

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 6: 8:30 a.m. Father's Intentions
Thursday, December 8: 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass, People of the parish
Saturday, December 10: 5:00 p.m. +Earl Dimmel
Sunday, December 11: 9:00 a.m. +Georgiana & +Bernice Edel, +Della Venechuk

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

This Week in Our Parish

This Weekend: **Bake & Craft Sale** after Both Masses
Sunday, December 4: **Faith Focus**, after the 9 a.m. Mass. All welcome to attend
Tuesday, December 6: **Fatima Prayer Group** at 7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, December 7: **Religious Ed Class**, 6:30 p.m. for grades 1-10
Rel Ed Advent Reconciliation 6:30 p.m. for grades 3-10
Baptism Class – 6:30 p.m. Holy Redeemer Church, Montgomery
Thursday, December 8: **Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass**, 7:00 p.m.

COMING UP: Parish Advent Reconciliation: Monday, December 12th 5:30 p.m.
Next Blood Drive – Monday, December 19th, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*For December 8th Ministers check schedule.
Mass is at 7:00 p.m.*

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 5:00 p.m. YOUTH MASS

AS: Kathleen Cap
EM: Betty David*
Kathleen Cap, Marsha DeGroot
GR: Gary & Patti Angelow, Anne Langer,
And Religious Ed Youth
L: Marsha DeGroot & Religious Ed Youth
U: Leonard Petricka, Dan Pumper & RE Youth

Sunday, Dec 10, 2016 9:00 a.m.

AS: Carson, Emma or Ryann Louis
EM: June Malecha*
Wendy Aaker, Denise Haaland
GR: Duke & MariLou Ernste,
Elaine & Steve Trnka
L: Kathy Archambault
U: Randy Archambault, Elaine & Steve Trnka

Office Hours December 4 - 10, 2016

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 11:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Remember in your prayers ...

Father Victor, Andi Olsonawski, John Madden, Landyn Wrolson, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nick Grambart; all on the prayer chain; Servicemen: Jaime Allison, Owen Gehling, John McDonough, Eric Spehn, Nate Wallace, Luke Ward.

Financial Stewardship November 26 & 27, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$ 6,981.00
Open Plate	106.19
Visitor	200.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>135.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 7,422.19

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 other donations will be counted as 2017 donations.

Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2016

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

A beautiful reading from Isaiah continues the messianic kingdom theme we heard about last week. The coming of the Lord is cause for joy and gladness. Saint James takes up the theme and tells us that we must have patience, just like the farmer who waits for the fruit of the earth. In the Gospel we hear Jesus affirm John's message of repentance before the reign of God. Listen to these holy scriptures in the coming of our God.

A Reflection...

This is the **Second Sunday of Advent**. Advent invites us to rekindle our Baptismal commitment to follow Christ and produce the good fruits of holiness and justice in our lives. In the midst of the busyness of our Christmas preparations, can we carve out some space each day to welcome the presence of Christ our Light within us and to greet that Light in the other who is less fortunate than we are? Let us be on fire with the wonder of this season, prepare to celebrate Christ's incarnated Presence among us, and open ourselves to that purifying fire of His Holy Spirit that sets us afire anew for living the Gospel! We are called to live our lives and continue our faith formation in the context of God's vision of hope, justice and peace. That means we need to be "awake," open to change, ready to repent and able to recognize the in-breaking of God. This happens in the ordinary experiences of our daily lives – as our holiday preparations include the poor and needy as well as our loved ones, as we extend our care beyond our inner circle, as we try to simplify so that we are not distracted from being attentive to Christ's coming.

<http://epiphanycatholicchurch.org/news/2016/nov/28-liturgy>

Father Victor update ...

Father continues to do well and thanks all of you for the prayers, cards, and well-wishes. No sign of rejection or infections. He exercises twice daily when he is home by walking by around the church. Father Victor is now been cleared to drive. He still has appointments at HCMC a couple days a week but is able to drive himself. Father Victor says "he has learned a lot about his surgery and all the procedures they are doing" because he "asks many questions of his surgeon". **'VISITORS'**. He is accepting visitors (no more than 2-3 at a time and for short visits only). IF YOU ARE ILL – PLEASE do not expose him to germs as it is very important that he remains healthy. Should you wish a visit, text Father Victor or call Tracy in the office to see if he is around and accepting visitors. St. Patrick office 507.334.6002, Tracy's Cell #612.756.0515. **'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.



American
Red Cross

Next Red Cross Blood Drive –
Monday, Dec. 19th 1–7 p.m.

Go online to redcrossblood.org to find a time to donate. All donors receive a key chain thank you. Whole Blood and Double Reds collected at this drive.



Christmas Eve Mass with All Youth Participation

We want ALL OUR youth to participate in a ministry or Choir at St. Patrick's Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Family Mass. Practice is Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 6:15 – 7 p.m. Songs were handed out at Religion Classes, however if you child does not attend our classes, copies of the music may be picked up in the office so they can learn the words at home and be prepared for the practice. Youth who would like to participate as readers, greeters & ushers, please call the office or talk to Tracy.

