

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

First Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 1: 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Saturday, December 5: 5:00 p.m. +Phyllis DeGroot, +Don & +Helen Edwards,
+Larry Chappuis
Sunday, December 6: **9:00 a.m.** +Lucille Murphy, +Earl Dimmel

The flag flying over our church is in memory of Don Edwards.

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, December 1: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:40 a.m.
Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, 7:00 p.m. All Welcome!
Wednesday, December 2: **Religious Education 6:30 p.m. for grades 1-10**
Saturday, December 5: *Wedding of Matthew Brunner & Elana Danks*
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays

Next Weekend: December 5 & 6 – Bake Sale at all Masses!

Proceeds go toward the purchase of new window treatments in the parish house.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 5, 2015 5:00 p.m.

AS: Emily Chmelik
EM: Joyce Brazil*
Kathleen Cap, Mary Ann Gaughan
GR: Gary & Patti Angelow,
Ken Brazil, Marge Duchene
L: Kathleen Cap
U: Ken Brazil, Marge Duchene,
Mary Ann Gaughan, Larry Smisek

Sunday, December 6, 2015 9:00 a.m.

AS: Anna Aaker
EM: Wendy Aaker*
Kathy Archambault, Ruth Seykora
GR: Denise & Rolf Haaland
Clarence & Bert Harriman
L: Kathy Archambault
U: Randy Archambault, Randy Rezac,
Tom Trnka, Hank Von Ruden

Remember in your prayers ...

All Listed in our Book of Remembrance, Andi Olsonawski, **Marilyn Richter, Mark Sowa**, Bill Hanson, **Kay Von Ruden, Cindy McCormick**, Jill Rosett Konopka, **Albert Koenig**, Jodi Sowa, John Madden, Jeff Brown, Landyn Wrolson, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nick Grambart; all on the prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, Chris Chappuis, Owen Gehling, John McDonough, Eric Spehn, Luke Ward**

Next Baptism Class – 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 2nd at Holy Redeemer in Montgomery. Call 507.364.7981 to register.

Office Hours

Nov. 29 – Dec. 6, 2015

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship November 21 & 22, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,412.00
Open Plate	150.00
Visitor	475.00
EFTs	135.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,172.00

Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2015

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126 “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”
Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Saint Paul gives us the focus for our prayer when he says that the God who began a good work in us will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. In the other readings, you hear of the coming of the Lord into the deserts of our lives. Let us bear in mind that we too can bear the presence of the Lord into the lives of those around us, carrying on the good work God began in us.



A Word from Father Victor ...



November 29, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We begin our new liturgical journey celebrating Advent instilling excitement and expectation about the coming of the Lord. We remember and celebrate the first time he came as a child and look forward to his second coming as the victorious and resurrected Son of Man. Our celebrations therefore are about preparing for his coming. WE shall form and prepare our hearts to welcome him.

The readings this Sunday may, for the unprepared, sound scary. But for those who have been in a spiritual journey, it can be exciting and something to look forward to. When things become a past and are destroyed, a new creation is coming, a creation in the resurrected Jesus.

It will be the coming and the final and definitive establishment of the kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice, peace and love. Isn't that what we long for?

Let us begin anew our preparations for coming. WE wish to be found worthy for his kingdom at his coming. Neither calamities, tribulations or sickness break us. Let Jesus live in our hearts. And when we do, there is nothing to be afraid about. Anything can happen and we can be at peace knowing God is with us!

Let us work then to open our hearts and let Jesus in. May Jesus lives in our hearts, now and forever!!

Are you drawn to join the Catholic Church or seeking renewal in your Catholic faith - we are now taking registrations for the next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) class. Call the St. Patrick (507.334.6002) or Most Holy Redeemer 507.364.7981 to register.

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a great new app from Our Sunday Visitor! *365 Days to Mercy* is designed to accompany you on your spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The app includes daily reflections on mercy, everyday Scripture reflections, Pope Francis' tweets, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena, and lots more. Go to your app store and search "*365 Days to Mercy*" and install it today! Go to OSV.com/YOM to learn more.



St. Patrick owns this snow blower and no longer has use for it. It is a 26" Gilson, electric start, 2-stage, with a 8 HP Briggs & Stratton engine and tire chains. We are asking \$225. If you have questions contact Larry Smisek at 612.756.2242

We Welcome Theodore Robert Voegele to our parish family. Theodore received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, November 28th. Theodore's parents are **Clayton & Victoria (Chappuis) Voegele** and his big sister is **Jezeabelle**. Grandparents are **Lance & the late Lisa Chappuis** and Robert & the late Shari Voegele. Great Grandparents are **Janice Chappuis**, Sharon & Jerry Mangold. Congratulations to all!

