



# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Weekly School News

*From the desk of  
Principal Chris Uptmor*

This February will be a celebration of our diversity at Our Lady of Lourdes School.

If you are interested in sharing the story of your culture or country with our students, please call the school at 877-4408.

We will showcase these stories with a "World's Fair" beginning at 1 p.m. on Feb. 23 as part of this special month.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 29, school open house after 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Jan. 30, blood drive, 2 to 6 p.m., Enrichment Center, call 877-4408 for an appointment
- Jan. 31, All-City Catholic Schools Mass, 10 a.m., OLOL
- Feb. 1, celebrating school staff
- Feb. 2, celebrating our school, open house, 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3, celebrating our students



**AROUND THE WORLD:** Matthew Montague talks about his job as an Army soldier and some of the places he's been.

## First-graders explore work world

All jobs are valuable to a healthy community, and the first-graders in Mrs. Cheryl Valdahl's class have had an opportunity to hear about many of them.

"I think it is important for them to understand that no matter what the job is, all work has dignity and value, as well as contributes to society," Mrs. Valdahl said.

Mrs. Valdahl invites all the parents to class to talk about their jobs, and the children are often eager to ask questions. Do you wear a uniform? What do you like best about your job? What do you like least?

"The students seem to feel very proud when their mom or dad come in to do a 'job talk,' which I love to see!" Mrs. Valdahl said.

As they learn about different jobs, they find one they would like to talk about in front of the class.

Each of the students, in addition to interviewing someone about their job for homework, also will prepare a report on what they would like to be when they grow up.

The children will present their reports, dressed for the job with some of the "tools" of the trade, during Catholic Schools Week at the family open house on Thursday, Feb. 2. Everyone is invited.

The first-graders also talked about how their job right now is to be a student. They completed a page called "Extra! Extra! Read

All About My Job as a Student." They are on display in the classroom during Catholic Schools Week as well.

**Next Monday** will be the start of ACRE testing for grades five through eight. The acronym stands for Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education.

This test is published by the National Catholic Educational Association.

The test is an assessment based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the most recent catechetical documents, and the school aligns its curriculum with those goals.

The tests will be administered Feb. 6 to 10. Good luck to all the students!