

# "Food For The Soul"



Our Centennial Celebration of [St. Charles Borromeo Church](#), on October 2, 2022 was a huge success! We had local and regional parishioners, SFM Board of Directors, Clergy from our parishes, St. Isaac Jogues (Rapid City), Red Cloud Indian School, and Bishop Peter Muhich. After mass we had a dinner at the Icimani Recovery Center.



A former and longtime employee, Leanora Fast Dog, came back to the Mission, as Receptionist and assistant to our Advancement team. She has worked in various capacities, including Little Sioux Office, KINI-FM, as well as the [Buechel Memorial Lakota Museum](#). She is from the Soldier Creek Community. She brings her warm smile and greets the Sapa Un students every school day morning. It's great to have her back.



Our continued collaboration with the Knights of Columbus (KC) for the distribution of wheelchairs continues to be a success for those in need. This effort began in 2019, when Chris Lewis (son of the late comedian (Jerry Lewis) of the American Wheelchair Mission and the KC came to our campus with 150 wheelchairs. On October 14, the KC came back for their 3rd visit. To date, approximately 300 have been given away, free of charge! Deacon Ben Black Bear, Jr. did a blessing of the chairs, and a meal was served.



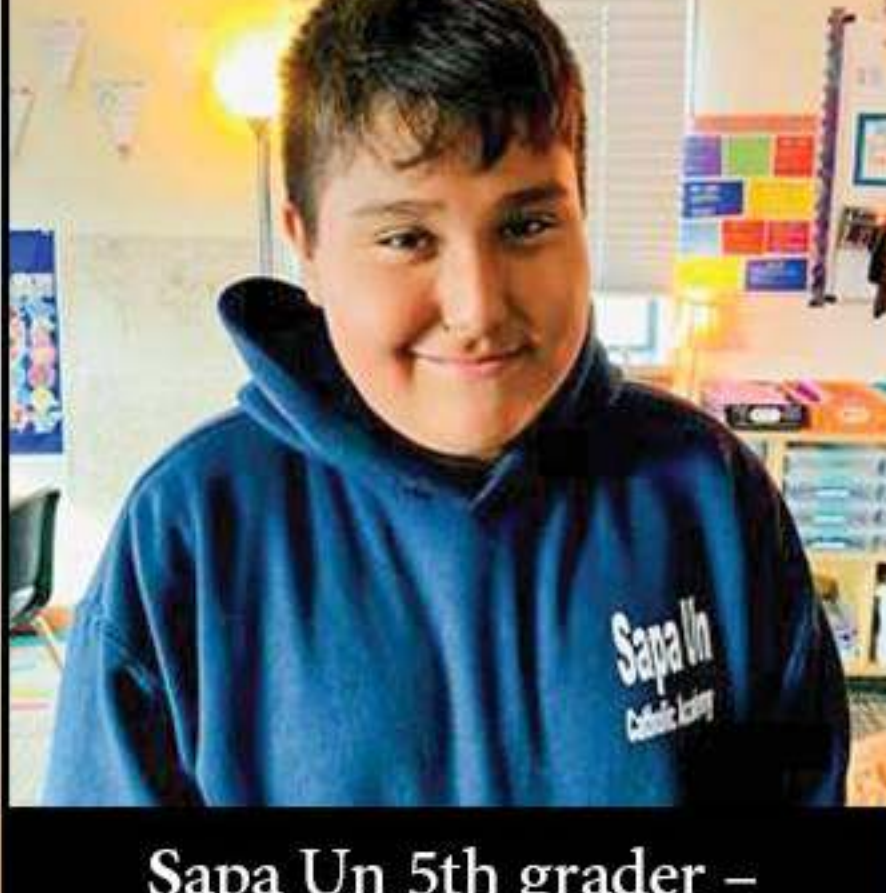
[Sapa Un Catholic Academy](#) had its first in person family cookout since the Covid pandemic hit our area in 2020. It was a great turnout with the students, families and staff sharing a nutritious meal.



Our Religious Education Program is continuing to add more students from our elementary schools, and we are close to 170 students! Jenny and Ben Black Bear are very inspirational in their

work and collaboration with other organizations. They are working with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Wiconi Wakan Health and Healing Center on suicide prevention activities, by offering alternative and positive activities for our youth. In addition, they were sponsored by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions for a trip to Washington DC, for a gathering with other Catholic Indian Missions throughout the US and Canada. This collaboration allows for an exchange of ideas and programs that foster new relationships with others doing the same great work. Jen and Ben met with the new Secretary of the Knights of Columbus.

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Sapa Un 5th grader – wants to be a song artist when he grows up.

[Our Dental Program](#) held two back to back clinics in October with dental students and supervising Dentists from Creighton University, Omaha, NE. One of the clinics had a supervisor Pediatric Dentist and up to 25 children were treated with quality dental care and 5 were referred out to Specialty Clinics in Rapid City, SD. Without our Clinic, most if not all, of our patients would not receive dental care!

Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here, so we want to share with those in need. This year "Giving Tuesday" is November 29, and we humbly ask for your [donation](#). Please refer to our ad. Again, we are targeting heating assistance for the 14 properties on our Mission. The properties include our 4 churches, Sapa Un and Administration, Recovery Centers, Museum, Dental, Religious Education and staff housing.

Sincerely yours,  
*Rodney Bordeaux*  
Rodney Bordeaux  
President,  
St. Francis Mission



# Help us reach our goal on Giving Tuesday



Our beautiful high ceilings unfortunately come at a high heating cost. Help us continue to fill this space with God's Word and heat.

## \$15,000

This year's goal to assist in heating our properties.

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**GIVING TUESDAY**  
Nov. 29, 2022

