

St. Matthias
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St. Matthias

&

Transfiguration of the Lord
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 31, 2008

Transfiguration of Our Lord
2609 W. Carmen Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60625
773-561-7953



Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

— Romans 12:2

Dejen que una nueva manera de pensar los transforme internamente, para que sepan distinguir cuál es la voluntad de Dios, es decir, lo que es bueno, lo que le agrada, lo perfecto.

— Romanos 12:2

**Welcome to St. Matthias
&
Transfiguration of Our Lord Churches**

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a spiritual home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Our church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. You may begin the registration process at St. Matthias by giving us your name and contact information on the envelopes in the pews of the church. Please check "Joining the Parish" and place the envelope in the collection basket or stop by either St. Matthias or Transfiguration rectory for more information.

Our Mission Statement

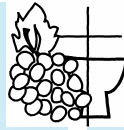
***Two Parishes—One Faith Community;
English-Spanish-Tagalog***

We are a Catholic community of two parishes. We commit ourselves to celebrate our diversity, to give thanks for and preserve our rich traditions, to share our resources and to build a more collaborative faith community. *For detailed instructions refer to John 6:1-13*

www.stmatthiastransfiguration.com

**ST. MATTHIAS
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
OF**

August 31-September 7, 2007



**TRANSFIGURATION
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Sunday, August 31, 2008

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am Susan G. Duffy (Family)
+Frank Modelski (Bowling Girls)
9:30 am In Thanksgiving (Verdaguer Family)
+Mary Byrne (Family)
+In Thanksgiving (Marie Dompke)
11:30 am +Loline Cruz (Maria Linda Ulla)
+Concordia Punzalan
(Gloria Fernandez Family)

Monday, September 1-Labor Day

- 9:00 am +Concordia Punzalan
(Gloria Fernandez & Family)

Tuesday, September 2

- 7:30 am +Concordia Punzalan
(Gloria Fernandez & Family)

Wednesday, September 3-St. Gregory the Great

- 7:30 am +Concordia Punzalan
(Gloria Fernandez & Family)

Thursday, September 4

- 7:30 am +Rosalio Belisario (Rosalina Belisario)
+Concordia Punzalan
(Gloria Fernandez & Family)

Friday, September 5

- 8:30 am +Ann Wiltgen (Family)
+Concordia Punzalan
(Gloria Fernandez & Family)

Saturday, September 6

- 8:00 am Society of the Beloved Disciple
5:00 pm +Concordia Punzalan
(Gloria Fernandez & Family)
+Anna Cunniea (Andy Byrne)
+Michael Short (Family)
+Ramon Bautista

Sunday, September 7, 2008

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am Bob & Colleen Miller (40th Anniversary)
+Frank Modelski (Mike & Diane Nemeth)
9:30 am +Ann Wiltgen (Family)
11:30 am +Concordia Punzalan (Family)



Sunday, Aug. 31

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am +Michael Simon (Family) (Anniversary)
9:30 am +Rodolfo Flores (Mel and Gerry Tumang)
For the Success of Handmaids of the Lord
Conference (Dolly Generale's HOLD)

11:00 am +Angelina Soto

12:30 pm For All Our Parishioners

Monday, Sept. 1-Labor Day

8:15 am +Amelia Grabowski (Family)

Tuesday, Sept. 2

8:15 am +Julia Brown (Family)

Wednesday, Sept. 3-St. Gregory the Great

8:15 am +Charlotte Baczkowski

Thursday, Sept 4

8:15 am Int. Willy Endaya (Birthday) (Wife)

Friday, Sept 5

8:15 am +Emma & Atanacio Rodriguez

Saturday, Sept 6

8:15 am +Johnny Rodriguez (Family)

5:00 pm +Fortunato Montes de Oca

Sunday, September 7, 2008

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am For All Parishioners
9:30 am Int. Jessie Tagulinao (Birthday)
+Rodolfo Flores (Mel & Gerry Tumang)
Success of Handmaids of the Lord Conf.
(Dolly Generale's HOLD)
11:00 am +Gustavo Serrano (Family)
+Laura Cardenas (Family)
+Aurorita Colon (Family)
12:30 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30,
or, for Labor Day, any readings from
the Mass "For the Blessings of
Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

