

St. Ambrose Olympians



John Vellozzi, third grade, gives the boot to the shoe in the distance throw.



Wanda Soria places the baton in the expectant hands of a teammate as she completes her leg of the relay.



First-grade teacher Margarete Traini coaches her blue team with some help from sideline supporter Shawn Selner.

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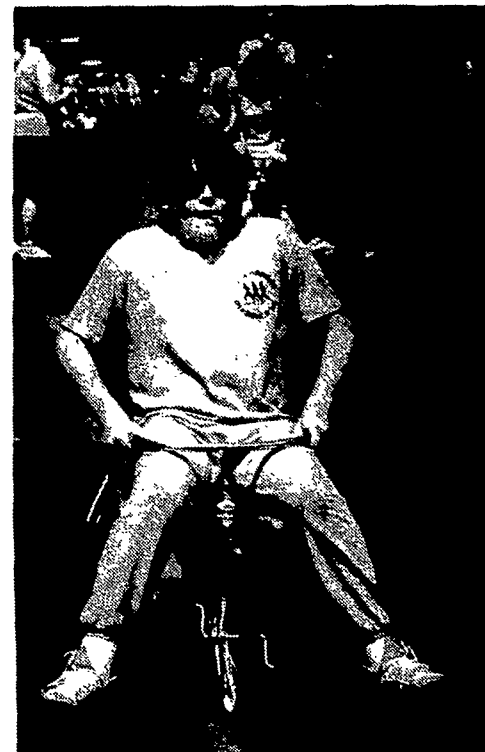
Erin Chudy, second grade, gets a helping hand on the obstacle course from Director of Religious Education Phil Oberst.

Rainbow of Teams Compete

On Thursday, June 6, the children of St. Ambrose School participated in the second annual Olympic Day. Under sunny skies the first- through eighth-grade students rotated around the various games. Grueling games that included such feats of skill as throwing a shoe the farthest distance, relays, tricycle races, and an obstacle course that would be a challenge to any seasoned Marine were just a small portion of the day's activities.

The teams were picked randomly so that students of all grade levels were represented on each team. This set the precedent of everyone working together. For the younger children, the tricycle race was a triumph, but it was a real challenge for the older children because of their sizes in relation to the trikes. On the other hand the distance throw was just the other way around.

For the eight teams, whose colors spanned the spectrum, the real test of teamwork came at the tug of war. The blue team was pitted against the green, and every other combination that could be thought of was challenged. When the air horn was sounded by the school's principal, Sister Ann Collins, to signal the end of events, the total points were tallied. The light blue came in first, followed by navy blue, and black came in third. No hard feelings were felt by the red, green, maroon, gray or medium blues, for all was in fun.



Eighth grader Kevin Faby maneuvers his trike toward the finish line in utmost concentration.

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