

# **Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville**

Third Sunday of Advent    December 11, 2016    Volume 33    Number 50

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 13:            8:30 a.m.    Father's Intentions  
Saturday, December 17:           5:00 p.m.    +Jeanne Gillen, +Erv & +Marguerite  
   Langer, +Leo Meillier  
Sunday, December 18:            9:00 a.m.    People of the Parish

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

## **This Week in Our Parish**

Monday, December 12:        **Parish Advent Reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.**  
Tuesday, December 13:       **Fatima Prayer Group at 7:45 a.m.**  
Wednesday, December 14:   **Christmas Eve Choir Practice at 6:15 p.m.**  
   **Religious Ed Class, 6:30 p.m. for grades 1-10**



American  
Red Cross

**COMING UP: St. Pats Blood Drive – Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1– 7 p.m.**

### **Liturgical Ministers**

#### **Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 5:00 p.m.**

AS: Darrell Stoltz  
EM: Joyce Brazil\*  
              Mary Ann Smisek, Darrell Stoltz  
GR: Timmy Capranos, Marge Duchene,  
              Richard Misgen,  
L: Mary Ann Smisek  
U: Timmy Capranos, Marge Duchene,  
              Larry Smisek

#### **Sunday, Dec 18, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

AS: Henry Schendel  
EM: Harry Redman\*  
              Linda Dietz, Georgia Redman  
GR: Hank Von Ruden,  
              LuVerne & Martha Wallace  
L: Georgia Redman  
U: Mark Mulcahy, Tom Murphy,  
              Hank Von Ruden

### **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 Spohn, Nate Wallace, Luke Ward.**

### **We invite you to Pray for**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation Youth**

We have a few 1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Confirmation Youth names left on our tree in the narthex. Pick up a cross and pray for that child. Cards of encouragement can be sent to the church and we will distribute them to the youth. Thanks to everyone who picked a name so far.

### **Office Hours**

**December 11 - 17, 2016**

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### **Financial Stewardship**

**December 3 & 4, 2016**

Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,595.00
Open Plate	112.19
Visitor	140.00
EFTs	520.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 4,367.15

### **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 donations received January 1 or after will be counted as 2017 donations.

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 2016**

First Reading: Isaiah                            7:10-14  
Psalm 24    "Let the Lord enter, he is king of glory."  
Second Reading: Romans                            1:1-7  
Gospel: Matthew                                    1:18-24

These readings are about signs: God's sign to Ahaz, the angel's appearance to Joseph. When you hear these words proclaimed, what signs in your life point to God about what wonderful new things you can do? How can you respond like Joseph?

## A Reflection...

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that Jesus was a different type of Christ or Messiah from what he expected. He often wondered who the Messiah would be. John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed. He practiced what he taught. But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that Jesus would be found, not in preaching only but in helping others. John preached repentance for sin; Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom. The blind would see, and the lame would walk – these were to be signs of the coming of the ‘One to come’ Pope Francis says: ‘There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something/ Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections. We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us – happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God’s coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God’s biggest gifts. What is the good news of Jesus for you just now?’  
<http://www.catholicireland.net/sunday-homily/>

## 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. Father Victor is now 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.



## 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.

## Food for Kidz

Please mark your calendar for the afternoon of Saturday, February 11, 2017 as St. Patrick’s will be hosting a **Food for Kidz** packing event. More details coming soon. Religious Ed youth will begin a number of Fundraising activities so we can cover the cost of the food we package that day. We would love to have all St. Patrick’s parishioners get involved in the packing event.

If you would like to help with the event or package food on the day, please watch for details on signing up or contact Denise Flicek 612-743-5138 [deniseflicek@yahoo.com](mailto:deniseflicek@yahoo.com)

To learn more about the organization you can check out these websites: [www.foodforkidz.org](http://www.foodforkidz.org)

[www.facebook.com/FoodforKidz](https://www.facebook.com/FoodforKidz)



**Facebook users** -- please help us spread the work about St. Patrick events. **Here is how you can help.**

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](mailto:fariboknights@gmail.com).

# Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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This week, the Church's feast days for St. Nicholas (Dec. 6) and for the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) provide further reminder of the season's ultimate meaning. According to *biography.com*, St. Nicholas was a bishop in Turkey known for his generosity to the sick and the poor. After his death, the stories of his kindness grew, and St. Nicholas morphed into the character of Santa Claus. On December 8, we celebrate Mary's special status and remember that Mary said, "Yes" to participating in God's plan that gifted us with the birth of Christ. This week may be a good time to emphasize to our children that the upcoming Christmas season is a time for giving, for generosity. Being able to remind students of this truth is a privilege that we prize highly here at HRS. Have a good week.

**Congratulations to Mr. Andy Velishek** who was selected as the area "Teacher of the Month" for November. This award is presented by Posy Floral & Gifts of Montgomery in appreciation to all of the wonderful teachers in the Montgomery area. Mr. Velishek received a special gift from Posy in recognition of the award. Also special thanks to Mr. Velishek for coordinating the school's Torchlight Parade entry last week. The float communicated the great offerings we have at HRS and spoke to the true meaning of the season.

**TCU Middle School Holiday Concerts** All Grades 5-8 HRS students are involved with the bands or choirs at the public school. The concert schedule for those programs, held at the Montgomery Middle School Auditorium, are listed below. Please attend and show your support.

December 8 – TCU 5-8 Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.,

December 13 – TCU 5-8 Choir Concert, 1:30 p.m.

HRS Band & Choir students performing follows:

*7/8 Grade Band:* Collin Barnett, Grace Barnett, Thomas Bulger, Anna Deutsch, Erika Kadrlik, Nathaniel Leonard, Michelle Ramirez, Rachel Rynda, Darien Schoenbauer, Landon Skluzacek and Rachel Way.

*6 Grade Band:* Anna Barnett, William Bulger, Meghan Callahan, Tyler Kadrlik, Elizabeth Odenthal and Abby Rutt.

*5th Grade Band:* Joseph Callahan, Edward Devine, Makenzie Gregor, Noah Rynda, Connor Skluzacek and Luke Skluzacek.

*5/6 Grade Choir:* Nico Davis, Arthur Devine, Steven Odenthal, Ellie Sladek and William Treka.

*Holiday Scrip Orders* Please place your Scrip order by 8 a.m., Monday, December 12, for the Holidays. It will arrive by Thursday, December 15. This will be the last Scrip order prior to Christmas break.

**Dec. 14 Out of Uniform** If you'd like to be part of the Out-of-Uniform Day on Wednesday, December 14, please bring a \$1 or more. All donations will be given to Feed My Starving Children.

**November Mileage Club** Congratulations to the Kindergarten class. The students walked 29.75 miles (3.72 miles/student). They have a Stunning Sneaker certificate hanging on the Mileage Club bulletin board downstairs. Congrats to Nathan Akerlund & Andrew Leonard. They each walked 7 miles for the month, making them the top walkers at HRS. They received a certificate & Turkey Token on their Mileage Club shoe. Keep walking!

**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 loved ones than with a holiday social at the Next Chapter Winery sampling local cider, wine, and food? At 7:30 p.m. enter the chandelier-lit Barrel Room, where six different stations are set up, laden with hors d'oeuvre from Pizzeria 201, a local restaurant and catering company located downtown Montgomery. At each station, there will be a wine from Next Chapter Winery or cider crafted by Montgomery Apple Orchard to pair with and enhance the flavors of the hors d'oeuvre. After sampling, 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 night's proceeds goes to Holy Redeemer School.

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

George Vondracek

## Coming Up In The Area ...

- **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 this Mass for Archbishop Bernard Hebda. The Apostolic Nuncio will confer the Pallium – which was blessed at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope Francis on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29.

- **Next Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1-7 p.m.** Go online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to find a time to donate or sign-up at the table in the narthex. All donors receive a key chain thank you. Whole Blood and Power Reds will be collected. NOTE: We need someone to take charge of four (4) St. Patrick Blood Drives in 2017. Please call the office if interested.

**Natural Family Planning Classes** The Couple to Couple League offers NFP classes in Faribault. Each class consists of 3 monthly meetings. The next date is December 15. To register go to [ccli.org](http://ccli.org), click on Search/Register for Classes. For info about local classes call 507.330-4559, 507.210-4805 or 507.412-0250