

Heidi Kunsman, Christy Marino, Mary Serio are shown adding their bricks to the paper church being built on one of the school's windows. On the bricks the pupils write down a good deed they performed or a special intention or prayer they said.

Bricks Create More Than A Building

The junior high pupils of Sister Karlien Bach's theology classes at St. Rita's School, Webster, have had a unique opportunity to study the Church this year. Outside their classroom windows they have watched St. Rita's new church being built. Inside

their classroom they have been building 'their church'.

Under Sr. Karlien's direction the pupils have watched the physical church being built brick by brick. They have compared this to building their own spiritual and personal church.

School Costs Shared

St. James School (K-6) in Waverly is completing its first school year under the Fair-Share Tuition Program. Piloting the program in the diocese, Loretta Hayton, St. James principal, considers it a great success.

Fair-Share is a unique partnership. It is an individual family plan whereby the parents determine what they can honestly pay toward the actual cost of educating their children. There are many criteria to be considered when adopting Fair-Share, a school announcement said, and close collaboration with the education department is essential.

There was no tuition at St. James as recently as five years ago. Even last year, the tuition for a parishioner was only \$200 per year, and \$100 the year before. With rising costs, and operating with 10 percent lay personnel,

Fair-Share provided an avenue, for those who were financially able, to substantially increase the amount of tuition paid. The range of tuition paid now at St. James ranges from Diocesan Subsidy right on up to some who pay the full amount of per pupil cost - \$1,200. An overall 25 percent increase was realized this first year. With 1984/85 registration not yet complete, the school already shows a 28 percent increase over this year's total tuition revenue.

Catholic schools seldom lack for students, however, the cost of Catholic education is escalating each year. Fair-Share Tuition is a shared responsibility between parents and school. It is a financial and service commitment on the part of parents, resulting in the involvement of the family in quality education.

Careers Studied

In March St. Helen's 7th and 8th grades participated in a career day. The school day was devoted to making the students aware of the many and varied careers available to them. Lawyer Edward Wurtz and Monroe County Sheriff Deputy Lou Ferrari discussed both aspects of the law. Dr. Edwin Rague, veterinarian from the Chili Animal Hospital presented this aspect of medicine. William La Due, an architect discussed his profession while Ed Russo, Robert Dannenfeser, Kenneth Czamara, and Rick Camp discussed their growing profession of computer science.

Panelists for journalism were: Matt Rinaldi from WBBF, Bob Marcotte and Burr Lewis from Gannett Newspapers, and Robert J. Wright, a local disc jockey. The medical panel consisted of Karen Butler, RN, Sister Sharon Bailey, SSJ, a pediatric nurse practitioner, Annette Drexel, a dental hygienist from Dr. Charles Lowell's dental office, and Cheryl Gottshall, a student at RIT studying bio medical photography.

A computer panel included Jack Fiannaca, James Murphy, Stu Evans, Robert Dannenfeser and John Bus.

Federation Notes

Research has demonstrated time and again that the single most important factor in the success of children in school is the active participation of their parents in the school. According to Rochester Federation of Catholic School Parents' sources, one of the most important purposes of the Parents' Federation is to provide parents with the information and skills necessary to make that participation as meaningful as possible. The federation does this in a variety of ways throughout the school year, and this year the organization has planned a special event for that purpose.

At 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 1, the federation is bringing Leonard Fine of the Archdiocese of New Orleans here to speak at Our Lady of Mercy High School. He will discuss a pre-paid tuition program. While the federation is not recommending such a program for the Catholic elementary and sec-

ondary schools, it does think it is an important and interesting concept.

From 9:30 to 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, June 2 a Leadership Workshop has been scheduled for all interested in developing committee participation skills, as well as strengthening or broadening their knowledge of school boards, home and school associations, effective budgeting for the schools, fundraising, and state and federal services for the schools. While designed primarily for those involved in such committees, it also is open to parents who might at some future time be interested in participating in one of the school committees.

There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is necessary for either or both sessions. Details are available at any of the schools or by calling Jean Gilbert at 225-2714. Deadline for registration is May 18.



A Day for the Missions

In March, the pupils at St. Thomas the Apostle School held a Mission Day. STAS grandparents Ray Anderson and George Mackey inflated balloons for kindergartners Kevin Blanding and Kevin Knor and pre-schoolers Molly Ranous and Stacey Basil while David Clarke, a 7th grader, looked on. Proceeds from the event will be sent to an alumnus of STAS, Father Tom Brown in Brazil, the Sisters of Mercy in Chile, and the Holy Childhood Association of Rochester.

Scientists Acclaimed

St. John of Rochester in Fairport held its annual Science Fair Thursday, March 29. The event was organized by Mrs. Maureen Dean, an eighth grade teacher. Prizes for the show were donated by the Home/School Association and given to the winners by Father Bernard Dollen.