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OTHER DEVOTIONS
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena
Wednesday 6:30 PM
First Friday Holy Hour 7:00 PM
First Saturday
Novena to Our Lady of
Penafrancia 6:00 PM and
Misang Filipino Mass
7:00 PM

OTHER DEVOTIONS
New Creation
Charismatic
Monday 7:00 PM
Legion of Mary
Monday 6:00 PM
Spanish Charismatic
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Nazarene Novena
Friday 7:00 PM
Vigil Adoration
Third Saturday
6:00-9:00 PM
Divine Mercy Novena
Sunday 2:00 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

ST MATTHIAS

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 M ,
and 6:30 PM at St. Benedict,
2215 W. Irving Park Rd

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:00, 8:30 AM, 12 Noon & 7:00 PM

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:45-4:30 PM or
By Appointment

BAPTISM

Second and fourth Sunday of
the month, 12:30 PM

PRE-BAPTISM SESSIONS

Third Sunday of the Month
10:30 AM (Parents Only)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 &
11:00 AM (Spanish),
& 12:30 PM ;
5:00 PM (Tagalog)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday:
8:15 AM

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:00 PM (Vigil)
8:15 AM

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:00 PM or by
Appointment

BAPTISM

Spanish: First Saturday 9:30
AM; English: Last

Saturday 12 Noon

PRE-BAPTISM SESSIONS

Spanish- Thursday preceding
the first Saturday scheduled for
Baptism; English-Thursday
preceding the Fourth Saturday
scheduled for Baptism
(Parents Only)

BOTH PARISHES

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made 4-8 months before the date.
Please make arrangements with the church **before** confirming
details for a reception.

ANOINTING THE SICK

Please contact either rectory

SICK CALLS

Please contact either rectory

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

ST. MATTHIAS September 6-7, 2008

Saturday	5:00 pm
Lectors:	P. Kubistal, F. Cunningham
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Jermine, L. Finland, Sr. Vincentius
Altar Servers:	M.. Reyes, J. Pausha, P. Soto
Sunday	7:30 am
Lectors:	M. Nicklas, D. Spetyla
Eucharistic Minister	L. Weyers, T. Miller, P. Miller
Altar Servers:	J. Benitez, T. Camorlinga, M. Hussar
	9:30 am
Lectors:	D. Javier, M. McGovern
Eucharistic Ministers:	T. Tuohy, M. Collela, K. McGovern, G. Fernandez
Children's Liturgy:	K. McGovern, E. Lumasac
Altar Servers:	P. Tuttle, B. Padilla, E. Varela
	11:30 am
Lectors:	L. Gebraski, C. Barner
Eucharistic Ministers:	J. Gebraski, T. Blacxkburn, H. Galicia, C. Marino
Altar Servers:	A. Ward, M. Jalac, M. Romero

Please Remember in Your Prayers those who are ill:

Dimas Amaro	Stanley Mikrut
Nomi Arceta	Luz Ong
Loretta Baier	Myrna Ordiales
Wilma Baumgartner	Cynthia Ragazinskis
Ken Crocco	Romy Rufo
Sr. Jeanette Cyr	Marian Ryan
Betty Dolezal	Joan Salzman
Bob Fiedler	Hildegard Schniedermeier
Daniel Fornalewski Jr	Coleman Sullivan
Andrew Garcia	William Sullivan
Michael Gallagher	Yolanda Taba
Susan Hawel	Elpidio Tomembang
Lorraine Hetland	M/M Norman Torres
Jan Hussar	Rebecca Vergara
Margaret Kelleher	Tessie de la Vina
John Lenardo	Ted Yabuta
Wanda Mattoon	Brittany Yedla
Colette Mikrut	Patricia Ziga

and . . . please do not forget our men and women serving in the military, including: **Anthony Talley, Douglas Chambers, Julius Cavira, Michael Gibbons, Christopher Lakhown, Karen Ellarde McCuaig, Daniel Grisius, Sonny Pesek, Adrian Acebo, John Smeeton and William K. Sullivan**

