

# Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016 Volume 33 Number 51

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 20: 8:30 a.m. +Agnes Thomas  
Saturday, December 24: **4:00 p.m.** +Lisa Chappuis, +Marty Mangold  
Sunday, December 25: 9:00 a.m. +Kay Von Ruden, +Rita Snorek

*CHRISTMAS EVE IS A FAMILY MASS AT 4:00 P.M. PLEASE NOTE TIME DIFFERENCE.*

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

## **This Week in Our Parish**



American  
Red Cross

Monday, December 19: **St. Pats Blood Drive – Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1–7 p.m.**  
Tuesday, December 20: **Fatima Prayer Group at 7:45 a.m.**  
Wednesday, December 21: **NO Religious Ed Class – Christmas Break until Jan 4**

### **Liturgical Ministers**

#### **Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016 5:00 p.m.**

AS: Emily Chmelik, Henry Schendel  
EM: Wendy Aaker\*, Marsha DeGroot\*, Denise Flicek \*, Bernie & Mary Ardolf, Joyce Brazil, Darrell Stoltz  
GR: Jan Balata, Janice Chappuis, Lorraine Dudley, John & Wilma McDonough  
L: Denise Flicek, Joey Steinberg, Halle Rice  
U: Anna Aaker, Ken Brazil, Duke Ernste, Ed DeGroot, John McDonough

#### **Sunday, Dec 25, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

AS: Emma & Ryan Louis  
EM: George Sticha\*  
Kathy Archambault, Ruth Seykora  
GR: Charlie & Roxy Driessen, Denise & Rolf Haaland, Mary Kay Reynolds  
L: Kathy Archambault  
U: Randy Archambault, Charlie Driessen, Mary Kay Reynolds, Randy Voracek

### **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.**



American  
Red Cross

### **Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1–7 p.m.**

All donors receive a key chain as a thank you.  
Whole Blood and Power Reds will be collected.

NOTE: We would like someone to take charge of four (4) St. Patrick Blood Drives in 2017. Please call the office if interested.

### **Office Hours**

#### **December 18 - 24, 2016**

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### **Financial Stewardship**

#### **December 10 & 11, 2016**

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,286.00
Open Plate	135.00
Visitor	125.00
EFTs	135.00
<b>Weekend TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,681.00</b>

### **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 December 31, 2016. All donations received January 1 or after will be counted as 2017 donations.

### **Nativity of the Lord: Christmas**

#### **December 25, 2016**

First Reading: Isaiah 62:11--12  
Psalm 97 "Today is born our savior, let us rejoice."  
Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

During the Advent season we contemplated the three 'comings' of Christ: in history, at the end-times, and in our hearts. This weekend we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord – his coming in history – as fully as we can. Pray that our dear Lord will also be reborn in our hearts. Then we, like the Blessed Mother can share his presence with the world around us.

## Reading Reflections...

**Call to Joseph** In religious terms we would call Joseph a faithful type of guy, observant in religious thought and practice. The visit from the angel tests his faithfulness to God and to Mary. He doesn't let them down. He was called to be the carer of Jesus and Mary and to find a new openness to the mystery of God.

A temptation of religion is to tie things down too much. The law in Joseph's time was strict – if a woman was pregnant the man would cancel the betrothal, and she might be stoned to death! Joseph went beyond law to love and the mystery of God's call. Good religion is open to the mystery of life, however life challenges us and calls us.

Some of the most open-minded people I have met have been very religious, and some of the most narrow-minded people have also been religious! Like good and bad medicine, there is good and bad in religion.

True religion is open to mystery. We need a church lit with the light of God, as Joseph was. His burden was lifted when he was open to God, to take Mary home as his wife, no matter what Others might think

This is the annunciation to Joseph – the word of God from the angel to Joseph in a dream. It opened him to a huge new meaning in life. We accept this word as a central part of our lives, and the next time we meet the word, it will be made flesh.

Picture your house, and all who live in it.

