

# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

## WHERE MANY ARE ONE



*For a Child is born to us, a Son is given us; upon His shoulder dominion rests...*  
Isaiah 9:5

Christmas is almost here and soon we will be welcoming in the year of 2012. The older I get, the faster Fr. Time seems to move. During our school masses this month, Fr. Tony and Deacon Wright pointed out how we should be thankful for the blessings God has bestowed on us as we prepare for the greatest blessing of all, Jesus in human form. Through the bible we learn how we are to live our lives- in thanksgiving and praise to God. At Holy Family, service to others, love of community, expanding our faith and striving for excellence is our way of giving thanks and praise to God. Thank you for the generous donations of hats, gloves, coats and toys made to the giving tree this year. We have hundreds of items that will be dispersed through the Schuhmann Center. Our can drive provided 1,109 food items which helped fill a food pantry for the holidays. Our gift of music through the Christmas play provided entertainment to over 600 people this week. We give a special thank you to Mrs. Tipton for her work in making it a great musical.

Please keep in your prayers our families who will be spending this Christmas mourning the loss of a loved one. Several of our school families (students, faculty and staff) have lost loved ones during 2011. We pray for those who are grieving that the Holy Family will bring them peace and consolation in their loss.

At Christmas time, I thank God for one of the greatest gifts that I have been given: that of serving as principal of Holy Family School. May the New Year bring you peace and joy. Merry Christmas! Gayle Bauch

### OH, WHAT A YEAR....SO FAR!

All school prayer service for commitment to excellence, Ms. Ball teacher of the year award, pinwheels for peace, school theme magnet contest ,PTO raffle, emergency drill practice, golf scramble, YoYo buddies, Holy Family mass preparations, 8<sup>th</sup> grade yard sale, Parent-teacher-student conferences, book fair, Ms. Oechsli Junior Achievement award, school pictures,8<sup>th</sup> grade bake sale, field trip to Gallrien Farms, Accreditation visit, football, volleyball, basketball, 5/6 grade volleyball team City Championship, parent meetings on no bullying and cyber safety, Fall Festival, Beta Club installment of 17 students, parent lunch, Student Council elections and installment, report cards, grandparent lunches, Quick recall, 6<sup>th</sup> grade division champions in Quick Recall, box top lunch with the principal, blue ticket responsibility rewards, faculty years of service awards to Mr. Morris, Mrs. Gahafer, Ms. Ball, Mrs. Bauch, art club, high school visits, field trip to Stage I Ferdinand the Bull for Spanish, Ms. Stengel's' wedding, students recommended for city art program, St. Vincent DePaul truck, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Fluency competition, chess club, uniform reward days, Confirmation workshop, Derby Art Contest winners, food can drive, reconciliation workshop, new mass responses, YoYo and students sewing scarves, Good-bye to Ms. O'Sullivan, Advent prayer services, classroom community building activities, school banners hung on Poplar Level Road, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Santa's Workshop, Holy Day of Obligation, high school placement tests, school Christmas

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play, polar express field trip, polar express parade, visit from the three Magi, Christmas break.....  
AND THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO COME.....



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS