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# *The Canticle of St. Francis*

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## Thoughts from Fr. Jim on **What is Happening in the Parish and in His Life!**

Making St. Francis the best possible parish is always high on the agenda of our Pastoral Council and myself. To this end we are creating a new Strategic Pastoral Plan. This plan will guide us for the next five years.

The first step in the plan has already been completed - you generously took the time and filled out our parish Gallup Poll in September and October. Now the Pastoral Council, with the help of Gallup, are analyzing the results of the survey. We used these results to help us write our guiding Vision Statement and Heart Values. The council has also decided upon nine Focus Areas on which we will concentrate in the next five years. These nine Focus Areas are: 1.) Evangelization and outreach; 2.) Community Building: family life, singles, young adults, seniors; 3.) Stewardship as a way of life; 4.) Catechesis and Formation: pre-school, elementary, middle, high school & adult; 5.) Worship; 6.) Pastoral Care of those in need; 7.) Social Ministry: outreach to those in need; social justice issues; 8.) Administration/ Operation & Communication; 9.) Catholic elementary & middle school.

Step two in this process will take place from February through May 2003. Pastoral Council members, staff members, and members of various ministries, councils and commission will form visitation teams, and go to parishes and congregations that are known to do outstanding work in a particular focus area. They will study their approaches, ideas, successes and failures.

The final step will take place in late spring and summer. After visiting these parishes and congregations, each Focus area team will take what they have learned, combine it with background study here, and create the plan for their focus area for the next five years. Thus we will have a completed Pastoral Plan

I (Fr. Jim) will approach this project in a different way. After 28 years as a priest, I decided it was time for some "re-tooling." To that end I asked the bishop and was granted a five month study sabbatical. It will begin in January 2003 and be completed at the end of June. I will use the time to do the following: From late January through mid May, I will live in Rome and study theology at the various theological universities there. I will also use Rome as a base for studying various parish and church movements in Europe.

In May, I will return to the USA and travel to various parishes and congregations throughout the United States to learn of their outstanding practices. During this time I will be giving my insights and new information to help form the Pastoral Plan.

The Lilly Endowment has given a grant of \$30,000 to fund my sabbatical. Fr. Finian Zaucha, a Franciscan priest from Wisconsin will take my place while I am gone.

While I will miss being with you for those five months, I am looking forward to the sabbatical. My hope and prayer is that it will not only be personally satisfying but also profitable for our parish.

*Fr. Jim McDougall, Pastor*



*For Christmas Liturgies  
& Upcoming Events,  
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## Upcoming Events!

**Dec 5 & 12**, 7:30PM: "Seeing Salvation: The Newborn Christ in Words and Images" Fr. James Conlon (chapel)

**Dec 7/8**, 6PM/9-2: "Work of Human Hands" Christmas Bazaar in the P.A.C.

**Dec. 8**, 6:30PM: High School Life-Teen Activity Night meets in the P.A.C. most Sunday evenings.

**Dec. 10**, 10:00AM: Seniors @ St. Francis enjoy Christmas Carols & storytelling by St. Francis School students then lunch

**Dec. 10**, 7:00PM: YAACHT Club for young adults/20-30's activity night every Tuesday, for location call 821-2126.

**Dec 12**, 7 p.m. Mass & Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration

**Dec. 13**, 7PM: Concert: A Christmas Festival of Carols with St. Francis Choirs & String Ensemble

**Dec. 14**, 6:00PM: Adult Singles/30-50's Potluck 'Wine & Cheese' Social in P.A.C.

**Dec. 15**, 6:30PM: A Living Nativity Procession begins in church, and is followed by a Children's Christmas Festival.

**Dec. 19**, 7:30 PM: Communal Penance Service

## Christmas 2002

**Dec 24, Christmas Eve Masses**

5:00PM: Children's Liturgy

5:15PM: mass in PAC

7:00PM: in church

11:30PM: caroling preceding

12 midnight: in church

**Dec 25, Christmas Day Masses**

9:30AM: in church

11:30AM: in church

**Jan 8, 15, 22 & 29**, 7:00PM: "An Overview of the Gospels: So Ancient & Yet So New" (music rm)

**Jan 14 & 15**, 6:30PM: Confirmation Meeting for Parents & Student Candidates in the P.A.C.

**Jan 16**, 7:00PM: Training for Eucharistic Ministers

**Jan 21**, 7PM: Planning for the 2003 Habitat House (PAC) [www.stfrancisa2.com/habitat/](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/habitat/)

