



Students confirmed at St. Mary's

Akron and Hawarden students from were confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hawarden on Sunday, Oct. 16. Religious officiating and participating were (l-r): Rev. Paul Nguyen, Bishop Walker Nicholas, Deacon Paul Gengler and (Back Row:) Deacon Richard Port. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AKRON STUDENTS (not in photo order:) Jeremiah Bruget, Nathan Gaswint, Gabrielle Koch, Nathan Schoenfelder, Campbell Anderson, Hunter Henrich, Jackson Neubrand, Sam Miller, Tanner Frerichs and CJ Blake. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HAWARDEN STUDENTS: Silvia Armenta, Javin Bruner, Libby Coyle, Natali Diaz, Sharely Duenas -Floes, Alan Flores, Alan Flores-Duenas, Jonathan Flores, Kimberly Flores, Alex Flores-Topete, Salissa Franco, Anthony Hansen, Drake Lynott, Tanner Lynott, Genna Maher, Angel Pena, Marie Ramirez, Brian Robles, Raul Robles, Maria Barajas, Franco FloresTopete, Colton Ford, Jake Jacobs, Rigo Lopez, Emma Moeller Wendy Ramirez, Misael Robles, Angel Rubio, Ramon Segura-Arce, Israel Topete, Jackie Topete, Jason Topete, Mareli Topete, and Lisandro Vasquez. May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts.

Vote November 8!

In Iowa polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Precinct #1, Plymouth County, vote at Wesley United Methodist Church, 350 Main St., Akron. All of the cities of Akron and Westfield and all of Portland, Westfield, and Sioux Townships

In South Dakota polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Westfield Harvest Supper draws nice crowd

The cold, rainy night didn't stop people from coming to Westfield Congregational Church's annual Harvest Supper Oct. 27. The large crowd enjoyed the very popular chicken casserole and sides of real mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, and homemade pie.



Jenny Hartman-Mendoza (r) and her daughter, Olivia, take tickets at the Harvest Supper.



Pat Benton keeps the homemade pies coming for both dine-in and take-out.



(L-r:) Doug Graves, Nancy Pridle and Deb Hauser take their turn in the serving line at the Harvest Supper.

photos by Dodie Hook



These students are participating in the Akron Public Library's free STEM Club.

Mission: Design a bridge

The Akron Public Library has a new club. It's a Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics (STEM) Club.

The club meets the second Wednesday of each month during the school year, and is open to all children, ages 8 to 12. They meet at the library, shortly after the school's early dismissal times, about 2:30 p.m. After enjoying refreshments and fellowship, they begin a STEM project at 3 p.m.

At their first meeting on Sept. 14, their project was to learn about engineers who build structures such as bridges. How do engineers build tall, freestanding structures that won't fall?

Each group was given 50 mini marshmallows, 100 round toothpicks, paper and pencils to draw blueprints and a Dixie cup to hold pennies.

The club members used the design process in constructing their bridges:

- Review information they already know;
- Think of ideas and imagine solutions;
- Plan something to try;
- Build it and test it; and
- Think about ways to improve it.

The second meeting, Oct. 12, the participants learned about how fingers and hands move and pick up objects.

The next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the library, and there is always room for more club members.



These students learned STEM skills by using an engineer's design process to construct a bridge that will bear weight.

Where do you read your Akron Hometown?

Sisters Kristin (Dirks) Smith and Karen (Dirks) Carlsen read their Akron Hometown prior to a Luau in Hawaii on October 25, 2022.

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