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St. Rene 's 50th Anniversary
by: 7th Grade Reporter

Faith, family and friends. This is what St Rene has been about for the last 50 years. The parish's 50th anniversary celebration came to a close on Sunday, November 22nd with a mass celebrated by Archbishop Francis Cardinal George. After the mass, the cardinal met with parishioners in the school hall.

The Narthex was painted gold, and Faith-Family-Friends was stenciled on the wall near the statue of the Holy Family. Ribbons were attached to the cross to represent the people who received any Sacrament at St. Rene, along with school graduates and military members.

Even though the church location was changed from the Hale Park auditorium to Flannery Hall, and now to our current location, the message has always been the same.

We hope for another 50 years celebrating our faith, time with our family and the company of friends.



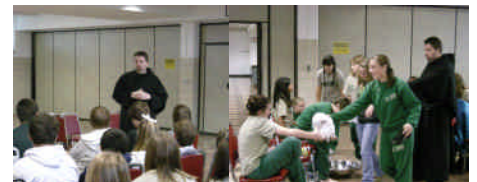
Confirmation Retreat

By: 7th Grade Reporter

In October, the 7th and 8th graders of St. Rene, along with members of the CCD class participated in a retreat led by Father Tom McCarthy of St. Rita. It was an amazing and spiritual gathering. At the beginning, Father Tom explained to us that people are often stereotyped and showed us how it can be done in 7 seconds.

Merry Christmas

The staff of the Green and Gold Gazette wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget that this is the season of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please attend Mass.



We learned that it is not how anyone should be treated.

Then he paired us with someone who we didn't know that well. At first, it seemed awkward and uncomfortable, but then by opening yourself up, you found that you might share a common interest. This was a learning experience for all who participated.

Happy New Year

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New Moon

By: Two 5th Grader Reporter



New Moon was awesome! It begins with a birthday party at the Cullen's home. A small accident causes Edward to believe that he can't protect Bella anymore and he leaves town. As a result of his leaving, Bella goes into a deep depression, but then she becomes better friends with Jacob. Eventually, Bella learns Jacob's secret.

Meanwhile Edward is having problems while in Italy. Bella, and Edward's sister, Alice, must travel to Italy to keep Edward from revealing the Cullen's secret. Will Bella be able to save Edward? Will Edward and Bella be together again? See the 2nd movie in the *Twilight Saga* to find out.

Reviews

St. Rene Service Projects

by: Three 5th Grader Reporter

Since serving our community is so very important, we want to remind everyone again of this school year's service projects.. Our 5th and 6th graders are sharing a service project. For this service project, called the Maria Shelter, they collect coats, hats, gloves, scarves and any other winter clothing. The whole school contributes by holding a Coat and Hat Drive. Flyers were distributed. At the drive's end, the students will bring the clothing to the shelter for distribution to families in need.

Please help out and bring in your old winter clothing.

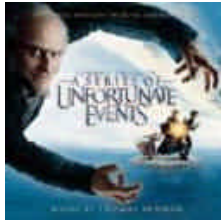
The 7th grade is once again sponsoring Ronald McDonald's Children's Hospital. They have helped almost 200 families in the last 2 years. This project, started in August, and will continue year round. This year, the students have also involved the parish. Last year, 220 lbs. of box tops were collected and they hope to top that amount this year.

The 8th grade's service project is for the Lion's Club. By collecting your old prescription glasses and hearing aids, the society is able to distribute these items to people who cannot afford them. Last year 70 pairs of eyeglasses were collected and they also hope to be able to increase that number this year.

We hope that by reading and learning about our school's service projects, you will want to become involved. Donations for these projects can be brought to the school at any time.

A Series of Unfortunate Events

By: 7th Grade Reporter



If you think your life is hard, try putting yourself in the Baudelaire Orphans' shoes! The orphans' names are Violet, the oldest of the kids, Klaus, the middle child, and Sunny, the youngest who is only about a year old in the first book. Within the 13 volumes in the wild series, the orphans go through what doesn't seem possible in real life (which makes it so good). Their parents die, they work in a lumber mill, go to a crazily strict school, get pushed down an elevator shaft, become workers in a village, pretend to be surgeons and almost get killed because of it, almost get eaten by lions, become workers in a hotel, and the most unbelievable thing happens in the final book. If you are looking for a wild series, definitely read *A Series of Unfortunate Events*!!



