

# THE CARDINAL NEWSLETTER

April 2023



**HOLY ROSARY**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



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## HRS 2nd Graders Celebrate First Eucharist



***Congratulations*** to our 2nd graders who celebrated their First Eucharist this past weekend with friends and family! HRS celebrants at the 9am Mass (top left) were Marcus Flugel, Decker Watland, Dane Dibley, Hoyce Pipek & Macey McDougall. HRS celebrants at the 11am Mass (bottom left) were Zac Larson, Stella Woytassek, Wilhelmina Meyers & Wes Blasczyk.



### SAVE THE DATE!!

**Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30pm**

### Spring Music and Band Concert & Reception for Laretta & Dan Kappahn

Holy Rosary School's Music and Band Concert, featuring students in grades PK through 8, will be held Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30pm. Following the concert PTO invites everyone to join them for a reception honoring Mrs. & Mr. Kappahn! The Kappahns are retiring at the end of this school year after many years of dedicated service to Holy Rosary School and parish.



HRS's 2023 Spring Interlude—A Bloomin' Success



HRS held its annual Spring Interlude on Friday, April 21 at the barn at Dunvilla. It was a beautiful night with great food, great music, and lots of live auction and online bidding items to choose from. We also honored one of our own. Former teacher Terri Hutchinson (at right) was honored with this year's 10th Annual Florence Hutchinson Legacy Award. Terri taught at HRS for 21 years.







## ***EGGS-traordinary* things are happening in the Kindergarten Classroom!**

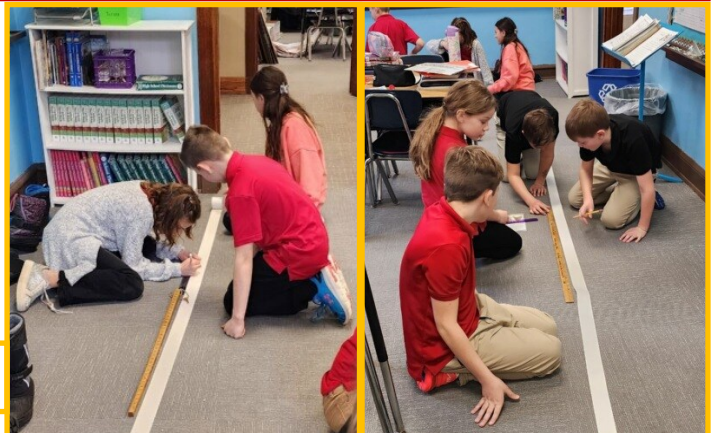
The kindergarten class is eagerly anticipating the hatching of chicks. On Tuesday, April 18th, nineteen eggs were placed in an incubator. Hatching is expected on May 1st. Let the chirping begin!



Congratulations to Holy Rosary Kindergartener Jayda Dibley on winning the prize for selling the most raffle tickets during our Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle. Jayda won a large colorful karaoke machine which was delivered to her by CUF representative Becky King. As the school winner, Jayda was entered into a \$500 tuition scholarship drawing, which she won! And, because her family is a CUF member, her scholarship was doubled to \$1000! Wow, way to go Jayda!



**Friday, April 28 is the last day of the Spring Book Fair!**  
**Stop by between 7:45am-4pm**



## **4th Grade on the Go!**

HRS 4th graders have already had a very busy spring! They worked hard on creating their own geological timelines (above right) and then, on Friday, April 21, they attended the annual Lakes Country Water Festival, to learn about water conservation and the water cycle. The event, put on by DL's Public Utilities, was held at several locations inside the Detroit Lakes Community Center and the new Becker County Museum.





**Waiting on bus #23 after school can be a bore... unless you're hanging out in Mrs. Kappahn's 4th Grade Classroom!**



**DOWN ON THE FARM** Even though HRS 4th Graders didn't go to an actual farm, they learned plenty about agriculture at the annual Ag Days held at M State this year on March 15 & 16. Topics included farm safety, food productions, conservation and more. Farm machinery and farm animals belonging to area FFA students filled the parking lot. Mrs. Kappahn's students and their furry adventure even made the newspaper (lower right corner)!



**Students learn about life on the farm**  
 Ag in the Classroom aims to teach area fourth graders about food production.