**Jan 31-Feb 1**: Effective Fathers and Grandfathers Seminar (music)

**Feb 9-12**, 7:00PM: RENEW Parish Mission

**Mar 2**: RENEW Season II begins (call 821-2125)

**Mar. 14**, 1:00PM: RCIA Rite of Election in church.

**Mar 10 - 16**: Homeless Shelter (in St. Francis Gym)



At the 5:00 p.m. Mass on October 19<sup>th</sup>, eight couples preparing for marriage received a special blessing. The blessing celebrated the progress in the journey that each of them is on and asked for God's help as they prepare for marriage in the Catholic Church. Sponsor couples came as a sign of support. After the liturgy, all celebrated with a candlelight dinner in the PAC.

Marriage is a sacrament that unites two people for life. It is a covenant between the couple and God that is prepared for, and celebrated in the midst of the community. It is not to be entered into lightly. Therefore, it is important that couples come to the altar as equipped as possible for this journey of a lifetime. At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, couples go through an extensive preparation and formation process that includes spiritual and re-

## A Future Full of Hope

*Eight Couples Receive an Engagement Blessing*

lational tools that will be needed along the way. The couple meets with one of our priests to begin wedding planning and for initial spiritual counseling. Then the couple completes a relationship inventory that indicates strengths and weaknesses. The engaged couple is then linked with a sponsor couple that meets several times with them as mentors and as companions on the journey. The couples also participate

in a communications seminar. Lastly, the couples attend a series called, "How to Live Our Marriage with Faith" that focuses on the lived spirituality of the Christian married couple. This well-rounded formation process helps the couple grow and to connect with the community of faith and with the support system they will need for their life together as husband and wife.

The process of marriage preparation takes place over several months. The Church in the state of Michigan has a nine month time requirement in order for all the components to be completed. Persons who are planning to be married are encouraged to call the parish as soon as possible after becoming engaged so that sufficient time can be given to this most serious and wonderful process

## **RENEW Season I** **Comes to an End**

Season I of RENEW is now just a memory. During October to mid-November, close to forty small faith-sharing groups met for six weeks with Scripture, reflection, prayer and discussion centering on the theme, "God, a Community of Love." The feedback from the small groups was very positive. There has been a deepening of relationship, spiritually and communally. The parish of St. Francis of Assisi has been blessed because of this experience.



*"Prayer Tree" ~ Ablaze with Promises*

Prayer was the power behind the success of Season I. On October 6, the first day the small groups began to meet, participants at the Sunday liturgies promised to pray for RENEW. They solidified that promise by indicating their choices of prayer and practice on paper leaves that had been placed in the pews. Parishioners promised to pray the RENEW

Prayer daily, to use the RENEW daily reflection booklets, to read and pray the scriptures each day, to fast, to pray the rosary, to work at changing sinful habits, and other spiritual exercises. Over 1,000 "prayer leaves" of various autumn colors were collected. These leaves were glued to the RENEW tree trunk that had been painted on the construction box at the back of the church, by Marty Rhein, our Youth and Young Adult Minister. The tree was ablaze with promise, a reminder of the trust and unity of our community to our spiritual renewal. It was a strong reminder of what can happen when we all come together. It was a real sign of what can come from the RENEW experience if we each enter into it to the best of our ability.

**RENEW: Setting "Hearts Ablaze" for Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

## **Children Prepare for First Reconciliation with the Help of their Parents**

Sacramental preparation for the celebration of First Reconciliation began the end of October at St. Francis. Parents and children met together to explore the overflowing goodness of God and our response to that goodness. In the light of God's love for us, we begin to see our own failings to live up to our own calling to be one of God's children. We discover our need for God and see in the Sacrament of Reconciliation the answer to that need in the forgiveness and healing of God. During the meeting, the children began to learn an act of contrition and were asked to memorize this prayer as part of the preparation for First Reconciliation. The act of Contrition the children are learning comes from the *Revised Rite of Penance*. The celebration of First Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturdays Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. For more information on the Sacrament or the preparation for the Sacrament, please call Ellen Ward at 821-2132.



