

# Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Nativity of our Lord      December 25, 2016      Volume 33      Number 52

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 27:      8:30 a.m.      +Kay Von Ruden, +Beverly Fenske  
New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31:      5:00 p.m.      +John V. Dudley  
New Year's Day Sunday, December 25:      9:00 a.m.      People of the Parish

**The flag flying over our church is in memory of Clarence Kosanda.**

## This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, December 27:      **Fatima Prayer Group** at 7:45 a.m.  
Wednesday, December 28:      **NO Religious Ed Class** – Christmas Break until Jan 4

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016 5:00 p.m.

AS: Grace Peach, Halle Rice  
EM: Betty David \*,  
Joyce Brazil, Shari Gruber  
GR: Gary & Patti Angelow,  
Ken Brazil, Helen Lambert  
L: Shari Gruber  
U: Ken Brazil, Larry Viskocil

### Sunday, January 1, 2017 9:00 a.m.

AS: Henry Schendel  
EM: Tom Trnka\*  
June Malecha, Sue Trnka  
GR: June & Nobby Malecha,  
Elaine & Steve Trnka  
L: June Malecha  
U: Duke Ernste, Randy Rezac,  
Elaine & Steve Trnka

## Remember in your prayers ...

**Father Victor**, Owen Gehling, Andi Olsonawski, John Madden, Landyn Wrolson, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nick Grambart; all on the prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, John McDonough, Eric Spehn, Nate Wallace, Luke Ward.**



**Welcome All Visitors!**

**Thanks for choosing to worship with us.  
We, at St. Patrick wish you a Merry Christmas  
and Blessed New Year.**

## Office Hours

**December 25 - 31, 2016**

**Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
*Tracy is in Ohio Dec. 23 thru Jan 2.*  
We wish all of you a  
Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

## Financial Stewardship

**December 17 & 18, 2016**

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,588.00
Open Plate	129.00
Visitor	190.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>343.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 3,250.00

## End of Year Donation Note:

IF you want donations to be counted in 2016 they **MUST** be postmarked or received in the office or collection basket on or before Saturday, December 31, 2016. All donations received January 1 or after will be counted as 2017 donations.

## Mary, the Holy Mother of God

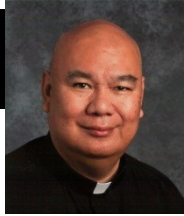
**January 1, 2017**

First Reading:      Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 67      "May God bless us in his mercy."  
Second Reading:      Galatians 4:4-7  
Gospel:      Luke 2:16-21

The sacred scriptures continue our celebration of the Christmas season. We still have shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. The first reading recounts a very beautiful blessing from our ancient tradition, and Saint Paul proclaims that we are adopted children of God through Jesus Christ. Let us ponder these readings and reflect on them in our heart.

## A Word from Father Victor ...

December 25, 2016



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A blessed celebration of Christmas!

Each year we remember the joyful story of how gifted we are in the birth of Jesus. May all our celebrations affirm how God loves us and how he care that we will all live with him in eternity! The family gatherings, the gift giving, the good deeds and our community faith gatherings mean to strengthen us of love, joy and belongingness.

Yes, what a gift we have in Jesus! It is a gift of life. In and through him we have access to eternity in peace and joy. His words and deeds direct us to a meaningful, fruitful and peaceful living. The Father gave us his son in order to redeem us. True generosity was received by us on Christmas day.

In our celebrations let us receive the gift of life in Jesus in our hearts. Like Mary and Joseph, let us open our hearts and lives to the will of the Father. The angel Gabriel said "nothing is impossible with God". Let us entrust our lives to the God of life and follow him promptings.

Let us be grateful to the Father. Give thanks to him on Christmas day. We express our appreciation and gratitude to him by our good deeds. In our gift giving we show our gratuitous response to his love. Our generosity is born out of gratitude to the first giver of life.

May our celebrations truly reflect God's spirit of love and care for each other.



The best Christmas present you can give –

Sign up to be an organ donor!

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!**

## Father Victor update ...

**'MEDICAL EXPENSES'** If you are able to donate toward Father's medical expenses – it would be greatly appreciated. Father Victor has hundreds of dollars in co-pays alone. Money collected will be put into a fund and given to Father Victor as needed. Make checks payable to St. Patrick and in memo line 'MEDICAL BILLS.

**'VISITORS'. IF YOU ARE ILL – PLEASE do not expose him to germs as it is very important that he remains healthy.**



**Thank you** to the 25 people who donated the gift of life at our Blood Drive hosted last Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Many Thanks to those who worked registration or hospitality – **George Sticha, Eileen Voracek, Sharon Kaisershot, Sue & Kathryn McDonough.** *Reminder: we are looking for someone to take over the 4 St. Patrick Blood Drives in 2017. The first one is Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. For info contact Tracy.*

## Religious Ed News ...

WE ARE COLLECTING COATS, SCARVES, MITTENS, & HATS for St. Vincent DePaul in Faribault. Please bring new or very gently used items to St. Patrick and put them in the COAT BOX, found in the narthex by the display case. Sue McDonough will deliver them to St. Vincent. Thank you in advance for your donation.



