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Ding dong! An auction was held!

Fundraising is always a part of any Catholic School. St. Catherine School in Valley City recently held its 39th annual auction based on the theme of the movie "The Wizard of Oz."

Auction items were given by parishioners and local and regional businesses. Many individuals and businesses also donated a monetary gift in order to help the school meet its goal. In conjunction with the auction, Parent Teacher Organization members held a raffle and other games the evening of the auction.

The goal of the evening was to have some fun while at the same time raising funds to help the parish support its Catholic school. This year, a record \$67,000 at the auction and \$4,000 by the PTO was raised. Funds raised beyond the budget are used to enhance other services for the students, such as library books, updating technology and specific classroom needs requested by the teachers.

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