

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time November 24, 2019 Volume 36 Number 46

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 26: 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Saturday, November 30: 5:00 p.m. +Peg Dusbabek
Sunday, December 1: 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

The flag flying over our church is in Memory of Earl Dimmel

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, November 26: **Fatima Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m.**
Ecumenical Service, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27: **NO Religious Ed- Thanksgiving Break**

Sunday, December 1: **NO Sunday School- Thanksgiving Break**

Coming Up

Monday, December 2, 1:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday, Dec 4, 6:30 p.m. Parish & Religious Ed. Advent Reconciliation
Sat/Sun, December 7 & 8 CCW Craft & Bake Sale

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 30, 2019 5:00 p.m.

AS: Cooper Leichtnam

EM: Darrell Stoltz*

Shari Gruber, Deb Hofmaster

GR: Cora Bastyr, Ken Brazil, Marge Duchene,
Alan & Deb Hofmaster

L: Shari Gruber

U: Cora Bastyr, Ken Brazil, Marge Duchene,
Pat LaCanne

Sunday, December 1, 2019 9:00 a.m.

AS: Avery Angelow

EM: George Sticha*, Jeff Jirik,
Kathy Knutson

GR: Ed & Phyllis DeGroot,
Mary Kay Reynolds

L: Jeff Jirik

U: Ed DeGroot, Steve & Elaine Trnka

Remember in your prayers ...

Lois Tuma, Jackie Judd (mother of **Katie Judd Landrum**) **Betty Geis**), Lloyd Viscokil, **Marlys Hora**, Jean Sammon, **Fritz Herda**, Lori Brown, **Clarence Harriman**, Kay Landrum, Andi Olsonawski, John Madden, Owen Gehling, Landyn Wrolson, Anne Naas, all on prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, John McDonough, Ryan Snorek, Nate Wallace, Luke Ward.**



Parish Office Hours November 24-30, 2019

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship November 16 & 17, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,946.00
Open Plate	194.50
Visitor	460.00
EFTs	343.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,943.50

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122 "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Today's readings emphasize that we are called to do more during Advent than just wait for the Lord's coming. We are called to act. Isaiah calls all people to come in peace and light to the mountain of the Lord. Saint Paul encourages the Romans to live in the light, conducting themselves appropriately. Jesus warns his disciples that the Second Coming could occur at any time and they must be prepared. Let us prepare right now by listening attentively to the word of God.

Home Visits- If you know of someone who is homebound or would like a visit from Father Tom, please fill out a salmon colored form located on the kiosk and return to the office

\$6 Sale- Mon/Tues, Nov 25 & 26, 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. American Legion, Fblt. Name brand, top quality products for women, men, & kids. Show specials up to 80% below retail! Fashion & seasonal accessories, jewelry, gadgets, gift, & more! Bake sale on Tuesday only. Raising funds & sharing talents to address health needs in the community & further the mission of District One Hospital, a part of Allina Health.

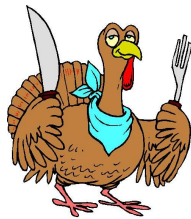
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service The Lutheran church of Montgomery & the Catholic churches of Montgomery, Shieldsville, Kilkenny, Heidelberg, & Union Hill invite all to a worship service on **Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 p.m. at St Patrick.** Numerous delightful vocal & instrumental music offerings, including choirs & hand bells. Coffee & dessert following. More info on flyer in Bulletin. Please join us!

One Nation Under God Prayer Breakfast Exchange Club of Fblt. **Tuesday, Nov 26, 6:30 a.m.- 7:55 a.m.** at the American Legion. Breakfast serving time 6:30 a.m. **Fr. Tom Niehaus** will say opening prayer. See flyer in Bulletin.

The 11th Annual IRIS Turkey Trot Thanksgiving morning, **November 28**, Faribault Middle School. The Tot Trot & Gobble Wobble (kids events) begin at 8:00 am; the 5K/10K timed runs and the 5K walk will line up at 8:20 am. Visit the IRIS website for additional information, to make a donation, or to register: www.irisRemembers.org. IRIS is a 501©3 (non-profit) organization designed to help parents, family, and friends cope with the loss of a child in early pregnancy or infant and childhood death. Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS) 507 334-4748

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 28, American Legion Post #43, Faribault. **Volunteers Needed** Wed, Nov. 27; Turkey carving, Potato Peeling, & Table Setting 6:00 p.m. (Bring your own peeler!) Thanksgiving Day; 7:30 a.m. Kitchen Helpers, 10:30 a.m. Meals for Home Delivery & Meal Service Servers. 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Meal Service Hours. 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Clean-up Helpers. Home Meal Delivery requests must be received by Wed, Nov. 27 by calling the Senior Center, 332-7357. Cash, checks payable to the Fblt Foundation and/or perishable food item donations are welcome.



