

THE CARDINAL NEWSLETTER

February 2023



HOLY ROSARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



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Preparing for Lent



Holy Rosary students and staff participated in the ritual of palm burning last week. The supple, green palms transform to a dried state, and then are burned into ashes, which are used to mark ourselves on Ash Wednesday. This transformation of the palm is a reminder of our own transformation over the course of Lent.



The *Buzz* on HRS's Annual *Spelling Bee*



Spelling Bee participants from left to right:
Audrey Flugel,
Mailyn Aligada,
Ethan Quitberg,
Evelet Baker,
Isabelle Wolf



Winners of the HRS 2023 Spelling Bee

1st Place Mailyn Aligada
2nd Place Ethan Quitberg
3rd Place Isabelle Wolf

Holy Rosary's annual spelling bee took place this past month. It began with a written spelling test, completed by all 5th – 8th graders. That was followed by another written exam with half of the top spellers from the first round. We then determined our top 5 spellers who competed in the school spelling bee on Monday, January 30. The 6 spellers vied in both written and oral rounds to define our school winner. 1st place went to 8th grader, Mailyn Aligada, who went on to represent Holy Rosary in the regional spelling bee on February 7. Although Mailyn didn't place in the regional bee, she did very well and made her Holy Rosary family proud! Other participants in the final round of the Holy Rosary bee were Audrey Flugel (gr. 8), Isabelle Wolf (gr. 8), Ethan Quitberg (gr. 7), and Evelet Baker (gr. 6). Way to go, everyone!

Scenes from Catholic Schools Week 2023



Holy Rosary Parish School Mission Statement

Holy Rosary School Community is rooted in the Word and energized with the Spirit of Jesus Christ.
We cultivate our community to live as Jesus taught within the Catholic Tradition.
We strive to build gospel values and promote academic excellence.



Holy Rosary School Calendar 2022-2023

March

- 13 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- 14 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Inservice
- 16 Wax Museum – Grades 5-8
- 24 End of 3rd Quarter

April

- 5 Lenten Retreat Day
- 6-10 NO SCHOOL – Easter Break

May

- 1 Crowning of Mary – 8:20am
- 17 Spring Music/Band Concert
- 19 Track & Field Day – Noon
- 22 Year End Awards Gr. K – 2 – 2:00pm
- 23 Year End Awards Gr. 6 – 8 – 2:00pm
- 24 Year End Awards Gr. 3 – 5 – 2:00pm
- 24 Closing Mass & 8th Gr. Graduation
- 25 Final Day of School
- 26 Teacher Inservice

2023 Popcorn Fridays

Friday, March 17

Friday, April 14

Friday, May 12



Hands-on Science in 5th Grade: Bean Sprouts

What happens to a bean sprout when I water it with three teaspoons of _____ instead of water? Students in fifth grade get to fill in the blank and find out! Liquid administration products include Red Bull, makeup concealer, sodas, bug spray, fruit juices, coffee, saltwater, chocolate milk, vanilla extract, and a ton more. Students researched, hypothesized, and are now in the experimentation process. This is also where we learn how to make thorough observations. -Katie Baker

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Shakespeare Would Be Proud

On a roll, eight students from Holy Rosary Catholic School in Detroit Lakes were selected to have their poems displayed at this year's Polar Fest Polarity Poetry Walk. Ranging from grade 5-8, the young wordsmiths included: Reyna Aligada, Elise Leff, Paisley Pipek, Riley Zurn, Leah Christiansen, Lauren Kemper, Peyton Lorentz, and Isabelle Wolf. To date, Holy Rosary students have seen 19 poems displayed in three poetry walks over the last two years. -Jackie Jenson

Writing

By Peyton Lorentz

I stare at the paper
I stare at my words
Here's what I'll do
I'll write something new
A simple idea
A thought from my head
Something exciting, I haven't seen yet
And as I start writing
This part is bizarre
I can imagine a street filled with cars
Busses and people all doing their jobs
Even though most are probably snobs
People all talking and making a fuss
Litter and weather and missing the bus
Numb smiles and stares side by side
Seeing the world through oblivious eyes
So, as I sit back and see what I've made
I set down my pencil, I crumple the page