*Please pray for our parish children and their families as they prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation. You may find this is also a good time for you to examine the blessings God has given you, and to look at your own relationship with God in return.*

### **An Act of Contrition**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to  
sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

## It's Elementary ~ Service as Part of Religious Education

Whether it's making Christmas cards for the homebound, banners for Mott Hospital, collecting food for Alpha House, or visiting a convalescent home, the elementary religious education children are engaged in service as part of learning about our Faith. **St. Francis of Assisi is often quoted as saying, "Preach the gospel**



Remember when you were in 5th grade? These children are now entering 7th grade. Keep the Flame of Faith Alive in your Hearts! It's good to see you at Mass on Sundays and in Religious Education still active and growing in Christ!

*always, and if necessary use words."* Explicit educational presentation of the Faith is important, but studies have shown that children will remember 20% of what they hear, 30% of what they see, 50% of what they see and hear, 70% of what they say, and 90% of what they do. An important component to living as a disciple of Christ is to help develop within our children our Catholic ethic of community service. What better way to do so, than with parent involvement, to provide opportunities for the children to give and help others?!!

### Halloween Candy Drive

Speaking of service, *Thank You to All* who gave to the Halloween candy drive to benefit the safe Halloween outing that the seminarians at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit put on each year for the inner city Detroit children. Our youth, Michael Hopps, Bobby Schilke, Darren Fedewa, and Clare Ward, helped to sort and bag the over 450 bags of candy you generously donated. More than 1200 children in Detroit were expected to enjoy the candy as part of the safe and happy Halloween project. God bless you!



### Car Donations

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) at St. Francis facilitates a car donation program. One of the SVDP goals is to complete 4 car donation transfers from St. Francis parishioners to needy members of our community during 2003.



How does a person qualify for a donated vehicle? Persons in need of a donated vehicle are identified through a process of interviews. Once we are fairly confident that a person/family is in need, then members of our parish's SVDP make a home visit. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage persons that struggle with transportation needs. When a person in need is identified then an advertisement is run in the St. Francis Forum.

What happens to a donated vehicle? Once a parishioner donates a vehicle that is a good fit for the person/family in need, the vehicle is picked up by the Detroit SVDP for a mechanical inspection. If the vehicle passes inspection then the person/family must obtain an insurance policy and present the proof of insurance and a valid driver license to pick up the vehicle from the SVDP garage. It is so much fun to take the person to pick up the donated vehi-

cle that is now their own.

SVDP continues to grow in membership and prayer and most importantly in its ability to serve those in need, person-to-person. The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets the first Wednesday of each month. Visit: [stfrancisa2.com/socialministry/stvincentdepaul.htm](http://stfrancisa2.com/socialministry/stvincentdepaul.htm)

### Jail Ministry Growing

Twenty-seven inmates are enrolled in a new "catechism class" for persons in the Washtenaw County Jail. Some persons are Catholics learning more, some are persons interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and perhaps someday becoming Catholic.



The Wednesday catechism class is evidence of a wonderful, growing, healing jail ministry that just started less than a year ago. On March 23, 2002 Bishop Mengeling celebrated the first Mass ever at that jail. Catholics from St. Francis & other Catholic parishes, visit the jail every week.

The Catholic Services including: "Liturgy of the Word" and/or "Catholic Mass" are held every Saturday morning. Mass is celebrated on two Saturdays every month.

**"I Was Jailed, and You Visited Me ..."**



## YES<sup>2</sup> Learns the Story Behind the Carrots at Food Gatherers

Have you ever wondered when you pass a truck from Food Gatherers on the road why they have large carrots painted on them? Have you noticed the large carrot cut-outs that adorn their warehouse on Dhu Varren Road and wondered why they are there? A group of middle school students discovered the answer when they visited Food Gatherers, a food rescue program based in Ann Arbor, on October 23 as part of the YES<sup>2</sup> Service Ministry.

