

A Word from Father Victor ...



June 26, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

WE are getting closer to the celebration of Independence Day and since the scripture reading refers to the gift of freedom, it is a good week to reflect what it means to us as a gift from God. For us, freedom and truth go together. We are taught: "the truth will set us free". Only those who live in the truth are free.

When we know the truth we can make the right choices. WE become free to direct ourselves towards what is good. Sin takes us away from the truth and from what is good. Sin binds us. We are not free when we cannot make a decision or when we cannot make the rightful decision. To be free, therefore, is to be bound to the truth and love of God and others.

When one is invited by God to follow him, he is invited to a relationship of communion. Are we free to choose towards communion or are we pulled away by our self-centeredness and individualism? Our life can be a drama about our struggle to resist the pull and cooperate with the invitation. How free are we?

To determine and direct ourselves to the good is to be free. Are we inclined towards the good?

Thank You I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers and thoughts as I celebrated my 60th Anniversary in the Priesthood. Your kindness is appreciated.
Father Frank Roach

Fall Festival News ...

It is time to begin collecting prizes for our Fall Festival Raffle Tickets. Letters and Donation Certificates are available beginning this weekend. Please return all certificates by Sunday, July 10th. Be sure to check with businesses you frequent if they would be interest in donating cash or an item to be included on the raffle ticket. (Value needs to be \$25 or more to be on the raffle ticket.)

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is July 15-17, at King's House in Buffalo. Contact Dick & Mary Jo Hruby for information 612-226-8378

Dear Friends,

Many of you have heard through the 'grapevine' that I will be resigning my position as Music Director of St. Patrick. It is with both a heavy and joyful heart that I confirm that, yes, indeed, that is the case. As both of our children have made their homes in Duluth, so shall Lloyd and I make our new home in Duluth in the near future.

I thank you for these many years of music, friendship, laughter and wonderful treasured memories. I also want to thank you for supporting this Lutheran girl while she learned the "ropes" of the Catholic faith.

It has been a wonderful journey these past 17 years. I shall carry sweet memories in my heart always. I wish you the best. With Love, **Cindy**

BLOOD DRIVE at ST. PATRICK!

Monday, JULY 18th, 1- 7 p.m.

Please register to donate online at www.redcrossblood.org or sign-up for an appointment on the sheet located on the kiosk. Online donors will receive reminders and information about **RAPID-PASS**. **Gifts for 1st Time Donors!!** St. Patrick Blood Drives also scheduled for October 24th, December 19th, 2016. Whole blood can be given every 56 days. If you are at least 17 years old, 16 years old with a signed Red Cross parental/guardian consent form where state permits, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health, you may be eligible to give blood. High school students and other donors 18 years old and younger must also meet other height and weight requirements. Giving blood is safe, simple and helps save lives. Each pint of blood donated may help up to three people. The American Red Cross is the largest single provider of blood in the country. They provide blood to 3,000 hospitals across the country. About 38,000 people need blood each day in the United States.



Interested in St. Patrick T-Shirts & Sweatshirts...

We have sample colors displayed. Order forms list: material content info, style info, sizes and prices. Just fill out an order form, place it in a 'Shirt Orders' envelope along with your payment and turn it into the office. We will notify you when shirts are come in.

Knights of Columbus 889 Korner

(17 Third Street NE – Ph.507.334.4918)

The K of C is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight. Ask a Knight for more info or contact us at fariboknights@gmail.com.



To view our FaceBook page just go to <https://www.facebook.com/spshieldsville.org> You can 'Like' us to see what is happening each week and to find information on upcoming events. Check our website: <http://shieldsville.org/> for weekly bulletins, member information, Mass times here and area churches, heritage notes and more.



Welcome Summer Visitors!

Area Catholic Schools ...



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

**Divine Mercy
Catholic School**
www.dmcs.cc
507-334-7706.



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K - 8th Grade)
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
(507)364-7383 (mosthrs.org)

Hope you are finding time to rest and relax a little this summer. There doesn't appear to be many Saints who did much relaxing -- I guess that's pretty much what made them saints and willing to work for God on a heroic level. However, St. Pope John Paul II certainly enjoyed sports (soccer, skiing, etc.), the theater and traveled extensively, which can be relaxing and invigorating -- as long as you don't spend much time in the airport. All of that said, enjoy the summer. I look forward to seeing everyone at Kolacky Days!

Home & School - Time is running out. If you haven't signed-up for your Kolacky Days work shift, please stop by the school and do so, or call Jean at 507-364-7383. There are many open shifts available which means we need more help!

Volunteer for August 5th Golf Tournament – This is a wonderful fundraiser for HRS and **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!** Please contact the school!

As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns.

Thanks.

Mr. Vondracek, Principal
gvondracek@mosthrs.org

Coming Up In The Area

KC Auxiliary Family Breakfast

Sunday June 26th 8:15-12:15

KC Club - 17 3rd St. NE, Faribault

Please join us for great food: Egg bakes, Biscuits and Gravy, Homemade Coffee Cake and more. Adults in advance \$8, at the door \$9, Children under 10 - \$4. See *Kiosk Flyer* for more info.

