

# The Season for Giving Thanks is EVERYDAY!

► St. Wendelin School is thankful to our students, faculty, staff, parents, and parishioners who so willingly contributed to the Caring for Kids Project. This K-12 project, sponsored by the St. Wendelin Chapter of the National Honor Society, involved collecting and shopping for food, toiletry items, cleaning supplies, and gifts for 13 area families. The students, with the help of staff members who volunteered to drive, delivered the baskets and children's Christmas gifts to each family on December 20, 2011. Enough was supplied to our adopted families to assist them through the Holidays.

A special thank you goes to Mr. Terry Hoening for donating the 2012 calendars. Proceeds from the calendars were used to purchase additional items for the Caring for Kids family baskets.

The St. Wendelin Elementary Leadership (SWEL) team coordinated a mitten tree that was displayed in the school lobby. Gloves, hats, scarves and mittens were collected and given to the NHS to distribute to our adopted families. Many, many items were donated by St. Wendelin students, faculty, staff, parents, and parishioners.



The second grade students worked in pairs to knit nine scarves using a loom. The scarves were then donated to the SWEL mitten, hat, and scarf tree. They worked hard to



learn this new skill and were quite proud to give them to the community. Lots of little hands and heads will be warmer this winter due to the generosity of our St. Wendelin parish and school family. Thank you, thank you!!!

The Holiday season can be a lonely time for many. We are thankful for the gifts of our K-6 students who helped to bring sunshine into the lives of many of Fostoria senior citizens.

Kindergarten, first, and second graders visited St. Catherine's Manor in December to spread Christmas cheer and God's love through song. The students gave each resident a bookmark they made special for the occasion.



Third and fourth graders visited Independence House. Students sang a variety of Christmas carols, made snowflakes with the residents and left them for their enjoyment. As a thank you for allowing the students to visit, the children made Christmas placemats as well.

Our sixth graders constructed containers filled with goodies that were used as prizes when the children visited Good Shepherd Nursing Home to play bingo with the residents. The 6th grade also made over 200 Christmas cards for soldiers in the war and SW parish shut-ins.

These acts of kindness were wonderful opportunities for our children to learn the gift of giving of their time and talent to others.

St. Wendelin School would like to thank all our school and parish families that assisted in helping us to make the Holiday season special for others.