During their visit the students learned that carrots are Food Gatherers' unofficial logo. The director explained that Food Gatherers prides itself on delivering fresh nutritious surplus food that it "rescues" from area businesses and restaurants and gives to the needy. Carrots symbolize this commitment because they, likewise, are nutritious and are so very practical! They can be used in salads, as a side dish, and even as a dessert! Carrots also have deep roots in the soil. Since its founding by Zingerman's Deli in 1988 Food Gatherers has maintained deep roots in this community.

The story behind Food Gatherers logo was not the only thing the students learned during their visit.

### **Did you know?**

- ⇒ The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that almost half the food produced in the United States is thrown out.
- ⇒ 1 in 4 children and 1 in 6 senior citizens do not have an adequate nutritional diet.
- ⇒ Food Gatherers provides enough food for more than 4500 meals a day and brings food to over 180 agencies.

The YES<sup>2</sup> members also discovered many ways they could assist Food Gatherers in feeding the hungry in our community, including holding food drives, stocking pantry shelves, and participating in fund raisers.

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The middle school students of St. Francis are invited to say "Yes!" to service with YES<sup>2</sup>.

Each month middle school students meet to discuss Catholic Social Teaching to discover why service is so much more than doing "something nice" for someone else. Serving others is central to our Catholic beliefs and an important part of the Christian life.

### **Would you like to become involved with YES<sup>2</sup>?**

It's never too late to join! Even if you have not been able to attend any YES<sup>2</sup> meetings up to this point you and your friends are welcome to come check us out at the next

**YES<sup>2</sup> Planning Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 8**  
**3 to 4 p.m. in the library.**

Join us as we look at the Catholic Social Teaching of Life and the Dignity of the Human Person and plan what type of service project we want to do this month.

**Come discover that service can be FUN!**

## Business Manager's Report to the Parish: *November 2002*

Since my last report to you in May of this year, the number of capital projects undertaken has been reduced from prior periods, but one of the projects, the renovation of the Church, dwarfs anything we have undertaken in my tenure here. As you know, this project is being funded by a Capital Fund Drive. The City of Ann Arbor issued the necessary building permits in May, and construction began soon after. The initial phase was the demolition of the main plaza, upper steps, and planters outside, and of the main vestibule (narthex) ceiling and areas of the Chapel, Choir Room, and Nursery inside. As this is written, interior electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work continues, the exterior brick and roofing work are nearing completion, and your staff (and probably all our parishioners) are growing increasingly anxious about getting the project done! The contractor has promised a completion date of December 13, 2002, and we are hopeful that everything will be finished by then. We believe that once the project is done, everyone will agree that the disruption over the past half-year or so was well worth it!

A major summertime project this year was the renovation of our School Music and Art Rooms. The Music Room, which is one of the most actively used meeting rooms in the Parish, was sorely in need of new carpeting and a new cabinet/bookcase unit. As part of this work, drywall was removed in the Music Room (so that its interior matches that of the Art Room, and our other classrooms), window areas refinished, ceiling tile and insulation replaced, walls were repainted, and, in the Art Room, the exterior block wall was refinished to give it a better look. The 28-year old heating system shared by the two rooms was replaced by a combination furnace/air conditioning unit, which should help us realize some energy savings during the heating season and achieve a greater level of comfort during the cooling season. Finally, an exterior drain system was installed along the south wall of both rooms to eliminate the problem of water ponding next to the building until it was able to find a way inside.

Thanks to the efforts of our Development Department and the hundreds of you who volunteered your support (financial and otherwise), we finally were able to acquire new energy-efficient windows for the Gym and the Boys and Girls Locker Rooms. The early reactions are that they do indeed make the Gym area a more comfortable place to be, in both hot and cold weather.

