

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners of Holy Family,

I was talking to are young school children about and Easter egg hunt. I asked them, "If the eggs were hidden in your grandma's yard, but you looked in your uncle's yard, do you think you would find any eggs?" The answer is obvious, if we are looking in the wrong place we will never find what we are looking for!

He is Risen! Truly He is risen! This was the greeting that the early Christians exchanged this time of year. Do we really seek Him? Put yourself in the shoes of the apostles, or Mary and her friends, can you imagine the anguish they experienced in seeing Jesus suffer so profoundly? Faith gives us access to God's grace, but belief in God is not enough, the devil believes in God. Do we recognize Him as the One who loves us and gives us guidance so that we can thrive. Seek Him and you will find Him!

I am convinced that love and faith can only be real in the context of freedom! You cannot make someone love you any more than I can make you believe in Jesus and His Church. Some see the devil as one in red tights and carrying a pitchfork, while God is some kind of Ogre that just wants to control us.

In reality the devil attempts to seduce us into slavery, while God invites us to live in perfect and true liberty to choose the true, the good and the beautiful. This April we are introducing a program called Alpha, a good name since Jesus is the Beginning and the End, He is the Alpha and the Omega. You are certainly invited, but I would encourage you to invite anyone you know that would like to know more about Jesus.

These programs are not "preachy" but rather it is an invitation to share some food, and fellowship. It is simply an attempt to reflect on who this Jesus guy really is! We live in an age of "unbelief". I believe it was G.K. Chesterton said, "If Christianity is false, it makes little difference, but if it is true it has eternal implications!"

Faith opens the door to understanding! Seek the Lord, come on Tuesday nights to these gatherings, bring those who have questions and invite them to seek the true, the good and the beautiful.

May prayer for you and your family and friends is to know my Master's joy! It is great and He longs to share it with all His friends. Strive to be one of His friends. God is on your side, but the deeper question is, "Do we choose to be on God's side?"

Praised be the Master
Now and Forever!

Father Glenn Kehrman