

A Word from Father Victor ...



April 17, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this fourth Sunday in Easter we are invited to reflect on Jesus as the good shepherd. As our divine shepherd he is not just good but the perfect one. He is one who is a devoted shepherd who "laid down his life for his sheep", to save and protect. Jesus is a shepherd who does not simply nourish our physical life but gives us "eternal life" By virtue of baptism we belong to him, no one can snatch us away from him.

Sometimes we act like we are a sheep "without a shepherd". Or act like we do not "recognize the voice of the shepherd". By doing so we live lives lost and wandering, vulnerable to so many destructive voices and pressures. It is a reality that as imperfect human beings we are subject to failures, fears, confusions and disappointments. WE suffer from bruises and wounds both physical and emotional. Without a shepherd, it is a wonder how we can survive the turmoil in life.

WE need to hear and recognize our shepherd's voice. WE need to strengthen our selves to follow the voice and heed its directions. We must be able to recognize a stranger's voice and not follow it.

That is why it is important that as a parish community we must look seriously into our faith formation programs. Those are our ways of recognizing the voice of our shepherd. Let us work in helping our faith community to hear the voice of our Father.

Catholic Services Appeal

WE MADE OUR GOAL!!!

Thanks to a very generous donation we made our goal of \$9357.00. Because of this, our parish will receive 25% back to use for educational purposes.

Our Grand Party is Saturday, May 14th.

Tickets are available from **Randy & Kathy Archambault, John McDonough, Dan Pumper** and the office. Get your ticket NOW before they are all gone!!! Tickets are \$60 and entitle you to 2 dinners and a chance to win \$1,000 or one of the other monetary prizes of \$500, \$300, \$200, 8 prizes of \$100 or 10 prizes of \$60. JOB SIGN-UP IS ON THE OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD.

Congratulations to our 2016 First Communion Class

**Montana Celeste Bias
Justin Ray Braulik
Jonathan Alfred Chappuis
Emma Rose Jirik
Clare Judd Landrum
Ellie Kathleen Rice**

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

Child's Play Theatre production

**Saturday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.,
Sunday, April 24th at 1:00 p.m.**



The cast is made up of 14 local youth and directed by Andy Velishek, owner of Child's Play Theatre. A light meal will be served on Saturday from 6:00 – 6:45 for all

who would like to come out to dinner and a show. *Big Bad* provides audiences of any age with a smart and wickedly funny play in which the audience determine the outcome of the play! The most notorious criminal in the fairy-tale world, Big Bad Wolf, is being slapped with a class-action lawsuit by the countless quirky characters he has wronged. Now, the two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest — the Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother — will clash (on live Court TV, no less, with Sydney Grimm as commentator!) in a trial that will be remembered forever after. As Little Red Riding Hood, her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf testify, the wolf seems deserving of all that's coming. Read more...But, even though the disreputable Evil Stepmother couldn't be less interested in pro-bono work on such an obviously futile defense, Mr. Wolf makes a good case for himself. Was he born a criminal, or made one? Perhaps he does deserve compassion instead of condemnation? What will the verdict be? Only the jury — the audience — can decide, when the doddering old Judge invites them to determine the outcome of the trial... and the play! See the flyer in the bulletin for more information.



If you or someone you know, would like a visit from Father Victor or to receive Holy Communion, call the office or take a salmon colored 'Sick Call' form located on the kiosk. Fill it out and drop it in the collection or give it to Father or an usher after Mass.

Advertising Backdrop Update...