One additional project, which was very important although not visible to anyone, was the completion of waterproofing of the elevator pit in the School. Because of the natural terrain, water tends to flow toward the School, and the elevator pit, as one of its lowest points, has been a favorite destination. As this is written, we have endured several heavy rainstorms

since this work was completed without any incursions of water into the elevator pit, so we are hopeful that another problem has been solved.

Projects which remain on our “to-do list” include the replacement of the 21-year old HVAC system in the PAC, improved lighting in the Middle School, replacement windows in the Grade 4-8 building of the School, repair of the Bell Tower, continuing roof replacement, and demolition of the house next to the West Parking Lot on Stadium Boulevard and re-grading of that property. Aside from the School windows project, for which funds have already been raised and will be spent next summer, the remaining projects have been put on “hold” due to concerns this fall about a declining trend in Sunday collections.

If you are one of those who reads the previous week’s Sunday Collection Report in our parish bulletin, *The Forum*, you have noted that, in September and October, it was common for the total collected to be in the high-twenty thousand dollar range. This compares to a typical weekly total last year of \$30,000, or more. As our Parish budget (for the fiscal year July 1, 2002—June 30, 2003) was based on a modest increase in collections over last year of about 4% (reflecting growth in number of households in the Parish and our continuing commitment to stewardship), a decline of any sort (and through the end of October, the decline was about 1.9%) is cause for concern.

As a staff, we (and our Parish Finance Council) have reflected on possible reasons for this decline. They are many: the economy, funds being diverted to help support other charitable projects (including our own Church Renovation project and the construction of the new Fr. Gabriel Richard High School), people going to Mass in other locations because of parking lot congestion here, etc., etc. No one knows the answer for sure; most likely it is a combination of these factors, along with many others. But, our responsibility, as stewards for the gifts you have given to our Parish, is to insure that they are used wisely and most efficiently. To that end, to be certain that we will have sufficient resources in the near term to continue to meet obligations to our employees, we have put all capital projects on hold, save the completion of the Church Renovation (which, again, is funded by a Capital Fund Drive and not from regular weekly donations) and the likely replacement of the PAC furnace/AC units (due to their continuing failures). In addition, we are also looking at other areas where reductions may be achieved, including some reductions in staff, and some of our many programs may be affected as a result. That would be regrettable, but, as those of you who know me have heard me say on many occasions, as long as

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## Eagerly Awaited and Now Completed ~ the Nursery Renovation

As you read this article, the renovation of the nursery should be complete. A gateway entrance, coat cubbies, new cabinets and carpeting, bulletin and chalk boards all have been part of a design to help create a safe and pleasant room for our young children to play and grow. Special thanks goes to parishioners John Maguire, Bill Ebright, and Paul Ward for contributing over 170 hours of work to install, paint, build the gateway entry, and otherwise renovate the nursery.



Preschoolers play in the newly renovated nursery, located in the basement of Church.

The nursery is located in the basement of church next to the chapel. You can find the nursery by entering the main entrance of the church and using the stairs to the left. The nursery is open during the Sunday 8:45 and 10:30 a. m. Masses for children aged infant to 3 years old. Parents take turns supervising the children during Mass. For more information on the nursery cooperative, please call Susan

Edwards at 332-0514. On Sundays, a preschool program runs in the school from 10:30—11:45 a.m. for children aged 3 and 4 years old. For registration information on the Sunday preschool, please call the religious education office at 821-2130.

The weekday preschool children use the nursery for classes on Tues/Thurs for 4 year olds and Wed for 3 year olds. The weekday preschool runs from early September to early May. For registration information for the 2003/4 school year, please call the religious education office at 821-2130 in March of 2003.

On two Friday mornings each month, the Moms group, a support group for Mothers with young children has childcare in the nursery. Tess Fil at 332-1248 is the contact person for the Moms group. On the alternate Friday mornings, the Mother and Child Network, a playgroup for toddlers and preschoolers with their moms, meets in the nursery. Mary Quinlan at 424-9347 is the contact person for the playgroup. For general information on the Friday morning groups, please call Charline List at 821-2125.