Holy Rosary fourth graders (from left) Marin Lorentz, Grant Skalin and Levi Lasecki were all smiles while petting a goat that was brought to the Ag in the Classroom program. The event was held at M State on Wednesday, March 15, and Thursday, March 16. Barbie Porter / Detroit Lakes Tribune

# Holy Rosary Middle School

## Quarter 3 Academic Excellence (3.20-4.0)

\*Denotes a 4.0

\*\*Denotes an Honorable Mention

### Grade 6

Reagan Badurek

Evelet Baker

Averi Coley

Parker Deraney

Rowan Hill

Jax Nygaard

Emily Schindler

Elliot Wahl

Ashlyn Wolf

### Grade 7

Colin Becker

Easton Kemper\*\*

Mackenzie Klemm\*

Ella Larson

Elise Leff

Paisley Pipek

Ethan Quitberg

Luke Tobkin

Levi Wyckoff

Riley Zurn

### Grade 8

Mailyn Aligada\*

Talyn Anderson\*

Leah Christiansen\*

Mason Deraney

Audriana Flugel

Lauren Kemper

Peyton Lorentz

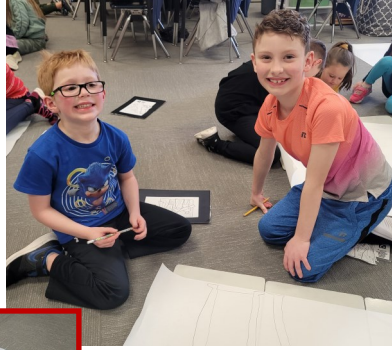
Trey Martodam

Anissa Newberg

# CONGRATULATIONS!



# Stations of the Cross



Thank you to all the students and staff who helped to make Lent especially meaningful at Holy Rosary. Our students spent many hours preparing for their “assigned” Stations of the Cross. Kindergarten and 2nd grade students (above) teamed up to create special art work and third and fourth graders (below) read specific Bible passages and created art work which was hung on a bare cross.



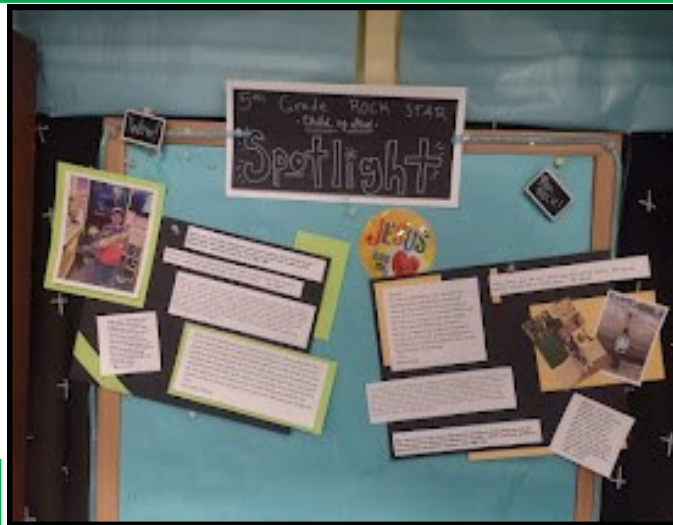


# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Child of God Spotlight!

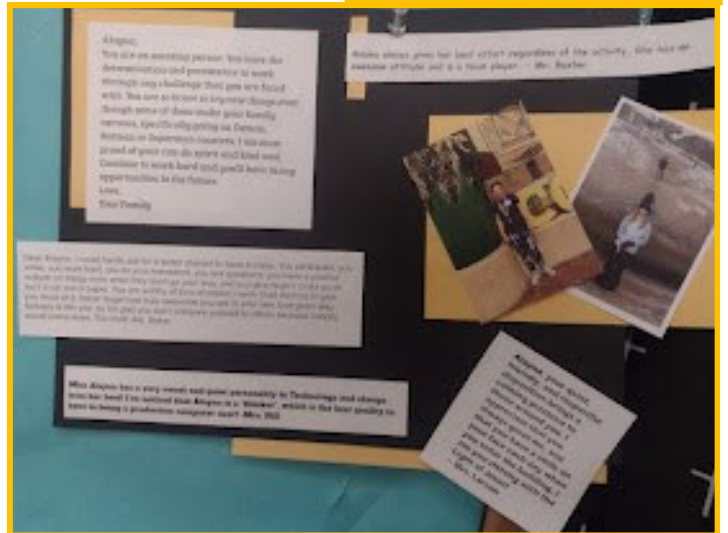
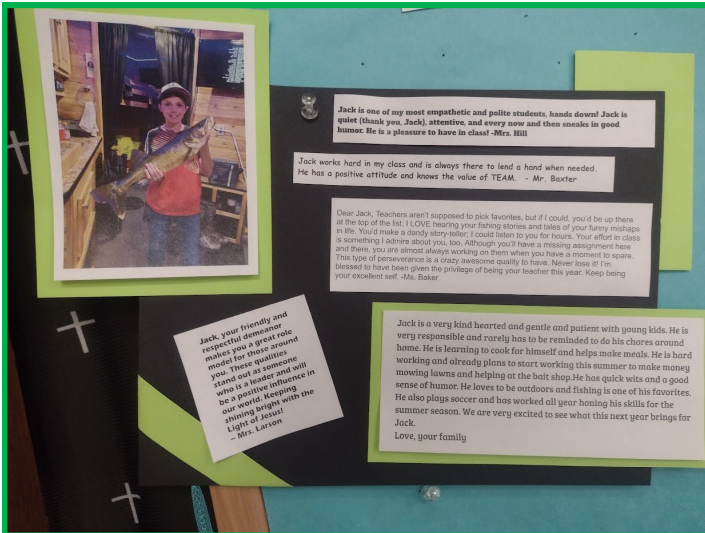
We are immeasurably blessed to have Jack and Alayna in fifth grade this year. Jack's work ethic, common sense, and positive attitude is praiseworthy and admirable, while Alayna's academic excellence, perseverance, and sweet manners are a teacher's dream. These two are prime examples of excellent role models. Both of our April Spotlight students are faithful, kind, and full of goodness. Praise God for you, Jack and Alayna! -Ms. Baker



