We hope this additional amount of tuition assistance will make it possible for up to 50 new students to attend St. Matthew's. Alumni & Friends intend to announce similar substantial fund raising goals each succeeding year in order to assure continuing tuition assistance for all qualifying students.

Alumni & Friends was established earlier this year and is in the developmental and organizational stage. Its first project was the launching of this newsletter in July. Members of the Steering Committee who now meet twice a month include Joe Cullen '78, Roy Ferber '59, John Riehle '57, Jerry Sexton '44, Tom McKeown, Eileen McMahon, Fr. Steve Adrian, Director of Education & Formation, Doug Lieser and *The Good News* Editor, Maggie Lee.

Contributions to date total over \$30,000

Setting a goal of \$150,000 was somewhat of a "stretch" for this new and still organizing group. However, Alumni & Friends has already received 23 donations totaling \$30,125 which is 20% of the goal. Individual gifts ranged from \$10 to \$10,000. One donation came from a parent of alumni and another from a local business. The other 21 gifts were from St Matt's graduates.

Opportunity for Alumni

Alumni & Friends ask that you reflect on Fr. Steve's message on page 2 and also "browse" the school Gift

Suggestions on pages 6-7. For over

120 years the Parish and School Sisters of Notre Dame sacrificed in order to provide a quality education for thousands of young people. The parish is aging and the Sisters are gone, It is now an opportunity for alumni to "give back" by helping

financially to make it possible for a new generation to receive a similar educational opportunity. Alumni & Friends thank you in advance for your generosity.

Checks should be made out to St. Matthew's School. All donations are tax deductible. Alumni & Friends will publish a Financial Statement in this newsletter after the close of the school and fiscal year (6-30-08). All donors will be appropriately recognized unless you indicate your preference to remain anonymous.

Scrip – Free Money

Is anything better than cash? Yes. Scrip. It's the money that does double duty. Merchants participating in the Scrip program agree to donate a percentage of your purchase back to St. Matthew's. Scrip can be purchased in denominations from \$5 to \$100 yielding from 1.5% to 15% of the card value at the time of your purchase. You spend the same amount on gas, groceries or restaurants, and by using Scrip, you make a contribution to St. Matthew's at the same time.

Scrip is available for many of the stores you probably use already including: SuperAmerica and Holiday, R.C. Dicks and CUB, Appleby's, Kohl's and Barnes & Nobles. Subway and Noodles & Co. Scrip in \$10 denominations are now in stock. More than 200 merchants participate locally in the Scrip program and over 800 nationwide.

Tim Nowak heard about this program several years ago and brought it to Saint Matthew Parish. Currently this program provides \$250 a month or \$3,000 a year to the school. Tim Nowak says that selling only twelve more \$25 cards a week can yield an additional \$50 a month or \$600 a year for the school. And it costs the users nothing.

The holidays are coming and scrip is the perfect gift. Plan to use it generously this year. Buy Scrip after Sunday Masses in the southeast corner of church. Scrip can also be purchased in the school during office hours. For more information or to get a complete list of what's available, email AlumniNews@St-Matts or call the school office at 651-224-6912.

So get in the Scrip habit. This is a true win-win situation.

“It is now an opportunity for alumni to “give back” by helping financially to make it possible for a new generation to receive a similar educational opportunity.”

From the Editor

Looking for a Few Good Samaritans

bet we all know somebody who fits the description. Good Samaritans. People who make a difference. It may be in their city, their neighborhood, or it may be the impact they've had on one person's life. Whether their actions take place on a big stage or small, they are people who live out their Christian values and improve the lives of others by doing so.

We want to celebrate these people by telling their stories. We're asking for your help to find them.

In its 120 year history, St. Matthew's has graduated many Good Samaritans. We'd like you to suggest a St. Matthew's alumni, maybe someone from your class, who fits the description. Whether they're young, old or deceased, these individuals are role models for all of us.

They are also reminders of why Catholic education is so important. St. Matthew's School integrates the spiritual values and social teachings of the Catholic Church together with a high quality education. The school helps students understand that it is their responsibility to use their talents and education not only for their own good, but for the benefit of others as well.

Roy Ferber's a good example. It's not about money. It's that he puts so much time and effort into organizations he believes will make a difference in the lives of people. In addition to his work with Alumni and Friends of St. Matthew's, he is involved with: Treehouse, a nonprofit that helps at risk teens; Urban Ventures which provides learning and recreation centers in communities where they're most needed; and Neighborhood House here on the West Side.

Roy will tell you himself, these are the values he was raised with. This is what he learned going to school at St. Matthew's.

Roy is just one guy, who I think, fits the bill of Good Samaritan. He's doing it in his own, unique way. There are many, many others. They're stories are all different and all worth hearing.

So let us know who you think is a Good Samaritan. E-mail, call or use the envelope in the newsletter to do it.

Maggie Lee
Editor

Student Service Project

At St. Matthew's, students not only learn Catholic values, they live them. During the school year, every student in school will take part in a Service Project that will emphasize the importance of acting on Christian values and beliefs.

5th Grade Service Project – Learning to Be Good Stewards

The 5th grade students have undertaken a year-long project which their teacher, Mr. Osborne, believes will help them understand the importance of being good stewards by recycling, conserving and helping to care for our environment.

During the school year, 5th grade students will visit every classroom once a week to collect their used paper for recycling. Mr. Osborne explains "Kids need to realize it's important to recycle instead of throwing things away that go into the landfill."

Mr. Osborne plans to find more opportunities for the students to recycle as well as help them see the importance of conservation. Teaching the kids to make simple changes, like turning off a light when they leave a room, is a small step that can make a big difference. He encourages students to take what they learn at school and practice it at their homes and in their communities.





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EVENTS calendar

CLASS OF '57 BREAKFAST GET-TOGETHER — November 17, 9 a.m.

Alumni are invited to the Capitol View Restaurant on Smith Avenue for this quarterly get together.

MEN'S CLUB WINE TASTING – November 9 at 7 p.m.

It's an enjoyable evening to sample wine, cheeses & chocolates. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15 per person. Orders for discounted wine will be available through Nowak's Liquors.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE — November 21, 7 pm.

This Multicultural Service will take place at Neighborhood House. Food donations are welcome. Treats and fellowship will follow the service.

MASS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY — November 22, 9 a.m.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT — December 13, 7:00 p.m.

The Concert will take place in the church. Students in K-5th grades will be singing many of the Christmas Carols you know along with a few you don't.

ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE — December 8th & 9th

Mark your calendar, the Christmas Bake Sale's coming. Home baked items will be available in the Social Hall on Saturday from 2-6 p.m and Sunday from 9-12 p.m.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA — December 9th, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The boy scouts will be serving an all you can eat Pancake Breakfast. After breakfast, kids can get their picture taken with Santa. It's much easier than going to the mall.

COMMUNAL PENANCE — December 16, at 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 4:00 p.m.

December 25 Midnight (12:00 a.m.) & 10:00 a.m.