



Whale-ing Along

Catholic Schools Week activities assumed important size at St. Stephen's in Geneva as the pupils, under the direction of Yolanda Schofield, art teacher, and Alice Harvey, constructed this 13-foot paper mache whale. The whale was escorted from school to the church by more than 300 pupils, parents and friends who cheered it along the way.

Ithaca Immaculate Notes School Week

Ithaca — A "School Family" exemplifies Immaculate Conception School of Ithaca this week. Celebrating the Second Annual Catholic School Week, Feb. 2-8, the students, teachers, administrators and parents have been and are working very hard to make the week real and meaningful. Father John Maloney, pastor, gave the homily at all last Sunday's Masses speaking on the Catholic Schools Week theme — "Different Where It Counts: Message, Community, Service."

The school has 264 pupils this year, comprising grades K through 8. It employs 12 full-time teachers and 2 part-time, and one full-time secretary. There are seven volunteer teachers, plus 25 additional volunteer helpers. The Scott, Foresman Reading systems are used for Grades 1 through 4, with cross grade reading groups for Grades 4 through 8, allowing students to progress at their own individual rate. Math tracking groups are also used for Grades 3 through 8.

Immaculate boasts a fine music program taking advantage of the Ithaca College Music Education department and its student teaching programs. Physical Education is held twice weekly for all grades. The school also employs a part-time psychologist, speech teacher, nurse teacher, support teacher and aides and utilizes a well-equipped Library-Learning Center, the latter playing an important role in the Math and Reading groups.

There are two kindergarten sessions this year, one morning and one afternoon. Transportation to the school is available on request through Ithaca, Lansing, Newfield, Trumansburg and Dryden school districts. Tuition amount is set

according to number of children in the family and parishioner/non-parishioner status. There is a functioning School Board and Home and School Association.

On Monday there was Open House at the school and a patriotic program in the gym, "200 Years of U.S. History in Skits and Songs," put on by the children. Special guests were the senior citizens of Ithaca, the fourth graders having sent written invitations to them to come. Special hosts serving refreshments were the sixth graders.

On Tuesday, prospective kindergarten children and parents were invited to visit school in session. Third graders worked on a service project, valentine favors for the local Nursing Home residents.

Wednesday is 'School Family Day' where the entire school — students, teachers, parents and especially grandparents will have the opportunity to pray and eat together as a "family." Mass at 6 p.m. in the church will be followed by a lasagna dinner in the school gym.

On Thursday the patriotic theme will focus on local government when the sixth graders visit Ithaca Mayor Conley's office, who also has issued a proclamation announcing Ithaca's Catholic School Week.

On Friday at 1 p.m. there will be the closing celebration, a prayer service in the gym, rededicating the goals of Catholic education. There will be a slide presentation of "The School Family Album" showing typical everyday school activities, programs and regular school classes. Parents are welcome to attend.



The Winners

Sixth Grade students from St. Rita's School carried off the first, second, third and seventh prizes in the Monroe County Fireman's Association 10th Annual Fire Prevention Essay Contest. There were more than 900 entries. Shown with their individual trophies are Michael Swain, seventh place trophy and \$5; Sean Wirley, first place trophy and \$50; Eugene Best, second place trophy and \$40; Karen Wemple, third place trophy and \$30. The school also received a trophy.

