



## A Word from Father Victor ...



April 3, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Divine Mercy. It is a day we remember and celebrate the gift of reconciliation, healing and restoration that God offers to all who come to him in their regret, hurt, loss, confusion, and shame. We celebrate our God who redeems all sinners.

How can we celebrate this great devotion and gift? First let us give thanks for the gift. Secondly, let us use the gift of memory of our healing and share the lessons we learn. Third, let us be instruments of reconciliation and healing ourselves. The new evangelization challenges us to spread the gospel through our own experiences of healing and freedom and helping our brothers and sisters to heal from their own hurts caused by sin.

There is so much intentionality and will in the process of healing. WE desire to be healed, first and foremost and work on it. We choose to humble ourselves and accept our reality. Let us open our vulnerability to the Lord and ask for his healing. It takes time and patience. Keep praying. Ask and claim for God's healing and forgiveness. Forgive your self and others as well. Like Jesus, let us carry our cross, and let our sins die so that like him, we can also be resurrected. It is God's desire to forgive, to heal and to redeem.

May our celebration of Easter become an experience of forgiveness, healing, restoration.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this Weekend for St. Mary's Church, Melrose**

We are having a second collection this weekend, April 2/3 for St. Mary's Church in Melrose which was destroyed by a fire on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Built in 1899, it was a beautiful, historic church. This brings back many memories of July 29, 2002 - a sad day at St. Patrick. 13 years ago we watched our beloved stone church burn. St. Patrick received many acts of kindness from all over the United States. We hope to pass this on to St. Mary's. Please be as generous as you are able.

**Advertising Backdrop Update...** No we haven't forgotten about this! We recently collected another \$500 towards the restoration of an advertising backdrop we got out of the old social hall. We still need about \$700 so we can get the backdrop professionally preserved.

Thank you parishioners of St. Patrick's for your wonderful participation during the Easter Triduum. It was a joy celebrating Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday with you. May God bless all of you with Easter joy. **Fr. Jerome Fehn**

### **Jesus Food Service Project...**

Our RE youth are participating in the Jesus Food Service Project. If you would like to pack food with the youth on either April 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office. There are a limited number of spaces available. Financial contributions can be put into the weekend collection or dropped in the 'Jesus Food' can in the narthex. The bulletin contains more information about our Jesus Food project.



### **Our new archbishop!**

On Holy Thursday, March 24, Pope Francis formally named Archbishop **Bernard A. Hebda** as the new leader of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

### **Our Grand Party is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Tickets are now 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.**

**St. Patrick Faith Focus Group will meet next Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m.** All ages welcome. We use

Matthew Kelly's Decision Point program which Kim Chmelik facilitates. The entire program can be accessed online to work on your own with workbooks available in the office. Call Kim, 507.333.0297 or [kchmelik@earthlink.net](mailto:kchmelik@earthlink.net).



### **Catholic Services Appeal**

Please return your CSA Pledge form if you haven't already. At last check we are considerably far from our goal. If you lost the one sent to you by the CSA office, there are additional forms in the pews. The following organizations/ministries will benefit **IF YOU CHOOSE TO SUPPORT THE CSA THIS YEAR!** 17 Collective Ministries will benefit. **We ask you to be as generous as you can be. When we make our goal, 25% of money collected is returned to St. Patrick. Please search your heart and be as generous as you can be. Go to [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org) for more about 2016 Appeal.**

## 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 information. Reach us at fariboknights@gmail.com.

*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!*

## 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 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery  
(507)364-7383 (mosthrs.org)

I am always so impressed with the poise that HRS students demonstrate when they participate in Mass or give any presentation. The students' excellent portrayal of Christ's Passion on Wednesday of last week is a case in point. In addition to enriching students' faith, events like the Living Stations provide genuine opportunities for the students to contribute to the community and to develop important communication skills.

#### **Pennies for Patients**

During Lent HRS students collected \$423.94 for the "Pennies For Patients" program sponsored by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Well done!

#### **Spring Flower & Chip Shoppe Fundraiser**

HRS has begun its Spring Flower & Chip Shoppe fundraisers. The students received their fundraising packets March 23. Packets will need to be back by the 13th of April in order to have products here by Mother's Day.

#### **Registration**

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is open. Forms have been sent home; please call the school if you have any questions. Remember to get your

registration forms in by April 1 in order for you to have a chance to win a scrip gift card.

#### **National Walking Day**

Take the first step to a healthier life by taking part in the American Heart Association's National Walking Day. On Wednesday, April 6, HRS will kick off a month-long celebration designed to help us all become more active. On the day of the event, students and staff will walk the school's Mileage Club route from 11:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. during an extended noon recess. Interested community members are invited to put on their walking shoes and join HRS.

#### **Other Fundraising**

HRS received the following amounts so far this year from the following programs: \$76.60 from Funding Factory (recycled ink cartridges); \$723.40 from aluminum cans (special thank you to Harry Tuma and the KC's for delivery of cans); \$880.14 from Target card; \$398.80 from Boxtops; \$257.88 from Coborn's receipts; and \$279.20 from Milk Moola. (Note all programs in which HRS participates in the box on the right. Keep saving!)

#### **End of Quarter**

The 3rd quarter will be ending on April 1. As always, please feel free to email or call me with Mr. **Vondracek**, Principal vondracek@mosthrs.org

*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.*

#### **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://shieldsville.org/> for weekly bulletins, member information, Mass times here and at area churches, heritage notes and more.

## Coming Up In The Area ...

### DISCIPLESHIP & DRINKS

TUESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 P.M.

UNION HILL BAR



So, they went to Easter Mass...

How to evangelize and be evangelized in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Come join us for a brief presentation lively discussion and

whatever beverage you purchase  
Sponsored by New Prague Area Catholic Community