2009-2010 Video Games

By: Two 5th Grade Reporters

As we end 2009, there are some video games that we have chosen as the best of the year.

Scribblenauts is the newest game out for Nintendo DS. The main objective is to get to the "starites" by playing games and puzzles. However, the new *Super Mario Brothers* game for *Wii* is said to be the game of this year. In this game, four players go head to head in games to earn stars. Whoever collects the most stars by the end of the game wins. We recommend this game for everyone. *Mario and Sonic at the Winter Olympic Games* is the sequel of the *Mario and Sonic Saga*. You can be different characters including Mario, Sonic, Luigi, and Shadow. You play all Olympic games in this game. *Wii Sports Resort* is a game where you can play twelve different games on Island Wahu.



IHSA Football: 5th Grade Reporter **NFL Football:** Two 5th Grade Reporters
St. Rene Sports: Two 5th Grade Reporters and One 7th Grade Reporter

This years IHSA football championships were filled with great games and record breaking performances.

Many local high schools, St. Laurence, St. Rita, Mount Carmel, De La Salle, and Brother Rice made the state playoffs. All of these schools were eliminated except for Marist High School on the Southwest side of Chicago. They played Maine South, a large high school in Park Ridge, for the class 8A State Championship on November 28th. Maine South High School is also the defending class 8A state champions.

The Marist student athletes were very proud to represent a great school and thankful for a once in a lifetime experience to play. Congrats to the Marist football team!

The 5th grade boy's basketball team has an 8 game schedule. They lost their first and second games to Dore and St. Sym's. They have 6 remaining games and hope to get into the championship.

St. Rene's boys 7th and 8th grade basketball team recently played their first game against St. Sym's. It was an exciting game. Down by 5 points at the half, the coaches gave a pep talk. Returning in the second half, they were able to tie the score. In the last 10 seconds of the game, St. Sym's scored to bring the score to 11 to 9. With only 5 seconds left in the game, one of our 7th graders

shot the ball into the air, the buzzer rang and the ball went around the rim and out. Although St. Rene lost, it was the best game and we are looking forward to the remaining season.

In NFL football, Cleveland Browns half-back, Jamal Lewis, planned to retire after this season, but due to suffering post concussion symptoms, he's out for the season. It is probably the end for his career. Greg Jennings of the Green Bay Packers scored a record setting 126 yard touchdown against the San Francisco 49'ers with one of the strangest touchdowns ever. Look for this on the highlight reels.

As for the Chicago Bears, all we can say at this time is maybe next year.

Water Conservation

By: 7th Grade Reporter

Did you know that almost 20,000 gallons of water go to waste every year? This is one of the things that is hurting our precious ecosystem. Ecosystem is another word for environment. Here are a few tips on how to save your water.

1. It may not be fun, but take quicker showers or at least turn off the water when it doesn't need to be on.
2. Go around your house checking for water dripping from sinks. Even one drop should be stopped.
3. When brushing your teeth, don't leave the water running. Turn it off while you brush.



4. When drinking water, finish it.
5. Though it may seem strange, if you have a dishwasher at home, use that instead of running water in the sink. It actually conserves water.
6. If you don't have a dishwasher, don't allow the water to continue flowing. Fill the sink to the top with water, block the drain, and just use that water.

Follow these tips and you will be able to conserve water very easily.



Linkin Park

By: 5th Grade Reporter

Linkin Park is an American rock band from California. Formed in 1996, the band has sold more than 50 million albums. Their second studio album, *Meteora*, continued the band's success. The band members, Mike Shinoda, Brad Delson, and Rob Bourdon were high school friends. They recruited Joe Hahn, Dave Farrel and Mark Wakefield.

"Hybrid Theory" was released in October, 2000. Other albums include "Minutes to Midnight, Collision Course, Crawling, One Step Closer" and many others. They continue to play in different venues, such as fields or arenas, around the country.

