

From the Desk of the Pastor....



First of all, I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter! May the Risen Lord shed His light on your path of life's journey and give you strength and power to meet the challenges of life!

Easter is the story of how defeated feet find their dancing shoes. It is the story of the shipwrecked souls finding new winds in their sails. Easter is the day that makes us get up and move. One of the valuable messages we receive from the resurrection of the Lord is you can put the truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to a cross and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise. You cannot kill the truth or do away with it. It lives all the time. God is the absolute truth and you cannot do away with God in your lives. We may try and make an attempt, but ultimately we will fail and God will succeed.

Resurrection helps us to look and see beyond the horizons of life. Naturally, we see life only up to the death. But beyond death there is life. That is what the resurrection of our Lord tells us with certainty. Before Christopher Columbus, people thought they would sail off the edge, if they went too far. But when Christopher passed the falling off point and kept going, the vast ocean was open and a whole new world came into view. Life was dramatically changed and possibilities cropped up. So, resurrection can change the way we feel about life. Because what we fear most in life is death. But by His resurrection, we understand that death is not the end but only a threshold to another world, a transformation into another form of life.

Resurrection is not resuscitation or a revival from unconsciousness to conscience, or coming back to the same old life. Lazarus was brought back to the same old life and he died again. But Jesus achieved by resurrection a new presence to life. Because of His resurrection, he can be truly present to us. Mary Magdalene and the Apostles began to feel the presence of Jesus in a new way after the resurrection. After Mary and the Apostles let go of the earthly Jesus, they began relating to the Risen Jesus. What we experience today is not the presence of the earthly Jesus but the presence of the Risen Jesus.

Fr. George, CMI

Remember Fr. George in your prayers: He fell down 4 steps at Holy Redeemer on Monday, March 18th and slammed his knee into a concrete wall – thus a broken knee. He had surgery the following Wednesday and is doing well. Fr. George's recovery will be a long one and he won't be able to do steps for quite a while.

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. Please turn in the Pledge form you received by mail or fill out one of the blue CSA envelopes that can be found on the tables behind the pews ASAP. **To date 44% of our registered families have returned a form. Our participation goal is 60%. We still need \$700.00 for our financial goal.**



Were You Wondering???

Why do we have a gold bunting over the door entering the church or Why is the Papal Flag located in the narthex – they all have to do with our new Pope Francis. Following are the directions from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) who directs the Catholic Church in the United States. *'Upon the election of a new pope: according to custom a gold and white bunting could be affixed above the entrance to the church or chapel. Flowers could be placed near the Papal (Vatican) flag, which might be displayed somewhere prominently in the narthex.'*

Knights of Columbus 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 on April 11th, with light supper at 6pm followed by our meeting at 7pm.



about St. Patrick when you go on vacation. We need your continued support through-out the year. Set up electronic withdrawal of your donations or take care of it before you go leave.



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 you 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.

Rediscover

Check out the Rediscover Kiosk to: see information about the next speaker

series; pick up a CD of Matthew Kelly's books; pick up a copy of the Rediscover Catholicism book by Matthew Kelly.

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

(www.bacards.org)

Phone: 507.334.3948

Upcoming events at BA:

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! Lots of door prizes given post-race!

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 the office



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

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

Blessed Holy Week to you and your Family! Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School students are off for Holy Week Thursday, Friday and Easter Monday. We ended our Lenten celebration with the Passion Play held in the school cafeteria on our newly refurbished stage. One of our new students, Will U. commented that it was an honor to play the role of Jesus in the Passion Play this year.

TUITION ASSISTANCE (Pohlad Scholarship)

Update: Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School has been blessed to be a part of the Pohlad Matching grant. This year, our goal is to raise \$9,000 on our own as the Pohlad Foundation will not be matching funds. We thank you for your generous support to date as we have raised: \$3,740 for families in need at HRS. This is about 1/3 of the way to our goal. Donations accepted through June 30, 2013. Please consider a donation to HRS through our Tuition Assistance, Pohlad Scholarship grant.



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL: HRS will have two teams this year for middle school students. We are excited to kick off the

Spring season. Save the date for our Booster Club fundraiser breakfast, April 21. If you know a home school family that would like to join us, please invite them to join our team!

WALKING & STAYING FIT AT HRS: The HRS Mileage Club participants will be walking next Wednesday, April 3, as part of the American Heart Association's National Walking Day. The HRS Mileage Club will be participating and we hope

that all students will choose to participate in this fitness event! Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us!

REGISTRATION – PreKindergarten to 8th Grade: Register by April 1 to be entered in a Script Card Drawing! Early registration ensures that you can receive tuition assistance. We already have 8 registered for our 3 day Little Lambs class. This class limited to ten students. **REGISTER EARLY TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT AT HRS!**

Did you know...

- The HRS school family gathers throughout the year to pray as a school
- Students attend Adoration and Mass weekly
- Middle School students use mini laptops for daily assignments and presentations at school every day (New in 2012!)
- HRS is creating a Large Muscle room for 2013-14 Little Lambs and students with Autism Spectrum and/or ADD-ADHD
- HRS 8th grade students score in the top 70-80% in math, language arts, and science!
- We offer accelerated math and a Learning Center to help your child learn at the level most needed to challenge and grow their skills

KUDOS:

- Kudos to all of our community volunteers and parents who taught our Mini Classes this past week! They were awesome!
- Bruce Skluzacek for installing new cameras, a new door magnetic key entrance and buzzer system into the HRS building!

****SPRING FUNDRAISERS!****

- ***Spring Flower & Green (Magazine) Sale***, hosted by Kindergarten class. New is a magazine "green" sale with fun products. All items sold benefits HRS, no minimums required. Have Fun & Welcome Spring!
- ***HRS Garage Sale***, hosted by Grades 3 & 4! Save your items. Drop off dates tentatively Sat., April 27 & Wed., May 3. Sale begins May 4!

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

Coming Up In The Area ...

St. Scholastica Church, Heidelberg – Craft & Bake Sale – Saturday, April 6th – Handmade Crafts, Home Baked Goods, Home Based Businesses, Raffle and Lunch. All are Welcome!

**Court St. Anne #1840 Catholic Daughters
Salad Luncheon & Bake Sale
Saturday, April 6, 2013 * 11:30 AM-1 PM
Christ the King Church, 205 2nd Ave NW,
Medford Cost: \$8.00/person**

Broasted Chicken Supper – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elysian, MN – Sat., April 6, @ 6:00 p.m. Broasted Chicken Supper with all the trimmings including dessert. Tickets \$9 are available before or after their Polka Service which begins at 5 p.m.. Lower level handicapped accessible at North door. All Welcome!