



Der Löwe und der Pfeil



The Lion and the Arrow — Issue 11

Announcements

The CDA will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 13 after the 6 p.m. Holy Mass. All members are invited and encouraged to go to both the Holy Mass at 6 p.m. and the following meeting. Members are also reminded to wear their badges while attending CDA events or Mass.

The CDA would like to thank all those who donated prizes and bought and sold tickets for their Easter Raffle in support of the Religious Education Programs and Catholic School Subsidies.



April 14 marks the 44th Anniversary of the Catholic Daughter Court Saint Leo #2168. In celebration of this occasion, the CDA has decided to hold a brunch on April 18 in the Reznicek Hall. All members are invited to attend the brunch, and are asked to bring a dish to share with everyone. We hope to see many members there to celebrate this milestone. If possible, please let Charlene Reynolds know if you are coming and what dish you are bringing. You can also comment this information on the Facebook post in the Church Facebook Group.

The Saint Leo IV Sodality of Mary members will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday, 5 April 2021, at 4 p.m. at Reznicek Hall. All children up to age 10 years are invited to participate. Be sure to bring your Easter Basket!



Monthly Saint

Every month the newsletter will feature a Saint or Religious Figure. Many times, a prayer or novena will be featured. For April we feature Saint Herman.

Saint Herman was a great devotee of Our Blessed Lady and one of the most popular of medieval contemplatives. He was born at Cologne, Germany in 1150 into a family of good name that had lost its wealth. From his early childhood he sought out the Altar of the Holy Virgin to converse with Her. His simplicity was charming. On one occasion he brought an apple to the Holy Mother of God and asked Her to accept it. The statue of the Blessed Virgin moved and She extended Her Blessed Hand to take the gift. Another time he arrived in the Church and saw the Queen of Heaven in great splendor in the choir. At Her side were two children, Saint John the Baptist and the Divine Christ Child playing together. As Saint Herman stood contemplating the scene, the Blessed Virgin called to him. He swiftly climbed the steps of Presbytery, but the grilled gate to the choir was closed and locked. "I cannot reach you," he said to Blessed Mary, "the grill is locked and there is no ladder for me to climb over it." The Holy Blessed Virgin then directed him where to put his hands and feet in order to climb over the grill. Doing this, he entered the choir and she told him to join the Divine Christ Child and Saint John in play. One cold winter day he came barefoot to the church to pray. As he approached the statue of Our Blessed Lady, She asked him: "Why are you barefoot on this cold day?" He answered: "Because I do not have shoes." She told him to look under a certain stone in the church where he would find enough money for a pair of shoes. The whole life of Saint Herman was filled with visions and ecstasies. Until his last day he enjoyed a continuous familiarity with the supernatural. At age 12 Herman joined the Premonstratensians (Norbertines) of Steinfeld, where he was assigned many different jobs. Later, he was ordained a Priest, and became the director of several convents of sisters, for whom he wrote various treatises on piety and a commentary on the Canticle of Canticles. He also composed hymns, one being the first hymn in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. His life was one of continuous penance and he suffered strong temptations and physical illnesses. He was afflicted by incessant headaches that only ceased when he approached the Altar to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Their violence used to increase with the approach of Feast Days. In a play on words, he used to say: *Festa sunt mihi infesta* (the Feast Days are devastating for me.) He had great sympathy for afflicted persons who always found in him a warm welcome and secure refuge. He died in 1241, after having added the name Joseph to his first name under the personal guidance of Our Blessed Lady. Later his body was found incorrupt. His Feast Day is April 7th.

Events and Holy Days

Any events going on in Roberts Cove and in Branch during the month of the newsletter will be featured in this space. If you wish to have an event for the month listed, then please send all the information to ampdupuis@yahoo.com by the third Sunday of the month before the event is scheduled to take place.

April 1 – April Fool’s Day

April 1 – Holy Thursday
Holy Mass at 6 p.m.

April 2 – Good Friday
Commemoration at 3 p.m.

April 3 – Easter Vigil
Holy Mass at 8 p.m.

April 4 – Easter Sunday
Happy Easter!

April 5 – Annual Sodality of Mary Easter Egg Hunt
The Easter Egg Hunt will be at 4 p.m. in Reznicek Hall.

April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday

April 13 – CDA Mass and Meeting
The meeting will follow the 6 p.m. Holy Mass

April 18 – CDA 44th Anniversary Brunch
All CDA members are invited to celebrate the 44th Anniversary of the CDA with a covered dish brunch.



April's flower is a Daisy.



The birthstone of April is Diamond. The diamond is a symbol of clarity and strength.

Archive Dive

The first recorded reference to an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Saint Leo IV Church Parish was made in the Sodality minutes of 3 April 1950. The notation by Secretary Hilda Habetz indicates that the hunt was set for Holy Saturday and each (Sodality) family was to bring six eggs for hiding. Children aged three years through the fourth grade were eligible and three prizes were given.

The minutes of 1952 set the time of the hunt for 2 p.m. The “Annual Easter Egg Hunt” was documented in 1945 and 1955, but in 1958 Sodality members were also instructed to “make some cookies and candy.” Minutes by Alberta Cramer in 1959 reflect a change in day and time to Monday at 4:30 p.m. at Saint Leo Parish Hall (the sister’s convent). There was also a change in the age range: now all children up to fourth grade were eligible. Each Sodality member was to bring six or more eggs and “some cookies or candies.” In 1960 the time was changed to 2 p.m., but all other details remained the same. In 1962 the Sodality members were to provide “a dozen eggs” each.

By 1964 the Easter Egg Hunt had apparently grown substantially. Secretary Karen Olinger’s minutes show that while Sodality members were to bring one dozen eggs and “a batch of cookies or candy,” each officer would bring “an extra dozen eggs” for a “total of 180 eggs!” The hunt took place on Easter Monday at 2:30 p.m. This is the first reference to the hunt specifically being on Easter Monday.

In 1966 families with one Sodality member were to provide one dozen eggs and one batch of cookies. Families with “2 or more members” were to bring two dozen eggs and two batches of cookies. The age range was narrowed to two years old through the fourth grade. The minutes of 1967 declared that children ages three to five years would be helped by Sodality members but children in first through fifth grades were to hunt eggs alone. Secretary Beverly Olinger’s minutes of 1968 reveal a number of changes. The hunt would be on Easter Monday “as every other year” but it was “unanimously suggested” that “we dye our own eggs at the hall.” The Sodality would purchase the dye and each member would bring one dozen eggs. Families with two or more Sodality members would bring 1½ dozen eggs. Sodality members were instructed to bring eggs to the hall at 8 a.m. to start “our so-called die-in” (Note the year!). When the eggs were done, the officers would begin hiding them. It took hours to hide all those eggs...which were usually buried underground! The hunt was set for 3 p.m. and would “end when everyone left.” The refreshment menu was expanded to include nuts, pop, “baked cookies”, dip, potato chips and mints! This was the first year that it was documented that the officers (only) would hide eggs.

The hunt was held as usual in 1968, and in 1970 Charlene Olinger’s minutes show that every member “must bring 1½ dozen dyed eggs to the hall at 9:30 Monday” and officers would start hiding at 10. The hunt would start 2 p.m., and “anyone who is caught cheating will be disqualified.” In 1971 minutes, prizes were specifically rewarded for “the most eggs, golden egg and the least.”

To be continued...

History compiled by Charlene O. Reynolds
Using Sodality minute books and personal memories

The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day.



—Robert Frost