In addition to the groups listed above, other St. Francis groups use the nursery for meetings with children or for child care. The nursery is well used and the renovation has been eagerly awaited to be completed. If you have little ones, please feel free to have them involved in our parish activities. The wonder and openness our very young children have for God and the religious is the beginning for a foundation built on Christ that will last a lifetime. Entrusted to their parents as the first teachers of God, our parish provides resources that can help parents as their young child grows in the Faith. For more information or comments on the nursery renovation or programs for the young child, please call Ellen Ward at 821-2132.

### *Business Report – (Continued from page 6)*

we do not own the printing press which prints U.S. currency, we must live within the constraints of our income.

We are hopeful that, as we near the end of the year, many of you will take this opportunity to make an additional gift to the Parish, for reasons of stewardship or just looking for additional tax deductions. We are further hopeful that, as our Capital Fund Drive comes to an end, some of you who have been strong supporters of that Drive, for which we are most appreciative, will see fit to channel some of that support into increased Sunday contributions. And that, as you complete

your commitments to Fr. Gabriel Richard High School's Building Fund, some of that support may also flow into increased Sunday contributions.

As a Parish we have made so many important forward strides in the past five years, we do not want to have to step backward. We pray that you agree, and will assist us in providing the increased support needed to continue that progress. On behalf of Fr. Jim and all the staff, thank you for your continuing support.

Dave Barera, Parish Business Manager (821-2111)



## **Habitat for Humanity 2002**

### ***House Blessing & Dedication***

On Sunday, October 20, 2002 decorations transformed the Catholic Habitat House for the 3PM House Blessing and Dedication officiated by Rev. Edmond L. Ertzbischoff, St. John the Baptist Parish. The ceremony was a huge success with speeches, presentations of a Bible, cookware set, and tool kit from the Habitat office, and a presentation of an afghan from the incarcerated women at Scott Correctional Facility.



Just before the ribbon cutting ceremony, the family that now makes this house their home, gave a thank you presentation to the more than 40 persons that gathered to bless this family and home. Refreshments were served inside during a tour of the house, and, kind words about the volunteers and house were said by all.

Thanks again to the many volunteers that made this 2002 Catholic House one additional Habitat for Humanity victory. Every single site of affordable housing, means one less family struggling too hard to secure one of life's most important necessities. Special thanks to the 2002 Catholic Habitat House Leader, Steve Polgar for his generous dedication and follow-through on this project. And, thank you to Sr. Joanne Caniglia O.P. for leading our Catholic House Fundraising Committee. Also, Thanks to our Catholic Coalition member groups for making this house build possible: Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County; Knights of Columbus of Washtenaw County; St. Andrew, Saline; St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor ; St. John the Baptist, Ypsilanti; St. Joseph, Dexter; St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township; St. Patrick, Ann Arbor; St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor

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We need your help on January 21, 2003 at 7PM in the PAC, for the 2003 Habitat House Planning. [www.stfrancisa2.com/habitat/](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/habitat/)

## **All Souls Day Mass**

### ***A Time To Remember***

On November 4<sup>th</sup> an All Souls Day Mass was celebrated as we commemorated our faithful departed. During this time of remembrance we recalled those who had been buried from our parish family during the past year. Parishioners who had lost relatives and friends buried from another parish were also invited to participate. As we remembered those who had gone before us, family members came forward and lit individual candles from the Paschal Candle. In remembering in our prayers our faithful departed who have gone before us, we pray that we shall one day be together again.



## **Interested in St. Francis School** **for Your Children?**



### **Open Houses for Prospective Parents**

January 30, 2003 - 7 PM in P.A.C.

February 4, 2003 - 1 PM in P.A.C.

### **All School Enrollment Evening**

March 6, 2003 - 7 PM in P.A.C.

## **School News**



On October 23, 2002, Bishop Mengeling celebrated Mass with the students at St. Francis School. He inspired many with his informative homily about how we should listen to our parents. He used many examples from the story The Lion King. Afterwards, he went to the classrooms and talked about the sacraments and Michigan's geography. He touched the hearts of everyone who listened. The Bishop followed the tradition of giving the students a free day from school on December 2, 2002. We will certainly remember the Bishop's visit.

*By Mackenzie Farlie and Addie Linder*