Listen

By Leah Christiansen

Open my arms out wide,
Face filled with pride,
That feeling hasn't died,
Please hug me,

Your arms go wide,
Not anymore by your side,
My emotions are rising like the tide,
Please hug me,

Please don't pass me by,
As you can see, I might cry,
Please don't say bye,
Please, hug me,

I feel your arms meet mine,
It's like I am finally fine,
My world has now aligned,
Who knew you were listening.

Nature's Beauty

By Riley Zurn

I am a flower gentle, loving, strong
Sticking up for my bunch
Every moment of the day
I am a leaf delicate, energetic,
pretty
Always floating with my foliage
Through the wind
I am a star blinking in the dark sky
Leading others to the light

Wind Stars

By Lauren Kemper

In the wind
I will blow
From the fall
Into snow
I will spin
Very far
Until I'm dancing
On the stars

How

By Elise Leff

How can I let go
When I'm still holding on
How can I forget you
When you're not really
gone
How can I know I'll be fine
When I'm really not
How can I move on
When I don't know the plot
How can I live
Knowing I knew you
How can I hide the lie
When you know the truth.
I regret all the things
I thought I knew
But I don't regret
Knowing you

Different

By Paisley Pipek

I am different
I stand out of the crowd
I fly so high
but feel so down
I am someone you may not see
But I feel so different and so seen

The Sky Is Falling

By Isabelle Wolf

Darkness shifts to soft twinkling lights
The world lights up overhead
Looking up the sky is falling
Sending little crystals sprawling
Shattering through the darkness
Sharp crystal teardrops
The sky is falling
The world is in a dream
Until the morning light

February Child of God Spotlight: 5th Grade

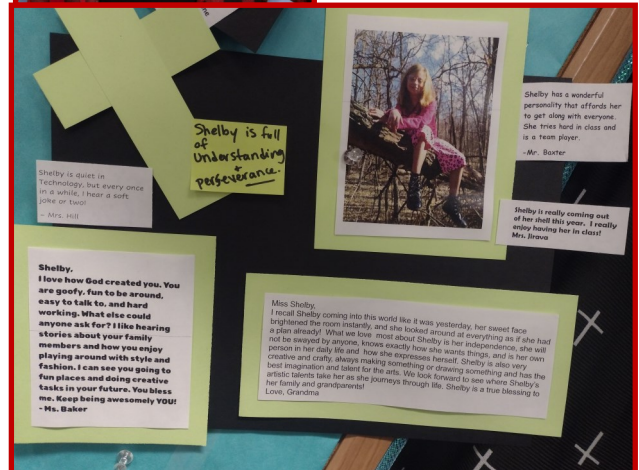
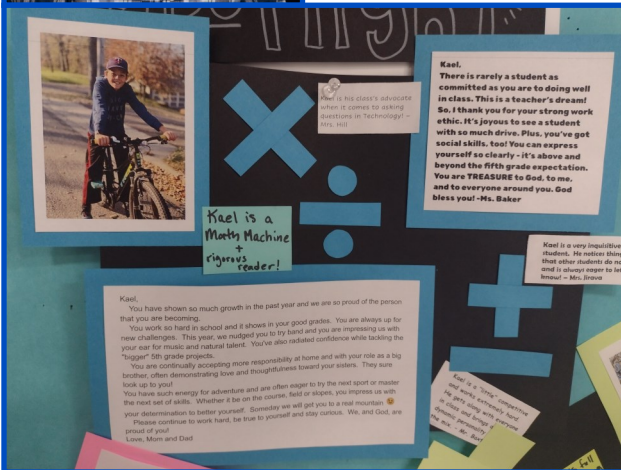
February showcases three capable, marvelous children of God: Kael Schmitz, Shelby Reller, and Reyna Aligada. Kael holds the highest GPA in class, giving thorough and thoughtful responses in Language Arts and Reading while slaying math. Shelby is our class sociologist; her understanding and acceptance of everyone's differences is a gift from God – she embraces non-judgment as God calls us to. Reyna is the highest goal-setter in class with work ethic and manners that are rarely paralleled. God bless you, rock stars, as we continue to be blessed by you! -Katie Baker