Bring an awesome marriage into the Christmas season and continue it for a life-time. Register for the December 12-13 Marriage Encounter at www.marriages.org. Only a few spots left so register NOW. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

Keep current on FaceBook 'Like' us at <https://www.facebook.com/shieldsville.org> to see what is happening each week and to find information on upcoming events. Check our **website at <http://shieldsville.org/>** for weekly bulletins, member information, Mass times here and at area churches, heritage notes and more. 

Statewide day of Fasting and Prayer
In preparation for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, please plan to participate in the "Statewide Day of Fasting and Prayer in Reparation for a Culture of Violence and Disrespect for Human Life" on December 4. Details and prayers can be found at www.archspm.org/Mercy.

American Legion Breakfast Fundraiser to bring the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Faribault in 2016.
Sunday, December 13, 2015
Serving: 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Cost: Adults - \$8 prepaid, \$10 at door; Youth - \$5 pre-paid, \$6 at door. Tickets available at Faribault American Legion, Elks Clubrooms or from an American Legion Member.

If you or someone you know, would like a pastoral visit or communion brought to them, call the office or take a salmon colored 'Sick Call' form located on the kiosk. Fill it out and drop it in the collection or give it to Father after Mass.

The Lonsdale area wide senior's club (Golden Agers) meet December 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the IC Civic center. Euchre played with a supper at 4:00. Everyone over 60 are invited to attend. For more information contact Don at 507-744-2408. The Seniors meet the first and third Tuesday of every month. Come join the fun and friendship.

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 information. Reach us at fariboknights@gmail.com.

Are you struggling with an abortion?

Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat in the Twin Cities area. For information or to register contact Nancy, 763-250-9313 or rvr-nancy@usfamily.net. The cost is \$160.00 for meals, room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. If you would like additional information go to Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Alcohol Awareness Classes

Full Training: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Refresher Training: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Faribault - South Central College

Dec. 21, 2015, Feb. 22 & April 18, 2016

J. Grundy's/Rueb'N'Stein – Northfield

January 18 & March 21, 2016

Register prior to the training by contacting Becky Ford at Rice County Chemical Health Coalition. Include name, address, phone number, email and business or organization name. Call 507.838.1788 or go online bford@ricecountychc.com

WEBSITE: www.ricecountychc.com/training

ANYONE who plans to bartend at St. Patrick for St. Patrick events (Grand Party or Fall Festival) or private parties held at St. Patrick, MUST attend Alcohol Awareness Training YEARLY! We hold a training, paid for by the church, in the fall.

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

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

Divine Mercy Catholic School

www.dmcscs.cc 507-334-7706.



DIVINE MERCY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Most Holy Redeemer School

(Pre-K - 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
(507)364-7383 507.364.7383
(mosthrs.org)

While driving last week, I happened on a radio show that features a different guest each week. Part of the shtick was to ask the person a series of questions, one of which was "What is something everyone should own no matter what the cost?" The answer, the guest said, is a conscience.

Now, I don't know anything about this particular guest, but his answer to the question was an impressive one and one that definitely resonates with Catholic teaching. Sometimes we're teased about "Catholic guilt." The truth, of course, is that we all, children and adults, justifiably experience guilt or regret at times, and this prompt within our conscience allows us to make amends. The conscience can also prompt us to reflect on our blessings -- a good thing to do as we approach Thanksgiving. Have a nice holiday weekend.

School Fundraiser Holy Redeemer School is introducing a new and exciting fundraiser this year. The 1st and 2nd grade parents are working with Original Works, a company that creates various mementoes out of HRS students' wonderful artwork. Completed artwork will be sent home along with the Original Works brochure, price list, and order form. There are no door-to-door sales -- just family and friends Christmas presents. Please ask your children about this opportunity.

Poinsettia Sale The 6th & 7th grade students are raising funds for their 2016 Washington D.C trip by selling Poinsettias. Sale dates are from Nov. 16 thru Monday, Nov. 30. Pick-up is Wed., December 2. The Poinsettias are from Donahue's in Faribault and come in 7.5" deco-rative containers. The cost is \$15.00 per plant.

Logo Shirt and Spirit Wear If you missed out on the Spirit Wear orders this fall, you now have another opportunity. HRS will be ordering another shipment in time for Christ-mas. Forms have already gone out to families and are due on Monday, Nov. 30, in order to receive the products by Christ-mas. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Santa Anonymous - Nov. 24-Dec. 11 Help Santa Anonymous provide a Merry Christmas for children in Le Sueur County. Some of the items needed are: toys of good value, educational, long-lasting, non-violent (no guns), new socks, hats, mittens, bedding, books and items for teenagers. Please leave gifts unwrapped with prices on.

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