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through multiage education.  
Leading young hearts to Christ."*



**HRS Families ...**



*"When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!" -  
Pope Francis*

The winter was a tough one, and the geese overhead seem to tell us that spring will be -- or should be -- here soon. We're grateful for the season's change and are also thankful that spring doesn't always bring with it the kinds of flooding that my own hometown Verdigre, Nebraska, experienced last week.

Like Montgomery, Verdigre takes pride in its Czech heritage and its own version of the Kolache. Sportsmen love what's known as the "Bohemian Alps of Northeastern Nebraska" because the town is near both the Niobrara and Missouri Rivers. Unfortunately, these rivers, along with the Verdigris Creek that runs through the town, are the waterways that have breached their banks, broken a dike and inundated streets, homes, and businesses with water.

All of that said, the reason I mention Verdigre this week is that, for me, how the town and other towns in Nebraska have dealt with the catastrophic floods is nothing short of inspirational. According to the Omaha Archdiocese's Catholic Voice, one family whose farm was unaffected by the floods has opened their home to relatives and another family needing a place "for a total of 16 people." The host family's mother stressed the importance of her Catholic upbringing and said, "We grew up knowing that when somebody is in need, you step up, so there was really no thought put into it [the decision to help] at all. This anecdote is just one of many similar stories playing out across that area in which people, acting on their faith, teach all of us an important lesson as they help others in need.

Have a good week!

**Auxiliary Poster & Americanism Essay Contests Results**

The Montgomery Legion Auxiliary came to school last week and announced the winners of their annual American Flag Poster Contest for Grades 1-6 and the American Essay Contest for Grades 7-8. Winners for this event were: Grade 1-2: Maddox Budin (1st Place); Grade 3-4: Allison Rynda (1), Evan Skluzacek (2), Aubrie Barnett (3) & Maximus Budin (4); Grades 5-6: Clara Leonard (1), Maddie Prouty (2), Elle Zvanovec (3) & Kristin Siebsen (4) and Grades 7-8, Americanism Essay Contest: Steven Odenthal (1), Noah Rynda (2) & Ellie Sladek (3). Congratulations to all the participants and thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary for this wonderful program.

**Welcome to HRS**

Please welcome Katie Scheel to the HRS family. Katie will be filling in for the school's maintenance engineer Rick Skluzacek while Rick is out on medical leave. Please welcome Katie when you see her.

**Pennies for Patients (Penny Wars)**

The Penny Wars at HRS are now over; however, this week the 3rd grade math class will be finalizing the results during their math class. Winners will be announced next week. From all accounts this activity was very successful!



**Heart Walk**

HRS will hold its annual Heart Walk on Wednesday, April 10 (weather permitting). Students and staff will walk the school's Mileage Club route from 11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. during an extended noon recess. Parents, grandparents and interested community members are invited to put on their walking shoes and join HRS.

As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns.  
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**Calendar:**

- March 27—Mini Sessions, 12:00-1:45, Gr. 5-8
- March 27—Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m., HRC
- March 28—Mini Sessions, 12:00-2:00, Gr. 5-8
- March 29—All School Mass, Gr. 3,4
- April 2—Rosary, 7:45, Room 205
- April 3—Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m., HRC
- April 5—All School Mass, Gr. 1
- April 9—Rosary, 7:45, Room 205
- April 10—HRS Heart Walk, 11:40-12:10, school grounds
- April 10—Early Out (12:45 p.m.)
- April 12—All School Mass, Gr. 7,8
- April 16—Rosary, 7:45, Room 205
- April 18-22—Easter Break, No School

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