



Beta Bulletin



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An Interview with Mrs. Keever by Itzel Perez

My interview with Mrs. Keever went well. She told me she had mixed emotions and would dearly miss the children when she retires. I also asked her about her retirement plans, and she told me that she wasn't really retiring. She was going to work part time. She also told me she was going to finish her house and take care of her mother.

Mrs. Keever came from Most Holy Redeemer in the year 1989. She was a principal at Most Holy Redeemer when she came. She was a principal for 8 years there.

Mrs. Keever told me that she had too many happy moments to pick from. She also said that one that sticks out in her head was when the children of the school each made a square and they put it together to make a birthday quilt. Some of her biggest accomplishments were graduating sixteen classes and working with a marvelous faculty. She is going to miss the students and the things they do every day like smile, wink, or wave at her.

Recycling Contest by Andrea Medina and Chelsey Torres

This year we participated in the recycling contest again. We had some luck and came in second place out of seven hundred other schools. We had over 2,000 tons of paper, and we won a \$400 check. We thank all the church parishioners and students for making this happen. Maybe if we try again next year we'll get first place. Thanks to everyone again who tried to put some paper in and help out a little. Great job everyone!



Spring Brunch by Mickey Noworyta

The Spring Brunch was held on April 17, and was great this year! There were many different kinds of foods and a lot of it. There were also many different raffle prizes. At the Spring Brunch many ladies helped bring the whole thing together. We all need to thank them for what they did. The Spring Brunch was a very big success this year!

Pope John Paul II by Peter Smagacz

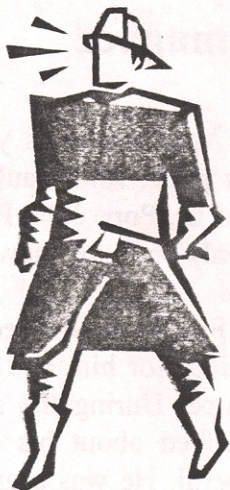
On April 9 of this year we lost our pope, John Paul II. For many of us, Pope John Paul II was the only pope we knew all of our lives.

St. Florian held special prayer services for him and for our new pope. During the services we talked about his life and his funeral. He was a great pope and we will always remember him. We welcomed and prayed for our new Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

Feast of St. Florian by Larry Guerrero

On May 4 at 7:00p.m., St. Florian Church celebrated the feast of St. Florian with a special ceremonial mass. There was a special entrance from the outside of the church to the front of the church. There were seven Knights of Columbus, and there were many firefighters who attended the mass. The mass was very wonderful.

After the mass, there were treats in Konsowski Hall. There was vanilla ice cream with pound cake with your choice of apple juice or fruit punch. This was a great way to continue our celebration of our parish's 100th anniversary.



Holy Communion by Vanessa Calderon

The third graders and CCD students made their First Holy Communion on May 1st at the 10:30 Liturgy. The church was full of people. Some people had to go upstairs to sit because the pews were full. When the communicants were going to receive the body and blood they looked nervous, but after they received the body and blood they had big smiles on their faces. At the end of communion they received their blessed scapulars. When mass was over they took pictures and got their certificates.

Ribbon Day by Rosie Drosos

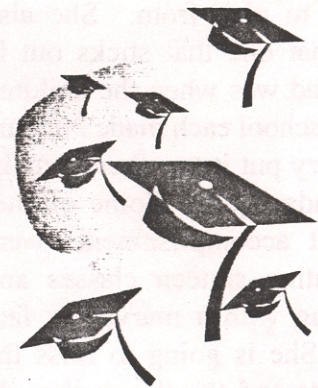
Friday, May 6, was a very important day for all of us eighth graders. We received our ribbons, which signify all of our accomplishments, at mass that morning. It was very exciting because now we are one step closer to graduation on June 1.

We also received our graduation gowns, T-shirts, pins, and autograph books. After mass, we went into Konsowski Hall for a continental breakfast with our families thanks to Parents' Club. After that, we got to have the rest of the day off. So, congratulations to all of my classmates as we look forward to graduation.



Confirmation by Sarah Sanchez and Abby Czarobski

On Saturday April 16, 2005, our 8th grade class along with CCD received the sacrament of Confirmation. There were fourteen 8th graders as well as thirteen CCD students. The bishop was Bishop Perry and the m.c. was Mario Borha. A reception followed the ceremony at Konsowski Hall. There was punch and baked goods. During that time pictures were taken with Confirmation candidates and sponsors with Bishop Perry.