TRANSFIGURATION September 6-7, 2008

Saturday	5:00 pm
Lectors	L. Cavira, P. Kempf
Eucharistic Ministers:	J. Cavira
Altar Servers:	
Sunday	8:00 am
Lectors	C. Tagarao, M. Aguja
Eucharistic Ministers:	E. Buquiz
Altar Servers:	M. Aguja
	9:30 am
Lectors	J. Tungol, E. Cordon
Eucharistic Ministers:	E. Cordon, M. Tungol, K. Degillo
Children's Liturgy:	B. Dever
Altar Servers:	K. Eichie
	11:00 am
Lectors	E. Canas, L. Morales, E. Covalada, P. Barba
Eucharistic Ministers:	J. Arevallo
Altar Servers:	E. Garcia, J., C. & V. Bernal
	12:30 pm
Lectors:	M. Dever, N. Santos
Eucharistic Minister:	N. Santos
Altar Servers	L. Pahati, A. Perez

Stewardship of Treasury-St. Matthias

Total weekly collection (8/24/08)	\$ 6,320
Weekly budgeted amount	\$ 6,000
Deficit vs. goal this week	\$ +320
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 43,019
Budget Year To Date	\$ 48,000
Actual vs Budget	\$ -4,981

Stewardship of Treasury-Transfiguration

Total weekly collection (8/24/08)	\$ 3,081
Weekly budgeted amount	\$ 2,800
Deficit vs. goal this week	\$ +281
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 23,033
Budget Year To Date	\$ 22,400
Actual vs Budget	\$ +633

Please consider an increase per week in your regular Sunday donation to help meet expenses.

ST. MATTHIAS/TRANSFIGURATION SCHOOL NEWS

Recycle and Help the School

You may have noticed two recycling containers on the West Parking Lot on Claremont. Please deposit your newspapers, catalogs, office paper, junk mail and envelopes there and help raise money for the school. No cardboards or bags, please. The school will receive a monthly check based on the tonnage collected. Make every page count!

Fun with LEGOs

Coaches and volunteers are needed for the St. Matthias Transfiguration **Robotics Club**.

(2-5 hours per week commitment from September – December 2008). This year we will discover the links between science, people, resources and communities and unearth how we learn about past climates and delve into questions surrounding our current and future climatic conditions. Please Join FIRST LEGO League www.firstlegoleague.org teams in creating a global game plan as they make these Climate Connections! For more information please e-mail Mrs. Laura Bernstein mrs.bernstein@valuesforlife and visit www.values4life.com/robotics.

Team SMTS and the Chicago Half Marathon

If you're up for a challenge this summer, consider joining Principal Sandria DeSapio, teachers, parishioners, alumni, and friends of St. Matthias Transfiguration School as they run the Chicago Half Marathon on Sunday, September 14, 2008. The team is looking for more members. If you'd like to register for the race, go to www.chicagohalfmarathon.com and select Team SMTS. The team password is "mustang." Each runner is asked to raise a minimum of \$150 for the school. If running isn't in the cards, you may support the team by pledging or cheering them on as they run along Lake Shore Drive, starting and finishing at the Museum of Science and Industry. Visit www.active.com/donate/teamsmts to make a donation online. Or, mail in your donation to: Team SMTS, 4910 N. Claremont Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Please make checks payable to St. Matthias Transfiguration School. The team will receive SMTS T-shirts and plans to have events including a pasta dinner and after the race party. For more information, call Deb Bukovy at 773-784-0999, or check the school's website, www.values4life.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

CCD REGISTRATION 2008-2009

CCD classes begin the weekend of September 20-21st and will be offered on Saturdays (9-10:15 am) or Sundays (10:45-12:00 pm). This is for students who attend the public schools and who are interested in religious education, including preparation for First Communion and Confirmation.

Forms may be picked up at either St. Matthias or Transfiguration rectories and should be submitted by Sept. 7th.

Do you feel a call to serve?

We are in need of teachers for CCD and for Children's Liturgy of the Word. All training and materials are provided. Please consider how you might be able to participate in the wonderful teaching life of the Church!