We invite you to Pray for our 1st Communion & Confirmation Youth.

There are still a few 1st Communion or Confirmation Youth names left on the tree in the narthex. Pick up a cross and pray for that child or send them cards of encouragement. Cards can be sent to the church and we will distribute them to the youth. Thanks to everyone who picked a name so far.

Next Baptism Class – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7th at Most Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery. Classes are required IF this is your first child or it has been more than 2 years since your last class. Call Montgomery to register 507.364.7981.



Fr. Dave Barrett hosts a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes & Santiago de Compostela to celebrate 100th Anniversary of Apparitions in Fatima.

The trip is 11 days: September 26 – October 6, 2017. You will visit Fatima, Coimbra, Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca, Avila, Madrid, and Lourdes. Total cost is \$3,299 per person from Minneapolis (Air/land tour price is \$2,649 plus \$650 government taxes/airline surcharges.) Brochures located on the kiosk



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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/>



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 info or contact us at fariboknights@gmail.com.

Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K - 8th Grade)

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



Mark Your Calendar for December Events

Advent began this past Sunday, and that means that HRS and the community have a number of events coming up soon. On Thursday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m., Montgomery hosts the Torchlight Parade, which includes an entry by the HRS STEM class organized by STEM teacher Andy Velishek. Another important event, the HRS Christmas Concert, under the direction of Christine Trcka, will be held in church on Wednesday, December 21, at 1 and 7 p.m. Have a good week!

HRS Welcomes Deacon Jason Myhre, assigned to Most Holy Redeemer & St. Canice Church as of November 15, by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Deacon Myhre, has two children enrolled at HRS, and already done two communion services for the school. Welcome Deacon Myhre to the HRS family!

Scrip - Just a reminder to everybody that Scrip can make gift giving easier as well as helping reduce tuition and raising money for HRS. Check out the attached Scrip flyer.

Change in Mass Schedule - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass will be held on Thursday, December 8, at 8:15 a.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Church.

Holiday Social - Next Chapter Winery - Friday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., \$35/person.

What better way to celebrate the holiday season with your loved ones than with a holiday social at Next Chapter Winery sampling local cider, wine, and food? Starting at 7:30 p.m. - enter into the chandelier-lit Barrel Room, where six different stations will be set up, laden with samplings from Pizzeria 201, a local restaurant and catering company located in downtown Montgomery. At each station, there will be a carefully paired wine from Next Chapter Winery or a cider crafted by the Montgomery Apple Orchard to enhance the flavors of the hors d'oeuvre. After sampling, please feel free to stay, relax, sip and enjoy the evening. This event includes 6 hors d'oeuvres, 3 different wines and 3 different ciders. **A portion of the proceeds goes to Holy Redeemer School.**
Thank you

A special thank you to Jim Washa for the hanging baskets of evergreens/pinecones on the HRS outdoor sign adding beauty to our winter landscape

Santa Anonymous Collection Nov. 18-Dec. 9

HRS again is a collection site for the Le Sueur County Santa Anonymous program. Please help Santa Anonymous provide a Merry Christmas for less fortunate children in the county. Some of the items needed are: toys of good value, educational, long-lasting and non-violent (no guns), new socks, hats, mittens, bedding, books and items for teenagers. Please leave gifts unwrapped with prices on. Mrs. Picha is the Montgomery coordinator.

MNSAA - 'Wish list' In the next several months you will be hearing about MNSAA and the school's accreditation process. MNSAA stands for Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association and the process enhances the quality of education through a process of self-evaluation and ongoing improvement. As part of the procedure, the HRS Advisory Board is comprising a "wish list"; a list of possible improvements for the school to improve the quality of education and increase enrollment. If you have suggestions for the group, please contact the Advisory Board or school office.

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

Coming Up In The Area ...

- **Light Up A Life** Outdoor Tree Lighting, Monday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. at District One Hospital Surgery Center. A \$5 gift will light up a bulb on the Hospice Memory Tree in honor of a loved one or friend. Donation forms are available on the kiosk, by the display case or in the office.

- **IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance, Sunday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. at Cathedral of Good Shepherd, Shattuck Campus** (1000 Shumway Ave, Faribault). This Mass is designed to help start the holiday season by remembering a child lost for any reason. If you would like that child remembered in the Mass, please contact the IRIS office support@irisRemembers.com or 507.334.4748. Website: www.irisRemembers.org. **IRIS** offers parents, families, friends and professionals support, education and resources on the death of a child in any age from pregnancy through early childhood.

- **Pallium Mass for Archbishop Hebda Sunday, December 18, 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul.** All people of the Archdiocese are invited to the Pallium Mass for Archbishop Bernard Hebda. The Apostolic Nuncio will confer the Pallium - which was blessed at Saint Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29 - on Archbishop Hebda at the special Mass.