Children’s Liturgies – Fridays at 8:35 a.m.
December 8 - Mrs. Adams’s 3rd Grade (Thursday)  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 16 - Mrs. Ohde’s 2nd Grade

Dates to Remember –
December 6 - 1:30 pm - AK thru 2nd Grade Dress Rehearsal – Open to Families  
7:00 pm – AK thru 2nd Grade Christmas Program
December 7 - 8:45 am - 3 & 4 Yr. Old Preschool Christmas Program  
**1:30 pm AK thru 2nd Concert Snow Make Up**
December 8 - 1:30 pm – 3rd thru 5th Grade Dress Rehearsal – Open to Families  
7:00 pm – 3rd thru 5th Grade Christmas Program 7:00 pm
December 9 - **1:00 pm – 3rd thru 5th Grade Concert Snow Make Up**

December 21 – Early Dismissal 12:10
December 22 thru January 2 - No School – Christmas Break

Wednesday, December 7th is our 1st Wednesday Jean Day for the month. Students may wear jeans with a dress code shirt.

Friday, December 9th students will be making Christmas cards for the Sisters of Mercy & retired priests of the Archdiocese. They may wear their Rainbow Day shirts along with jeans.
News from St. Matthew Preschool!

It’s time to pre-register for Preschool for the 2017-2018 school year! Registration forms will be sent out soon to our parish families, and those currently in our program(s). If you know of a future Preschooler that would like information on becoming a Little Jaguar, please let us know! Preschoolers need to be 3 by September 15, 2017 to be eligible for our Three Year-Old tuition based program, or 4 by September 15, 2017 to be eligible for our Four Year-Old state-funded (free! :) program.

For more information, please contact Kathleen Reinwart at 319-731-3722 or kreinwart@stmatthewcr.org

At St. Matthew Preschool, we PLAY, we LEARN, we GROW…

And we LOVE our LITTLE JAGUARS!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS -

The students at St. Matthew have been Speed Stacking in Physical Education for a couple of years now. Speed Stacking involves stacking plastic cups in a particular way, with specific rules. This is very popular with the students and can be done anywhere. Due to numerous requests of how to get Speed Stacking cups we will be making a group order for students to get cups and any other equipment they might want.

A group order is the best way for our students to get the lowest price on their favorite Speed Stacks products while earning FREE equipment for our P.E. program. To qualify for Group Order pricing, we must have at least $100 in student orders. We earn back 10% of the total amount of all student orders for new Speed Stacking equipment.

Not only does Speed Stacking comply with many of the National P.E. standards but it also improves, hand-eye coordination, quickness, ambidexterity, and helps students develop bilateral proficiency equal performance on both sides of the body. By increasing bilateral proficiency, a student develops a greater percentage of the right side of the brain, which houses awareness, focus, creativity and rhythm. Stacking helps train the brain for sports and other activities where the use of both hands is important, such as playing a musical instrument or using the computer. Sequencing and patterning are also elements of sport stacking, which can help with reading and math skills.

Just in time for the holiday season, this makes a perfect gift and can help our P.E. program. Your child has brought home a magazine with merchandise information. Orders can be made online at www.Speedstacks.com. Go to shop, group order and select St. Matthew School. Orders can be made from now to Dec. 9th. The discounted prices and group order can’t be completed after this date. We will receive the order at school before we break for Christmas. If you have any other questions please let me know.

Thank you,
Heath Mueller
#WillPower -

#WillPower bracelets will be on sale at St. Matthew's, starting Monday December 5th, until Christmas break. These bracelets are in memory of William Everette Richmond, son of Jaclyn and Mark, who passed away November 17th. Bracelets are $3.00, offered in silver or navy, and can be picked up in the main office. All proceeds from the bracelets will go to Will's Memorial Fund. Please help remember the life of this little saint.

Checks can be made out to St. Matt's, please put #WillPower in the memo line.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH -

All Giving Tree Ornaments have been claimed but we are still in need of volunteers to help provide the food for the meal as well as volunteer to set up, serve, assist families and clean up. Sign up at [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4fabaf22aaaf94-volunteers](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4fabaf22aaaf94-volunteers)

METRO CATHOLIC OUTREACH – (MCO)

Metro Catholic Outreach is a collaborative project of the 11 Catholic Parishes of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa Metro area. This outreach provides a food pantry, call center for referrals and assistance and emergency financial assistance to those in need in our area.

Here is our list of our most-needed food & other items:

- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Canned protein (Chili, Stew, Ham, Chicken, Salmon, etc.)
- Canned Pasta (Raviolios/Spaghettios)
- Pork & Beans
- Pasta Sauce and/or tomato products
- Soup!
- Helper Meals (Hamburger, Tuna, etc.)
- Potatoes (boxed or fresh)
- Rice Products
- Canned Fruit, Applesauce, etc.
- Snacks (healthier)
- Toilet Paper
  Small/trial sized (hotel) soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc.
  Full sized shampoo, soap, etc. for larger families
December 3  -  Sam Leuck
December 3  -  Gabe Leuck
December 8  -  Christopher Fitzpatrick
December 9  -  Teresa Nguyen