

A Note From the Pastor...



It is an amazing thing that Saint Paul writes in his first letter to the Church in Corinth: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body." First of all, we are temples of the Holy Spirit – God, through our baptism, dwells within us. We must of course cultivate the life of the Holy Spirit within. Just as parents make their home a pleasant dwelling for their children, so must we all strive to make our hearts pleasing dwelling places for the Holy Spirit. That the Spirit dwells within us, we make manifest in how we live. We avoid sin and instead live virtuously. We avoid selfishness and live generously. We avoid lustful living and instead live chastely as a single or married person. We avoid gluttony and instead live moderately. We avoid mean-spiritedness and instead live kindly. We avoid prejudice and instead live justly. *Thus do we glorify God through our bodies.*

The annual **March for Life** occurs in Washington DC next weekend. Father Lundgren joins nineteen teens and adults from Divine Mercy and approximately 200 people from the Archdiocese to express solidarity with the voiceless children. In one year we will remember the 40th Anniversary of the horrific day when abortion became legal in the United States. We need to continue to work in every facet for the legal protection of unborn children. I look forward to the day when people who expresses support of abortion are in the minority, as if they said they supported slavery. Pray for the safety of the group.

Prayer of Reparation

*God and Father of Life,
You have created every human person,
And have opened the way for each to have eternal life.*

*We live in the shadow of death.
Tens of millions of your children have been killed
because of the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing
abortion.*

*Father, have mercy on us.
Heal our land
And accept our offering of prayer and penance.
In your love for us,
Turn back the scourge of abortion.*

*May each of us exult in hearts full of hope
And hands full of mercy
And work together to build a culture of life.*

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Kevin Finnegan

Prayer Shawl Ministry



In 2004 the parish nurses at DMCC along with Lorraine Dudley, Parish Nurse, began a knitting group after learning about the ministry at a parish nurse network meeting.

To date over 800 shawls have been gifted.

The purpose of these shawls is to give comfort to those in need whether they are sick or struggling with grief or just in appreciation and need an affirmation of God's love. We like to tell the recipients to wrap up in their shawls and rest in the arms of Jesus who will take care of them and give them strength and peace. We are most grateful to whoever knits these shawls and we have witnessed many "miracles" because of them, a sign of God's unending love.

The shawls are blessed on the first Saturday of the month during the 8:30 a.m. Mass at DMCC.

There are two different options for knitting shawls:

1. You can purchase the yarn, then you can gift it to the person of your choice. We can supply a card, or you can make your own.

2. We can supply you with yarn, then the shawl comes back to us when it is finished. It will then be gifted to someone in need by a priest, a pastoral minister or a parish nurse. The knitters' name will be on the card that goes with the shawl. Making shawls for us is most appreciated.

Supplies: Knitting needles size 11 or 13. Lion's Brand Homespun Yarn-3 skeins. Finished size about 3' by 7' with 6" to 7" fringe. We will supply directions as necessary. Donations for yarn are always welcome and envelopes will soon be available here at St. Patricks.

Meetings: We meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home Activities Room. The next meeting will be January 17th. We invite anyone interested in joining us to come whether you are a beginner or an advanced knitter. All are welcome, just bring your needles. We also acknowledge our many knitters who choose to knit at home.

For more information please call Lorraine Dudley, Parish Nurse @ 334-4089 or Marie Jasinski, retired Parish Nurse @ 334-6543.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BREAKFAST

at The American Legion, Faribault, on Sunday, January 22nd. Serving hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Menu will include egg bake with ham, biscuits and gravy, sweet rolls and fruit cup, coffee, orange juice and milk. Breakfast will be served buffet style. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children 10 and under. Tickets will be sold at the door only.



KC 889 Korner...

(17 Third Street NE -Ph.507.334.4918)

The KC Hall in Faribault is available for weddings, anniversaries, fundraisers, graduation parties, dinners, family gatherings. Call Rick Scheil at 507.334.4918 for information.

AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ...



