



Schoenstatt Family News

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Let us overcome fear with the Easter joy!

We were not created by God to live in fear. But in his love and mercy! In order to be free and joyful!

Fear is the barrier that keeps us from the kind of faith that will change our lives, and our marriages, our relationships and even our future as a Church! But fear is not our only choice.

We can choose faith, which is stronger than fear. We can choose love, which is stronger than cowardice. We can choose a life in the strength of the Covenant, which is much stronger than anxiety and scariness.

Fear imprisons, faith liberates; Fear paralyzes, faith empowers; Fear disheartens, faith encourages; Fear sickens, faith heals; Fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable;

Fear puts hopelessness at the heart of life, faith rejoices in God.

That's what John was talking about in his letter when, long after the Resurrection and long after Pentecost he wrote these powerful words: "There is no fear in love, for perfect love drives out all fear. (1 John 4:18)

What if we choose to believe that? What if we took God at His word?

What if no matter what fear we are facing, we could hear God whisper: "I am with you. You can do it. Don't give up."

What if we dared to believe and trust in the simple prayer that we find in number 628 of the new version of *Heavenwards*, one of my favorite prayers, "Providentia Divina": *You know the way for me, You know the time, into your hands I trustingly place mine. Your plan is perfect, born of perfect love. You know the way for me. That is enough.*

On this Easter we are invited to step away from our fears! Let us discover the power of God's love in our lives.

Happy and Blessed Easter to you all!

Fr. Marcelo Aravena
Schoenstatt Father

Penny Power Project

The Madison Schoenstatt Family is participating in the **Penny Power Project**. Please return the bank to Schoenstatt Heights when it is full.

We received four cans back during April totaling \$37.77. This brings our total for the year to **\$276.16**. Keep collecting those pennies! If anyone needs a new penny can, they can pick it up at Schoenstatt Heights.



Calendar of Events

During the month of May: Each Monday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Marian Devotions in the Shrine (except May 4). Our Blessed Mother would be happy to see many of her children together in the Founder Shrine for Marian Devotions in May.

May 1	7:30 p.m.	Diocesan Leadership Election Meeting We will nominate candidates and hold elections for leaders from the family column.
May 4	CANCELLED	Invitation to Parish Priests – Schoenstatt Encounter Day With apologies due to circumstances ordained by the Father's love, we need to reschedule the Priests' Encounter Day. As soon as we know which day it will be, we will update the invitations. If you have already sent an invitation, we will inform you of the new date soon so that you may contact your pastor accordingly. Thank you for your understanding! If you have further questions, call Sister Catherine at (608) 222-7208.
May 4	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
May 6	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: "He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation."
May 6	10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Schoenstatt Heights History Group At this meeting we will look at Father Kentenich's legacy in Madison.
May 13	10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Schoenstatt Girls' Youth May Crowning Day This event is for girls ages 6-18. The day will include talks, games, time for prayer in the shrine, crafts, lunch, and a snack. Cost is \$15. Register by May 8. Please contact Sister María José at 262-522-4323 for additional information.
May 14	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
May 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
May 20	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Spring Work Day Help the Sisters prepare for summer by raking leaves, washing windows, putting out lawn furniture and toys, removing fallen branches, etc. Some indoor, sit-down work will also be available. Lunch will be served at noon. Please call the Sisters at (608) 222-7208 so we know how much work to plan and food to prepare.
May 22	7:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social Planning Meeting Meet in the Family Room.
May 28	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday May Crowning (Please bring a flower.)
June 1	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
June 3	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: "He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit."
June 3	10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Schoenstatt Heights History Group At this meeting we will visit houses and locations in Madison where Father Kentenich was present.
June 11	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
June 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
June 20		Founder Shrine Dedication Anniversary Make a personal visit to the Shrine to spend time in quiet prayer.
June 25	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Theme: To be determined