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Students in 7th grade dramatized Living Stations of the Cross during Lent under the direction of Mrs. Kelly Pokojski.



Dear St. Teresa School Family,

It has been an incredible blessing being able to serve you over these past five years! I don't know if more could have been packed into this period of time. The collaboration of our parish and beyond enabled us to accomplish several major capital improvements for our school. These would include: air-conditioning (especially right before COVID), the modernization of our lunchroom and kitchen, the renovation and updating of our band room, music room, classrooms, and gym. A new School Strategic Plan was created in which we continue to implement our goals. The establishment of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been a powerful source of formation for our younger children. And our new strings music program never ceases to amaze. Of course, we've experienced significant changes and challenges, not the least of which was navigating our school through COVID and distance learning. But now we have the opportunity to build on our strengths to become even better than before.

I have many fond memories of seeing our youth grow and mature over these five years with First Communions, Confirmations, graduations, celebrating daily school Masses, visiting the classrooms, observing our classes pop into church for some time of Adoration during the school day, and attending our high caliber Christmas and Spring Programs. And the list could go on.

I can't thank enough our dedicated teachers, administration, and staff who by



Students kneel for the Eucharistic Procession through the school during Catholic Schools Week

working together got us through the most challenging time in education in our lifetime with creativity, grit and sacrifice. It has been a pleasure and a blessing working with Sr. Mary Cecilia whose dedication to our children is apparent in all that she does.

I cannot fully communicate how excited I am for our school community to be incorporating Catholic Liberal Education here. During this past school year when some classes started to implement aspects of CLE in the classroom, I usually visited the classrooms with sacred art to explore. As the year continued on students were asking deeper questions and making more complex observations. There were several times when a student would make an observation about a painting that I had never seen. I love that, being taught by our students! I will continue to pray that the profound impact on our children learning deep truths in wonder may indeed make them Christ-like leaders and saints of the next generation.

With a grateful heart in Christ,

Fr. Jamie Hottovy

Scenes from Catholic Schools Week: Quiz Bowl, Science Fair winners, 8 grade vs. teachers VB game, and teachers sing in the choir at Mass.



2nd Grade Pilgrimage of Beauty

by Sr. Mary Chiara



"I can see the bell towers! I can see the bell towers!" the second grader exclaimed, as the rest of her class peered through the bus windows, straining to

see the bell towers of St. Cecilia's Cathedral between the buildings and trees of downtown Omaha on their recent Pilgrimage of Beauty fieldtrip.

As a First Holy Communion celebration, Father Hottovy led the St. Teresa second grade on an architectural tour in Omaha on April 25th. They had just received for the first time He who is the Author of all beauty, so we desired to bring our students on this pilgrimage as a way of deepening the graces of First Holy Communion. Father Hottovy began the pilgrimage with Mass in the Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel at St. Cecilia's Cathedral, in which the second graders joyfully received their "Third Communion." Throughout the day, at each church we visited, we were truly surrounded by awe-inspiring beauty. We finished our tour with some time for Eucharistic adoration, giving thanks to the Lord for the marvels he had shown us that day, and, because every good celebration feeds both body and soul, we stopped for ice cream on the way home.



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to watch a video from the 2nd grade Pilgrimage of Beauty.

8th Grade Retreat and Class Trip

by Mrs. Sara Stewart

On the 8th grade retreat, students visited Cloisters on the Platte to pray the Stations of the Cross, which was very moving and beautiful. We then went to Holy Family Shrine for Mass, Confessions, and a journaling activity about goals for high school. On the class trip, we went to The Mark in Elkhorn where we bowled, had pizza, played laser tag, and enjoyed the arcade.

Congratulations St. Teresa's Graduating Class of 2022!



5th Grade visits Boys Town

by Sr. Mary Agnes



On Monday, May 2nd, the 5th grade traveled to Boys Town to follow in the footsteps of Servant of God, Father Flanagan. Even though it rained the whole day, it did not dampen their

spirits! They were able to get a driving tour of the campus, walk through the Hall of History, see Father Flanagan's house, visit Immaculate Conception Church and pray to Father Flanagan at his tomb. They also had the blessing of attending Mass there, and two of the boys even served Mass! They were inspired by Father Flanagan's life, and the way he lived his life for others. "The work will continue, you see, whether I am there or not, because it is God's work, not mine." –Father Flanagan

Grades 6-8 Study Trout

by Mrs. Sara Stewart

In January, grades 6-8 received about 170 rainbow trout eggs. Students spent 2 ½ months learning about trout as well as Nebraska natural resources and habitats. They practiced testing water quality and 'fished' out dead fish (Miss Dinan's turtle got some tasty treats). The trout hatched and grew to alevin stage, fry stage, and finally fingerling stage. Each day students huddled around the tank to see what the fish were doing – we even named a couple of them that we could tell apart from the others. On April 7, the 7th grade, Miss Seim, and Mrs. Stewart released the fish back into a spring fed lake at Schramm State Park to live out the rest of their lives.



