

Saint Matthew Catholic School

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Saint Matthew Parish and School Golden Jubilee Year

2009 Report to the Parish

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Saint Matthew School, I would like to thank the community for keeping Catholic education at the forefront. I am proud of our heritage and family atmosphere that has prevailed over the past 50 years. With your prayers and financial support, Saint Matthew School is a successful and thriving place to learn.

The school has maintained high academic standards for many years. As a matter of fact, the Indiana Department of Education continues to rate Saint Matthew School as an Exemplary School among all public and private schools in Indiana. As reflected in the fall 2008 ISTEP+ results, Saint Matthew students performed at the 93rd percentile of all schools in state testing - an achievement we continue to strive for yearly.

As a certified Indiana Department of Education and North Central Association accredited school, the school falls under the regulations of Indiana Public Law 221 that requires school to continually improve in academic ISTEP+ scoring. Ninety-three percent of our students exceed Indiana standard norms. Additionally, the standards met by Public Law 221 comply with the federally mandated No Child Left Behind Act.

Saint Matthew School goes beyond the minimal state standards to help all children achieve. Our student support team helps students in the areas of mathematics and language arts. I am quite proud of our ability to meet the academic needs of all students.

Saint Matthew students continue to be competitive in spelling, mathematics, music, and other state-wide academic competitions. Our students are encouraged and expected to help those in need by providing service time and goods to various outside agencies such as Saint Vincent DePaul Society, the military overseas, and Saint Augustine Home for the Aged.

The success of our students' achievement is reflective upon our outstanding staff, motivated students, and our dedicated families. Thanks to all our parish/school community for continued support of Saint Matthew. I am extremely appreciative of the contributions so many parishioners have made to our Student Assistance Fund in support of continued Catholic education.

Continue to look for great things to happen at Saint Matthew School and Parish.

Yours in Christ,

P. Martin Erlenbaugh, Principal