Field Trips by Rosie Drosos

Mrs. Karen Carlassare has been very busy coordinating class field trips this school year. In September, pre-k and kindergarten went apple picking at County Line Orchard in Hobart, Indiana. Then, they went to Green Meadows Farm in Naperville, Illinois in October where they learned about milking cows and other animals. In November, they went to Hamill Family Play Zoo and the dolphin show at Brookfield Zoo where they pretended to be zoo keepers, vets, and animals. They also went to Sand Ridge Nature Center in Calumet City to learn about pioneering. December took pre-k through third graders to see *Babes in Toyland* at the Munster Community Theater. In January, they went to the Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier where the special exhibit was *Clifford, the Big Red Dog*. Shedd Aquarium and Oceanarium was visited by pre-k, kindergarten, fourth, and fifth graders in February. In March, they visited Pilcher Park in Joliet, Illinois, where they saw a maple syrup demonstration.

Other field trips included the Hegewisch library walking field trip to tour the library and obtain Chicago library cards, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to learn about the dunes and plant life, Peggy Notebart Nature Museum *Grossology* exhibit, and finally, the annual Lincoln Park Zoo trip.

What a busy but fun year for Saint Florian students. Thanks to Mrs. Karen Carlassare, teachers, and parents for their cooperation and support.



Class Trip by Richard Varela Jr. and Manuel Medina

On May 20th, the eighth grade class will go to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the annual class trip. We will do the following: an Imax presentation, watching and observing the hilarious presentation of the International Clown Hall of Fame, lunch at Shakey's Pizza, Discovery Museum, and a boat tour. We are all anxiously waiting for the day.

Band by David Saucedo and Chris Czarobski

On April 7th, there was a band concert. It was great! The advanced and intermediate players are David Saucedo, Richard Varela, Abby Czarobski, Chris Czarobski, and Marina Chavez. The beginners are Alex Pizana, Nicole Carmona, Jimmy Carlassare, and Colton Lopez. The songs sounded great. Two of the songs that were played were 'BOURR'EE' and 'Nah Nah Hey Hey'. I think everyone had a great time! The next concert is June 2nd. Maybe you can attend.



Fun Night
by
Sarah
Dejanovich
and
Lauren Witczak

Fun Night, also known as athletic awards night, took place on April 8th. It was the height of excitement where athletes received awards. We had a nice treat of pizza, pop, and dessert.

We also got to play games of basketball and volleyball. The results were as follows:
5/6 volleyball vs. Moms —
Moms 14*Girls 3

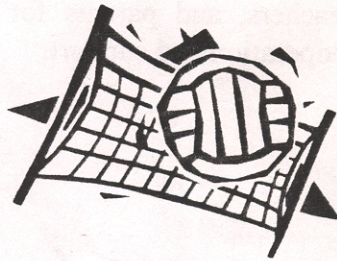
7/8 volleyball vs. Moms —
Moms 15*Girls 10

Boys volleyball vs. Dads —
Dads 14*Boys 8

5/6 basketball vs. Dads— Dads
24*Boys 11

7/8 basketball vs. Dads — Dads
10*Boys 17

7/8 Girls basketball vs. 7/8 Boys
— Boys 15*Girls 10



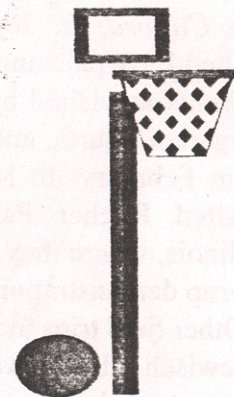
5th and 6th Grade
Volleyball
by **Roxanne**
DeVriendt and
Randi Moreno

This year, St. Florian Lady Blazers didn't do so well, losing more games than we won. On the other hand, we succeeded. For example, last year we won no games, and now we have learned to pull ourselves together and play like a team and win. We have all learned so many things including: Roxanne DeVriendt is serving the ball overhand, Paige Kyriakos is dinking the ball, Andrea Medina is serving the ball over the net, and Chelsey Torres just got better all around. We hope to exceed and do better next year!

St. Florian's
Alumni Games
by **Sarah**
Dejanovich and
Lauren Witczak

Basketball season is over for the students, but not for our alumni. St. Florian's alumni tournament is back, and it's great! We are working the games there. They have a pretty good turnout on most days. Anyone who went surely had a swell time. The class of 1995 won second place, and the class of 2000 took first.

We hope you join us at next year's alumni tournament if you couldn't make it this year!



Have a safe and
happy summer!