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Q&A

Where did Jesus go to talk to His followers?

What are two things Jesus taught His followers?

Read more about it in Matthew 5-6

A Good News Story

Jesus Teaches How to Act

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One day, Jesus went up the mountain, sat down and began to teach His followers many things.

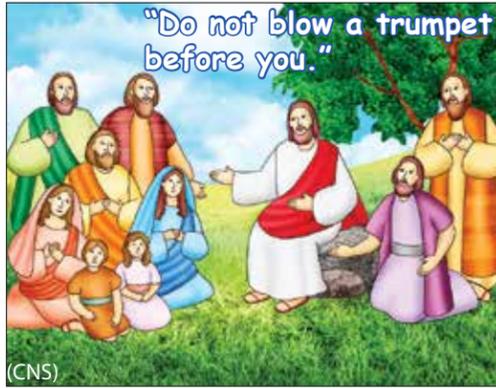
He talked to them about the law, oaths, retaliation and anger. He also told them to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them.

Then Jesus began to teach about almsgiving.

“When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. ... But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you,” He said.

Jesus also talked about prayer.

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. ... But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you,” He said.



Think about it

What is something that you have prayed for and why? Write a short essay explaining it.

Jesus also reminded His followers not to babble and use many words like the pagans.

“This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one,” He said.

Jesus pointed out that one must be forgiving in order to be forgiven.

“If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you,” He said. “But if you do

not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”

Jesus also told his followers about the proper way to fast.

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. ... But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to others to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you,” He said.



Sycamore Students Thank Firefighters

On the feast day of St. Florian, pre-kindergarten 4 students at St. Mary School in Sycamore presented Sycamore Firefighters with treats and posters thanking them for being heroes. Since they could not go to the firehouse, the firefighters came to school with a fire truck and their sirens on.

Sterling Students Crown Mary



Students at St. Mary School in Sterling celebrated the Blessed Mother with a recent outdoor May crowning that the entire school attended. The eighth-grade class posed with Father James Keenan, pastor (left), who led the celebration. Crown bearers were A. J. Propheter and MaryKay Downs (above).



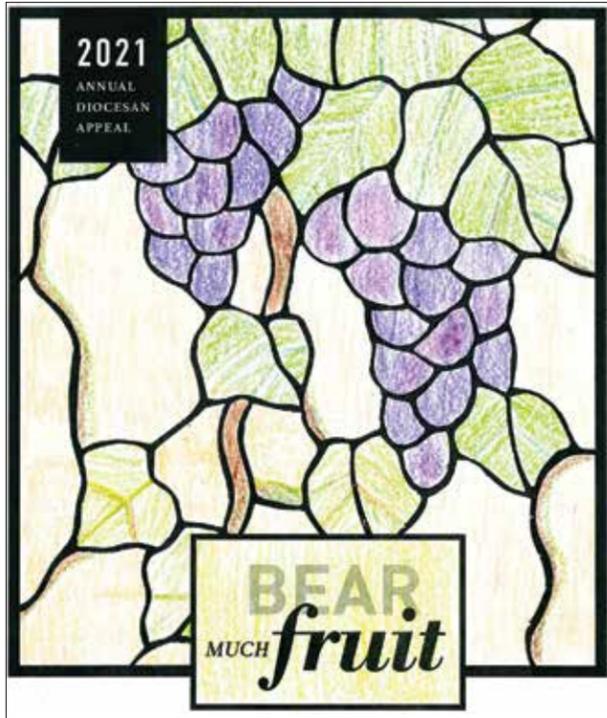
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She's on a Mission for a Mission

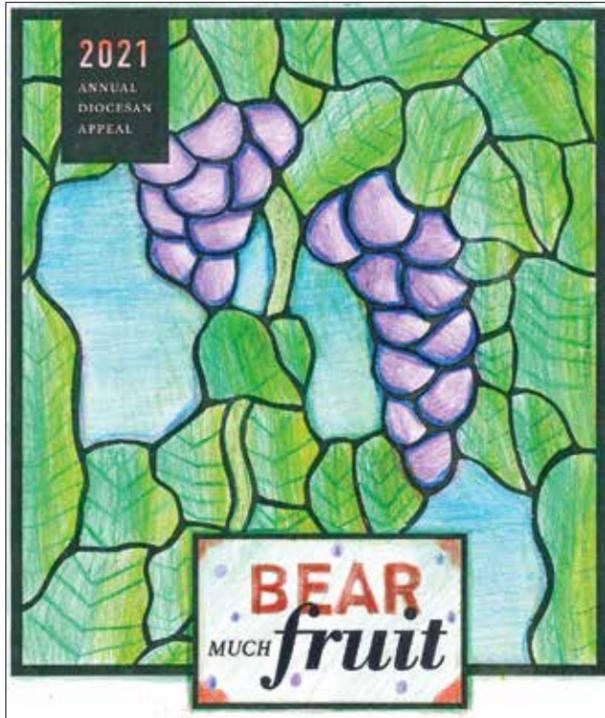
Mary Claire Kramer, 7, from St. Mary Parish in Huntley is running races and raising money to benefit the Our Lady of the Angels Mission of West Humboldt Park in Chicago. She is the youngest member of the OLA running team, which is led by Sister Stephanie Baliga, FSE, formerly of Rockford. While the team raises money for the mission in the Chicago Marathon, Mary Claire is raising money in smaller races in West Dundee. She has already raised over \$1,300. Info: missionola.com/marathon.html

