

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Second Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 10: 8:30 a.m. +Della Venechuk
Saturday, December 14: 7:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday, December 15: 10:30 a.m. +Earl Dimmel

The flag flying over our church is in memory of _____

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 8: **Communal Reconciliation**, 6:30 p.m. **at Holy Redeemer**
Monday, December 9: **Bell Choir** – 6:00 p.m.
Finance Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. in classrooms
Tuesday, December 10: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:45 a.m.
Vocal Choir @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11: **Faith Formation**, Grades 1-9, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 14: **Practice for Christmas Eve Play**, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. All youth in the parish are welcome to participate.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013 7:00 p.m.

AS: Emily & Rose Chmelik

EM: Richard Misgen *

Kim Chmelik, Shari Gruber

GR: Jan Balata, *Volunteer needed*,

Richard Misgen, Mary Sheehy

L: Shari Gruber

U: *Volunteer needed*, Leonard Petricka,

Roger Pumper, Jerry Valentyn

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013 10:30 a.m.

AS: Taylor Landrum, Grace Peach

EM: Darrell Stoltz *

Katie Judd Landrum, Gina Palan

GR: June & Nobby Malecha, Mike Palan

Family, Charlie & Roxy Driessen

L: Whitney Gillen

U: Charlie Driessen, Rick LaCanne,

Mark Mulcahy, Mark Sowa

*We need a Lector for a lector on Christmas Day
@ 9:30 a.m. – Call the office if you can do it.)*

Remember in your prayers ...

Rita Snorek, Mary Schneider(daughter of **Al & Betty David**), **Robert Misgen**, Donna Mae Kaderlik, **Mary Jane Hart**, **Nancy Dienst**, **Marilyn Richter**, Landyn Wrolson, Chad Balfe, Thomas Klevin, **Skip Aaker**, **Francis Herda**, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nick Grambart; **Bill Stransky**; all on the prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, Charlie Cain, Lester Caron, Chris Chappuis, Mark Gehling, John Madden, John McDonough, Ryan Snorek, Eric Spehn, Luke Ward.**

Office Hours Dec. 8-14, 2013

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2013

Adult Envelopes	\$ 5,542.00
Open Plate	210.50
Visitor	240.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>332.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 6,324.50

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2013

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalms 146 "Lord, come and save us."
Second Reading James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Our readings this weekend are filled with signs. Isaiah speaks of the signs of God's reign to come, and in the Gospel we hear Jesus compare his deeds with the well-known signs of the Messianic Kingdom, the same when the Messiah would appear. John the Baptist would know those signs and recognize Jesus as indeed the one who is to come. Saint Paul speaks of the signs that farmers await for the growth of their plantings. By what signs do we know that God is present in our world today?

Check out our St. Patrick website at
www.spshieldsville.org

A Note From The Pastor



Why go to Confession?

Confession, penance and reconciliation are almost used interchangeably, even though many continue to call the ritual Confession. Prior to the second Vatican Council, this sacrament of forgiveness was known to Catholics and others by the term confession. Churches used to list the hours for confession. Priests heard confessions, repentant sinners made their confessions. Confessions clearly communicated the fact that in this sacrament we verbalize our wrong doings and mention our sins to God's delegate, the priest, who absolves us from our sins and declares the Lord's forgiveness to us.

Sin weakens our relationship with God, one another, the world around us and ourselves. Speaking of this sacrament as reconciliation means we focus our attention on the multiple impact of sin up on relationships and the ability of this particular ritual to heal those weakened bonds. Many contemporary psychoanalysts, most of them are not Catholics, maintain that the Catholic Church has more adequate means for dealing with a sense of guilt than other religions and institutions.

There are many other reason for confessing our sins to a priest. We can unburden ourselves to another person. An interested listener always lifts us up in troublesome situations. Many people now a days pay significant amounts of money to professional counsellors to hear their stories. In confession, without any cost, people can deal with their guilt by getting deep insights into human guilt. We also hear the priest promise with authority God's forgiveness of sins. We can walk away with certitudes that our sins have been removed and the guilt resolved. The grace of this sacrament heals wounds caused by sin. We have to be grateful to God for this ineffable gift.

Father George Kallumkalkudy, CMI

Cluster Mass Times as of January 1, 2014

Saturday:	Most Holy Redeemer	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	St. Patrick	8:00 a.m.
	St. Canice	9:30 a.m.
	Most Holy Redeemer	11:00 a.m.

Each Family Can Help Us Decorate For Christmas ...

We would like **each family** to bring one of their Christmas Cards by December 22nd so we can use it to decorate the large tree in the narthex. Please sign your card and you may write something in it if you wish.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION – Dec. 8th at 6:30 p.m. Holy Redeemer, Montgomery

As our journey through the season of Advent and preparation for a most fruitful and joyous Christmas begin soon, as a parish and a faith community, we come together on **Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.** and celebrate a **Communal Reconciliation Service with individual confession.** More priests will be available that evening to help with hearing confessions. As we all know, it is difficult to get priest for services during this busy season. So I ask you please make use of this opportunity for making your advent reconciliation. Do not wait until Christmas week, because I am the only one around here and many things will be going on during that week and my availability also is limited. Please help!