For more information about any of the above, please contact Karyn McGovern, (773) 334-6622 or kemcgovern@juno.com.

TRANSFIGURATION NEWS

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope's library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately.

Over a week's time they tested what they called a "read Mass with singing," a "Mass entirely recited," and a "Sung Mass." While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It's amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition!



LABOR

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.

—Grover Cleveland

MASS

In Honor Of

St. Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions
(martyrs)

First canonized Filipino Saint

Friday, September 26, 2008

5:30 pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
708 W. Belmont
Chicago, IL.

Reception to follow on Rectory Lawn

(Moved to Casey Parish Hall in case of bad weather)



FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

ST. MATTHIAS NEWS

Interested in Becoming Catholic???

Know Anyone Who is Interested in Becoming Catholic???

The Rite for the Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you. We begin RCIA on Tuesday, September 23 at 7 pm in the rectory for an introductory session and then a BBQ on the Lawn of St. Matthias rectory on Tuesday, September 30 with the people from Queen of Angels and the priests and Staff members who will be coordinating the program. If you are interested in becoming Catholic please call either St. Matthias or Transfiguration rectory. If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic please forward their information to us and we will contact them.

*Take up your cross
and follow me*



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“Observance” Prayer and Information Day.

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2-7pm. at RUAH House, 7712 N. Paulina #1 (Rogers Park).

For spiritually mature persons who wish to know more about the Observance religious-lay community of the Sisters, Servants of Mary.

If you desire communal life and prayer, and to reach out to those held captive by incarceration, human trafficking, or the cycle of poverty and violence, contact Sr. Cecilia Fandel, OSM. 773-973-4812 .or crf1229@sbcglobal.net

St. Matthias Duex Life Presents

An Evening of the History of Bowmanville, Lincoln Square and Ravenswood.

Please join us on Monday, September 15 at 7 pm in the lower level of St. Matthias Rectory for a presentation of the rich history of our area. Richard Bjorkland will lead the evening. Richard is the former Executive Editor of the Lerner newspapers. He has been very involved in the Ravenswood Lakeview Historical Association, located in Sulzer Library.

WELCOME

St. Matthias Senior Friendship Club

FIRST MEETING!

Tuesday, September 16, 2008
12 Noon

Look for more information in future bulletins.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Labor Day was the first national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

... Carta Del Padre Terry

A La Gente Maravillosa de San Matías y Transfiguración,

Este lunes, primero de septiembre, celebramos el **Día del Trabajo**. La Misa será a las 9 AM en San Matías y a las 8:15 en Transfiguración. Este día nos invita a reflejar sobre la dignidad y la importancia de trabajar. Mientras seguimos nuestras vidas sigamos examinando nuestros hábitos de trabajo y las actitudes que tenemos hacia la vida. Mientras nos reunimos este día con familiares y amigos, recordemos que la primera imagen de Dios en las Escrituras es de un trabajador. El primer capítulo de Génesis nos dice que Dios hizo la creación de la nada. Dios duro varios días de trabajo para crear el mundo. Después de cada día, Dios paro, descanso y reflejo sobre los esfuerzos creativos de ese día. Ojala podamos hacer lo mismo. Ojala podamos reflejar en oración, conversación, enriquecimiento continuo, y formación sobre nuestro trabajo. Ojala escuchemos la invitación de Dios retándonos a trabajar duro para hacer que el mundo sea un mundo mejor.

El Día del Trabajo también informalmente señala el fin del verano. Aunque la temperatura calurosa seguirá durante el fin de agosto y los principios de septiembre, también acompaña el principio del año escolar. Les deseamos a los estudiantes de ambas parroquias suerte mientras comienzan un año nuevo pre-escolar, de primaria, secundaria, universidad, y mas allá. Ojala aprendan mas de Dios mientras aprenden de todo lo que Dios ha creado.

La escuela de San Matías Transfiguración empezó las clases la semana pasada y queremos anunciar las buenas noticias de que este año hemos tenido la matricula mas alta en nuestra escuela desde hace siete años. También quiero agradecerle a nuestra Facultad y Empleados quienes trabajan tanto para darles a nuestros niños y familias una gran educación.

