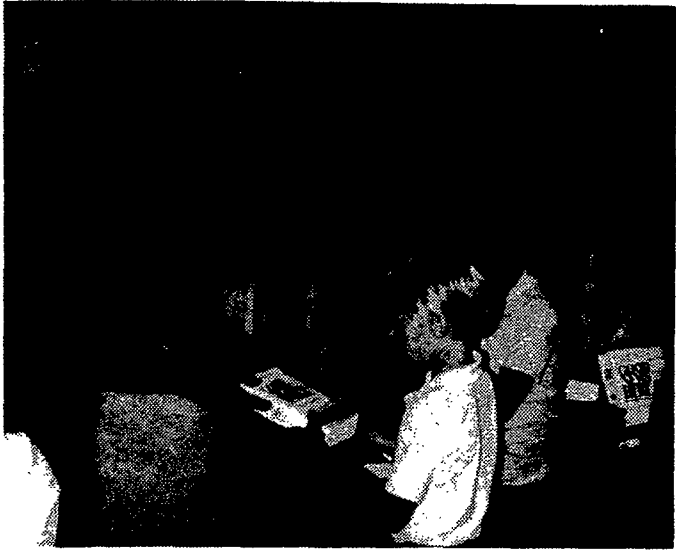


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Getting the Good News

Recently the third graders of St. John the Evangelist School on Humboldt Street received their Bibles from Father Kevin Murphy in a special celebration held in their prayer room.

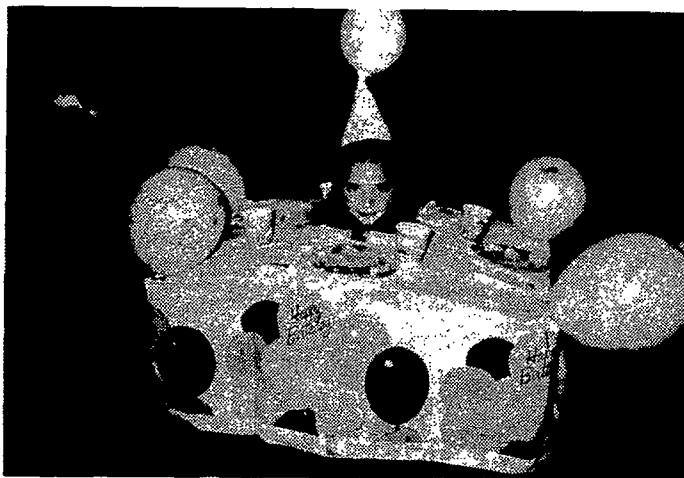


Table for Four?

Second grader Marcy Laposa attended Immaculate Conception School's halloween party dressed as a birthday party for the school's centennial.



Real Indian Life

After studying a unit on early American history, the fifth graders of Mrs. Rosemary Brinklow at St. Rita's School, Webster, were assigned an art project to depict an aspect of what they studied that particularly interested them. Emily O'Brien came up with a new twist to an old idea. She wanted to illustrate Indian life, so she spent four days building a teepee near her home. When finished it was over six feet tall and was large enough to sleep six of her friends. She constructed it out of small trees and saplings, then covered it with leaves to keep out the wind and rain.

Students Hear President

St. Salome's Junior High social studies teacher, Robert Leyh, is keeping his students very busy this fall. On Thursday, Oct. 25, he took the eighth grade class to see and hear President Ronald Reagan. Not only was this an exciting venture, but it also helped

the class to relate to what they are currently studying about our government. On Nov. 6, the entire junior high participated in a "mock election," after the students had researched, studied and followed the candidates throughout their campaigns.

Lending of Hands Finishes the Job

On the three day weekend of Sept. 28-30, the parishioners of St. Margaret Mary School (approximately 60 persons per day) wielded brushes and rollers to complete the monumental task of painting the school.

The sisters and priests were also seen lending a hand to brighten the environment of their school.

The "Great Cover-Up," as it was dubbed, was organized by the school's development committee -- a subcommittee of their school board -- and overseen by James Friday, committee chairman.

Although the project entailed a lot of hard work, the weekend also provided a great deal of social interaction and friendship. A local painting contractor estimated that the parish



Veronica Salter, on ladder, and Lynne Kinsella take part in the "Cover-Up."

saved close to \$25,000 in labor costs.

Holy Cross Second In Library Bowl

Holy Cross students from the fifth and sixth grades recently participated in the Library Bowl, a reading competition sponsored by the Monroe County Library System.

