

A Word from Father Victor ...



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March 19, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend the scripture readings invite us to go to, what to our present culture would say, an uncomfortable place. That is the reality of sin and who we are. Our culture of “feel good” do not want us to see and face our vulnerability especially on the reality that man is “sinful”. It is important that we face this reality realistically because sin can lead us to the eternal fire. To avoid it, we need to see truthfully the dynamics of our sinfulness and work to overcome it.

The adulterous woman was the image of all our sinfulness. Like her, we are vulnerable. It might be good to see how vulnerable the woman was and how does her vulnerability represents all of us? Have we ever realized how our sinfulness make us spiritual “outcasts”?

On the other hand we can see Jesus, the son of God, pure an undefiled, reached out and spoke to the woman. He spared her condemnation from her sins, talked to her and showed her how she can be quenched from her thirsting soul. In the dialogue between Jesus and the woman we can hear what Jesus is telling all of us who are sinners and outcasts.

Why would the Son of God ask for water from a sinful person? Why did he do this? He could have just made a miracle and that would even have a powerful effect on the sinner. But he chose to encounter and relate. Why? Visibly, to establish a connection and to invite the sinner to open her heart. Yes, true conversion begins in the heart. Sin makes us move away from God. Jesus is reaching out inviting the sinner to come closer.

During this lent season may it be an opportunity for us to reflect on our own dynamics and humbly recognize our vulnerability before the Lord. When we open our hearts to Jesus that will be the beginning of a lasting friendship and personal conversion.

God is working to call each of us into conversation with him and consequently, a conversion of the heart. He desires to connect with us, heart to heart.

Lenten Resources

The table in the narthex has a wealth of information that we invite you to take to assist you in your Lenten journey. Stations, led by **Marcia DeGroot**, will be every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Marriage Preparation Mentor Workshops

Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

NEW Chancery – 777 Forest St., Saint Paul

Anyone involved in serving as a mentor for marriage preparation is encouraged to register for this workshop. Cost: \$65 per person or \$80 per couple (Cost includes mentor materials). Lunch is an additional \$8 per person. St. Patrick is willing to cover the costs for those who attend. Find more details and register at www.archspm.org/Events. Questions? Call 651-291-4488 or Bernie & Mary Ardolf at 507.334.4431.

Catholic Services Appeal



The 2017 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) began in early February and we ask for your support. The CSA is the way in which the collective ministries in the Archdiocese are funded. **Your gift to the Catholic Service Appeal is restricted for the benefit of its collective ministries. The designated ministries cannot be funded on their own or by any one single parish but rather need our collective help.** You are being called to join us in doing our part so that these important ministries of this Archdiocese can be fully funded. Your generosity is appreciated.

Lent Fish Frys...

- **K of C #889 (Faribault) Fish dinner Fridays in Lent at the KC Hall from 5 - 7:30pm.** \$12.50 Adults, \$6 Children. Baked or Fried fish, baked potato, vegetable, salad bar, coffee, milk, water.
- **American Legion Post #108 in Le Center, Fish Fry each Friday in Lent.** \$6 Fish Basket Lunch (11am-1pm) & \$10 Fish Dinner (5-7:30pm - or until gone). **Dates:** March 17, 24, 31, April 7, (*March 10 & April 14 are Lunch Only, No Dinner)
- **St. Patrick of Cedar Lake, Friday, March 31 from 5 – 8 p.m.** All You Can Eat Deep Fried or Baked Cod, French Fries, AuGratin Potatoes, Coleslaw, Beans, Rye Bread & Rolls, Macaroni & Cheese, Bars and Beverage.

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.

Fish dinners every Friday during Lent at the KC Hall from 5pm to 7:3pm. \$12.50 Adults, \$6 Children. Baked or Fried fish, baked potato, vegetable, salad bar, coffee, milk, water.

Faribault K.C. Ladies Auxiliary annual Seder meal at KC Hall the FIRST Thursday of April, the 6th, instead of the usual second Thursday meeting time as Thursday April 13th will be Holy Thursday. The Seder meal is a multi step representation of the Passover meal that has been with the Jewish people for millennia with specifically Christian elements added at the conclusion. It is a beautiful service in which to participate if you have wondered what "Passover" is all about.

Area Catholic Schools ...



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K - 8th Grade)

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

With my wife's heritage being all Irish, I tread carefully when taking any focus away from St. Patrick. That said, I think a little more attention needs to be given to St. Joseph's Day. St. Joseph is a saint who holds an obviously unique place in Jesus' story as his earthly father, and as many might know, his feast day is March 19. Czech immigrants brought their enthusiasm for the day to the U.S., and today folks in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, still host an annual parade that rivals the one held for St. Patrick. According to one source, St. Joseph's Day developed special significance for the Czechs because so many parents named their boys in honor of Mary's spouse, whose life was defined by a noble love and commitment. Those are virtues that we can pause and appreciate even if we don't get in on any St. Joseph party this Sunday. Wear red!

Registration Open - \$100 Scrip drawing

HRS is starting the registration process for the next school year. If you return your registration forms before Monday, April 3, your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 Scrip card. Forms were sent home last week in the parent letter envelope.

Tuition Assistance If you are applying for tuition assistance, please do so before May 1. The process has changed this year and all interested parents need to access your TADS account and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Vondracek.

Katastrophe Kate - Friday, March 17 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. - (STREAM Theatre) - Come and Support the Arts at HRS.

Everyone welcome!

Summer Daycare -

HRS is in the process of starting a summer daycare. If interested in using these services, please contact the school for an interest survey or go on line to:

<https://goo.gl/forms/1WyXDGUag6wVSN292>

Pennies for Patients

Students across the country are collecting pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters during the Pennies for Patients campaigns benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Everyone who participates is a winner!

Week of March 20th - Quarters

Community Education - Extreme Electronix

Grades 1-5: Build a siren, a fan, a doorbell and many other electric circuits. Students will build 20-30 electronics projects over the course of the session and use those projects to explore basic aspects of electricity, including measuring ohms, amps, voltage, open and closed circuits and more. Safety is our first rule. We will only use DC current (batteries). No AC current (electric outlets) will be used. Amp up your after school! Sign up today!

Registration available online through TCU Community Education

DC Trip - 2018

Just a reminder to the students and parents who will take part in the 2018 Trip to Washington, DC - All forms and deposits are due by March 31.

Save the Date - Shrine Circus

On Friday, March 31, all staff and students from grades K - 8 will be traveling to St. Paul, MN, to see the Shrine Circus. Field trip forms were sent home and are due in the school office by March 22.

As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns. As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns. Thank you -
Mr. Vondracek, gvondracek@mosthrs.org



Bethlehem Academy

105 Third Ave. SW, Faribault
507.334.3948 [ww.bacards.org](http://www.bacards.org)

Holy Redeemer School, Montgomery is looking for recyclable paper (blank on one side) to use for copying student worksheets, etc. Please drop off in St Patrick office. Thank you!



COMING UP IN THE AREA...

Next Baptism Class - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5th at Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery.



Classes are required IF this is your first child or it has been more than 2 years since your last class. Call Montgomery to register 507.364.7981.

Please consider Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for your contributions, especially snow-birds. EFT is available for any OR all financial contributions to St. Patrick. Forms are easy to fill out and available in the office. Donations deducted right from your account (checking, saving, or other) - no hassle with envelopes, checks or remembering.