

Holy Trinity News

St. Nicholas visited Holy Trinity School in December and left candy in the children's shoes outside their classroom. I guess St. Nicholas knows that the students and pre-schoolers have been extra good this year. It is evident when you walk in the school and you see signs in the halls where teachers have recognized students for helping in little ways like opening the door for a student or teacher or offering to pick up the classroom. In addition, the eighth grade class has been taking hot lunches to parish shut-ins once a month which the students say they enjoy and gives them a sense of fulfillment. Other classes visit nursing homes, and the fifth grade has a "grandparent" program with Swanton Health Care.

Plans are being made for special events starting in late January when the school will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The theme for Catholic Schools' Week this year is "Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life." Last year, the students brought in over 1000 cans of soup which was donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Linda Justen, Principal of HTS, said that the school chose St. Paul's Community Center and Hannah's Socks as their Advent service projects which provided a great opportunity as a family to talk about those who aren't as fortunate as we are. These are just a few of the many projects HTS students participate in as a way of living their faith and sharing their blessings. In recent years, Holy Trinity students have raised over \$5000 for service projects which included Diocesan flood relief funds, Trees for Troops, Overseas missions, local families with major medical and financial needs, Catholic schools in New Orleans, and Operation Rice Bowl.

Holy Trinity established a Drama Club three years ago for the junior high grades and presented "Father Ron and the Candy Factory" in November. The stage was transformed into a candy factory with colorful scenery and costumes. Many parents, relatives, and friends in the community attended and are looking forward to the Spring School Musical in which all students participate and the stage is once again transformed. Over the years, parents have been involved with constructing, painting and sewing the various props and costumes. This serves as an excellent way to meet other parents.

The CYO Sports program is very alive at Holy Trinity with many children involved in Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Cross Country and Track. Holy Trinity hosts several CYO games both at the elementary and high school level during weekends. A reverse raffle is held each year by the Holy Trinity Boosters and helps to fund the various athletic programs.

Core classes follow the Diocesan Curriculum Plan which is based on Ohio Content Standards. Teachers participate in the Innovative Educator Teachers Training Program and bring new and exciting ideas to the classroom. Art education, music, physical education, and technology classes are part of the routine students look forward to at Holy Trinity. The school children have participated in Youth Art Month which is promoted through the Ohio Art Education Association. Several children have represented the school with their art works at the Northwest Ohio region and State levels. In addition, an Art Camp is offered during the summer for one week which includes several art projects. The Science fair is held every year along with the National Geography bee, and spelling contests. Fifth graders participate in the D.A.R.E program which teaches about the dangers of drug use. The 7th and 8th grade participate in the Power of the Pen and Quiz Bowl with other diocesan catholic schools. Many of the students go on to attend St. John's, St. Francis, Central Catholic and Notre Dame and St. Ursula Academies as well as Evergreen High School where many valedictorians and salutatorians have been graduates of Holy Trinity School.

Enrichment opportunities include the 6th grade Outdoor Education Camp where students learn outdoor living lessons at Camp Storer. Educational field trips are something always on the calendar with trips to the Toledo Art Museum, Franciscan Life Center, Toledo Mud Hens, Toledo Zoo, Fossil Park, Lourdes Planetarium and Secor Park – just to name a few.

Holy Trinity children participate in daily religious instruction and attend an all school Mass weekly. The grades take turns planning the Mass which helps them participate fully and appreciate the sacrament. Preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation is part of the religion curriculum.

The school is fully accredited by the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association and enrolls preschool through 8th grade. The school offers extended day care before and after school along with the SCRIP Tuition Earning program. There are so many exciting and wonderful things about Holy Trinity. If interested, please plan on attending the Open House on Sunday, January 31st from 10:30 am to 2 pm. Anyone who attends Open House will receive a gift certificate for \$100 off tuition if you register your child(ren) for the 2010-20011 school year. If you have any questions, please call the Holy Trinity School office at (419) 644-3971. See you there!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Ai Union Church
4188 County Rd L west of C. Rd 4
Pastor George H. Shaver
Pastor's Phone (419) 825-8041

Berkey Congregational Christian Church
Rev. Rebecca Sunday
Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Srvice 10:15 am
12036 Sylvania-Metamora Road
Berkey, Ohio (419) 829-2102

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA
Rev. Glen Stadler-Pastor
124 W. Main St. Metamora, Ohio
(419) 644-9150
www.faithlutheranchurch.blogspot.com
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Farley United Methodist Church
Corner of Sylvania Ave and Route 295
Berkey, Ohio 43504
(419) 829-2960
Pastor Rev. Jamie Gill
Worship Service 9:00 am

First Universalist Church
145 E. Morenci St. Lyons, Ohio 43533
Rev. Lynn Kerr
(419) 923-3502
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Service 10:30 am

Lyons Christian Church
E. Morenci St., Lyons, Ohio 43533
Pastor Paul Bomeli
Church phone (419) 923-2161
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am

Harvester Fellowship
Rt 295 Between Old State Line & Angola
Pastor Randy Liggett
(419) 779-0968
Worship Service Sunday 10:30 am
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm
Non-Denominational

Lytton-Zion United Church of Christ
12910 County Rd. 5 & N
Delta, Ohio 43515
Pastor Mary L. Burroughs
Church Phone (419) 826-1521
Worship Service 9:25 am
Sunday School 10:15 am
Office Hrs/ Wed/ & Thurs. 9-12

Metamora United Methodist Church
Meeting at Evergreen Elementary School
14844 County Rd. 6 at Rd S
Rev. Terry J. Powell
10:00 am Morning Worship
Sunday School at 9am
Pastor Ph: 419-878-8563
ChurchatEvergreen.org

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish
2649 St. Route 20, Swanton Ohio 43558
Rastor Rev. Ron Schock
Office Secretary
Jan Bartos
(419) 644-4014 Fax: (419)913-0459
Email: HolyTriParish@roadrunner.com
Website: www.parishesonline.com (id:20005)
Mass Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Zion United Brethren In Christ
4830 E. Weston Rd. Ogen Cednter, MI
Rev. Aden Porter - Senior Pastor
Seth Makula - Youth Pastor
Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm
Phone: (517) 443-5969

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