

# IT'S ELEMENTARY St. Brigid Catholic School

## Peace Garden Blessing



On Thursday September 28, we welcomed students, staff, parents and special guests to our Peace Garden Blessing.

As a Catholic School Community we gathered in the gym for a special prayer service conducted by Les Miller, our Religious Education/Family Life Consultant. We also welcomed our Parish priest, Fr. Lorenzo and former Parish priest Fr. Tamas. Also in attendance was our school trustee Elizabeth Crowe and many special guests who had an active role in helping to plan and develop our peace garden. We were also visited by Mayor Sherban.

As part of our special prayer service, one student from each grade was selected to plant a special fall plant in the garden. After the prayer service, classes were invited to go to the garden to visit and say a prayer.

It is our hope that the Peace Garden will be a place where students, staff and parents may take a few quiet moments to reflect and pray. The Peace Garden was an initiative of the parents of St. Brigid Catholic School.

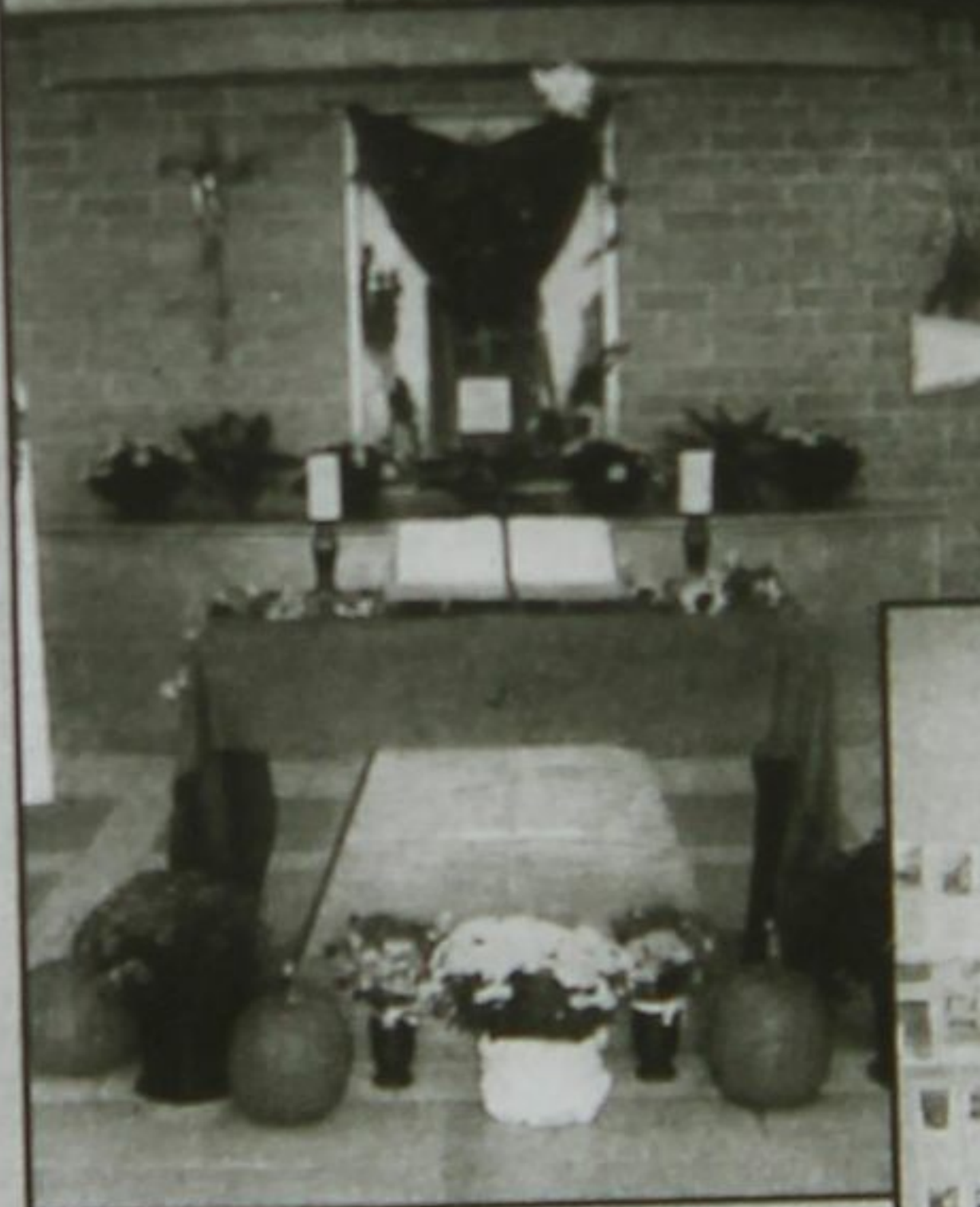
We are very thankful to all the people who took part in our special celebration and all those families who donated plants, trees, shrubs and their time to build this sacred space.

As you enter the foyer of St. Brigid Catholic School, you cannot help but realize that it is a Catholic School. The foyer welcomes you with a beautiful altar attired with the liturgical colours of the season. A large wooden Celtic cross is a gentle reminder of our faith. In the corner stands a giving tree. The idea behind the tree comes from the beautiful story by Shel Silverstein, "The Giving Tree". Items that are needed at the school are hung on apples. Parents are invited to take a look and see if there is anything they can donate or help to purchase.



## Junior Fire Fighter for a Day

Congratulations to Ally Scheliga who had the opportunity to become a Junior Fire Fighter for a day at the Community Safety Village. She was chosen for her entry for the "home escape plan". "Fireman Jeff" came to our school with his fellow firefighters to congratulate her. We always look forward to having "Fireman Jeff" visit us!



## Giving Tree





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