Empleados y Facultad de San Matías Transfiguración 2008-2009

Sandria DeSapio-Directora

Sr. Katie Bobber-Grado 4	Kathy Brady-Grado 1
Christine Maroulis-Asistente Pre-escolar	Sheila Klich-Grado 8 & Asistente de la Directora
Laura Bernstein-Grado 7	Mary Noriega-Computadoras
Tammy Plewa-Grado 2	Sheila Pacione-Secretaria
Janet Ross-Grado 3	Mary Taras- Kindergarten
Jan Wizeorek-Grado 6, Jr. High Idiomas & Religión	
Lee Valdez- Secretaria	Marie Iezzoni-Pre-escolar
Emily Ropars-Pre-escolar	Rebecca Hansen-Grado 5
Michael Battle-Junior High Social Studies & Ciencias	
Jennifer Reckamp-Música	Mary Ann Rupp-Arte & Educación Especial
Deb Bukovy-Mercadeo	Carmen Morales-Español
Tanya McBride-Pre-K	Lisa Weiderkehr-Biblioteca & Asistente de Kinder
Nancy Garber-Pre-escolar	Elizabeth O'Donnell-Apoyo de Aprendizaje Grado 1
Kate Grimm-Pre-escolar	Val Fieser-Cafetería
Larry Wallingford-Cuidado Extendido	Mary Eldridge-Cuidado Extendido
Mario Bautista-Mantenimiento	David Connor-Educación Física

Nancy, Elizabeth Kate & David son nuevos a nuestra facultad y les damos una bienvenida especial.

Después de la Misa de las 9:30 hoy en el Salón de San Matías asegúrense en despedirse de **Jerry Riordan**, nuestro antiguo Director de Negocios y a **Daniel Jennings**, nuestro antiguo Director de Música. Muchas gracias a Jerry y a Daniel por ayudar a enriquecer nuestra comunidad.

Por favor acompañennos para aprender de la historia de Bowmanville, Ravenswood, y Lincoln Square el **lunes, 15 de septiembre a las 7 PM** en la Rectoría de San Matías. También inviten a cualquier persona que conozcan que estén interesados en ser Católicos a que llamen cualquiera de las dos rectorías. Muchas Gracias.

... a Letter from Father Terry

To the Great People of St. Matthias and Transfiguration

Monday of this week, September 1, we celebrate **Labor Day**. Mass will be held at 9 am at St. Matthias and 8:15 am at Trans. This day invites us to reflect on the dignity and importance of hard work. As we move along through life let us continue to examine our habits of work and the attitudes that we have toward our livelihood. As we gather with family and friends to share a day off, let us also be mindful that the very first image of God in the scriptures is as a worker. The first chapter of Genesis tells us that God created from nothing. God made the world through a series of creative work days. After each day God stepped back, rested and reflected on the creative efforts of that day. May we do the same. May we reflect on our work in prayer, conversation and on-going enrichment and formation. May we hear God inviting and challenging us to work as hard as we can to make the world a better place.

Labor Day also signals the informal end of summer. Although our warm weather will persist this end of August and beginning of September also ushers in the beginning of school. We wish all of the students in both parishes the best of luck as they begin a new year of Pre-School, Grammar School, High School, College or beyond. May you learn more about God as you learn more about all that God has created.

St. Matthias Transfiguration School began classes last week and we want to share the good news that this year is the highest enrollment in our school in the past seven years. Also I wish to thank and acknowledge the Faculty and Staff who work so hard in providing such a great education for our children and families.

