

From the Desk of the Pastor....



They Felt Threatened

When Jesus began His public ministry in His home town, the initial reaction of the people was favorable. However, as time passed, they felt threatened because they realized that they were being challenged to change their ways. The message of Jesus was disturbing and they could not accept it. Moreover, Jesus took upon Himself the role of a prophet by saying He was the fulfillment of scriptures. Also, He challenged His Jewish listeners by praising two gentiles, Zarepath, a widow and Naaman, a leper. That was like nominating a democrat at a Republican Convention.

Jesus pointed out to the contemporary Jewish leaders that they had failed to truly appreciate their heritage as the children of God and that God's salvation is for all peoples. When He spoke to them the truth about Himself, about their faith and life, their attitude towards Him changed. They began to look to Him with prejudice and contempt.

People sometimes do not like to listen to the truth. Truth is disturbing. It will break their comfort zones. So none of us wants to face it. We can understand a child who is afraid of the dark. But it is hard to understand adults who are afraid of the light.

Christianity is a beautiful philosophy of life. It is preached all over the globe. Some accept it and find a meaningful life in it. Others reject it because they see it as a threat to their own set of values and comfortable living. Accepting Christ and His way of life requires faith and faith is a gift of God. When people are locked into self-righteous security, they become unable to accept this gift. This is what happened in the synagogue of Jesus' home town.

Fr. George, CMI

Natural Family Planning Classes

A series of **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** classes will begin on **Monday, February 25, 2013** at **All Saints, Lakeville**. To register please call **Twin Cities FertilityCare** (651) 232-3088 or register on-line www.tcnfp.org. This Church approved method is scientific and marriage building. The classes teach couples how to achieve or postpone pregnancy, while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. Classes taught by qualified instructors. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, call (651) 291-4489 or visit www.archspm.org/family

2013 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

"All the earth is filled with his glory"

(Isaiah:6:1-2a, 3-8)

Many of you have responded to the Catholic Services Appeal mailing from Archbishop Nienstedt. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the CSA, we thank you for your gifts. If you received the mailing and have not responded, please do so as soon as possible.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: "All the earth is filled with His glory". When God revealed his power to Isaiah and then asked, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah responded, "Send me!" Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal helps those who have responded to God's call to serve in ministries throughout the Archdiocese. From seminarians to catechists to teachers, from social workers to priests, to deacons and religious, those who serve in and are served by CSA funded ministries throughout the Archdiocese are deeply grateful for your support. Your financial support for the work our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express your gratitude for the gifts that God has given to you.

We appreciate your generosity to the 2013 Catholic Services Appeal. *When our parish reaches 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. Please help us make both our goals.*

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

Rediscover: faith **Rediscover: meaning -**
2013 Speakers Series **Finding God's Purpose**
for My Life Presented by **Father Peter Laird**
is offered on **Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.**
at St. John Nueman Church in Eagan. **Denise Haaland is planning to drive to the four talks at Saint John's if anyone would like to go.** All talks are FREE, start at 7:00 p.m. and run 90 minutes, followed by hospitality. Attend one or all of the four talks in the 2013 Rediscover: Faith Speakers Series. Please visit Rediscover-faith.org to find out more information.

"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 that you prefer. 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. The only thing we ask, is you don't cheer when your favorite sports team scores.

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

(www.bacards.org)

Upcoming events at BA:

February 5, 2013 – Open House night at BA and DMCS. We invite all of you to come and see our schools. Stay for a basketball game at BA!

Bake Sale February 9th & 10th: the BA Junior parents bake sale after Masses the weekend of February 9th & 10th to raise money for post-prom.

BABs Night 2013 – BABS night is April 13! We are now accepting donations for the Live and Silent auctions, Five 'n Dime Store etc. Have any kind of homemade crafts, baked goods, treats, etc that you would like to donate? Give us a call! Mark your calendar as it's sure to be fun and exciting! 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 information call 507.334.3948.



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
(507) 364-7383.

Thank you for celebrating Catholic Schools' Week! As a Catholic school, we so appreciate of the support we receive from our home parish of Holy Redeemer and other area supporting parishes. Thank you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure for our students and staff. We are blessed to be by your support!

Family Fun Night was a wonderful success! Downtown Sound entertained again and kept the kids dancing all night! We believe this may have been their 15th year of entertaining HRS students! Our top raffle winners were: \$100 cash, Megan Gregor; Hotel Stay, Dvorak Accounting; and Ipad Mini, Renee Southworth. The event grossed around \$3,800 and will probably net \$3,000. We thank you for your support of HRS!

TUITION GRANTS AVAILABLE! If your children are members of First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (formerly Catholic Workman) you need to apply for a scholarship for K-8th grade Catholic school families. If you want information about becoming members, and the form to apply for the scholarship, call or email: Milton Trnka, milton@fcscla.com - (507) 744-2655. Deadline: Feb. 15, 2013.

REGISTRATION & TUITION 2013-14: The HRS School Advisory Council met last month to review our budget and set tuition for the next school year. Tuition will increase slightly, but only \$100 to \$2,250 for next year. The school board also adopted 3rd and 4th child discounts and wishes to

remind all families that tuition assistance is available for all families. Also, families can decrease their tuition by using Scrip gift cards. Registration packets will be available by February 20, 2013.

