

Holy Rosary mission trip

No. Mankato - On Palm Sunday, 8 students and 6 adults from Holy Rosary parish, No. Mankato set off for Fort Yates, ND to the St. Bernard's Mission School at Standing Rock Indian Reservation – to put their faith to work! St. Bernard's serves about 75 Native American children in grades 1-6. They are the youngest members of a culture struggling to overcome chemical dependency, alcoholism, poverty, and unemployment.

The first day was spent in a retreat with them with a Vacation Bible School format. For three days, we met with them for breakfast, lunch and two recesses a day. While they were in class, we did various jobs including: picking up outside



trash, building a fence, doing a bit of gardening, cleaning the church, repainting kickball diamond-lines, and one-on-one tutoring in reading just to name a few. We experienced life through the children's eyes and gained some history facts that made our hearts open up even more. We came to 'wash their feet', but probably came home with much cleaner feet than theirs.