

Weekly Mailer - April 26

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Faith First – Educating children while building a Catholic foundation that instills Christian Values.

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Dear St. Matthias School Families,

We had a great day with our VIP's. The students are always excited to perform and share their classroom with our visitors. Thank you for supporting this special day. It was great to see so many visitors fill the school.

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who are celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend. May the Lord bless you on this special day. First Holy Communion will take place at 4:00pm on Saturday and 10:00am on Sunday. Handbells and choir are performing at the 10:00am Mass. Please join us!

Safe Environment Week

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 21st – April 27th as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in April, this is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training, criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees. Safety training for children in each grade level and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws. A proclamation was issued at church this past weekend. At school, students complete the Circle of Grace curriculum which teaches students how to identify, avoid, and respond to potentially uncomfortable or unsafe situations. I encourage you to ask your students about what they are learning. They should complete the Circle of Grace curriculum by the end of next week.

School Mass

On Thursday, May 2, Mass will be led by grade 7. All are welcome. Please join us!

May Crowning

On Thursday, May 9th, Mass will be led by our 2nd grade class. After Mass, we will honor Mother Mary with a special May Crowning presented by grade 2. Grade 4 will lead us through a decade of the rosary. Please join us for both!

School Advisory Committee

We are looking for parents, guardians, and community members interested in making a difference at St. Matthias. If you are interested in getting involved for the 2024-2025 school year, please contact Mrs. Turner in the school office.

Home and School Spring Clean-up

Thank you to everyone who participated in our school yard clean-up last Saturday. The school looks great.

MEC Closures

MEC will be closed after school on May 24 (Friday before Memorial Day) and May 31 (Friday, School Picnic Day). Please plan accordingly.

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Lost and Found

St. Anthony (patron saint of lost things) has been hard at work. Our lost and found is overflowing. Please stop by the lost and found and collect your student's items.

Staff Updates

Do you know someone who likes children and is looking for a job? We are currently looking for several positions for next school year. We have openings for a middle school teacher, a music teacher, an educational aide, and before and after care staff. In addition, we are looking to expand our substitute teacher list. Please visit the https://www.archmil.org/Jobs.htm for more information. We appreciate you sharing these postings with friends and family.

Mrs. Alissa Turner Principal aturner@stmatthiasmilw.org

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PLTW News Spring 2024

The second trimester of PLTW had all students designing and building. As seen in the photos accompanying this article, our 8th graders were busy at work not only designing a pull toy device but also building it, testing it, and finally parading it down the hallway for the K4-3rd grade students. All groups did very well and impressed the underclassmen with their ingenuity and building skills. A vote by the littles gave the Bluey entry first place with Barbie and NBA a close second. A great job by all of our 8th graders. Next up is a unit where our 8th graders will learn about a medical condition called Cerebral Palsy, or CP, and then design and fabricate a foot orthosis for a CP patient.

Our 7th graders put their sketching, drawing, measuring, and 3D CAD design skills to the test by creating 19 "parts" in 3D and then assembling them into a completed *IndyCar*. Next up the 7th graders will learn about *propulsion* and put some homemade rockets to the test- look out NASA, here come the Bulldogs! Several of our 7th graders participated in the Catholic Memorial High School *Propel Challenge* and represented our school well- thank you to our 7th graders!





















And finally, our 6th grade class is wrapping up a design unit where they have created their own *chess set* pieces and board and have assembled it virtually for all to see. Look for their work outside of the tech lab. Next, it's on to *Save the World* as our 6th graders are challenged to utilize teamwork to design a device meant to help keep the world as we know it from melting down into a blob of molten metal!

Mr. Heinzen

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Keeping Children and Teens SAFE ONLINE

Computers and mobile devices can be helpful tools for children and teens to learn and grow in faith and fellowship. Unfortunately, the digital world is also full of unsafe and explicit content. You wouldn't hand a teen the car keys without first teaching them how to drive. The same should be true for using technology—teach them how to keep themselves and others safe while using it.

You can use the following tips to better protect young people from harm online:

- Model appropriate online behavior for young people. Children look to their parents to teach and show them the ways to appropriately use technology. The biggest influence on what children see as acceptable or unacceptable is you.
- Teach your children not to share private information or images online. Strangers posing as online friends can try to gain the trust of minors. Personal information such as name, address, and phone number should never be shared with an unknown person. Tell your children to immediately tell a trusted adult if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Limit usage of computers and mobile devices to public spaces in the home. Not only will this help to prevent young people from accessing unsafe websites, it will also help them to develop safe browsing habits later in life.
- Install software that can block or monitor explicit website use. Open access to harmful websites, like those that include pornography, is a constant threat to



young people. Website filters can prevent access to harmful and explicit sites and some can even alert you when such a site is accessed.