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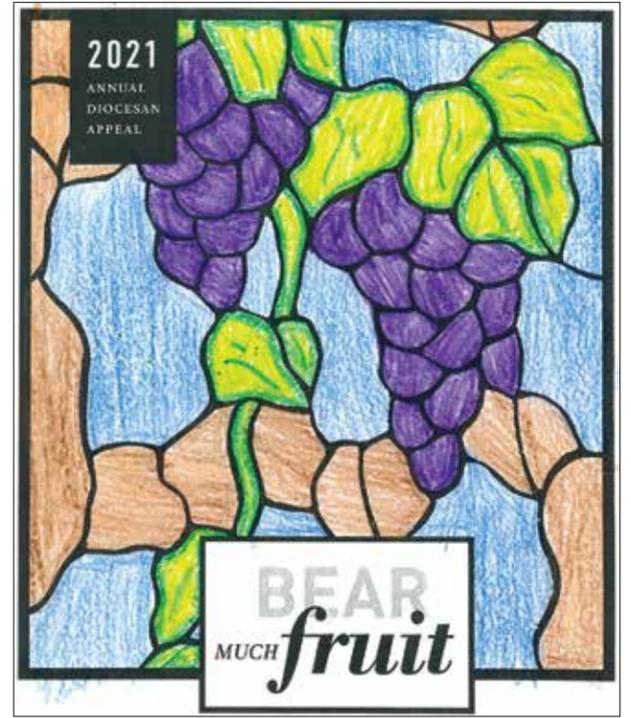
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Rhys Acas



Elizabeth Lopez



Mia Salazar

Coloring Contest Winners Picked

DIOCESE—Three winners of the second Diocesan Appeal coloring contest were picked by a vote of those working at the Diocesan Administration Center the week of May 17.

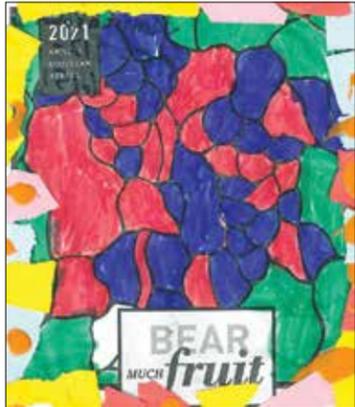
The winners are all students at St. Thomas More School in Elgin. They are

■ Rhys Acas, 6, who is in kindergarten;

■ Elizabeth Lopez, 9, who is a third-grader; and

■ Mia Salazar, 10, who is a fourth-grader.

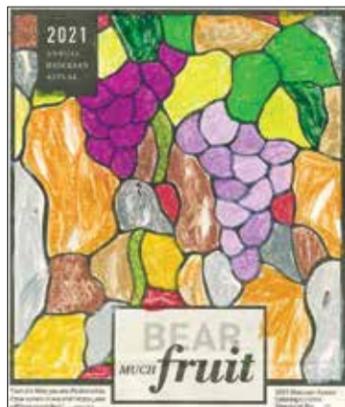
This year, honorable



Jamison Roberts

mentions were also awarded. They went to:

■ Jamison Roberts, 7-years-old, whose family



Zuzia Hay

attends St. John the Baptist Parish in Somonauk;

■ Zuzia Hay, 8-years-old, whose family attends



Eden Stahovic

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Crystal Lake; and

■ Eden Stahovic, 9-years-old, who is a fourth-

grader at St. Thomas More School in Elgin.

There were 51 entries this year.

“We are so happy to involve the children of our diocese in our annual appeal, and we are grateful for their participation,” said Claudia Broman, director of Charitable Giving for the Rockford Diocese. “It’s really a reminder that we are called at all ages to share our time, talent, and treasure with our Church.”



(Photo provided)

Rockford St. James Students Help Pantry

Students from the third- and fourth-grade religious education class at St. James Parish in Rockford present a \$2,000 check for Cornucopia Food Pantry near the parish. The class decided for their Lenten project to do a Prayer-A-Thon. Six students and a teacher found sponsors to donate for each prayer said during Lent, so they embarked upon 40 days of praying for world peace and the end of hunger. Students presented their check on April 18.



(Photo provided)

Elgin Students Head to State History Fair

Three eighth-graders from St. Thomas More School in Elgin are advancing to the Illinois State History Fair competition. Mali Patino, Julia Oabel, and Rose Lockard are advancing with their projects.

Don't Miss Bishop Malloy's TV Messages

TOP O' THE MORNING WITH BISHOP MALLOY

Weekday Reflection
(about 6:58 a.m.)

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