

GOOD NEWS in Education throughout the Diocese of New Ulm

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

is our week to recognize and celebrate what everyone does in our school and parish.

During this week, let us be proud and be thankful for our great school that we are so fortunate to have. I want to thank the great teachers who work endless hours helping each student achieve their goals. I also want to thank volunteers who just keep on working and giving their time to my school, Holy Redeemer in Marshall. Our church, parish, and priests also do a lot for our school to make it the wonderful school that it is. I feel blessed to go to Holy Redeemer School and to worship God for all the endless blessings and gifts he has given us. I feel that from this education I can make a difference in the world with the talents God has given me.

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GOOD NEWS AT ST. PIUS X SCHOOL IN GLENCOE is particularly evident in three aspects: word, worship, and service. Last summer two of our teachers were trained and are now utilizing the Spalding Method for total language arts instruction. It is exciting to hear these students read and spell and to see their writing.



GOOD NEWS AT ST. PHILIP SCHOOL IN LITCHFIELD! This year the students are enjoying a new level of technology thanks to one parishioner's generosity. The students now have access to a new computer lab with 16 new computers. A technology grant from the Catholic Aid Association made it possible to add internet capability. With the volunteer help of not only parents, but also grandparents, the students are now using the World Wide Web to reinforce their academic skills.



GOOD NEWS AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL IN SILVER LAKE where twenty-seven students in grades 1-6 meet monthly after school for a reading club which provides students enriching experiences with books, authors, and genres. Students received free books by being part of the reading club.



GOOD NEWS AT ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL IN SPRINGFIELD! The students are very active in extra curricular activities and one way that the sixth graders serve the school and the community is through safety patrol. We are also very thankful for the blessings we received this fall, so we celebrated with an all school hayride and grill-out at the park. Advent found us preparing our hearts and homes for His birth and as a part of this the students presented "The Twelve Days of Christmas" – a wonderful musical where "Love" is the greatest gift of all.



GOOD NEWS AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IN BIRD ISLAND! After studying about the New Ulm diocesan mission in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala, the sixteen 7th graders felt that they wanted to do something to help the people there and decided to learn to knit. The small squares they knit will be assembled into afghans and sent to the San Lucas Toliman Mission. So far, they have made over eighty squares, and the knitting continues. The students know that stewardship carries to all parts of our world.



THE GOOD NEWS AT ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SLEEPY EYE is the effort students are making to be good stewards. Each month, a special cause is designated to receive stewardship givings. The students have a container in their classroom where throughout the week they place their offerings. At the weekly Mass, the gift is placed in the collection basket. In October, the students collected \$223.28 for MN Citizens Concerned for Life and in November, \$255.72 was given toward "Kids Against Hunger."



GOOD NEWS AT ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL IN WABASSO! Students have taken an active role participating in stewardship activities throughout the year. As an art project,

students are making quilts to be donated to needy persons in Redwood County. In addition, the student council, along with "Share the Spirit" have initiated a book drive to collect and distribute books to needy children throughout the country.



THE GOOD NEWS AT ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL IN MORGAN was the huge success of the Marathon reaching a total of over \$14,000! Pep-fests and crazy hat day (pictured above) and ice cream and pizza parties were enjoyed by the students.



GOOD NEWS AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IN TRACY! The school has adopted *Philippians 4:8-9* as their model to live by this school year. In this reading, St. Paul describes eight characteristics of a Christian: truth, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, and worthy of praise. Students who go above and beyond demonstrating these eight characteristics during the month are rewarded by having their name printed on a fish displayed on a large fish bowl in the front hallway of the school. At the end of the month a drawing is held and the student whose name is drawn, along with the rest of their class, receives a special "treat" in celebration of a job well done. All student names are listed in an article in the next newsletter.



GOOD NEWS AT ST. EDWARD SCHOOL IN MINNETONKA! The 8th grade students give of their time and talents with the elderly community members, or "Special Friends," throughout the school year as an avenue of sharing the Good News at an intergenerational level. In November the students delivered flowers to each special friend's door.



GOOD NEWS AT ST. PETER SCHOOL IN CANBY! Through Catholic education students are given an opportunity to grow in the Catholic faith, to excel in both the spiritual and academic areas of their lives, and to become successful individuals who make a difference in their families, their communities, and their world. (Pictured above) Students share the Good News of their school by participating in the Canby High School homecoming parade. Their float was called "Rock the Rebels" and was designed and built by St. Peter's Parent Association.



GOOD NEWS AT CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN NEW ULM! The 2006 Cathedral Greyhound football team had an amazing season making it to the State

playoffs and the Lord our God was a part of each game. The team and coaches began and ended each game in prayer asking the Lord to be with them.



GOOD NEWS AT ST. ANASTASIA SCHOOL IN HUTCHINSON where students are preparing for Catholic Schools Week by "Sharing the Good News" with others. Students will be making placemats for participants of "Meals on Wheels" and blankets for families in need. In the many projects the students do, similar to this project, students learn to be stewards of their gifts and talents. Pictured are students with blankets they have made for others.