Imagine the light of Christ in each room and on all. *Donal Neary S Lord, you are the word of God, who is made flesh, have mercy on us.*

<http://www.catholicireland.net/sunday-homily/>

## Father Victor update ...

Father continues to do well and thanks all of you for the prayers, cards, and well-wishes. He still has no sign of rejection or infection. Father Victor is cleared to drive and gearing up to begin saying a couple Christmas Masses. **'MEDICAL EXPENSES'** If you are able to help cover some of 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 that will be given to Father Victor as needed. Make checks payable to St. Patrick and mark your donation **'MEDICAL BILLS.'**

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

**'MEALS'**. We are doing good on meal donations right now. Should we need more we will get the word out in the bulletins. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

## 2016 Catholic Services Appeal Update...

We surpassed our goal of by over \$1,200!! In turn, 25% of the total will be returned to St. Patrick, in 2 installments) to be used for Faith Formation (youth and adult). Our first check for \$2,694 arrived this week. **Many Thanks to all who contributed!**

## 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. They especially need of kids coats.



## Food for Kidz

Please

mark your calendar for the afternoon of Saturday, February 11, 2017 as St. Patrick's will be hosting 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 as well.

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)

### We invite you to Pray for

### 1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation Youth

We have a few 1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Confirmation Youth names left on our tree in the narthex. Pick up a cross and pray for that child. Cards of encouragement can be sent to the church and we will distribute them to the youth. Thanks to everyone who picked a name so far.



**Facebook users** -- please help us spread the work about St. Patrick events & happenings.

**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, be sure to check that you are interested. If you haven't been to our Facebook page, go to <https://www.facebook.com/spshieldsville.org> Thank you for your help! Also, our Website - <http://shieldsville.org/>



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

This Christmas morning and 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**



(for 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 more info or contact us at [fariboknights@gmail.com](mailto:fariboknights@gmail.com).

**Most Holy Redeemer  
Catholic School**

(Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
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**Listening for Wisdom**

This weekend I had the opportunity to attend church at Holy Name Cathedral in downtown Chicago. In reading the bulletin after Mass, I paid special attention to a column written by Father Greg Sakowicz, the cathedral rector. In his message, Father Sakowicz encourages his parishioners to listen for wisdom during this time of year and, as part of his encouragement, offers tidbits of wisdom shared by people of different ages. I have included a few of these tidbits below and hope that at least one speaks to you. Have a good week.

- I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night." (age 6)
- I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. (age 9)
- I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. (age 14)
- I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. (age 39)

- I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. (age 47)
- I've learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills (age 52).
- I've learned that making a living is not the same as making a life." (age 58)
- I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you, but if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. (age 65)
- I've learned everyone can use a prayer. (age 72)
- I've learned that whenever I decide to do something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. (age 68)
- I've learned that it pays to believe in miracles. And to tell the truth, I've seen several. (age 73)
- I've learned I still have a lot to learn. (age 92)

**HRS Christmas Concert**

Most Holy Redeemer School and Music Department will present its 2016 Christmas Concert on December 21 at 1:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. This year's concert will be held in the Church. The students are asked to wear their best. They are directed by Mrs. C. Trcka. Refreshments served in the church basement after the 7 p.m. performance.

**HRS Special Thank You**

Special Thank You to Bruce Skluzacek for providing school banners for the HRS float for the torchlight parade and the additional security cameras for the school's security system.

**HRS Yearbook**

As part of the HRS 7-8 STEM class, the students are creating and designing the HRS Yearbook. In an effort to make this year's book more of a personal touch, Mr. Velishek and the STEM class encourage parents, grandparents and friends to upload your photos of school events to the HRS yearbook. Go to [community@lifetouch.com](mailto:community@lifetouch.com) and use the school's code: **IOWBRP**

As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns.

George Vondracek



**Coming Up In The Area ...**

- The **Lonsdale area wide seniors club** (Golden Agers ) will meet December 20 at 12:30 for annual Christmas get-together. Euchre & Bingo played. A Chicken meal from Mackenthuns provided by Lonsdale Lions Club. All seniors in the Lonsdale area are invited to attend. For more info call Don at 507-744-2408. Merry Christmas to all!!!