

A Note From The Pastor



This Second Sunday of Lent, we will walk with Abraham and see where God might be leading him and us. Abraham was established in the city of Haran. He had great possessions there. But God told Abraham to leave his land and his people and go to the land he would show him. He also promised "I will make you a great family and give you a promised land." God did not give him a map to the promised land. This was a leap of faith.

There are two kinds of faith—a delivering faith and a sustaining faith. Delivering faith is when God instantly turns your situation around. When that happens it is great. But it takes a greater faith and a deeper walk with God to have a sustaining faith. That is when the circumstances don't change immediately, but you say, God I don't care what comes against me, I know you are on my side and as long as you are for me that is all that matters. Sustaining faith is what gets you through those dark nights of the soul when you don't know where to go or what to do, and because of your faith in God you do.

When you face adversity, you need to remind yourself that whatever is trying to defeat you could very well be what God will use to promote you. Many people immediately respond negatively to adversities and troubles rather than believing that God can bring good out of the situation. God will use any adversity you face to take you to a higher level if you will do your part and then leave the rest to God. When you have that kind of attitude, the adversary doesn't have a chance with you. It is not adversities that cause our problem, it is how we respond to our adversities. God will push you, will stretch you to get you out of your comfort zone. This is what he did with Abraham when he asked him to leave his place and folks to go to an unknown place. God wants to bless you. He wants you to be a blessing. So hang on tight to him and hang on loose to everything else.

Father George Kallumkalkudy, CMI

Knitters Welcome!

The Divine Mercy Prayer Shawl knitting group will meet on Tuesday, March 18th from 10-11 am at Pleasant Manor in their Activity Room. If you are interested in knitting or learning to knit please join us in this rewarding ministry. All knitters are welcome. We will provide the yarn for the shawls and then they are given to those in need. We also have many knitters who are unable to join us and chose to knit at home. These shawls are blessed at the 8:30 am Mass at Divine Mercy Church on the first Saturday of each month.



Mary

DATE CHANGE!!! All women of the parish are invited to attend the St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women meeting on **MONDAY, March 24th at 1:00 p.m.** in our social hall. Please come to see what the ladies are doing in our parish.

Southwest Deanery CCW Spiritual Day Saturday, March 22nd at Immaculate Conception church in Marysburg. Cost \$8 which includes lunch. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Program goes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes a speaker, Rosary, Mass and Silent Auction. **RSVP by March 17th to Jeanette Wasilowski, 507.334.5620.** To carpool from Faribault contact Denise Haaland, 507.334.2781.

2014 Catholic Services Appeal

"Seek first the Kingdom of God." Matthew 6:24-34; If you have not made your contribution to the 2014 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), **please consider doing so by April 20th.** Envelopes are available in the pews to allow all an opportunity to participate.

One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all of the other pledges made throughout our local Church. And, when our parish reaches its goal, 25% of *all* funds received will be returned for use to support ministries in our parish. Please prayerfully consider providing your financial support to the Catholic Services Appeal You can and will make a difference.

It is important to know that contributions to the CSA will be used for the benefit of designated ministries of the Appeal and for *no other purposes*. Please visit the new CSA Foundation website at csafspm.org for more information.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. When we reach our goal, \$2500.00 is returned for use at St. Pats. We are only at \$5,040.00 – our goal is \$10,042.00



Next Baptism Class is Saturday, April 5th at Most Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery at 9:30 a.m. Classes are required IF this is your first child or it has been more than 2 years since your last class. Call 507.364.7981 to register.

Knights of Columbus 889 Korner

(17 Third 2 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.

Friday Night Fish Fry Dinners – Every Friday through April 18th, 5 – 7:30 p.m. \$10, Deep Fried or Broiled Cod, Salad Bar, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Milk & Coffee.



Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

105 Third Ave. SW, Faribault
507.334.3948 www.bacards.org

Coming up at B.A. ...

BABS night is Saturday April 5th Say goodbye to winter and travel to the tropics! Live & Silent Auctions, Marketplace, Island Food (pulled pork sandwiches), Beverages. Costume Contest & other fun games! Have an item to donate? Call Sue Erpenbach at BA. Must be 21.d, \$5.00 entry fee.

B.A. Heroes for HOPE 5k/10k & Kids Fun Run Saturday, April 12th in Faribault. Race Fee: \$35 - 5k/10k, FunRun-Free www.heroes4HOPErun.com



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

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

March is here! This week we recognized students for achievements during our monthly all-school gathering. Special congratulations goes out to the following students who have been making good choices, doing their best, being like Jesus, and achieving good grades:

DARE GRADUATION: Our 6th grade class had their DARE graduation this week. We are so proud of their commitment to strive to be drug free. We ask that you join us in praying for all of our middle school students. Congratulations to Nicholas Deutsch for receiving the DARE Essay Award.

American Legion - Flag Coloring Contest Winners:

- Grades 1 & 2: Edward Devine, 1st; Mavrick Budin, 2nd; Noah Rynda, 3rd Megan Odenthal, 4th.
- Grades 3 & 4: Charlotte Houn, 1st; Abby Rutt, 2nd; Will Trcka, 3rd
- Grades 5 & 6: Ana Rynda, 1st; Ben Heyda, 2nd; Thomas Bulger, 3rd; Jayden Houn, 4th.
- County Winners: Edward Devine, 3rd - Grades 1 & 2; Charlotte Houn, 1st - Grades 3 & 4; Ana Rynda, 3rd - Grades 5 & 6.

