It’s that time of year, we are three weeks away from our awesome Fiesta which this year will be held on Saturday evening, October 1 and Sunday, October 2, from 8:00-1:00 p.m. Watch for take home notices for donations and please volunteer to work at least one shift during that morning.

The Saturday evening dinner will only happen if a family steps up to volunteer to coordinate the food so please speak to Mrs Bracy if you are interested. We are looking for 100% participation from our school families, and I **know it can be done!**

**Kinder-Third Grade Study Hall (Loyola)**

WE still need volunteers for the lower grades study hall. I want to give you notice that this will be the LAST week for Kinder-Third Grade Study Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays unless we get some more volunteers. Watch my newsletter next week for news of the final decision

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Mass collection, Week of September 7**

$ 295.96 60 student envelopes

On a personal note

I have been experiencing some health challenges that will necessitate my being away from the school on occasion during the next few months. Mr. Guerra and Ms Koontz will share the responsibility of the job as need arises and I shall always be just a phone callaway. I ask for your prayers and ask that you in turn respect my privacy. Thank you**, *Mrs. McGowan***

# Fiesta is coming

# Principal’s News

We have several important announcements that you need to keep in mind as we continue to travel through September:

**First Confession, First Communion, Confirmation**.

This year, preparation for the Sacraments will begin after the Christmas recess and will take place entirely at school. Children in 3rd Grade and above who have been at school one year or more are eligible to participate. Please speak to your child’s teacher or to Mrs. Bracy to make sure that his/her name is on the list.

* **Iowa Testing**

Iowa testing begins on Monday, 9/23 and will conclude on Thursday. Make up exams will be given on Friday and Monday. Please refer to the instructions that will be sent home next week in order to better prepare your children for these extremely important exams.

* **School Board Members**

The first meeting of the School/Parish Board will take place on Saturday October 5 from 9-11 a.m. in the parish office. This year we shall begin to get ready for reaccreditation so if you have been thinking about joining this group, now is a good time to do so!

ST. Matthew Catholic School

Principal, Mrs. McGowan

Dean of Discipline, Mr. Guerra

Asst. Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, Miss Koontz

Office Manager: Mrs. Tomasa Hernandez

Registrar: Mrs. Sarah Slis

9/21: feast of

saint Matthew

banner with apples and crayons

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Rev. Raymond Ritari, Pastor

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**Antonio Vivaldi** (2678-1741)

We will be listening to “Summer” from *The Four Seasons.*

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