



The fundraiser for David Knapp, long time St. Mary's parishioner and choir member, who is in Stage 5 kidney failure, (aka as: ESRF "end stage renal failure") has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 26.

There will be a silent auction from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A spaghetti supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Church.

The fundraiser is sponsored by NDAD (N.D. Association for the Disabled) through its free-of-charge Community Fundraisers Program. NDAD is a 501(c) 3 charitable nonprofit which serves as the fund custodian to ensure that any money raised is used for the purpose intended.

We would appreciate any assistance for the fundraiser or donations for the silent auction and look forward to see you at the fundraiser. Any donations written to NDAD can be tax deductible for those who itemize on their taxes, as are many in kind donations.

For Silent Auction donations or willingness to assist us in this worthwhile endeavor please contact:

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Thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile cause.



## **“Deeds of Love” by St. Mary’s Children**

St. Mary’s Elementary Religious Education groups were asked to do “Deeds of Love” for others just as Jesus did for us. (Mathew 5:16 - In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good

deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.) It was this year’s Lenten project with a purpose, to help a local family in a tragic situation. Luke Riley, a seven year old, had a sledding accident in his back yard on January 24<sup>th</sup> of this year, resulting in a spinal fracture and spinal cord injury. The children were asked to perform good deeds for another, while parents were asked to give them a kind word and/or a hug when they did. Parents were also asked to put a coin aside for Luke. The children’s deeds were recorded by putting a small heart stamp in a large heart chart to record their combined efforts. They did so well that a second heart was started and filled. Luke was first taken to Children’s Hospital in Minneapolis and later to Gillette Children’s Hospital in St. Paul for a total of three months. He returned to Grand Forks during the first week of April. He is still in his halo and is hospitalized at the Altru Rehab for further therapy and close observation. Luke’s attitude is remarkable, he works very hard, so his paralysis has shown some improvement in the upper body, but prayers for his full recovery are still needed.

Recently, a member of St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus - Council 10837 presented Luke and his family with the money, on the children’s behalf. Luke and his father, Wayne, his mother Maureen, and his sister Jillian, were very grateful for the help and prayers that were given. The children of St. Mary’s should be very proud of their accomplishment and especially their “Deeds of Love.”