# THE CARDINAL NEWSLETTER

November 2022





## **Advent is Here!**

Join us, as we prepare for Jesus' birth. Holy Rosary School's Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the church. The PreK/K classes will perform "Let's Dress Up for Christmas," students in grades 1-8 will perform "The Legend of the Christmas King," and the HRS band will be playing a series of Christmas tunes for everyone's enjoyment. All are welcome!



# HRS' Annual Halloween Parade

**BELLO!** A crazy crew of Minions took over the school on Halloween, along with their boss, Gru. They were joined during our school's annual Halloween parade by a multitude of characters (see more photos in the newsletter)...A big **BANK YU** to everyone who took part in the fun and festive event.



Above, left to right: Ella Larson, Riley Zurn, Leah Christiansen, Audrey Flugel, Mackenzie Klemm and Peyton Lorentz

# **Cardinals Making HRS Proud!**

Conducted throughout the United States during the month of October, the annual VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest recently wrapped up with six winners named from Holy Rosary's 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Audrey Flugel, Leah Christiansen, and Peyton Lorentz took first, second and third for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Mackenzie Klemm, Ella Larson and Riley Zurn for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Audrey Flugel was named overall winner for Detroit Lakes, Middle Schools. This year's essays tackled the topic of, "My Pledge to Our Veterans." Awards and cash prizes were presented on Tuesday, November 22 at the local VFW. *(See Audrey's essay on the final page of this newsletter)* 

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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

## December

8 Feast of Immaculate Conception-9:00am mass
14 Christmas Program - 1:00 pm
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Dec. 22-Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

# January 2023

- 3 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice
- 4 School Resumes
- 13 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice
- 16 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day
- 20 End of 2nd Quarter

Jan. 29-Feb. 3 - Catholic Schools Week

# February

- 9 Giving Hearts Day
- 20 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day
- 21 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences

# 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 Day6-10 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



A few of Holy Rosary's teachers were able to attend the "Uplifting Education" conference in Fargo on Saturday, November 5, with presenters Gerry Brooks & Kayla Dornfield. Mr. Brooks is a principal in Kentucky and is well-known for his humorous social media posts that focus on real-world educational experiences. Mrs. Dornfield was named the 2019 North Dakota Teacher of the Year and the 2020 Top Educator of the Year. Both presented an uplifting and encouraging message for all educators who were in attendance!



## 2022-2023 Popcorn Fridays

Friday, Dec. 16 Friday, Jan. 20 Friday, Feb. 17 Friday, March 17 Friday, April 14

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It's Back...



The almost famous Holy Rosary Variety Show

# During Catholic Schools Week Jan. 29-Feb. 3

Start brainstorming what talent you can share!

Registration forms will be available in 2023.

Sing, dance, act, tumble, play an instrument...









*A Look at Kindergarten*... The kindergarten class completed a sunflower seed observation in November using magnifying glasses and tweezers purchased with funds made available through the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation grant.

# New Phenology Reports Available

Phenology is the science of documenting changes and events in nature. Often this includes things like the first or last appearance of migrating birds or butterflies; blooming of wildflowers; budding, changing color, and falling of leaves; first or last frosts of the year; and so on. Northern Community Radio (KAXE/KBXE) out of Grand Rapids and Bemidji (kaxe.org) devotes part of the morning show on Tuesdays to reporting on phenology. One part of that is the airing of reports sent in by classrooms around the state. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades at HRS have started producing these talkback segments. You can listen to them at:

6<sup>th</sup> grade <u>www.kaxe.org/nature/2022-11-08/phenology-talkbacks-november-8-2022</u>

7<sup>th</sup> grade <u>www.kaxe.org/nature/2022-11-15/phenology-talkbacks-november-15-2022</u>





### **Dictionaries for 3rd Graders**

"Thank you," to the Detroit Lakes Rotary Clubs for providing our third graders with brand new dictionaries. Rotarians Kelcey Klemm and Tricia Geffre delivered the books as part of Rotary's Dictionary Project. They were joined by Detroit Lakes High School Interact students Megan Lunde, Ivy Geffre, and Ella Cummings. Our students learned how to use the dictionaries, find information on US Presidents, the Solar System, and more.

### Give Us Some Love!

If you appreciate all that Holy Rosary School has to offer your student, please let me know! I need several parents to email me 2-3 sentences about why they love Holy Rosary School. The comments will be used on our website under Parent Testimonials. *bgilbert@holyrosarycc.org* 





This year marked our **50<sup>th</sup>** Marathon for Nonpublic Education! 125 of our students gathered pledges and raised **\$46,166** for Holy Rosary School!

Six students raised over \$1,000 – Alice Schindler (\$1,474), Emily Schindler (\$1,473), Kyle Schindler (\$1463), Freddie Steffl (\$1,305), Leah Christiansen (\$1,265) and Macey McDougall (\$1,005). The Schindler family swept the top 3 for pledge money raised.

