



*Taking Exams*

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

After several months of study in theology, Church history, philosophy, Latin, Gregorian Chant, and the liberal arts, the seminarians finished the first half of the academic year. During the last week of January, they took their first semester exams. We ask for your continued prayers for them as they begin the second semester and continue preparing for their next step towards the priesthood and in religious life.

In late January Fr. Wilder had the opportunity to participate in the St. John Bosco Carnival at St. Anne's Academy in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Students, faculty, and families participated in the day of fun that honored this great patron of youth. The day included a procession and a play in honor of St. John Bosco, as well as games, competitions, and special foods. It is an annual event to which the parish especially looks forward.



*A Prayer in Honor of St. John Bosco*



*The St. John Bosco Carnival at St. Anne's Academy*



*Fr. Wilder with Students of St. Anne's*

This year the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as Candlemas Day, fell on a Sunday, providing many of our parishioners with a special opportunity to participate in the sacred rites of Candlemas. In the ceremonies preceding Mass, candles, which represent Christ, the Light of the World, were blessed. The parishioners then received a blessed candle at the communion rail and held it in procession and during parts of the Mass. The Feast provided the faithful with a glimpse of the beauty of the Church's ceremonies.

Another exciting February event was the annual evening of basketball at St. Pius V School. Parishioners of all ages attended the games played by the priests, seminarians, brothers, school students, and alumni. It was an evening of camaraderie and good-natured rivalry and one that is eagerly anticipated each year.

We are grateful for your prayers and the sacrifices you make on our behalf. God will never be outdone in generosity, and we pray that He will reward you abundantly for your goodness to us. God bless you!

In the Sacred Heart,

*+James Carroll, C.S.B.V*

The Most Reverend James Carroll, C.S.P.V



*Distribution of Candles at St. Pius V Chapel*



*Candlemas Procession at St. Joseph's Novitiate*



*One of the Basketball Games at St. Pius V School*



*Fr. Newman Coaching His Team*