No we haven't forgotten about this! We recently received another donation towards the restoration of the advertising backdrop we were able to recover from the old social hall across the road. **We still need \$500 so we can get the backdrop professionally preserved.**



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)

Pop Culture & Faith . . . Maybe you are one of the millions of people who have attended "Miracles from Heaven," the currently popular movie about the ten-year-old girl from Texas who experiences a miraculous cure. While the film's success may surprise critics, it doesn't surprise Church leaders who recognize that people, even though they might appear to be content with the newest gadgets and trends, actually know there is something larger in life to know and seek, and they are happier when they embrace it. That "larger something" is, of course, belief in God and faith that God will guide us along our path. The beauty for our students at Holy Redeemer is that this all-important message is woven into the fabric of their school days. It is a message, along with their progress in math, reading, and all of the other subjects, that they can carry into adulthood. "Jesus isn't only my co-pilot. Sometimes I let him drive." -- Stephen Colbert, Tonight Show Host and practicing Catholic

Vacation Bible School (VBS) HRS is looking for a **volunteer coordinator(s)** and **volunteers** to help run a summer Vacation Bible School. The tentative dates would be the first or second week in August. If interested, please contact the school office.

Registration HRS currently is making plans for next year as far as staffing, books & equipment, so please turn in registration forms as soon as possible. Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is open. Forms have been sent home; please call the school if you have any questions.

National Walking Day Results We walked 30 minutes during an extended noon recess on April 6. Approx. 45° F, with a wind chill of 40°. 96 walkers (78 students pre-school through grade 8; 11 staff members; and 7 parents/visitors. 609 Mileage Club laps = 152.25 miles logged Average per walker = 1.59 miles (6.3 laps)

"Out-of-Uniform" Day Wednesday, April 6, was an "Out-of-Uniform" Day. Donations went to the Southern Minnesota Autism Coalition as part of Autism Awareness Month. Students & staff at HRS collected \$135.15 for this organization.

H & S School Raffle Most Holy Redeemer School is selling raffle tickets for their annual Home & School raffle. Weekly drawings for cash prizes of: 5 winners of \$200 & 20 winners of \$50

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from any school family, or at the school office.

Remember to return your raffle tickets by April 22.

Spring Flower & Chip Shoppe Items Flowers & products will be here by Mother's Day. There has been a special daily prize drawing for those students who turn in the slip indicating they have completed their first Chip Shoppe sale. Our latest winners were Kristin Siebsen, Darien Schoenbauer, Jaxson Vosejpkka and Bill Bulger.

Earth Day Students will observe Earth Day on Friday, April 22. Please check with your child's teacher as to what is needed for class activities.

HRS Yearbook Gr. 7 & 8 students, under the guidance of Mr. McCarthy, have been arduously working on the 2015/2016 Most Holy Redeemer School yearbook. Please place your order by May 2. As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concern

Mr. Vondracek, Principal vondracek@mosthrs.org

Holy Redeemer School needs recyclable paper (blank on one side) to use for copying student worksheets. Drop it off in the box by our office when you can. Thank you!

Happy Spring!

Coming Up In The Area ...

The Lonsdale area wide seniors (golden agers) meets **February 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Lonsdale I.C. Civic Center.** Cards played with a supper at 4:00 p.m. All adults over 60 invited to attend. For more information call Don at 507.744.2408.

The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Tuesday, April 19th 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.



Food for Kidz Packaging Event

**Thursday, April 28 at Crusader Civic Center
116 Alabama St SE, Lonsdale**

Two Shifts: 4:00 – 5:30 pm & 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Please bring your cash/check donation with you to cover the cost of food. *No sign-up needed!* Or mail your tax-deductible donation to: Food for Kidz c/o Immaculate Conception Parish PO Box 169, Lonsdale MN 55046. *Checks can be made payable to Food for Kidz.* 100% of money raised is used to buy food - Each meal costs \$0.15. For more information contact: Heather Malecha 952-652-2650 heathermalecha@outlook.com or Becky Neisen 952-292-9055 beckyneisen@yahoo.com or www.FoodForKidz.org. *Sponsored by the Food for Kidz Committee and IC Parish Pastoral Council*

Marian Symposium – Tuesday, May 3rd

at 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall in New Prague - Free and open to the public.

Opens with the Rosary, Mary in Scripture, Marian Apparitions, Marian Pilgrimages. Speaker is Father Dave Barrett, a priest who is in love with Mary and wants to foster devotion to her.

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 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

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.

Knights of Columbus 889 Korner

(17 Third Street NE – Ph.507.334.4918)



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