Upcoming events at B.A.:
www.bacards.org

Dine out for Catholic Education at Boston's on Tuesday January 24th. From 11 am to 8 pm just tell your server you are supporting the Catholic schools. Proceeds from your bill will be split equally between DMCS and BA.

BABS raffle tickets now available for purchase at all home basketball games or in the Advancement Office at BA. \$25 raffle tickets for a chance to win \$10,000 cash, or \$50 raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2012 Polaris 4-wheeler from LaCanne's Marine (winner of 4-wheeler can trade retail value for anything at LaCanne's).

2nd Annual Cardinal Cruise 10K, 5K walk/run and Kids run – to be held on Saturday April 14th. Join us, as a runner/walker or as a sponsor! See www.finalstretch.com for details. For sponsor information, contact Sue Erpenbach at 334-3948.

SINGLE PARENT MORNING RETREAT

Single parents are welcome to join the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life for the annual **Single Parent Morning Retreat on Saturday, February 4th from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon** (optional mass at 8 a.m.) **at the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin**, 1414 Dale Street North, St. Paul, MN 55117. The cost is \$10/family. Free childcare will be provided. Any questions please feel free to contact the Marriage, Family and Life office at 651.291.4489.

Community Fellowship Meal at Cathedral Café (101 Sixth Street NW) Every Tuesday 5 – 6:30 p.m. Cathedral of our Merciful Savior, – across from Parker-Kohl Funeral Home). No Charge! All Ages Welcome! Well-balanced, simple meals.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH - LONSDALE

FIVE CENT BINGO - Sunday, January 15 at IC Catholic Church Civic Center, Lonsdale-sponsored by the IC-CCW. Lunch 11:00 AM-4:30 PM, Bingo Games Noon-4:00 PM. Join us for an afternoon of fun...bring the kids!

AGING SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES

is in need of Respite Volunteers in Montgomery, Waterville and Elysian. You would visit, have coffee, play cards or just be there while they nap so the Caregiver could take a break. Call 507-364-5663 for more information. Mileage reimbursement is provided.



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery

WELCOME TO FATHER GEORGE!

Students had their first Mass with Father George Kallumkalkudy on Friday. He talked about where he comes from, his Rite and Order, and how love is the universal language. We are celebrating his arrival and the students look forward to asking him more questions as he comes to visit their classrooms.

POHLAD SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

GRANT: What is the Pohlada Scholarship Challenge Grant? Most Holy Redeemer is one of seven schools invited to participate in this grant. The Pohlada family matches funds raised. This year we need to raise \$7,800. If we raise this amount, they will match \$7,800. These funds are critical to HRS. We are asking area parishioners for support. Please consider a gift and pray for success. An insert is in this week's bulletin or in the back of church.

JANUARY EVENTS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK:

Please plan to join us at the special, upcoming events...

- Jan. 13: Geography Bee – 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria
- Jan. 22: Waffle Breakfast – Please pre-order, we receive a better rate!
- Jan. 27: HRS Celebration Event 5 – 7 p.m. – Please come and reminisce as we welcome back principals, Sister Duane, Mary Regenscheid, Kathy Segna, and Sister Mary Margaret Murphy. Appetizers served, cost only \$8 at the American Legion. Call to reserve tickets 364-7383.
- Jan. 27: HRS Family Fun Night! Only \$25 per family and raffle tickets also available, just \$5 a piece for three chances to win! The Downtown Sound Band is playing beginning at 7 p.m. – COME FOR NIGHT!
- Jan. 28: 10 a.m. Reconciliation for 2nd Grade and Reception
- Jan. 31: Spelling Bee – K-2 8:30 a.m.; 3-8 10:15 a.m. in Cafeteria
- Feb. 2: Preschool & Kindergarten Free Carnival! Come and see reptiles, play games, and meet our Little Lambs and Kindergarten teachers – 6-7:30 p.m.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

“Enlightening young minds through multiage instruction. Leading young hearts to Christ.”

Holy Redeemer School - Waffle Breakfast

January 22, 8:30 a.m. to Noon at Holy Redeemer Church basement. Tickets may be pre-ordered by calling 507.364.7383 or they may be purchased at the door.