- Review and discuss the websites your child has visited and apps they have used. Oversight of your child or teen's browsing history and app usage can help to keep them safe online. If you notice your child has browsed an unsafe website or app, discuss why that behavior is harmful. Learn about current apps that could be harmful to children and teenagers, especially those that involve image sharing, private communication, or the illusion of privacy.
- Report online exploitation of minors to public authorities. If you become aware of explicit content involving minors, such as solicitation, explicit images or videos, you should submit a report to law enforcement or through resources like CyberTipline from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



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St. Matthias Parish School May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4 th Grade Field Trip	2 8:15 Mass – 7th	3	4
			1:30 3 rd Grade Taste of Nations	6:30 Home & School Meeting		
5	6 Teacher Appreciation Week	7 . K4 & K5 Field Trip	8	9 8:15 Mass – 2nd May Crowning	10 Spirit Day	11
12 Happy Mother's	13	14 8:15 Mass – 4th	15	16	17 \$1.00 Out of Uniform	18 6:30 Princess
Day		Feast of St. Matthias			6:30 Princess Capers	Capers
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19	20 1-3 Grade Field Trip	21	22	8:15 Mass -6th 6:30 Spring Concert	24 12:45 Dismissal	25
26	27 No School	28	29	30 8:15 Mass – 3rd	31 School Picnic	
	Day				Out of	

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May 2024
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K-8 Hot Lunch Menu

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	7	8	6	10
Orange Chicken WG Brown Rice	Turkey Ham and Cheese Chefs Salad	Chicken Patty Sandwich WG Hamburger Bun	Oven WG Bu	WG Cheese Pizza Sticks Marinara Dipping Sauce
Baby Carrots Seasonal Fruit	WG Pretzel Breadstick Garden Salad Blend w/ Ranch	Franks Hot Sauce or Mayo Vegetarian Baked Beans	Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Fruit	Fresh Broccoli Bites & Ranch Seasonal Fruit
Assorted WG Crackers Choice of Milk	Seasonal Fruit WG Vanilla Graham Crackers	Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk
	Choice of Milk			
13	14	15	16	17
WG Beef and Cheese Burrito	Chicken and Cheese Philly	Crispy Chicken Salad (10 each)	-DOMINOS PIZZA DAY-	Meatballs & Gravy
laco Sauce Packet	with Peppers and Unions	W/ Komaine Salad	Domino s cheese Pizza siice	WG Brown Rice
Flesta Biack Beans Seasonal Fruit	MG Bun	Pretzel Breadstick	Seasonal Fruit	Baby Carrots
Choice of Milk	Steamed Corn	Seasonal Fruit	WG Crackers	Seasonal Fruit
	Seasonal Fruit	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Assorted WG Cracker
	Choice of Milk			Choice of Milk
20	21	22	23	24
WG Chicken Nuggets w/ BBQ	Beef or Pork Taco	-Chefs Choice Sub-	Homemade Beef and Bean Chili	Italian Meatsauce
WG Pretzel Breadstick	Shredded Cheese	Turkey Deli Meat & Cheese Slice	Shredded Cheese	Bowtie Pasta
Baby Carrots	Taco Sauce Packet	Shredded Lettuce	WG Cornbread	WG Pretzel Breadstick
Seasonal Fruit	WG Flour Tortilla	Mayo & Mustard	WG Cheddar Goldfish	Shredded Cheese
Assorted WG Crackers	Ranchero Beans	WG Bun	Celery Sticks	Fresh Broccoli Bites w/ Ranch
Choice of Milk	Seasonal Fruit	Oven Roasted Potatoes	Seasonal Fruit	Seasonal Fruit
	WG Graham Crackers Choice of Milk	Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk
27	28	29	30	<u></u>
-MEMORIAL DAY-	WG Chicken Corn Dog	WG Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla	-KIDS CHOICE DAY-	
MCFICIOSED	Ketchup	Cholula Hot Sauce or Taco Sauce	Menu A: Cheeseburger & WG Bun	0000
	Vegetarian Baked Beans	Romaine Salad w/ Dressing	Ketchup & Mustard	3
	Seasonal Fruit	Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	Menu B: southwest wrap on we Tortilla	250
	Choice of Milk		Oven Roasted Baby Bakers	
			Seasonal Fruit	

K-8 Hot Lunch Menu

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