Jack Collmann



Alayna



Friday,  
May 19



If you would like to volunteer at this year's Track and Field day on Friday, May 19, please contact Mr. Baxter!  
[cbaxter@holynosarycc.org](mailto:cbaxter@holynosarycc.org)  
 \*You must have completed this year's Safe Environment Training to volunteer.

WE'RE HOSTING



VBS THIS SUMMER!

Join us for VBS 2023!  
 June 12-15  
 9am - Noon

Register online at  
[holynosarycc.org](http://holynosarycc.org)

or pick up a registration form at the Youth Board in the Welcoming Center.

We welcome all children ages 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> gr (fall 2023) to join in the FUN!

Contact Kathy Olson at the parish office with questions or if you'd like to help!



# TeachHaiti

The generosity of Holy Rosary School students and their parents is being felt by young girls and boys 23-hundred miles in Haiti. Last month, students presented TeachHaiti founder Miquette Denie McMahon with a check for \$2,920! The money is enough to sponsor four students (HRS has previously sponsored three students) to attend school in Haiti and it includes \$1,000 towards TeachHaiti's general needs. The money was raised during Catholic Schools Week as part of our school's crazy-fun *Penny Wars!* While at Holy Rosary to thank our students for their generous donation, Miquette (TeachHaiti's founder) shared photos and stories of what life and school are like in Haiti. Miquette also discussed a new initiative called *Students 4 Students*, which helps partner local students with a pen pal student in Haiti. The event even made the local newspaper (at right)! Below is an excerpt of a thank you note Miquette sent to Principal Cathy Larson for the donation.

*I hope this letter finds you in good health and in high spirits. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity you afforded me to speak to your students. It was truly an honor to share my knowledge and experiences with such an attentive and curious group of young minds. Furthermore, I am humbled by your generous contribution to the sponsorship fund for your four students and your donation to the general fund. Your continued support of these young scholars is a testament to your commitment to their education and future success. —Miquette Denie McMahon*

## Nonprofit TeachHaiti launches new 'Students 4 Students' program in Detroit Lakes

School-based program is intended to foster connections between U.S. students and their Haitian counterparts.



TeachHaiti founder Miquette Denie McMahon (in front) met with students at Holy Rosary School during a trip to Detroit Lakes on March 16, 2023. She is planning another trip to Detroit Lakes in June, for a fundraiser at Holy Rosary. Contributed / Miquette Denie McMahon



Miquette Denie McMahon

### JUNIE B. JONES

On Monday, April 17, our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders had the opportunity to attend a musical production of Junie B. Jones at the Holmes Theatre!





## STEM Style Science in 5th Grade

April was a hands-on month in Science class! Students used hot wheel tracks to design the best launch (height and length) and planned, designed, and executed parachutes. Students also experimented with differently weighted hot wheels and what the different weights did to the launches - while learning about gravity. -Ms. Baker



**Our Last Popcorn  
Friday is May 12!**

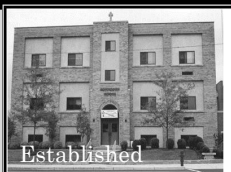
### *Holy Rosary School Calendar 2023*

May

- 1 Crowning of Mary - 8:20am
- 17 Spring Music/Band Concert—6:30pm
- 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



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#### **Holy Rosary Parish School Mission Statement**

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.



## *Terri Hutchinson ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Florence Hutchinson Legacy Award Recipient*

*Below is the speech Mrs. Hutchinson shared with those  
in attendance at Spring Interlude.*

Good evening! Thank you for being here to support Holy Rosary School. It is indeed an honor to be accepting the Florence Hutchinson Legacy award. I remember celebrating with Florence that 1st year. Congratulations to all of the well-deserved award recipients since then, and thank you to last year's honoree, Terri Paskey, for announcing me. It's hard for me to believe that I am with the remarkable group of people who have stood here before me. What a blessing it was to do what I love and call it "work".

