

Senior Friendships

Our 5th and 6th grade students continue to spend time monthly with their senior friends at Byron Manor. They craft, play games, and join the seniors in song. The seniors and the students give so much to each other and have learned to appreciate each other through these friendships.



Tree of Warmth

Each year during Advent, our students and families donate hats, scarves, mittens, and socks to our "Tree of Warmth". We then donate these items to Project Hope in Dorr where they are included in Christmas gifts to those who need them.



Kids' Food Basket

Kids' Food Basket is an organization in Grand Rapids which packages sack suppers for approx. 6,000 children in the greater G.R. area who otherwise may not receive a meal until it is served to them at their school the following day. Each year our students collect the specific food needed (86 pounds in 2018), and the older students help package these sack suppers on the KFB site. Students get an idea just how many children, in Kent County alone, are not blessed with a daily meal at home.



Christmas Day Gestures

Our second grade students personally spread Christmas cheer to strangers on Christmas Day! They made up gift bags containing homemade ornaments, candies and cards. Students and their families dropped off these gift bags to people who were actually working on that day. Drop offs were made at the St. Mary's Hospital, gas stations, nursing homes, hotels, drug stores, and more—definitely brightening their Christmas day and reminding them of the reason for the season!



STREAM



Our STREAM program is a highlight to the kids' day. They are learning with a hands on approach. Here they built Grottos as a team and then prayed over their Grottos. Other exciting activities have included a roller coaster challenge which included help and judging from the designers at Ropes Course in Allegan, the creators of The Allegan Events Center.

STEM Club

New this year is an amazing parent-run STEM Club. This club meets two times per month after school, and the students are enjoying this club tremendously. It's a hands-on education in which they learn to plan, troubleshoot, organize, and follow through with their assigned task at each meeting.



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Dear Parishioners,

As this new year begins, we want to thank you for the education you provide the children in this community, because it is only through your support that we are able to do so. We appreciate your continued support to impact the lives of our children through Christian Service as well as hands on learning.



SMV Angelic Voices

Thank you to Mrs. Vos, our music instructor from Hopkins, and to Mrs. BeVier and Mrs. Baldwin, our Preschool staff, for such a beautiful Christmas Concert. The voices of our children are such a joy.

