

From the Desk of the Pastor....



LENTEN GUIDELINES

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast [two small meals and one regular meal, no eating in between] on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence the parish priest should be consulted [CCL, Nos. 1251-1252]

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Fr. George, CMI



Feel A Little Irish???

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us! On Sunday, March 17th, at our 10:30 a.m. Mass, we will honor our patron Saint Patrick. In the social hall after

Mass we will serve Mulligan Stew and all the fixings, all for a free-will offering. During the meal Cindy McCormick will play her harp and our choir will lead us in some Irish songs. We will play Bingo for fun & prizes. Come shoot the Blarney! Beer & Spirits will be available. Watch for a sign-up to: make stew; bake breads or cookies; serve or clear tables; work Bingo; or decorate.

Faribault Wrestling

**All you can eat Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 3rd
8 am -12:00 pm**

Faribault Eagles Club

Cost: \$5.00 for Adults

All proceeds benefit Faribault Wrestling



2013 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

"All the earth is filled with his glory". We would like to thank everyone who pledged or made a payment to our 2013 Catholic Services Appeal. We appreciate your generosity. **We**

have already reached ½ of our \$9626.00 goal. Those of you who haven't turned in a pledge form, please do so as soon as possible. When we reach its goal, 25% of all money collected is returned to St. Patrick for use in our parish – approximately \$2,400. St. Patrick has another goal – to have 60% of our families return a pledge form –whether you donate or not. As of 2.12.2013 we have 27% of our families who have filled out a pledge form. Please help us make both our goals.

**RETURN ALL PLEDGE FORMS TO ST. PATRICK
– NOT THE ARCHDIOCESE.**



Do you have trouble hearing Father during his homily, or are you just hard of hearing? The hearing assistance radio

is now working perfectly. Go to your favorite store and purchase a personal radio with the headphones. When you get to church tune them to 106.1 and hear everything crystal clear. Feel free to adjust the volume to your liking while listening to the Mass. We only ask that you don't cheer when your favorite sports team scores.

KC 889 Korner...

(17 Third Street NE – Ph.507.334.4918)

The KC Hall is available for weddings, anniversaries, fundraisers, dinners, graduation parties and family gatherings. Call Rick Scheil at 507.334.4918 for information.



Fish Frys & Soup Suppers



St. Wenceslaus Soup Kitchen committee is again sponsoring a **Soup Supper on**

Monday, February 18th in the church basement from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. or until sold out. We will be serving chili, vegetable beef and chicken noodle soup along with homemade breads and desserts. Ticket cost is \$7.25 per person or \$25 per family and tickets will be available at the door. Kindergarten or younger children is no charge. Take-outs are available. All proceeds go toward the purchase of food for the Dorothy Day Center in St. Paul MN.

**American Legion Post #108, 97 S. Park Avenue, Le Center, MN 56057 Friday
Fish Fry Dates 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

February 22, March 1, 8, 22, 29

Stop in and enjoy All you can eat Alaskan Polluck with some great trimmings for only \$9.00 per person. We will serve 5 to 8pm or **until GONE!**



Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

(www.bacards.org)

Upcoming events at BA:

Pancake Breakfast – Sunday March 10th!

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and children, pre-school eat free. Tickets can be purchased from any BA family, or in the BA Office. Come and join us for great food and great fellowship!

BABs Night 2013 – BABS night is April 13! Now accepting donations of homemade crafts, baked goods, treats, etc for Live & Silent auctions, Five 'n Dime Store etc. Give us a call! New this year; the Cardinal Nest Soda Fountain and Drive In, Carnival Games, put your friends in Detention for a spell. Back by popular demand, the Sinsinawa Bakery! Weather permitting we're having a vintage car show too! For more info call 507.334.3948.

Cardinal Cruise 10K, 5K, Kids K Sat. April 13th! Registration is now open! Register on-line at www.finalstretch.com, or pick up forms in the BA office. **NEW this year:** collect \$100 in pledges and we will waive your race fee! Register by March 31st and you will be entered into a drawing for a **Kindle Fire!** Hundreds of door prizes given at post-race!



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery

(507) 364-7383.

Students began the Lenten season and preparation for Easter with Ash Wednesday. To prepare for Easter, HRS students will gather for the Rosary each Monday, pray as a school family every Tuesday, celebrate Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, attend Adoration, and continue weekly Mass. Please join us during Lent if you can.

In our classes, students celebrated St. Valentine's Day. This was a day to celebrate Saints who gave their lives in love of Christ. May our children see the true love of Christ in his saving love for us. We also celebrated and thanked our cooks this Valentine's Day for all they do for our school with special cards and gifts of gratitude.

In our classrooms – A look at music:

- *K: Will continue to move to music and its steady beat. They are using their voices in various ways*
- *1-2: Continue to learn about notes and pitch with their new friend Freddie the Frog!*
- *3-4: Oh Yes! The recorders are here and we are learning by a method called Recorder Karate! They will lead music at Mass and then start to learn about more instruments (orchestral).*
- *5 -6: Journey through American music. We spent a little time on Revolutionary War Music*

Registration for 2013-14 Opens Next Week!

Registration packets available for Little Lambs

prekindergarten to Grade 8 online or by calling the office. Early registration is critical to ensuring eligibility for tuition assistance.

Wonder what difference a Catholic school makes? Faith is part of our daily experience at HRS. From morning and lunch prayer to school-wide rules, weekly Mass, Adoration and gifts of service, HRS students grow in their Catholic faith, daily. By 8th grade, HRS students score 80-90% in mathematics and science, nationally. All Middle School students use the laptops daily to complete assignments, practice math, geography and spelling skills. Smart Boards are planned in grades 1-2, 3-4 for the 2013-14 academic year. New computer lab used by all HRS students beginning in Kindergarten! *Come visit us for "Peek Week" – Feb. 25 through Feb. 28, 2013.*

Pohlad Grant-HRS Tuition Assistance Annual

Appeal: HRS is inviting families, parishioners, alumni, and Catholic school supporters to consider a gift of tuition assistance to HRS. The Pohlad Foundation is not matching gifts this year, so it is even more critical that we grow our tuition assistance support. Each year, HRS gives around \$28,000 to families who need tuition support. We presently have 38% of our students on free or reduced lunches. Please consider making a gift to support families who choose Catholic education as a gift to their children.

KUDOS: To the older HRS students who helped host our "Down Under" event. They led tours, did face painting, and activities for the 30 families who attended our Australian themed Open House.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

ARCHDIOCESAN RETREATS

Archbishop Emeritus Harry J. Flynn

Women from across the Archdiocese are invited to join in the spirit of Lent and explore Faith in the New Evangelization with a morning of prayer, sacraments, reflection and a dynamic presentation by Archbishop Emeritus Harry J. Flynn on **Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church**, 515 Albert St. S in St. Paul.

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Walk-ins Welcome!

Continental breakfast/registration 8:00-9:00 a.m. Retreat begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude after Mass by 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$10.00

Register online by February 20 at www.archspm.org. Keyword: *women's retreat* or Call 651.291.4489. Please share with others!

Come, Holy Spirit – guide our Church in transition!



Planning a Baptism in the future? The next Baptism Class is Saturday, March 2nd at Most Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. Classes are required to schedule a baptism at St. Pats IF this is your first child or it has been more than 2 years since your last class. Call 507.364.7981 to register.