Family members here with me tonight include my husband, Dave, my mom, Dorothy, daughter Robin, son Rick and daughter-in-law Jennifer and my sister-in-law Kathy. Thank you for being here.

I moved to Detroit Lakes in 4th grade. I attended Rossman Elementary, as it, and then the Detroit Lakes Junior High were only a few blocks from our home. When I was in high school, I met Dave Hutchinson. We started dating and after DLHS, he went off to college at St. John's. I attended Concordia College in Moorhead to pursue a music degree. After Dave and I both graduated and then were married, I accepted a position in Hankinson, ND, teaching middle school and high school music, band and choir. Dave drove to Fargo or farther every day selling software systems. There were no cell phones or personal computers at that time. We lived in Hankinson for 5 school years. Near the end of the 5th year our oldest daughter, Betsy, was born and we decided to move back to Detroit Lakes. We bought and winterized a small cabin on Big Floyd Lake. During the next 6 years we moved across the lake and 3 additional Hutchinson babies joined our family; Robin, Rick and Trisa.

In the summer of 1999, our youngest was almost 4, and after 10 years of being at home with babies I was feeling the itch to do something outside of the house. A friend, Teri Daggett, asked if I would be interested in teaching band one day a week at Holy Rosary School. She was planning on doing the classroom music part. I met with Principal Kathy and decided to give it a try. When Trisa started Kindergarten 2 years later, I added the classroom music part too. I never dreamed I would still be there 21 years later. The Public School encouraged me to apply a few times, but Holy Rosary was a good fit for our busy family and it was hard to imagine anything different. I appreciated the flexibility, and I loved the students. Parents supported the teachers, and student needs were always first. We could sing and share the good news about a special baby born in a manger.

21 years flew by, and our first grand baby was due. I made the decision to leave Holy Rosary and start my own grandma daycare. Now I'm singing, dancing, and playing with 3 grandsons all under 3 and grand baby #4 is due in June. My days are busy, my heart is full. There were many changes over 21 years at Holy Rosary.



When I started, the school office and Principal were both in the 3rd grade room. There were several times teachers had to be their own custodians and a few years we had no pay increase from one year to the next. We didn't have sinks, an elevator, a sprinkler system, our own restroom or even our own copy machine. The library was in the storage room, and we had full band rehearsal in the basement of the church. I shared my classroom with either the social studies teacher or the art teacher; downstairs, then upstairs, and then downstairs again.

What was unchanging over all those years were teachers who taught students with love and passion. They were the framework and the glue that kept it all together. Gretchen, Kathy, Danae, Debbie, Donna, Lora, Mary, Carol, Lynn, Vicki, Cathy, Jeanne, and Principal Kathy Klindt were amazing peers and role models. Mike Connell was another outstanding Principal, always supporting his teachers and always constant and consistent while empowering the rest of us to do what we do best. Some of the faces or roles changed along the way. Sara, both Katies, Lauretta, Jacob and Principal Cathy stepped into big shoes and continued the mission. I am confident that the new faces are stepping up, teaching and guiding with love and compassion to help their students succeed. Some highlights of my years include: the school performing God Bless America each year at The National Day of Prayer, Grandparents Day and how it blossomed into a fun afternoon for both grandparents and their grandkids, the annual Christmas program and watching students transform into singing and acting stars, Catholic Schools Week including the variety show, student character traits, as well as packing meals for those that are hungry or helping Haitian students go to school, reading and singing the "There was an Old Lady" books to my classes, having students participate in All City Band, All City Choir and numerous honor bands throughout the region, recorders, boomwhackers and hand chimes, the incredible progress the band made each year, taking 4<sup>th</sup> graders each year to the FM Symphony concert, making memorable music videos of students, teachers and administrators, and last but not least, Holy Rosary students singing the National Anthem at the Globetrotters game in Fargo. I thank you for all of the wonderful memories. They will always hold a special place in my heart.

A big thank you to my husband Dave and our growing family. I appreciate your unconditional love and support. Thank you to my former colleagues, Principals and especially those who are still good lunch and Snapchat friends. Thank you to the former priests, specifically Monsignor Tim, who was always approachable and supportive. Thank you to faithful servants Sam Mattioli, Sister Patrice Eblen, Chuck Loreth and Russ Schaefer. The four of them were and still are bright spots in any day, always kind and always helpful. Thank you, parents, for encouraging your musicians to be the best version of themselves. And a big thank you to the students of Holy Rosary School. I sincerely love you. Your joy for learning and love of life made each day a blessing. Thank you for letting me push you out of your comfort zones and thank you for your willingness to work hard and achieve. I enjoyed our chats, hearing your stories and especially getting your hugs. And finally, thank you to the Holy Rosary Spring Interlude committee for selecting me as your award recipient this year. I am honored and I'm sure Florence is pleased.