

A Word from Father Victor ...



May 15, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is the time of the year that commencement exercises are being celebrated. High school students commence a new journey through college. Confirmation students commence to personal journey in life, living in the teachings of Jesus Christ and establish a closer relationship with him. The word graduation does not mean an end to something but transitioning or elevating once journey into a new phase. May God bless our youth on their journey.

May God continue to breathe on us the new life he earned for us by his resurrection from the dead. Resurrection indeed means victory over death and new life. Then with the new life he conferred on his disciples, the Church, the mission to continue his work of bringing salvation (new life) in the forgiveness of sins and instruct the penitent what they are forfeiting by rejecting the mercy of God.

The wonderful gift of speaking foreign languages was a manifestation of the overpowering of the Holy Spirit in the early church and continues to work on our church today. In our catechism it is spelled out the gifts of the Holy Spirit that can support us in our different needs and different ministries. Can you imagine how the gift of counsel can help parents in their roles as guides to their children?

This weekend we remember and celebrate the birth of our church. We celebrate the coming of the spirit and learn to receive and respond to it. Let us offer our thanksgiving to our God who is always with us and accompanies us.

To our graduates and our confirmation students, God bless you on your journey!

Natural Family Planning Classes ... The Couple to Couple League offers NFP classes in Faribault. Each class consists of 3 monthly meetings. **Start dates** are as follows: 5-21, 6-4, 6-16, 8-20, 9-30, 11-19, 12-3, 12-15. To register go to ccli.org, click on **Search/Register for Classes**. For info about local classes 330-4559, 210-4805 or 412-0250.



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

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

We're Baaaack!!!



Put your toe tappin' shoes on...

"Cindy's Girls" are coming back for one last show!!!

We promise you delightful listening pleasure as we sing a bit of: Hank - Patsy - Elvis - A fabulous Broadway Medley

sure to get you singing along!! Set aside the morning of June 12th. **WE WOULD LOVE NOTHING MORE THAN A 'FULL HOUSE' FOR THE 9:00 A.M. MASS...** after which we will adjourn to the social hall for a cup of coffee or juice and a light snack such as a bagel, muffin, croissant, sweetbreads, etc. Then back into the sanctuary for a wonderful concert featuring our Hand Bell Choir, Hand Bell Ensemble with Harp, and of course our Women's Chorus group. What a lovely way to spend the morning and still be on your way by noon thirty. **COME ONE AND ALL!!!** You really do not want to miss this concert!

P.S. I heard some sailors might make an appearance.

Parish Pastoral Council Elections



This weekend, the community is invited to nominate people to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

Who can be nominated?

- Practicing Catholic who is in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.
- Confirmed and active member of the parish.
- Has not served as a member of the PPC in the last five years to give others the opportunity to serve.
- An outgoing Council member may want to run for one more term after their current term.

Let us ask the Lord to guide our community as we move forward in giving the opportunity for our members to serve in his Church as a Parish Pastoral Council Member. Nomination forms will be available this weekend. To nominate - complete the form, sign it, fold it and place it in the suggestion box located by the coatroom or return it to the office by Wednesday, May 18th. Nominees must agree and must be willing to serve a three year term as a PPC member before they are considered as a candidate. Candidates will be announced May 28 & 29 and PPC Elections will be the weekend of June 11-12. Absentee ballots available June 4/5 and returned by June 10.

Are you available to take care of the Church flowerbeds during the Summer? Please call the office or talk to Larry Smisek if you could take on that job. If we get enough people, the tasks can be split by job or month.

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.



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Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K - 8th Grade)

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

This Friday is the Grandparents/Grand Friends Talent & Art Show, one of many multi-generational opportunities our students enjoy at HRS. There is great value in providing settings that allow students and their elders to share time and experiences. Pope Benedict's understanding of the special role of Grandparents or Grand Friends is reflected in this passage from his Grandparents' Prayer. Have a good week. Excerpt from "**Prayer for Grandparents**" *Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Amen!*

PreciouStatus: HRS will use a new communication program this month. PreciouStatus is a simple, powerful, mobile app connecting families to educators anytime, anywhere, on any device. Family members receive private, real-time photos, updates and bulletins – for all HRS preschoolers & K-8 students – from their teachers. You will receive an invitation on your e-mail concerning how to get involved and start using this communication app.

The traditional Track & Field Day for HRS students will held on May 18 (the rain date is May 19). This is a change from the original date. Please make plans accordingly. We are still looking for volunteers to help run this exciting event.

School Library will be closing for end-of-year inventory: All library books and materials need to be turned in Monday, May 16. Look for the HRS barcode. Mrs. Picha needs to do inventory before the school year ends. Please remind your children.

This summer we will fix the HRS roof, God Bless!

HRS Block Party Organizers seek parents to donate gift cards to use as prizes for the event. Please contact school or Block Party Committee.

The Golf Tournament Committee is looking for help as it plans this year's tournament. Please contact the school if you are willing to help.

Middle School Band Concert: Students from HRS will participate in the TCU Middle School Choir Concert on Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 pm in the TCU Auditorium. Students involved are Anna Barnett, Bill Bulger, Meghan Callahan, Tyler Kadrlík, Elizabeth Odenthal, Steven Odenthal, Abby Rutt, Anthony Rynda, Will Trcka, Grace Barnett, Nate Leonard, Michelle Ramirez, John Urtuzuastegui, Collin Barnett, Thomas Bulger, Anna Deutsch, Erika Kadrlík, Rachel Rynda, Darien Schoenbauer, Landon Skluzacek and Rachel Way.

Home & School "End-Of-The-Year" Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. The new Kolacky Days policy will be presented as well as a special presentation on "How to use Scrip to Your Advantage". All families are encouraged to attend!!!

School Advisory Board Opening this upcoming year. If you are interested As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns. Thanks.

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Knights of Columbus 889 Korner



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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 information. Reach us at fariboknights@gmail.com.

Coming Up In The Area

The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Tuesday, May 17th 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 provide yarn for the shawls and give them to those in need. We also have knitters who knit at home.



The Lonsdale Area Wide Seniors (Golden Agers) meet Tuesday May 17th, 1:00 at I.C. Civic center. Euchre & Bingo will be played. We will make Ham sandwiches for the evening meal. For additional info call Don at 507-744-2408. All area seniors are welcome to attend. Hope to see you all there.

FREE SOCIAL EVENT

**Come to the Village Theatre on
Tuesday, May 17th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
for a Free showing of the movie 'WarRoom'.
Wine and dessert served.**