Saint Teresa Class of 2022





1st Grade Trip to Platte River State Park

by Miss Sarah Dinan

First grade had a wonderful time in nature on their field trip to Platte River State Park. They went on a bird watching hike with Ranger Doug, caught different invertebrates with nets, learned about beavers, and made models of beaver dams. It was a great day of exploring and being in nature.

4th Grade Delivers "Roses for Mary"

by Mrs. Shelly Sullivan



During the month of May the 4th grade students participated in "Roses for Mary" to inspire devotion to our Blessed Mother. Students delivered roses along with a letter explaining the promises of the rosary to homes displaying statues of the Blessed Mother in their neighborhoods. Over 20 deliveries were made, and recipients were invited to make deliveries to additional neighbors as well. For more information or to make your own deliveries visit www.rosesformary.org.

Spring Music Concerts

Kindergarten through 4th grade students, along with students in the strings program, performed "Musica de Mexico" on May 5 (Cinco de Mayo). All vocal selections were sung in Spanish, and many included dancing and fun props.



Art students in grades 6-8 made the tissue paper flowers used as decorations, and parent volunteers sewed colorful skirts for costumes.



5th graders in beginning band and 6th-8th graders in Junior High advanced band performed with students from other Lincoln Catholic Schools in their spring band concert on Wednesday, May 4th at Pius X High School.

3rd Grade visits Nemec Farm

by Mrs. Cindy Werner

3A and 3B classes had a very fun time on the field trip. The day began with a visit to Sacred Heart Church and Cemetery in Cedar Hill, NE. We loved the simplicity and beauty of the church and saw so many similarities to our own church. It was interesting to visit the cemetery and look at the dates on the graves. We also took a moment to pray for all of the souls buried there. We then went to the Nemec Farm where we enjoyed eating lunch under the shady trees. The rest of the afternoon, we did a lot of running around, played baseball (sandlot style), and enjoyed playing on the old-fashioned merry-go-round. It was a day we will always remember!



Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten visit the Zoo

Pre-K and kindergarten students were excited to visit the zoo on their spring field trip, where they got to feed giraffes, ride the train, and see all kinds of wild animals.

6th grade field trip

by Miss Katherine Hums

At the beginning of May, the 6th graders took a field trip to Schramm Park State Recreation Area near Gretna. They spent part of the day exploring the exhibits and aquarium at the education center.



They also had the opportunity to take a birding class. They were able to learn the technique and practice of bird watching, and looking for the major birds that live in Nebraska. It was a wonderful day overall!

Right: 6th-8th Grade Track Team
Students also had the option to participate in golf and/or bowling this spring.



**Saint Teresa School
Diocesan Pro-Life Contest Winners**

Pro-Life Essay Contest:

1st place: Jesse Andres—8th grade

Pro-Life Poster Contest:

1st place: Sam Shasserre—1st grade
Will Vacek—3rd grade
Camilla Rutledge—4th grade
Ephrem Rutledge—5th grade
2nd place: June Schilmoeller—1st grade
Lucas Wolff—2nd grade
Paul Wesolowski—3rd grade
Matthew Zimmer—5th grade
Maria Potter—6th grade
3rd place: Jude Knieval—1st grade
Nora Knieval—6th grade



Page One

3rd-8th graders in Page One met weekly in March and April to read books and participate in games and activities related to reading. 3rd-6th graders attended a "Fun Day" with other Lincoln Catholic schools to play carnival games based on their book lists, and 7th-8th graders attended the Bishop's Book Club with Bishop Conley. At left, 3rd and 4th graders create a scene from a book out of play-dough.



Above: 7th Grade Basketball

Below: 8th Grade Basketball



2022 Chess Club Awards

1st place: Brendan Butler
2nd place: Joseph Fitzpatrick
3rd place/Rookie of the Year:
Elliot Cunningham
1st place girl: Eleanor Pfeiffer
2nd place girl: Annie Brox



Congratulations to the students who received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation!



Above: First Holy Communion

Below: Confirmation



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