### Congratulations to all our students for a job well done!

We were blessed with beautiful weather for the marathon, and even though we had to adjust our route due to road construction, a good time was had by all! Many thanks to **Jay Estenson** for the fantastic cookies and to **AmericInn** for providing a bathroom stop along the way!

After the marathon, we gathered with our parish family and celebrated our parish feast day of our Lady of the Rosary with a potluck in the Parish Center. It was a great day of fun and fellowship!







### A Shout Out To Our Middle School Helpers

Our 6th, 7th and 8th graders have been very helpful this year with assisting our younger Holy Rosary School students at Mass and during Physical Education class. Thanks for your leadership!

Speaking of Phy. Ed...

Our Kindergarten Prep kids (at right) are busy learning to fill their shopping carts with holiday goodies! While our 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders (far right) have been participating in some floor curling competitions. Students put those skills to the test against HRS Teachers (photos below) at a friendly Bonspiel before Thanksgiving break. That same day, our Kindergarten class held a balloon parade in honor of a book they just read called "Balloons Over Broadway," about the beginnings of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.











SHREK THE MUSICAL Several current and former Holy Rosary School students participated in this year's high school musical, *Shrek*. At left, Ava Klemm, Leah Flugel, Peyton Lorentz, Elise Leff, and Audrey Flugel. We are so proud to have so many talented students participating in the musical!



Holy Rosary School

would like to thank the

Jon & Joy Stone family who purchased a beautiful crucifix for each hallway of the school. This was done to honor family who were either employed or educated at Holy Rosary School for the past 65 years!



#### Marking Veteran's Day with Our Own Mr. Flugel

On Friday, November 11, Holy Rosary students heard a special presentation from MSgt. Nathaniel Flugel, retired US Air Force, with regards to his experience in the military. Some classrooms also made cards and wrote letters to veterans, thanking them for their service. God bless our veterans! We are grateful for them!



Congratulations to our 4th graders who each received their Catholic youth Bibles. Father Chuck gave the students in Mrs. Kapphahn's class their Bibles during a special Mass at the end of last month. We look forward to them learning more about God's word!

# Academic Excellence is a GPA of 3.20 - 4.00

### \*Denotes a 4.0

### Grade 6

Evelet Baker Sloane Marquis Jax Nygaard Emily Schindler Elliot Wahl Reagan Badurek Averi Coley Parker Deraney Cash Gervais Rowan Hill Mason Kemper Emmett Stuewe Ashley Wolf

#### Grade 7

Colin Becker Mackenzie Klemm Ella Larson Elise Leff Peyton Marquis 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 Isabelle Wolf

### My Pledge to Our Veterans By Audrey Flugel

When I think about veterans, I imagine someone who has protected our country through war, peace, sorrow, and joy. These are Americans who cared less about themselves and more about their country. My pledge to veterans is to protect their legacy, respect them and their purpose, and assist them, the community, and my country in any way I can.

Both of my parents are veterans, serving in the Air Force for over 20 years each. For most of my life, I lived on military bases all over the country before settling down here. This type of family has become somewhat rare in America. During the Vietnam War and World War Two, when the draft was active, almost everyone knew an individual who served. Now, since America isn't fighting in a war, people are forgetting sacrifices that others across our country have made. I pledge that I will never let the sacrifice and memory of our veterans die, and I won't let anyone forget what they did for us, to make America the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

One of the most influential things that we can do for a veteran is to honor their lives. They deserve our reverence for all they've done for us. I can respect them by regarding their sacrifices, by giving esteem to the American flag, and following the Constitution. I can teach my children to have deference to all those who have served us. Respecting our veterans is an important endeavor that I can achieve over time.

If it weren't for our veterans' fearlessness, we could still be at war. Now, they deserve our aid and assistance. I can volunteer at charities such as the Marshmallow Foundation to train service animals or at the VFW for small community services. The smallest tasks can be the most felicitous over time, I can support our veterans in so many ways!

Veterans are an important part of our history. As I've mentioned, our country would not be what it is today without their advance towards freedom and their patriotism. Veterans deserve our utmost respect, fidelity, and benevolence. We cannot allow their sacrifices to go to waste. I pledge that it will never happen. I pledge to keep the love building strong, "for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain."



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

November's 5<sup>th</sup> grade Spotlight students are Holten Anderson, Jayden Kemper, and Joseph Thomas. These students have shown growth in academics and have used their gifts from God daily! Holten's room-lighting energy with out-of-the-box problem solving is unparalleled; Jayden is noticed for his clever and quick wit, paired with an impressive academic vocabulary; and Joseph's ability to think clearly amid challenges as well as his kind soul are praiseworthy. We are blessed to have these three young learners in our Holy Rosary family. God bless you, Spotlight students! -Ms. Baker