KUDOS:

- 2nd Grade Class Received their 1st Reconciliation.
- Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Participants and winners. K-2 Spelling Bee: K-Mavrick Budin, Megan Odenthal; 1-Izabela Slechta, Noah Rynda; 2-Anna Barnett, Abby Rutt. (Winners of K-2: Abby Rutt, 1st place and Noah Rynda, 2nd place.) 3-8th Spelling Bee: 3-Charlotte Houn, Grace Barnett; 4-Rachel Rynda, Collin Barnett; 5-Nicholas Deutsch, Ben Heyda; 6-Cassie Kadrlík, Shawna Berdan; 7-Anna Franek, Jack Michaels. 8-Brianna Rutt, Kaylee Reeder. (Winners of 3-8: Brianna Rutt, 1st place; Cassie Kadrlík, 2nd place and Collin Barnett, 3rd place.) Our winner, Brianna Rutt will compete at the Regional Spelling Bee on February 12, 2013 in North Mankato.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal



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.

KC Ladies Auxiliary will meet Feb.14th at the KC Hall. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Faribault Annual Fundraiser - Saturday, February 9th KC Hall in Faribault

Tickets are available at St. Patrick after Masses, St. Vincent de Paul Center Monday, Wednesday & Friday (9a.m.- 3p.m.); by calling 507.334.2100; or from John McDonough, Butch Schwartz & other volunteers. Raffle tickets: \$50 each & only 200 sold - 1st Prize is \$1,500, Dinner tickets are \$30. Funds stay in Faribault helping to feed hundreds each week. Furniture/clothing donations always appreciated. Drop off during Center hours.

All you can Eat Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, February 16th

St. Canice Church Hall, Kilkenny, MN

Adults: \$7.00, Kids 6 -12: \$ 4.00, 5 and under free 6:30 p.m. Speaker: 'Tell My Son' author Lt. Co. Mark Weber. A story of empowerment, inspiration and encouragement. After being diagnosed with stage 4 intestinal cancer, he began writing to his three young sons. For information about Mark weber and 'Tell My Sons' go online to www.tellmysons.com. Dinner hosted by Steubenville/Misson trip youth. **St Canice Church will have Mass at 5:00 p.m. that night.**



ARCHDIOCESAN RETREATS

RETREAT for Caregivers

We invite you to join us as we offer a quiet, spiritual day of renewal for all Caregivers on **Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the Church of the Annunciation, 509 - 54th St. W, Minneapolis, MN from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.** Fr. Peter Williams, our speaker will present "*Living the compassion of Jesus.*" The retreat will include Mass, Adoration, Conferences, Sacrament of Reconciliation and quiet time for prayer and reflection. Cost is \$15 - lunch included. For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at (651) 291-4543 or email curtans@archspm.org. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life Outreach to Persons with DisAbilities.

Women's Retreat

Ladies of all ages. Archbishop Emeritus Harry J. Flynn, invites you to spend the morning with him at the annual Lenten Women's Retreat. His Excellency will lead us in a reflection which *Explores Faith in the New Evangelization* at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 515 Albert Street S., St. Paul, on February 23, 9-12:30. Register online by February 20 at www.archspm.org. Keyword: women's retreat or Call 651.291.4489.

Annual Men's Conference

Men, the Archbishop sends his personal invitation to you to attend **the annual Men's Conference at St Thomas University, St Paul Campus, Anderson Fieldhouse, March 16th 8:00 AM-Noon.** Your leadership significantly impacts the common good both now and in the future. We are in a **Marathon, Not a Sprint.** Join us; bring a friend and participate in a morning full of insight, strength and vision. We are in it to win it! Register at www.archspm.org Keyword: Men's conference or call 651.291.4488.



American Legion Post #108, 97 S. Park Avenue

Le Center, MN 56057 Fish Fry Dates

Friday, Feb 1st, 5 - 8 PM (Pre-Lent)

- Friday, February 15 - 5:00 - 8:00 PM
- Friday, February 22 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Friday, March 1 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Friday, March 8 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Friday, March 22 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Friday, March 29 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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



Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

- Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped over 6,500 couples in the Twin Cities experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the program please call (651) 464-5855, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

Community Fellowship Meal at Cathedral Café

(101 Sixth Street NW)

Every Tuesday 5 - 6:30 p.m. Cathedral of our Merciful Savior, - across from Parker-Kohl Funeral Home). No Charge! All Ages Welcome! Well-balanced, simple meals.



about St. Patrick when you go on vacation. We need your continued support throughout the year. Set up electronic withdrawal of your

donations or take care of it before you go leave.

Welcome to St. Patrick!

Please let us know if anything has changed in your family or if you would like more information.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ home / cell

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

I/We:

_____ would like to register at St. Patrick.

_____ have a new address.

_____ have a new phone number.

_____ please remove us from the parish roster

_____ would like information on:

Drop in the collection basket or mail to the Parish office.