## Food for Kidz

Please mark your calendar for the afternoon of Saturday,

Feb. 11, 2017 as St. Patrick's will host a **Food for Kidz** packing event. More details coming soon. Religious Ed youth will begin a number of Fundraising activities so we can cover the cost of the food we package that day. We would love to have all St. Patrick's parishioners get involved in the packing event. If you would like to help with the event or package food on the day, please watch for details on signing up or contact Denise Flicek 612-743-5138 [deniseflicek@yahoo.com](mailto:deniseflicek@yahoo.com). To learn more about the organization you can check out these websites:

[www.foodforkidz.org](http://www.foodforkidz.org)

[www.facebook.com/FoodforKidz](https://www.facebook.com/FoodforKidz)

*Our goal is to raise \$30 per packer. If you can help with a monetary donation, place donations in the 'Food For Kidz' can, located on the kiosk.*

## LIVE VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

Divine Mercy Church, Faribault will offer a Live VIRTUS session on **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 p.m.** for anyone needing to fulfill this requirement. Live training, a 3 hour session, is done only once. After that you will be asked to view an online video. Please go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and set up an account so you can register for the class.

## "YOUNG CATHOLIC" YOUTH EVENTS:

**Saturday, Feb 4, 2017:** Archbishop Bernard Hebda  
Cost: \$10 for bus & fast food money. Leave MHRC at 3:45pm. Return 10:30/11 pm

**Saturday, April 1:** Bishop Andrew Cozzens Cost:  
\$10 for the bus & fast food money. Leave MHRC at 3:45 pm. Return 10:30/11pm.

To sign up/leave a message contact Maureen 507-400-5780 [maureenleonard@frontier.com](mailto:maureenleonard@frontier.com).

*For more information on Youth Masses and speakers go to [netusa.org/lifeline](http://netusa.org/lifeline).*

## Sunday TV Mass for the Homebound: WUCW (CW) Channel 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Every Sunday, Heart of the Nation will televise Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m. on WUCW (CW) channel 23. Please share the time and channel information with friends or family members who are unable to get to church because of age, illness, or other struggles.



Prayer intentions from viewers, uplifting homilies, a Prayer for Spiritual Communion during distribution of the Holy Eucharist, and closed-captioning make Heart of the Nation's Sunday Mass on TV and online a time of spiritual comfort and belonging for the homebound. To watch the Mass online, visit [www.heartofthenation.org](http://www.heartofthenation.org).

## Knights of Columbus 889 Korner



(17 Third Street NE – Ph.507.334.4918)

The K of C is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight. Ask a Knight for more info or contact us at [fariboknights@gmail.com](mailto:fariboknights@gmail.com).

## Father Dave Barrett hosts a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Santiago de Compostela celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima.



The trip is 11 days: September 26 – October 6, 2017. You will visit Fatima, Coimbra, Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca, Avila, Madrid, and Lourdes. Total cost is \$3,299 per person from Minneapolis (Air/land tour price is \$2,649 plus \$650 government taxes/airline surcharges.) Brochures located on the kiosk

## TAKE IT TO THE BOX INFO



**WHAT:** We are serious about preventing medication misuse/ abuse and about environmentally safe disposal of medication

**WHEN:** TAKE IT TO THE BOX medication disposal

**HOW:** Leave medication in original container,

- Remove name and personal information
- Leave name of medication on container
- Drop medication into disposal box.

**WHERE:** Faribault Police Dept Lobby 25–4<sup>th</sup> Street NW or the Northfield Police Dept Lobby 300 5<sup>th</sup> Street W. Questions call 507.664.3524, 507.332.5911 or visit [www.ricecountyhc.com](http://www.ricecountyhc.com)

## Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery  
(507)364-7383 ([mosthrs.org](http://mosthrs.org))



**Self-Assessment Survey** As you may or may not be aware, HRS is in the self-assessment stage of the school's accreditation process. This seven-year process begins with a parent survey designed to accomplish two main goals:

□ to measure HRS performance based on the opinions of school families and

□ to guide goal setting and planning for the future.

A paper copy of the survey was distributed at the school Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 21. You may complete and submit that paper copy or go to the site included below and complete the survey online. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. We do appreciate your input and need it for long-term planning. <https://goo.gl/forms/z1LCkJSWFjtzQogJ3>

**Upcoming Virtus Training** - Divine Mercy Church in Faribault will be holding a Live Virtus session on Wednesday, January 18, at 4:00 p.m.

**"Out of Uniform Day"** for Feed My Starving Children - 12/16/16: \$87.19 collected.

**Donation to HRS** - "Loaves For Learning": \$56.45 - Thank you to Denice Stocker for organizing.

**Library Books** - Please check your homes for HRS library books (look for HRS UPC) and return them to school. Overdue notices and bills were sent home with students last week. We'd like to rectify our library records before the next quarter begins.

**Used small appliances** - If you have small used appliances that you are planning on getting rid of, please consider donating them to HRS's **STEM Class**. They can use the parts for class projects.

**Special Christmas Thank you** - On behalf of the Most Holy Redeemer School, I want to thank you for attending the HRS Christmas Concert and sharing in the Christmas Joy. I would also like to thank Mrs. Christine Trecka and all the HRS staff members and parents who gave their time and talents to make this performance possible. Also thank you to the parishioners and all for supporting Most Holy Redeemer School. May God bless each and every one of you this year and forever. Please As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns.

George Vondracek



**Facebook users** -- please help us spread the word about St. Patrick events. Here is how you can help.

Go to our Facebook page and look for the Event.

Click the Share button and invite your friends. While you are there, check that you are interested. Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/spshieldsville.org> Our Website - <http://shieldsville.org/> **Thanks!**