Pop Up Christmas Shop Buckham West (formerly the Fblt Senior Center) 19 Division St W. Opening Day **Saturday, Nov. 30, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.** Store Hours continue **Monday, Dec. 2- Friday, Dec. 6, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.** Final Day **Monday, Dec. 9, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00**



p.m. Many gift items with proceeds supporting programs & services of Buckham West.



New Books

Beginning December 1st, we will be using new books during Mass that will be **located in the pews.** *“Breaking Bread”* will contain Mass well as the Readings for Mass. These books will **REPLACE** the *“Liturgy of the Word”* that we are currently using.

“Breaking songs as each



Parish Advent Reconciliation is Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Light Up a Life Outdoor tree lighting ceremony, **Monday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.** District One Hospital Surgery Center. Refreshments served. Your gift of \$5 will light up a bulb on the hospice memory tree in honor of your friend or loved one. Donation forms are available in the back of the Church. Names are displayed in the *Light Up a Life* memorial book displayed in the hospital lobby. Donations received by Dec. 31 will be included in the memorial book. Proceeds will benefit Hospice patients and families in the Faribault area. Please call 866-506-7049 with questions or visit faribaultareahospicefoundation.org

Remember Our Deceased ...

All are invited to write the names of loved ones who have gone before us, in our Book of Remembrance. The book is located by the Baptismal font and will be out the entire month of November. Names of those written in the book will be remembered at all Masses in November.



Religious Ed News

Tues, Nov 26- Ecumenical Service, Opportunity for Service Hours
Wed, Nov 27- NO Religious Ed, Thanksgiving Break
Wed, Dec 4- Family Meal 6:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Parish & Grades 3-10, 6:30- 7:30 p.m. **ALL WELCOME!**
Wed, Dec 11- Rosary Recited, 6:30 p.m. **All Welcome!**
Wed, Dec 18- Adoration 6:30- 7:30 p.m. **All Welcome!**
Wed, Dec 25- No RE- Merry Christmas!
Wed, Jan 1- No RE- Happy New Year!

Give the best early Christmas gift possible! Make plans to attend the **December 7-8 Marriage Encounter.** You will receive a Blessing that gives for generations to come! Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference And Retreat Center in Farmington. Register At: www.marriages.org for more info, call (651) 454-3238

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Contact us at fariboknights@gmail.com. Website: <http://kc889.mnknights.org>

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***Next Meeting Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick**

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Christmas Potluck on December 12, 2019. The Christmas Potluck will be held at 1008 Reed Avenue, Faribault. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share and a \$10.00 wrapped white elephant gift. Any questions please contact Audrey Tebo at (507) 334-0555. The meeting is open to all members.

Area Catholic Schools



Bethlehem Academy
105 Third Ave. SW, Faribault
507.334.3948 www.bacards.org

Divine Mercy Catholic School

5 SW 3rd Avenue,
Faribault



www.dmcs.cc 507-334-7706



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K - 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
(507)364-7383 (mosthrs.org)

The words of St. Augustine: "He who sings, prays twice." Those words, though penned in the 4th Century, come to life in every performance of HRS's Singing Angels. Tuesday, Nov. 26, the annual Ecumenical Service at St. Patrick's in Shieldsville will be held at 7 p.m. The Singing Angels will perform. As a school community, we take pride in the group & thank the students & their director, Mrs. Christine Trcka, for using their talents to praise God & to celebrate His love for us. Members include the following students: Alejandra Montes De Oca, Elizabeth Barnett, Julia Odenthal, Megan Odenthal, Juliette Ramirez, Kristin Siebsen, Dakota Meadows, Wyatt Wohlers, Aubrie Barnett, Allison Rynda, Raena Weiss.

Classroom Happenings This week the 3rd & 4th graders learned about water & weather! They turned into water molecules & took a trip through the water cycle. They dipped into soil, animals, groundwater, rivers, lakes & plants & got stuck in glaciers, oceans & clouds. Each cycle is unique in length & pattern. In 1st & 2nd Grade Spanish the students have been working on learning numbers from 0-20 in Spanish. They practiced by completing different stations. They worked on a worksheet, completed different number puzzles & played number games on the computer! They love it & keep growing their knowledge while working together!

Save the Date - HRS Old Fashioned Christmas

On Mon, Dec. 9, the HRS Home & School Assoc will be doing a Christmas event for HRS families & friends. More info & registration sheet will be coming home soon, but the event will have outdoor horse & wagon rides, inside cookie & Christmas ornament decorating, as well as making Christmas cards for servicemen & women, as well as shut-ins. This festive event will be from 5 - 7:30 p.m. in the HRS cafeteria & outside in front of the school. Please plan to attend!

