

March 27, 2019

Have You Found Your Burning Bush?

Dear Parents,

We are halfway through Lent and in Sunday's first reading from the book of Exodus we heard about God speaking to Moses through the burning bush. Last week I was talking with Kim Desotell and discussing my performance review. During that conversation she thanked me for my vocation to Catholic education. I shared with her what I call "my burning bush" story. 20 years ago I had the opportunity to be offered the principal job at Kewaunee Public Elementary School. It was at that time that I was doing some serious discernment about whether I wanted to leave Catholic education. I was attending 4:30 Mass and really praying about the direction I should take when the Gospel reading came and hit me in the head. It was from John 15:16 - **"You did not choose me. Instead, I chose you, And I gave you this work: to go and produce fruit, fruit that will last."**

Well all right then! The answer to my prayers could not have been more clear and ever since that day I know I am called to this profession. That was my burning bush.

At another meeting I was at where the principals get together once a month to discuss professional readings and best practices, one of the articles led us to a discussion about how God speaks to us. Several of the principals were sharing incidents when they felt God had spoken to them. Everyone had a different story. Kim shared with us that she believes God speaks to her by leading her to information and research that helps her make good decisions. I said to her, "Kim that is exactly how I would think God would speak to you." The point is, we all have our own different experiences of how God speaks to us. So this week, as we mark the halfway point of Lent and reflect on the Exodus reading of

Moses meeting God in the burning bush it would be a good time to contemplate where our burning bush appears in our lives. God is talking to us - are we paying attention?

Something egg-citing is happening at the St. Matthew Campus



The students at the St. Matthew Campus are patiently waiting and watching for their symbol of Easter to fight its way out of its shell and spring to new life.

On Thursday, March 21st we placed 18 chicken eggs into an incubator. If we take good care of them in 21 days we should have some chicks pecking their way into the world.

Early Christians, recognizing the power of the egg as a symbol for new life, connecting eggs to the new life found in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter. Eggs are a perfect Easter symbol, and a symbol of new life in

Christ. The egg is also an illustration the Resurrection itself – a chick emerging from its shell represents Jesus emerging from his tomb on Easter.

Holy Week should bring us some egg-citing new chicks to enjoy and wonder at the miracle of new life and the new life we are given through the Resurrection.

Safe Environment Instruction for Middle School Sanctified and Liked

Each year we are required to teach lessons that give our children the awareness and tools they need to overcome anyone who intends to harm them. This includes teaching students how to responsibly interact on social media. On Friday, April 5th the Spiritus team, a group of young adults whose ministry is to inspire young Catholics to spread the Gospel and renew the Church will be at the Resurrection Campus to conduct the “Sanctified and Liked” retreat for the students in grades 5 through 8.

The goal of this retreat is to keep social media in perspective. Sanctified and Liked encourages students to find their value as a child of God and not how they are viewed or “liked” on social media. They are reminded who they are and encouraged to be a witness for Christ through their online behavior.

You have the option to NOT have your child participate in this experience. If it is your desire to NOT have your child attend the retreat there is a form attached to today’s communication to sign indicating you do NOT want your child to attend. Please sign it and return it to school before April 5th.

I pray for you and your family that you will:

- find and listen to your burning bush
- get egg-cited about the coming of Easter
- and feel sanctified and liked!

God bless,
Kay Franz

