

# SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Boy Scouts

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An annual trip to a northern Wisconsin Boy Scout camp this summer turned into an unexpected adventure for three Saint Rose School students, and clearly demonstrated their understanding of responsibility that they have learned in the classroom and at home.

Seventh-graders Noah Michel, Joey Erlenbusch and Michael Halberg, along with others members of Troop 266, spent a week in August at Tomahawk Scout Reservation near Birchwood, a 2.5 hour drive north of the Twin Cities. The camp has been used for years by Boy Scouts from Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Right after lunch on the Tuesday of that week the boys were hiking by themselves when they came upon a building with smoke coming out of the roof. "There's a lotta smoke," Michael recalls saying. Although somewhat startled, they checked the cabin and there was indeed a fire.

The boys started calling around for some counselors, but they were all at lunch. Eventually they ran a quarter mile to get the beach counselor. The Birchwood Fire Department and Washburn County Sheriff were called and the fire was extinguished quickly. The local authorities were very appreciative of how the boys responded.

"At school we have been taught to always look for ways to help," says Joey. "There was no hesitation on our part as what was the right thing to do."

Adds Noah: "We knew we had to get help because we all realized how dangerous a building on fire could be."

Michael says they were just being responsible members of the community. "We all need to do our part to keep the community functioning."

The fire turned out to be arson. The boys were unaware that the day before there had been a fire in the boathouse. Fire department investigators reported that the Saint Rose students were especially helpful in providing details about the fire.

"We are proud of our young Scouts," says Doug Seebeck, Scoutmaster of the troop. "Their quick thinking and alerting others enabled the staff to deal with the situation before it got out of control."

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Noah is the son of Matt and Amy Michel; Joey the son of Derek and Chris Erlenbusch, and Michael the son of Matt and Liz Halberg. All three fathers are actively involved in the Saint Rose scouting program: Matt Michel was Cubmaster and is now assistant Scoutmaster. Derek Erlenbusch is a den leader for Cubs and a committee member for the Boy Scouts. Matt Halberg helps plan the annual BWCA trip and is going to be a merit badge counselor.

“The thing about kids at Saint Rose School,” says Noah’s mother Amy, ”is that they are very responsible, mature and just really good people. That hasn’t changed in the nine years we have had a student at the school. This is just another example of why we send our kids to Saint Rose School.”



Left to right:  
Joey, Noah, and Michael