Kael Schmitz



Shelby Reller



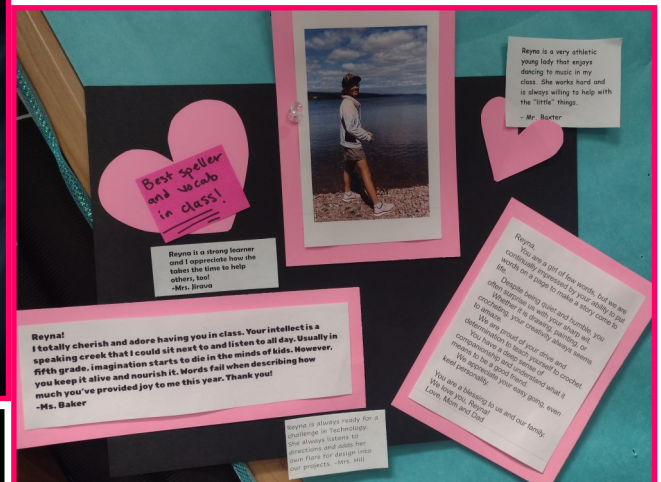
Rivers

By Reyna Aligada

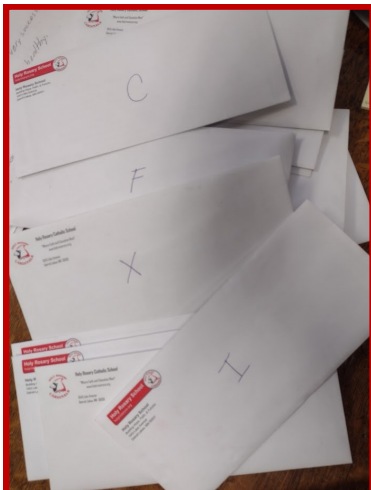
Rivers are gentle, strong, and wild.
We can choose to flow anywhere,
far and near, fast or slow.
We can be gentle or we can be violent.
Anywhere we choose to flow,
is somewhere we are meant to go.
We might flow astray,
but there will always be a place,
and wherever that may be,
is where we are meant to stay.



Reyna Aligada



Prayer Partners



Seventh and fifth grade students at Holy Rosary have embarked on a new spiritual collaboration experience. Anonymously, each student has been assigned a "Prayer Partner" to whom he/she can write prayer requests and responses to. Teachers hope that this peer-ministry activity will help build a community of prayer, unlikely friendships, and strength and unity in Christ for the kids. A school that prays together stays together! Students are currently anonymously praying for each other on the subjects of anxiety and loneliness, family issues, academic struggles, sports pressure, Christian-specific hardships, and self control help. -Ms. Baker

On Thursday, February 9th, the 3rd grade class, along with some 8th grade students, visited the residents of Oak Crossing. We shared handmade crafts that Holy Rosary students had made during Catholic Schools Week and gave a little concert for those gathered. -Mrs. Leff



Students Making the Most of Winter Recess



2023 MIGHTY STRIKERS

TUESDAY EVENINGS
5:30-6:30 PM
DLYSA FIELDS
JUNE 6-JULY 18 *NO
SOCCER ON 4TH OF JULY

Players age 3-8 years.
Registration closes March 31st.
\$45/player.
Register online at dlysa.com today!



Kindergarteners returned to Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge on February 17th to learn about animal adaptations in winter.



On Friday, February 10th, the 3rd grade class visited Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge. Students learned about winter animal adaptations, animal tracks, snow, and ice. The weather was perfect for snowshoeing, and we had a blast walking through the woods. –Mrs. Leff





Seeing Red: Valentine's Day & Giving Hearts Day