For being "Like Jesus" in how we act, what we do, and what we say: These students were "caught" being kind, trustworthy, helping others - simply like a disciple of Jesus!

- Grades 1 & 2: Elizabeth Barnett; Mavrick Budin; Makenzie Gregor, Judge Houn; Noah Rynda; Kristin Siebsen
- Grade 6: Nicholas Deutsch and Gilbert Leonard

Honor Roll Recipients: (2nd Quarter)

A Honor Roll: Collin Barnett; Shawna Berdan; Thomas Bulger; Anna Franek; Eric Rabenberg; Mathew Rabenberg; Rachel Rynda; Isaac Rynda and Tasha Passa.

B Honor: Michael Fischer; Benjamin Heyda; Ethan & Jayden Houn; Billy Jirik; Erika Kadrlík; Mitchell

Leonard; Jack Michaels; Joey Mladek; Ana Rynda; Darien Schoenbauer; Rachel Way

PEEK WEEK - March 17 - 21: Looking for a PreK-8 experience centered around your child's learning needs? Invite a neighbor to visit HRS:

- Small class sizes
- Learning Center & student advancement in subject areas
- Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Academic Awards
- Faith enrichment daily
- Advanced technology with SmartBoards & Student Laptops
- High test scores compared to students nationwide
- Leadership and service experiences weekly

Please consider a Scholarship gift to our "Pohlad Scholarship Replacement Fund," This helps to support families who need HRS scholarships. Our goal is \$6,500. We appreciate your commitment to Catholic education; your past and continued support. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder - Principal



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Bar, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Milk & Coffee.

Don't forget 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.



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.

_____ want to be removed from parish roster

_____ would like information on:

Drop in the collection basket or mail to the office.

Archdiocesan Information

Chrism Mass – Thursday, April 10

All the Faithful are invited to the annual Chrism Mass which will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Join with others from throughout our local Church in this tradition that dates back to the early Church. At this Mass the bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens (oleum catechumenorum or oleum sanctorum), the oil of the infirm (oleum infirmorum) and holy chrism (sacrum chrisma) — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese during the year. In addition, all priests present will publically renew their priestly promises.

“ALL IN GOD’S PLAN”

Daughters and Sons for Life Program

April 5, 2014

This program, for teens age 13-16 and their parent(s), is intended to present to teens a Christian understanding of human sexuality by taking a hard look at what underlies the modern cultural approach and demonstrating the goodness of God’s ways in the Scriptures and teachings of the Church. Teens will be given practical help in choosing and living the virtue of chastity. In separate sessions the parent(s) will be given encouragement and practical counsel through presentation and discussion for assisting their children in this area. Outcomes of this program include:

- Parents & teens learn about the gift of human sexuality and the challenge of chastity in today’s society
- Presentations focus on dating, parenting teens, values, faith in God, family purity and God’s plan for our sexuality
- Designed to encourage discussion between parent and teen, establishing a foundation for continued communication
- Emphasizes respect, understanding, and appreciation for God’s gifts

Come learn about the gift of human sexuality and the challenge of chastity at St. Michael in St. Michael, Saturday, April 5 from 9:00-12:30 p.m. (Mass at 8 am), free will offering. Refreshments will be served. Reservations required. For more information or to register call Carol Freeman at 763-497-2745.

Travel to Guatemala! June 23 – July 2

Immerse yourself in the indigenous Mayan culture! Be touched by their stories of struggle and hope. Experience their joy and spirit in the midst of a persecuted Church. Travel with Center for Mission on this life-changing journey that you won’t forget! Hurry, space is limited. Contact Mike Haasl, 651.291.4504. haaslm@archspm.org

Rediscover:

Make plans to deepen your prayer life this Lent...and

invite a friend or family member to join you!

The Rediscover: prayer evenings are a unique opportunity to experience *Cor Jesu*, meaning "Heart of Jesus", as we worship Christ in community with the Church through Eucharistic adoration, confession, praise, benediction and fellowship. Attendees are invited to participate in whatever manner is most comfortable for them.

March 25 – St. Hubert, Chanhassen

April 8 – All Saints, Lakeville

All Rediscover: prayer evenings begin at 7 p.m. and end around 9 p.m. No registration required. For more information, please visit Rediscover-faith.org.

Check our Rediscover Kiosk for information on the Archdiocesan Rediscover Program; Matthew Kelly’s books on CD; and a copy of the book *Rediscover Catholicism* also by Matthew Kelly.

Like Rediscover: on Facebook “like” us at <http://Facebook.com/Rediscoverfaith> and click “like” to connect with others excited about exploring our Catholic faith.



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Are you struggling with an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat in the Twin Cities area. The retreat combines discussions, spiritual exercises, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God’s love, forgiveness and compassion. For more info contact Nancy @ 763-250-9313 or rwr-nancy@usfamily.net The cost is \$160.00 for meals, room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available.

TAKE IT TO THE BOX INFO

WHAT: Our community is serious about preventing medication misuse/ abuse and about environmentally safe disposal of medication.



WHEN: Take It To THE BOX medication disposal boxes available 7 Days a week, 24 hours a day.

HOW: Leave medication in the original container,

- Remove name and personal information
- Leave name of medication on container
- Drop medication into disposal box.

WHERE: Faribault Police Dept Lobby 25–4th Street NW or the Northfield Police Dept Lobby 300 5th Street W. Questions call 507.664.3524, 507.332.5911 or visit www.ricecountyhc.com