

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 3: 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, December 7: 5:00 p.m. +Earl Dimmel

Sunday, December 8: 9:00 a.m. +Helen Lambert

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

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 2: **American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, December 3: **Fatima Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m.**

Wednesday, December 4: **Religious Ed, Grades 1-10, 6:30 p.m.**

Parish & Religious Ed. Advent Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m.

Sat/Sun, December 7 & 8: **CCW Craft & Bake Sale**

Sunday, December 8: **Preschool/Kindergarten Sunday School**

Coming Up

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day Mass 9:00 a.m.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 7, 2019 5:00 p.m.

AS: Darrell Stoltz

EM: Betty David*

Kim Chmelik, John McDonough

GR: Gary & Patti Angelow, MaryAnn Gaughan,

Janice Chappuis, Timmy Capranos

L: John McDonough

U: Timmy Capranos, Leonard Petricka,

Larry Viskocil

Sunday, December 8, 2019 9:00 a.m.

AS: Kellan Jirik

EM: Linda Dietz*

Kathy Archambault, Jon Caron

GR: Steve Trnka, LuVerne & Martha

Wallace

L: Kathy Archambault

U: Randy Archambault, Steve Trnka

Remember in your prayers ...

The family of Mary Jane Vosejka (Mother of **Larry**, Wayne, & Darrell Vosejka), Lois Tuma, Jackie Judd, **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.**

If your name has been removed from this list and you would like to be prayed for, please call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours

December 1-7, 2019

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

Financial Stewardship

November 23 & 24, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,730.00
Open Plate	239.00
Visitor	205.00
EFTs	160.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 3,334.00

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm 72 "Justice shall flourish in His time & fullness of peace forever."

Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Peace & harmony. Last Sunday, Isaiah inspired us with a vision of peace, when swords are beaten into plowshares. Today, Isaiah speaks of a state of harmony, when a lamb can lie down with a wolf. Paul encourages the Romans to think in harmony with one another. John the Baptist calls for repentance, so that all may bear good fruit. As we listen to scripture, let us imagine the harmony we can create when all of us ready ourselves for Jesus' coming.

Parish Advent Reconciliation

Wed, December 4, 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Pop Up Christmas Shop Buckham West
 (formerly the Fblt Senior Center) 19 Division St W.
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.



ST. PATRICK IS COLLECTING COATS, SCARVES, MITTENS, & HATS!!! 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.



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

New Books


We will be using "**Breaking Bread**" during Mass located in the pews, which will contain Mass songs as well as the Readings for each Mass. These books will REPLACE the "*Liturgy of the Word*".



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

Religious Ed News

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!

 **American Red Cross** There are still openings for our Blood Drive **Monday, Dec. 2, 1:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.** Walk-ins welcome!

Year End Giving Please note, due to IRS tax laws, end-of -year donations to the parish must be placed in the Saturday, December 28 or Sunday, December 29 collection basket or to the office by Tuesday, December 31. Your end-of- year donation can also be mailed with a postmark of December 31 (or earlier) in order to be reported on 2019 contribution statements. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of making a special gift to St. Patrick Church at this time of year.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve; Tuesday, December 24 4:00pm at Most Holy Redeemer 4:00pm at St. Patrick 10:00pm at St. Canice
Christmas Day; Wednesday, December 25 7:30am at Most Holy Redeemer 9:00am at St. Patrick 10:30am at Most Holy Redeemer **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary;** Tuesday, December 31 - 5:00pm Most Holy Redeemer Wednesday, January 1 - 8:30am Most Holy Redeemer 5:00pm St. Patrick

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Contact us at fariboknights@gmail.com. Website: <http://kc889.mnknight.org>
 * The Knights of Columbus is a trusted name, tried by time, present where men are, providing inspiring resources and support for strengthening your faith and living a life of virtue. Join us on life's greatest adventure to discover the man God calls you to be. BECOME A KNIGHT! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Please join us in serving our Church and community. You will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council # 889 for local information. <http://kc889.mnknight.org>
 *Next Meeting Tuesday, December 3, 6:00 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)

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.

Keep In Mind Starting your holiday shopping? Gifts and groceries? Gas to travel to the store? Remember to use AmazonSmile.com and designate Most Holy Redeemer School as your charity of choice. If you would like to order Scrip gift cards, check out the specials at www.shopwithscrip.com or call the school office 507-364-7383. Help support HRS!

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

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

Please consider using Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for your contributions. EFT is available for any OR all financial contributions made to St. Patrick. Forms are easy to fill out and available in the office. Your donation is taken automatically out of an account (checking, saving, or other) - no hassles with envelopes, checks or remembering.

Comments or Suggestions? If you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know! The **Comment Box** is located outside of the office.

Please Let Us Know...

If anything has changed in your family, if you would like more information, or if you have changes to your family information, please note on the lines below.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ home / cell

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

I/We:

_____ would like to register at St. Patrick.

_____ have a new address.

_____ have a new email address.

_____ have a new phone number.

_____ want to be removed from parish

_____ would like information on: _____

Drop in the collection basket or mail to the office

A Word From Fr. Tom Niehaus

December 1, 2019



Most Holy Redeemer – 4-4:45 pm before every Saturday Evening Mass & Communal Penance on Sunday December 15th at 3 pm. As always Confession is also available by appointment at a time that works

best for you

Season of Advent

Advent is the holy season of preparation for Christmas. During these four weeks we have the opportunity to slow down and allow our hearts to be still with the Lord as we prepare for His coming into our midst.

Jesus emphatically states, "Stay awake! (Matthew 24:42). We must be alert and attentive in our spiritual lives for the coming of Jesus Christ our Savior. Advent allows each of us time to pray a little more, notice others a little more and to be still a little more. This is a sacred season so light a candle, say a prayer, and perhaps sing a familiar hymn in preparation for the birth of Christ. May He find joy and peace when he enters through the open door of our hearts. If you and I are only thinking about parties and gifts and family stress, then we have missed the opportunities afforded in this holy season.

Advent is intentionally a time to pray more, reflect on our beginning and our end in this life, a time to go to Confession, a time to serve the poor, a time to spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration, and a time to go to Mass each week in preparation for Christmas. Don't be caught off guard sleeping through this holy season, which is a blessed time of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ!

Confession Is Available

There will be opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession throughout the Advent Season in our area cluster parishes. If you find yourself making up excuses why you should not go or cannot go to Confession then you are probably due for a good soul cleansing in this Sacrament.

Jesus wants to set you free from sin and open your heart to His transforming love and mercy.

Confession opportunities are as follows:

St. Patrick – 4-4:45 pm before every Saturday Evening Mass & Wednesday December 4th at 6:30 pm for Faith Formation students and community.

St. Canice – Saturday December 7th after 8:30 am Mass & Wednesday December 11th at 6:30 pm for Faith Formation students and community.

Give in a New Way

I encountered a family in our area who decided that for Christmas they would not exchange gifts but rather sponsor a family in need. This is a great idea! Many of our families have more than enough clothes, food, video games and toys to last a lifetime. Why not donate the monetary equivalent of what gifts you want to get or give to a charity on behalf of each person in the family or sponsor a family in need with those gifts that you would have wanted for yourselves? We are very blessed in our area, why not share that blessing with those who are less fortunate? Pray about choosing this way of giving to others this Christmas.

With the Joy of Jesus!

Fr. Tom Niehaus