Individual Confession at St. Patrick

Tuesday, Dec. 17th from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

All Cluster Reconciliation times are in the Advent Calendar in the bulletin and on the kiosk.

Christmas Flowers in Memory of a Love One

Of you would like to donate to our Christmas Flower/Decorating there are envelopes in your Financial Contribution Envelope packets or on the table behind the pews. Suggested donation is at least \$10.



Faith Formation Corner ...

The last Practices for the Christmas Eve

Children's program will be Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 9:30 – 11 a.m. Parts will be chosen and costumes fitted. This is open to any children of the parish, age 5 – 15. If you have questions contact Kathleen Cap at 507.334.8827.

Knights of Columbus 889 Korner

(17 Third 2 Street NE – Ph. 507.334.4918)

The KC Hall is available for weddings, anniversaries, fundraisers, dinners, graduation parties and family gatherings.

Call Rick Scheil at 507.334.4918 for information.

The Faribault KC Council needs a new gambling manager. This is a paid position requiring approximately 12-15 hours per week. For info call Grand Knight Gary Schmiesing at 507.330. 3418.

KC Family Breakfast (benefitting 4th Degree KC) Sunday, Dec. 15th serving 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Menu: Pancakes, French Toast, Real Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk, Maple & Strawberry syrup. Advance Sale Tickets: \$6.75, at the door: \$7.75

K.C. Auxiliary Christmas Potluck Dinner

Thursday, Dec. 12th, 6 p.m. meeting follows. Bring: dish to pass, white elephant gift if you choose to participate & food item to donate, entertainment: Robin Miller as Tillie. Turn in volunteer hours.



Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

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

Coming up at B.A. ...

Many thanks to all who supported our annual Holiday Gathering!

Substitute Teachers needed! Please contact Sr. Mary Margaret at BA if interested. 507-334-3948.

Sunday December 15th: *Christmas Candlelight Concert* 7:00 pm. at Immaculate Conception Church. Join us in welcoming this joyous season with the songs of Christmas performed by our three school choirs. Free Admission.

Monday December 16th: *The Spirit of Christmas Band Concert* 7:00 pm. Enjoy the sounds of the season with the talented band students of B.A. Free Admission. Held in VanOrsow Auditorium.



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
(507) 364-7383 (mosthrs.org)

Welcome Advent! Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School and staff gathered around our school Advent Wreath to begin preparing for the coming of Christ. Father George blessed the wreath as we sang and celebrated the season as a school family. Students will be preparing their hearts for Advent. This week older students in 3-8 grade will attend confession as part of their Advent preparation. Younger students will add to our Nativity scene in our school hallway as the weeks progress.

You are Invited to our Christmas Program - "A Czech Christmas" at Most Holy Redeemer School on Monday, Dec. 9th at either 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. The show will be held in our cafeteria and all are welcome as we celebrate using much of the music written by Sister Anita Smisek.

Christmas Eve Mass - FAMILIES WANTED! Join parish families at practices beginning this Sunday, Dec. 8 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass as we begin to plan for our parish wide "Family Christmas Evening Mass." Families and children, as well as parents, are wanted to: *play instruments, sing, read, be ushers; bring up the gifts, and act out the Nativity story.* Join us next Sunday as we begin preparations, for all ages, preschool to adult!

Students from Korea still wish to attend HRS. Please consider hosting a student! I would love to open our classroom doors to families from Korea.

HRS BOOK FAIR. Feel free to stop in or order online if interested in books as Christmas gifts. We will be open Monday before or after the concert and online at "Usborne Books" or "Scholastic Books" under Most Holy Redeemer Book Fair.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder - Principal



The United States of America Flag

A U.S. Flag flies over our building every day. We are looking for individuals to donate a flag in memory of a loved one, for a donation is \$50 (payable to St. Patrick & we will purchase the flag). Flags will fly for six months and then be returned to the donating family. Flags flown on a first-come basis and a list started for future flags. Contact the office to donate or be put on the list.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? -

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped over 6,500 couples in the Twin Cities experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the program please call (651) 464-5855, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

Do you have trouble hearing Father

during his homily, or are you just hard of hearing? The hearing assistance radio is now working perfectly. Go to you favorite store and purchase a personal radio with headphones. At church, tune them to 106.1 and hear everything crystal clear. Feel free to adjust the volume to your liking.



Please let us know:

**If anything has changed in your family or
If you would like more information.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____ home / cell

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

I/We:

_____ would like to register at St. Patrick.

_____ have a new address.

_____ have a new phone number.

_____ please remove us from the parish roster

_____ would like information on:

Drop in the collection basket or mail to the office.