

# St. Matthews Child Care Ministry (CCM)

## A 3 year history and look forward

Current enrollment – At maximum State capacity (35 students)  
Waiting list of 2 children

What have we learned: We have a great staff and retention is key to smooth operation

Students entering the Kindergarten from CCM are well prepared (both socially and educationally)

We have a good reputation in the community

We have over 75% of the students moving from CCM into our school Kindergarten classes

Integration with the school activities and events is helpful but the program has different licensing requirements

CCM can break even on stand alone economics

# **Opportunities**

Not everyone understands our rules and requirements

Good parent communication is vital to success

To grow the program further we will need a stronger financial base  
(endowment, grants, and higher tuition)

We should continue to strengthen the relationship between CCM and the school

Our facility space is tight and we need a building maintenance plan

## ***The Future***

Continue voluntary certification with 4C's of Southern Indiana

Begin taking State Child Care Vouchers in order to serve low income families

Integrate CCM needs as part of the Parish long term facilities planning

# Financials

**2005-2006**                    **\$38,300 loss** and **\$14,900** start up cost

**2006-2007**                    **\$37,400 loss**

**2007-2008**                    **\$2,900 gain**  
(reduced 1 full time staff person previous year)

**Tuition**                            **2009-2010** (1<sup>st</sup> increase since opening)

**Child Care**                        **\$25 per day (includes lunch)**  
**with commitment to 2,3,5 days per week**

**Pre-K class (3-4 year old)**    **\$50 per week**

**Pre-School (5-6 year old)**    **\$40 per week**

**We continue to be cost competitive with other local programs**

**Increased St. Matthew school enrollment by 6+ students**  
**means ~ \$15,000 income and subsidy by the Parish**

**Current enrollment**            **Grade K --- 14 of 18**  
**Grade 1 --- 6 of 11**  
**Grade 2 --- 8 of 17**

## Summary

The Child Care Ministry is *successful*

We have broken even on a stand alone budget basis

We bring value to the community,  
our parishioners,  
and our faith

**We give thanks to God for his blessings**