St. Matthias Transfiguration School Staff & Faculty 2008-2009

Sandria DeSapio-Principal

Sr. Katie Bobber-Grade 4

Christine Maroulis-Pre-K aide

Laura Bernstein-Grade 7

Tammy Plewa-Grade 2

Janet Ross-Grade 3

Jan Wiezorek-Grade 6, Jr. High Language Arts & Religion

Lee Valdez- Secretary

Emily Ropars-Pre-K

Michael Battle-Junior High Social Studies & Science

Jennifer Reckamp-Music

Deb Bukovy-Marketing

Tanya McBride-Pre-K

Nancy Garber-Pre-K

Kate Grimm-Pre-K

Larry Wallingford-Extended Care

Mario Bautista-Maintenance

Kathy Brady-Grade 1

Sheila Klich-Grade 8 & Assistant Principal

Mary Noriega-Computers

Sheila Pacione-Secretary

Mary Taras- Kindergarten

Marie Iezzoni-Pre-K

Rebecca Hansen-Grade 5

Mary Ann Rupp-Art & Special Education

Carmen Morales-Spanish

Lisa Weiderkehr-Library & K Aide

Elizabeth O'Donnell-Learning Support Grade 1

Val Fieser-Cafeteria

Mary Eldridge-Extended Care

David Connor-PE

Nancy, Elizabeth Kate & David are new to our staff and we welcome them in a special way.

Please make sure to stop by and say farewell and thank you to **Jerry Riordan**, our former Business Manager and **Daniel Jennings**, our former Music Director after the 9:30 Mass today in the St. Matthias Hall. We thank Jerry and Daniel for the countless ways that they have enriched our community.

Be sure to join us for an evening of the history of Bowmanville, Ravenswood and Lincoln Square on **Monday, September 15 at 7 pm** in the St. Matthias Rectory. Also please encourage anyone you know who is interested in becoming Catholic to call either rectory. Many Thanks.

Dear St. Matthias Parishioners:

The Friends of the Grape need your help! This year our goal is to raise over \$100,000 for the Church and School. To do this we need the entire parish to participate. You can help in many ways:



Buy or sell raffle tickets. They are \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00 our goal is to sell at least 1500. The GRAND PRIZE is \$5000.00. If you would like the challenge you could become a super seller and try to sell 25 books of tickets.

The Silent Auction is always looking for items such as sport tickets, theatre tickets, and gift certificate to movies, restaurants and stores. This year the committee is looking for gift cards that you haven't used or might only have a little money left on the card. Our super shoppers on the committee can do marvelous things with just a few gift cards.

The Live Auction is in need of 150 bottles of win. The wine will be used to create a unique auction item call the Instant Wine Cellar made up of the St. Matthias community favorite wines. We are asking for a donated bottle of wine in the \$20.00 range and ask the donor to write a few words on why this is their favorite wine. More on the Live Auction in the next bulletin.

Volunteer to work the event the are many opportunities the weeks leading up to the event and also the day of the event please call the Rectory for more information at 506-2191.

Finally, we want as many of the parishioners, school parents and your friends to attend this wonderful event. Tickets are available for \$35.00 or \$60.00 a couple online, at the rectory or through the mail. For more information please go to our website at www.stmatthiastransfiguration.com or stop by the rectory.

Thank You,
Friends of the Grape Committee

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COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER ARTISTS ANNOUNCE 2008-2009 SEASON

Recognized as one of the upcoming premiere chamber music ensembles in Chicago, the International Chamber Artists announces their 3rd season “**Adventures in Music; From America to Vienna and everything in between.**”

Kicking off the ICA 2008-2009 season is a three-concert series entitled “**Isn’t it Romantic?**” at 7:00 PM on **Saturday, September 6 at Ganz Hall on the campus of Roosevelt University, at 4:00 PM on Sunday, September 7 at St. Gregory the Great Church in Andersonville, and at 12:15 PM on Monday, September 8 at the Chicago Cultural Center** . The concert lineup includes four luxurious works. Brahms’ *Clarinet Quintet in B minor* sounds like silk, while the Russian Arensky *Piano Trio No. 1* produces hauntingly sensual melodies. “The summer has lapsed away,” in Martin Butler’s *Three Emily Dickinson Songs* full of rhythmic play. Be transfixed by *Lua Descolorida* of CSO composer-in-residence Osvaldo Golijov.

As part of ICA’s philanthropic and educational mission, a student duo from the People’s Music School will also perform. Suggested donation is \$15 for adults and \$7 for students. For more information, visit www.ICAmusic.org or call 773-727-5357. For more information, visit www.ICAmusic.org or call 773-727-5357.

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