

Press Release

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BISHOP BARAGA CATHOLIC SCHOOL RETREAT

CHEBOYGAN, MI: On Friday February 26th the students at Bishop Baraga Catholic School were "Answering God's Call". That was the theme of an all-day in-school retreat - a day of prayer, reflection, and study. The day began with morning Mass celebrated by Father Robbie Deka. Mass was followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

After the morning's prayers and reflection, the students went by grade to different places in the community to learn about "Answering God's Call". At Larson Hall and TenderCare, the students delivered greeting cards, sang, played cards, and visited with the residents. Students also visited with the residents at Hospice. At the Lord's Kitchen, the students helped wash dishes and clean the tables. Other students toured the Salvation Army.

Teacher Molly Mousseau and her third-grade students visited St. Thomas Food Pantry and Together Lifting Children (TLC). The students brought bags of groceries with them for the Pantry. Pantry volunteers showed the students how to mark and sort the items. Students were amazed to learn how much food is needed to serve the 140-160 families that visit the Pantry weekly. Afterwards, the students did some role-playing as Pantry volunteers and as Pantry shoppers to experience how the Pantry operates.

The third-graders also learned how their donations of pennies to TLC help buy basic clothing and hygiene kits for needy students in local schools. Just as they were about to depart, the third-graders were surprised by a delivery of food for the Pantry. It was from the fourth-graders who had gone to Glen's Supermarket. The fourth-graders bought items for the Pantry with money collected during school dress down days and from a Student Council donation.

Upon returning to school, all the students gathered in the chapel. Representatives from each class reported about how their class excursion answered God's call. The students recognized the importance of reaching out to needy members of the community in order to connect with God, to answer His call. The retreat concluded with Father Robbie leading Adoration and Benediction.