

# The Good News

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## Memorial Day, May 31

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves.



It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery. By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

We offer our prayer of thanks for all those who gave their lives to make this "the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

***(Note: The parish office/ building will be closed on Memorial Day.)***

## RSVP Reminder Seniors' Spring Luncheon

12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 11

Please RSVP (612-869-2426) by May 5!

## Happy Spring!

The snow and cold left us early this year...and thanks to Sharol Eggenberger, and Shari and Ken Kawiecki, all of last fall's left-over waste is at the recycling/compost location.



They and the boy scouts also readied the bushes and gardens for another growing season. Thank you also to Rosemary Rockwell, who prepared the Peace Garden for this year's annual plantings.

## Congratulations, Tyler Michaels!

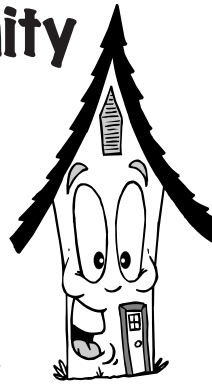
Tyler Michaels, a parishioner, and student at Morehead State University, performed recently at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. He was named a finalist for the Irene Ryan ("Granny," in The Beverly Hillbillies!) National Acting Scholarship, an honor that included a financial award. Tyler has also been awarded The Mark Twain Scholarship for Comic Performance; as well as a scholarship for 1/2 year tuition from The Dell' Arte International School of Physical Theatre in California. Congratulations to Tyler (and to his family, including Barb Michaels-Rauen and Keith Rauen, and Ann and Bob Schmidt)!

## May Dates to Remember:

Sunday, May 2..... Parishioner Appreciation  
Sunday, May 9..... Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 16 ..... Feast of the Ascension  
Saturday, May 22.... Confirmation  
Sunday, May 23 ..... Pentecost  
Thursday, May 27... Remembrance Prayer  
Service  
Monday, May 31 ..... Memorial Day

# Habitat for Humanity

St. Richard's parish will once again be participating in a summer build for Habitat for Humanity. Our dates to work are July 19-23, and the house we'll be working on is located at 1906 Russell Ave. North in Minneapolis. 12-15 volunteers are needed each day of our assigned week. Watch for more information, and for sign-up sheets, in the near future. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this project, please make your check out to St. Richard's, with the notation "Habitat," and either drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish.



# Happy Birthday to...

Bud.....May 6  
Kathleen .....May 7  
Travis .....May 9  
Isidro.....May 15  
Bev.....May 18  
Florence.....May 25

From your Morning Prayer/Mass Friends



# ZUMBA for Seniors will be back this summer!

Laugh a lot, and get fit with your friends, exercising to Latin dance music. We'll have Zumba in the Social Hall Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings, from 9-10, during June, July, and August. Free for parishioners. (Non-parishioners are welcome: \$4/session.) *Sponsored by the Pastoral Care Commission.*



# AHA Honor Roll Students

Academy of Holy Angels has announced the names of students who earned academic honors during the second trimester of the 2009-2010 school year. This list includes many students from our parish: Nicole Formico, Ashley Heath, Anna Meyer, Alexa Snow, Christopher Boser, Kathryn Coleman, Thao Do, Jacob Formico, Jonathan Heath, Karl Inoferio, Joseph Iverson, Matthew Spano, Stephanie Vassar, Elizabeth Johnston, Meagan O'Connor, and Rachel Turbeville. Congratulations to these scholars!

# Congratulations to the Collins Family!

On Sunday morning, April 19, Carol and Jeremiah Collins received the wonderful news that they had won the Academy of Holy Angels Raffle for a year's tuition at the high school — a \$11,400 value! Their daughter, Melanie, will be a senior at AHA next year. Carol purchased just one \$50 raffle ticket! We are so happy for all of you!

# Confirmation

Our blessings and best wishes to those from our parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at The Cathedral on Saturday, May 22. Our prayers are with you.



# Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministers have knitted or crocheted over twenty Prayer Shawls. Fourteen of them have already been blessed and given to parishioners as part of the pastoral care we provide. Another group of Prayer Shawls will be blessed during Morning Prayer on May 4. Thank you to those who have knitted or crocheted these beautiful gifts: Ronnie Landherr, Mary Iverslie, Kay Wallerus, Kathleen Conrad, Colette Schunk, Irene Krippner, Pat Pingatore, Patricia Beck and Mary Ann Ferber. If you have offered to be a part of this ministry, you can bring completed Prayer Shawls to the parish office any time, or call to arrange for pick-up. For information about, or to be a part of, Prayer Shawl Ministry, please call Kathleen in the parish office: 612-869-2426.

# SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!

The June edition will be published on Sunday, June 6. If you have Good News to share (an award, graduation, scholarship, birth announcement, birthday or anniversary, etc.), please call the parish office at 612-869-2426, or send an email to [secretary@strichards.com](mailto:secretary@strichards.com).