COURIER-CALENDAR

- St. Mark's** — Turkey dinner, movies, music, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, church hall, 54 Kuhn Rd.; adults \$2.50, children 5-12, \$1.75; family rate \$10. Tickets at door or through Connie Gessing, 392-2296.
- Mother of Sorrows** — Valentine's Day card party, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, \$1.
- Holy Family** — Rosary Society meeting after 7:45 p.m.; Ash Wednesday services; Sister Seraphine, Holy Childhood School principal, guest speaker.
- Holy Family** — Rosary Society sponsors Family Rosary for Peace Friday, Feb. 14, St. Francis of Assisi. Those wishing to participate should be at the center by 6:45 p.m.
- St. Stanislaus** — Holy Name of Mary Society annual card party, 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8; \$1.50. Tickets from Mrs. John Gallina, 342-4263.
- Cornell Catholic Community** — Theology for Adults, four-part series beginning Thursday, Feb. 6, 8-9 p.m., Founders Room, Anabel Taylor Hall; Gospel discussions beginning Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30-9 p.m., 101 Llenroc Court.
- Catholic Mission Guild** — Monthly meeting 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 513 Monroe.
- Catholic Daughters** — Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, Valentine party Feb. 14 for State Hospital children; Mrs. Conrad Wolf, Mrs. William Crosby, Mrs. Gerald Sullivan in charge.
- First Friday Club** — Lunch following 11:45 a.m. Mass at K of C Home, 513 Monroe; Father Sebastian Falcone celebrant and speaker. For reservations, 244-4340.
- Southwest Golden Age Group** — Valentine party, 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 34 Monica St.
- Elmira Knights of Columbus** — Corporate communion, 7:30 a.m. Mass Feb. 16, followed by breakfast at St. Casimir's, Feb. 10. Deadline for reservations with Clifford C. Benedict, 732-2210, or Robert L. Pautz, 733-3554.
- Great Film Comedians** — Movies shown by Ralph Donald on five consecutive Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m., beginning tomorrow, Basil Hall, St. John Fisher College; free, public.
- Book Sale** — St. Bernard's Seminary library, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 6, 7, mostly books of theological nature.
- Gabriel Richard Institute** — Free demonstrations 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, Laurelton United Presbyterian, Empire Blvd. at Helendale, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, Mother of Sorrows. Information: Carolyn Epps, 482-8908.
- Duplicate Bridge Instruction** — Greece, N.Y., Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; child care service! Information: 266-2455.
- Mothers of Twins** — New club forming, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 15 Ann Marie Dr., off 3300 Lyell Rd. Information: 426-1229 or 621-3505.

Deadline

Calendar items should be mailed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Deadline is Wednesday noon, one week ahead of the publication date.

Merged Schools Seen Doing Well

The merger of two Rochester schools, which took place last September, is proving more and more advantageous as the community notes Catholic Schools Week.

According to spokesmen for the Holy Apostles — Holy Family system, the merger has provided greater flexibility in grouping and meeting the needs of the individual; continuous progress (having a student progress at his own pace); interest based centers in classrooms; remedial, creative and enrichment courses; individualized attention and instruction; age related assemblies; and mini-courses at the junior high level.

Spokesmen also noted that one of the goals of the merger is "to form a community where the

Education Workshop Planned

The Division of Religious Education will hold a workshop at Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road, on Saturday Feb. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

It will be conducted by Ernest Nedder, consultant for the Religious Education Division of Wm. C. Brown Co., publishers. The program will be repeated on March 15 at Immaculate Conception School, 317 North Plain St., Ithaca.

SENIORS

Newark — The Senior Citizens Committee of St. Michael's Parish, headed by Teresa Pitrella, Gladys Talbo and Hugo Lucianovic, has established a monthly Mass and luncheon in the church hall.

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Writing Contest Deadline Feb. 15

Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, Catholic Daughters of America, announces a poetry contest for grade school pupils and an essay contest for older students. Entry deadline is Feb. 15.

An eight-line poem on a religious or patriotic theme is prescribed for grades 4-6 and 7-9, and a 500-word essay on the family for high school, 10-12, and college students. Winners will advance to the state competition, and state winners, to the national. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Anthony Mineo at 482-3415.

STARS Offers New Programs

Elmira — A monthly series of discussions on alcoholism will begin Feb. 16 at St. Joseph's Hospital under the auspices of the Southern Tier Alcoholism Rehabilitation Service (STARS). Dr. Brian R. Nagy, STARS medical director, will make a presentation. Participants are invited to bring their lunch to the session, scheduled for 12:15 p.m. in the doctors' meeting room.

This week, STARS initiated outpatient services. Interviews for admission to this program may be arranged through the hospital's social work department, 733-6541, ext. 564.

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