Having won the regional competition on Nov. 10, the students advanced to the finals on Nov. 17 at the

Rochester Public Library -- and finished second out of 50 teams!

Students involved were sixth graders Rebecca Bachmann, Jay Tackett and Charlene Wagner; and fifth graders Thomas Caluneo, April Dresser and Ronald Kasper.



St. Philip Neri students pose with Msgr. John Duffy as they leave for the Catholic Schools Marathon.

Federation Notes

By Jean S. Gilbert, President
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Congratulations on a job well done by 48 of our Catholic schools.

Our annual Marathon for Catholic Schools held the first Saturday in October has grossed over \$110,000. Forty-one schools in Rochester and seven in Auburn, Geneva, Newark and Waterloo participated in our fifth marathon.

Our schools not only gain financially from the marathon but come together diocesan-wide to share their "Spirit" of commitment for Catholic schools. The federation thanks everyone who worked so hard to make this happen. A final report and rebate meeting is scheduled in January.



A Music Lesson
Pre-schoolers at St. Mary's School in Waterloo receive a lesson on how a pitch pipe works. Mrs. Gail Winters is the vocal music teacher at St. Mary's.

Students Learn Joy of Giving

This year two diocesan schools will share in a Christmas project which will stretch from one end of the diocese to the other.

The project began in 1969 in the fifth grade classroom at St. James School, Waverly. The children cleaned out their toy boxes and brought used toys to school to be restored for needy children in their community.

In a few short years, the fifth grade was supplying toys for the needy of Tioga County. In 1981 this Christmas project became an entire school project involv-

ing students in K-6 and thousands of toys have been distributed over the 15 years.

This year the toys will be shipped to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rochester where they will be delivered to needy children in the inner city.

The present students of St. James are just beginning to learn that even at their age they can do something to bring happiness to others.

Many graduates still return each year to donate to the needy children project, and a common remark is, "The joy of giving is what Christmas is all about."



Each first grader dressed as a Pilgrim, with their upperclass counterparts portraying Indians.

St. John's Youths Remember Pilgrims

Diminutive Pilgrims prepared the finishing touches on Tuesday, Nov. 20 as St. John of Rochester's first graders busily cooked the dishes that would duplicate the holiday's origin.

Under the diligent efforts of Pat Donegan, their first grade teacher, the students prepared turkey with gravy, squash and corn. Homemade butter was "churned" by class members. Cookies, pumpkin bread and applesauce were made "from scratch" to complete the meal.

Each of the first graders dressed in the garb of their Pilgrim forefathers. Dressed

as Indians and invited to this bountiful feast are their upperclassmen "buddies," generally seventh and eighth grade students assigned on a one to one basis to guide their younger friends throughout the school year.

This dinner highlights the curriculum Mrs. Donegan has planned concerning Pilgrims, Indians and pioneering.

The students were able to fully participate in the Pilgrim spirit of accomplishing culinary tasks following a recent trip to Cummings Nature Center for a pioneer program.

Soccer Teams Triumph

Congratulations to the boys and girls soccer teams from St. Pius X Parish for their outstanding accomplishments this past Fall.

This was the first year of league play for both and each won their respective championships. It marks the first time in league history that both teams from the same parish have gained titles the same season.

The girls finished first in the tough Western Division with an 8-0-2 record. In the playoffs, they defeated a well coached Our Lady of Lourdes team, 1-0, for the first place cup. More significant is that until two weeks before the season, the parish didn't have a team, nor a coach, nor uniforms -- and had never participated before in the fall soccer program.

Team members are Michelle Barrett, Katie Byrne, Katie Corwley, Lisa Dudek, Lori Dudek, Karen Frantz, Stacey Hopkins, Maria Irizarri, Beth Anne Kelly, Ann Marie Liotti, Kerry Lynd, Jenny McKinley, Julie Monfalcone, Kerry Monfalcone, Julie Murphy, Kelly Murphy, Terri O'Shea, Kathy Thies and Michelle Townsend.

The boys team (11-1-1) defeated Mother of Sorrows, 3-1, in the title game of the Rochester Christian Soccer League on Saturday, Oct. 20.

The boys entered the playoffs with a 8-1-1 record. More impressive than the record is the defense of Jim Sobieraj, John Lippert, Steve DeVito and Eric Daniel that allowed only three goals all season.