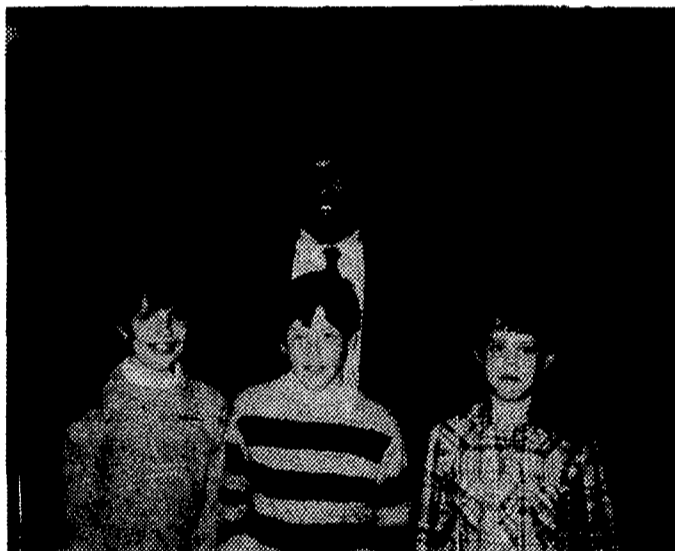
Eighth graders Andrea Colarutolo and Katie Colosi, with their exhibit of "Wine and how it's made," tied with Andrew Gebauer and his "Computers and how they work" for first place.

Lisa Diminuco and MacMillan took second place with "Bacteria"; Amy Carr

placed third with her exhibit, "Emphysema: The unknown disease."

Seventh grade winners were: Michael Mahler and Pat Scanlon, first place, for "Electricity"; Karin Diminuco, second place winner, with "Solar Energy"; Alicia White, third place for "Heredity."

Sixth grade winners were: Mike Cooper who took a first place with "Osmosis"; Shannon Burke and Kristin Kusak, second place for "Development of a chicken embryo"; Tom Burne and Trevor McDonald, third place, for "The Latest in telegraph operations."



A 'Bill' Visits

Jerry Butler, wide receiver for the Buffalo Bills football team, shown here with Jack Kosmicki, Patrick A'Hern and Patrick Hasman, gave the keynote address at Our Lady of Lourdes annual sports banquet. He entertained students and parents with anecdotes about his sports career. He emphasized the value of team participation in character formation and the importance of a healthy balance between academics and athletics in self-development.

Special People: Grandparents

May is Senior Citizens Month and the school community and Home/School Association of St. Michael's, Penn Yan, are jointly planning a special event in honor of the 'most loved' senior citizens - grandparents. From 12:45-2:45 on Friday, May 25 grandparents or grandparent substitutes will be welcomed. The staff and students will provide a display of student work, give tours of the school, and celebrate a special para-liturgical service honoring the wisdom of grandparents.

The Home/School Committees headed by Mrs. Craig Serven, Mrs. Robert Mason, Mrs. Dennis Doyle, Mrs. William Clark, Mrs. James Olmstead, Mrs. Robin Mangini, Mrs. John Marini, and the faculty, represented by Mrs. Donna Pizzenti and Sister Catherine are planning a few surprises to give the day a specialness that will hopefully be long remembered.

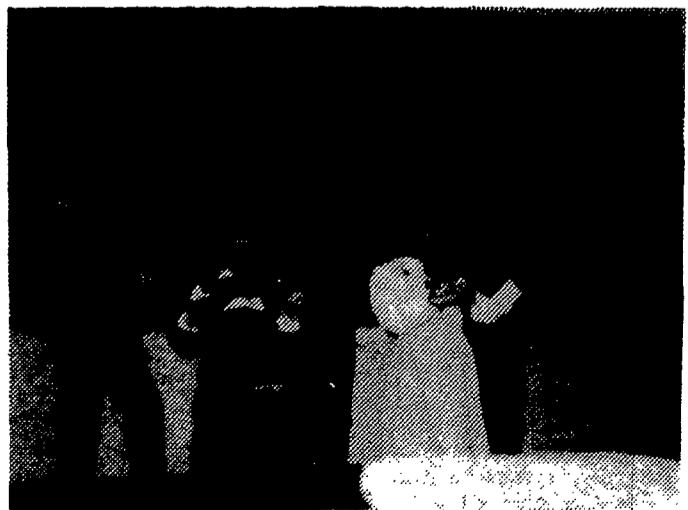
St. Casimir pupils are inviting their grandparents to lunch on Friday, May 25. The hot dog lunch will be prepared by parents and served in the gym. Following lunch, grandparents and children will be treated to a concert in the school's auditorium, where the St. Casimir's Band and Chorus will entertain. There will be a May Day ceremony outside on the front lawn. Brenda Lisi, sixth grade teacher, and students are planning the prayer service in honor of Mary. The school guitar group will lead the singing and Father Henry Adamski will be the prayer leader.

Bands Team Up

At 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 22 the students and faculty at Holy Cross School will walk down to the Performance Pavilion at Charlotte Ontario Beach to hear the Holy Cross and St. Michael (Newark) bands play for the Holy Cross annual

spring concert. Mrs. Marie DeTorio will conduct and John Gaspar will lead Holy Cross's Folk Group and Chorus.

The concert will be repeated at 7:30 p.m. for parents and the community in the Holy Cross gym.



The Violins Sing

Nineteen pupils of St. Louis School in Pittsford participate in the Suzuki classes offered by Mrs. Barbara Noval who also teaches the Suzuki method at St. Salome, St. James and St. Thomas the Apostle.