Rural Life Sunday Mass & Activities held locally on Sunday, June 26th at the Ron & Kay Keller farm near Kenyon.

See *kiosk flyer* for more information.

St. Mary's Church, LeCenter – Church Festival on Sunday, June 26th Polka Mass at 10 a.m. with the Wendinger Band of New Ulm, Roast Beef Dinner served 11:15 – 1:30. Kid's Games, Live Music with Wendinger Band, Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Outdoor Food Court, Country Store, Silent Auction, Wall of Wine, Bingo, Bucket & Meat Raffles, Pull Tabs and More. Drawings at 3:00 p.m.

Cantus Vocal Ensemble Benefit Concert for Ruth's House – Tuesday, June 28th, 6 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Faribault. Freewill donations will be accepted for Ruth's House. No tickets required.

New Prague Area Catholic Community Presents:

Discipleship and Drinks at UNION HILL BAR

2nd Tuesday of the month 7-8:30 pm

Please join us, for a short presentation by Fr Dave Barrett. Come with questions and enjoy whatever beverage you wish to purchase while you get your questions answered. Make plans to join us monthly on the 2nd Tuesday!

Please let us know...

If anything has changed in your family or 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

_____ would like information on: _____

Drop in the collection basket or mail to the office

Archdiocesan News ...

The Cathedral of St Paul Young Adults is hosting **Theology on Tap** this summer - **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - June 15, 22 & 29; July 6, 13 & 20**
O’Gara’s Bar & Grill, 164 Snelling Ave N, St. Paul,
6:30 PM Social | 7:30 PM Speaker

St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards -

Nominate someone today! Do you know of someone who devotes his or her time helping the poor, elderly, disabled, pregnant, or is committed to praying for Respect Life issues? He or she may be our next Champion for Life! The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is looking to honor those who respect life at our annual St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards. Submit a nomination by August 1. For more information, go to archspm.org and search keywords “Champions for Life”. Questions? Please contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or MFL@archspm.org. Nomination forms available online at http://www.archspm.org/archspm_news/nominations-now-open-st-john-paul-ii-champions-life/

Come discover the plan that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, your community... your life! This fall, the **Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute** will begin another two-year course at The Saint Paul Seminary campus. Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, such as Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Bill Stevenson, Dr. Todd Flanders, Christina Smith and more, the program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules and meet on Monday evenings, 7 – 9 p.m., with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications are now being accepted through July 15, 2016, for the class beginning in September. For more information and an application to become part of the Class of St. Teresa of Calcutta, call (651) 962-5028 or visit www.CIstudent.com.

The Catholic Spirit’s 15th Annual Leading With Faith Awards Banquet – Thursday, August 18, 2016 – St Catherine University

Archbishop Bernard Hebda will present the “Leading With Faith” Awards at a noon luncheon banquet on Thursday, August 18, 2016, Rauenhorst Hall, Coeur de Catherine building, St. Catherine University, 2004 Randolph Ave., St. Paul. You are invited to come help us honor this year’s winners. Follow this link for reservations <https://events.archspm.org/Leading-With-Faith-2016>, or you can call or email Mary Gibbs 651.251.7709 gibbsm@archspm.org.

Vocation Day for Young Men/ Daughter of God Retreat – Saturday, August 20, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Check in at 8:30 a.m.) - The Saint Paul Seminary

Young Catholic men and women, ages 12-17, are invited to these one-day events to deepen their faith and better discern God’s calling in their life. \$15 per person; \$30 family maximum. Lunch will be provided. Register by August 1 to get a FREE Vocations Day t-shirt! Parents are invited to an Informational Session following the 9 a.m. Mass. For more information and to register, visit www.archspm.org/VocationsDay. Questions? Contact Patty McQuillan 651-962-6890 or Nancy Schulte Palacheck 651-291-4489.

Catholic Grandparent Conference – The Gift of Being Grand! Saturday, August 27, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Anticipatory Mass at 4 p.m.), Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville.

Learn about God’s plan for Grandparents and be equipped to pass on a Heritage of Faith. The conference will include presentations with Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Jeff Cavins, Judy Cozzens, Katherine Kersten...and so much more. Cost: \$25 per person/\$45 per couple before August 1; \$30 per person/\$55 per couple after August 1. Register online or send in a registration form. Find all details at www.CatholicGrandparenting.org. Questions? Contact Susanna Bolle at bolles@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.

Sacrament of Confirmation Classes for those with Special Needs

Confirmation classes are available for persons with special needs, or mental or physical disabilities, age 16 or older. Classes will be held Saturday, August 20 and Saturday, August 27, 9:30—11:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Richard, Richfield. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. Pre-registration is required. Candidates will be confirmed during the Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, September 11 at 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.archspm.org/events. To register, contact Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at (651) 291-4543 or curtans@archspm.org.

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 rvr-nancy@usfamily.net. The cost is \$160.00 for meals, room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available.