Torchlight Parade! - parade walkers

Mr. Velishek & the HRS Junior High STEM class is working on this year's entry in Montgomery's Torchlight Parade scheduled for Dec. 5. The school is looking for volunteers to help walk along with the float & hand out candy. If you would like to help, please let the school office know. Thank you!

"Shine On" Entries Now Accepted!

CSCOE is excited to announce that schools can now submit entries for the visual & performing arts components of the 2020 Shine On: A Showcase of Catholic School Talent. Each school can submit up to five performing arts acts & 10 visual works of art using whatever process is best for the school's culture. Dec. 2 is the deadline for audition sign-ups for performers. As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns.

Thank you -Mr. Vondracek, Principal -
gvondracek@mosthrs.org

A Word From Fr. Tom Niehaus

November 24, 2019

Christ the King Sunday

Pope Pius XI declared for the good of the Catholic faithful the Solemnity of Christ the King on December 11, 1925. Having lived through the horrors of the 1st World War and encountering the destruction of human life on a large scale, Pope Pius XI could see the formation of strong and evil influences within Europe rising again. In order to quell the forces of evil and the destructive dictators and rulers of the

day he came to a conclusion in prayer, namely, we need Jesus Christ to be boldly proclaimed as the King of kings and Lord of lords. As Pope Pius XI wrote, "When we pay honor to the princely dignity of Christ, men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state; and that in fulfilling the task committed to her by God of teaching, ruling, and guiding to eternal bliss those who belong to the kingdom of Christ, she cannot be subject to any external power (Quas Primas 31)." The late Holy Father's words hearken to the truth of Christian life, that Jesus must be number one in all that we do and say. We need to be guided by Jesus and to find our lives being directed and guided by Him. The love of Jesus must reign in our hearts and be the guiding principle that fuels our relationships and our attitudes about the world around us. Jesus has a kingdom, and that kingdom is heaven. Jesus has a throne, and that throne must be our hearts. Jesus you are the King of our lives, reign with your love and mercy in our hearts forever!

Remembering the Dead

Over the years as a priest I have visited numerous sick parishioners in many different facilities or homes across South-Central and Southeastern Minnesota. Some of the toughest visits I have made involve going to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN and visiting the Francis building's 2nd or 3rd floors. Why are these visits hard? These are children's areas within the hospital. It is never easy to visit a sick and suffering adult, but it is really hard to visit a sick child. Several years ago I made numerous visits to that wing in the Francis building of St. Mary's Hospital to see a little boy named Miles. I baptized this boy one summer and by fall he started to get sick. His mom and dad were worried about him and didn't know what was going on so they brought him to the doctor who referred them to blood specialists. Soon after, this little boy was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). The parents took off work and devoted their lives to being with their son 24 hours a day. Extended family and community members like myself did all we could to boost up the morale of the family. Fundraisers were held and special events took place including one from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. After about a year of doctor's visits and chemotherapy and other treatments, the doctors called the family together and said that Miles had gotten resistant to the treatments and that there was nothing they could do to make him better. These are the words no parent wants to hear. I remember visiting with the boy's father that day, and I can still hear his voice, "There is nothing else they can do for my son. He is going to die." We prayed. We cried. We talked. Maybe you have had an experience like this, I had not. Not involving a child. After about a year and two months since the initial diagnosis, this little boy breathed his last. He died with his father holding him while sleeping. I remember playing guns with Miles and running around the living room about a week after he got to go home for good. After playing we said a prayer and I asked him if he wanted to see Jesus some day? He smiled and

said shyly, "Yes." My heart remembers these moments still with great tenderness. Some of you may have lost a child and/or known someone else who lost one or seen someone else whom you love die, though death is difficult we are people of faith and we put our trust in Jesus Christ. He has won the victory over sin and the grave through His death and resurrection and for that triumph we give thanks. As we conclude this month of the Holy Souls we pray: Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Advent is Near

Next week begins the season of Advent. This is the sacred time of year where the Church participates in the great preparation of the coming of our Immanuel to earth. During this season there will be added times for Confession and prayer that all of us may prepare our hearts fully for the Christmas Sacrament. Begin asking the Lord how He wants this special season to be for you. Extra prayer time, a rosary a day, daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, morning Scripture readings, serving the poor, or other ideas that the Lord is inviting you to participate in this Advent. Let this be the best Advent ever, because Christ is at the center of your life.

Thanksgiving

There is much to be thankful for during this Thanksgiving season. Take some time individually to reflect upon the past year and to give thanks to God for the many blessings that have been received.

Suggestion: during the Thanksgiving meal go around the table and allow everyone an opportunity to give thanks to God for something or someone.

With Gratitude and Thanks to God,

Fr. Tom Niehaus