

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Solemnity of Mary—Octave of Christmas January 1, 2012 Volume 31 Number 1

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 3: 8:30 a.m. + People of the Parish
Saturday, January 7: 6:00 p.m. + People of the Parish
Sunday, January 8: 10:00 a.m. + Mary Friesen

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, January 3: Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, January 7: Faith Formation, Grades 1-9, 6:30 p.m. SHARP!

FYI: St. Patrick Ski Trip - Saturday, March 3rd at Afton Alps. Watch for more info!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 7, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Rose Chmelik, Michael Stephanites
Hattie Peach
EM: Laura Drentlaw*,
Kim Chmelik, Sharon Kaisershot
GR: Dale & Laura Drentlaw, Bill Harn,
Roselyn Koenig
L: Marsha DeGroot
U Bill Harn, Albert Koenig, Roger Pumper,
Rick LaCanne

Sunday, January 8, 2012 10:00 a.m.

AS: Griffin/Paige Heimerman, Shelby Strouth
EM: Harry Redman *
Georgia Redman, Lori Strouth
GR: Rolf & Denise Haaland
Mary Kay Reynolds, Lori Strouth
L: Martha Wallace
U: Bill Opegard, Mary Kay Reynolds,
Gene Trahan, Tom Trnka

Remember in your prayers ...

Mary Kuchinka, Rolf Haaland, Gladys Bisek, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, **Loren Wendel, Nancy Dienst**, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nicholas Grambart; **Bill Stransky**; Terry Caron; Evelyn Bauernfeind; all on the prayer chain and **our Servicemen**: Jaime Allison, **Charlie Cain, Lester Caron, Chris Chappuis, John McDonough**, Ryan Snorek, **Eric Spehn, Mark Trnka, Nate Wallace**.

Did you miss the Wednesday night sessions on the Roman Missal or do you want to be able to share the sessions with a loved one? Rediscovering the Mass DVD's are available! Order forms can be picked up at the reception desks at Divine Mercy Church and the parish office. DVD's are \$10 / DVD or \$40 for the set of 5. Payment must be received at the time of order. Questions? Mary Beth Purdie at 334-2266 ext 45.

Office Hours

January 1 - 7, 2012

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship December 24 & 25 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,457.00
Open Plate	1,114.26
Visitor	855.00
EFTs	112.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 9,538.26

NOTE: Registered Members and Regular Visitors: Pick up your Financial Contribution Envelopes in the back of church.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2012

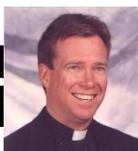
First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72 "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you"
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Isaiah's vision of the far-off nations streaming toward Jerusalem to worship the one true God is fulfilled, say Paul, in Christ Jesus. By his saving gospel even we Gentiles have been made coheirs of Abraham's covenant, copartners of God's saving promise, and living members of Christ's body. In the Gospel of the magi, let us see ourselves and hear anew God's invitation to draw near and worship Jesus, our Messiah and King.

A special thank you to those who donated monies or purchased flowers for our Christmas decorating, in memory of their loved ones.



A Note From the Pastor...



We begin a new calendar year and we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary. Being a mother is a holy vocation, and one that Mary participated in. Motherhood flows from the Christian vocation of Marriage, which gives birth to family life. During the Christmas season I find myself often reflecting on the beauty of marriage and family life. At their wedding a Husband and Wife receive a Nuptial Blessing asking for an outpouring of the Spirit upon them. This is one of three Nuptial Blessings that can be prayed:

O God, who by your mighty power created all things out of nothing, and, when you had set in place the beginnings of the universe, formed man and woman in your own image, making the woman an inseparable helpmate to the man, that they might no longer be two, but one flesh, and taught that what you were pleased to make one must never be divided;

O God, who consecrated the bond of Marriage by so great a mystery that in the wedding covenant you foreshadowed the Sacrament of Christ and his Church;

O God, by whom woman is joined to man and the companionship they had in the beginning is endowed with the one blessing not forfeited by original sin nor washed away by the flood.

Look now with favor on these your servants, joined together in Marriage, who ask to be strengthened by your blessing. **Send down on them the grace of the Holy Spirit** and pour your love into their hearts, that they may remain faithful in the Marriage covenant.

May the grace of love and peace abide in your daughter N., and let her always follow the example of those holy women whose praises are sung in the Scriptures. May her husband entrust his heart to her, so that, acknowledging her as his equal and his joint heir to the life of grace, he may show her due honor and cherish her always with the love that Christ has for his Church.

And now, Lord, we implore you: may these your servants hold fast to the faith and keep your commandments; made one in the flesh, may they be blameless in all they do; and with the strength that comes from the Gospel, may they bear true witness to Christ before all; may they be blessed with children, and prove themselves virtuous parents, who live to see their children's children.

And grant that, reaching at last together the fullness of years for which they hope, they may come to the life of the blessed in the Kingdom of Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We welcome **Father George Kallumkalkudy** as pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery. He assumes his responsibilities at

both Holy Redeemer and St. Canice in the quaint Irish hamlet of Kilkenny, this month. Fr. George was most recently pastor of St. Austin in Minneapolis. This summer St. Patrick is scheduled to cluster, no longer with Divine Mercy Catholic Church, but with Most Holy Redeemer.

We also welcome Father Marvin Klaers who will move into the parish house this week. Father Klaers, ordained in 1950 and a classmate of Father Clayton Haberman, has served in our Archdiocese for many, many faithful years. Father Klaers will do daily Masses, most Saturday and some Sunday Masses. Remember he is retired – he attends no meetings, deals with no business related to the parish, gets involved with no parish politics, listens to no gossip about the parish or our families; but what he does do is priceless: He consecrates the Eucharist for us. And for this, we are most grateful. Welcome, Father Klaers.

Blessed New Year to you and your family,
Father Kevin Finnegan

A big THANK YOU to the 15 youth (and their parents) who participated in the Christmas Eve program. Thank you also to Kathleen Cap, Cindy McCormick, the Choir, Doug Knutson and Mitch Vosejпка – Everyone did a super job done!



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing

After Abortion If you are struggling with an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat **January 6-8, 2012 in the Twin Cities area.** The weekend combines discussions, spiritual exercises, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information/registration contact Nancy at rvt-nancy@usfamily.net or 763-250-9313. The cost is \$160.00 for meals, room and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. There is more information on Rachel's Vineyard website www.rachelsvineyard.org.

OWATONNA AREA HOSPICE is hosting a Spouse Loss Support Group beginning Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The group will meet every Tuesday for six weeks – **Jan. 17, 24, 31** and **Feb. 7, 14, 21** from 10-11:30 am, at Homestead House, 2350 NW 26th Street, in Owatonna.

The death does not need to be connected to hospice in order for an individual to participate. Hospice recommends that a minimum of three months has passed. It is not a drop in group so individuals who cannot participate in all of the sessions are encouraged to wait until the next offering. RSVP to Brenda Jirik, Bereavement Coordinator, 507-977-2857 by January 10, 2012.



ANNUAL SINGLE PARENT MORNING RETREAT

Single parents are welcome to join the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life for the annual **Single Parent Morning Retreat on Saturday, February 4th from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon** (optional mass at 8 a.m.) **at the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin**, 1414 Dale Street North, St. Paul, MN 55117. The cost is \$10/family. Free childcare will be provided. Any questions please feel free to contact the Marriage, Family and Life office at 651.291.4489.

HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille helps couples put the pieces of their marriages back together and rebuild loving relationships. Twin Cities Retrouvaille program offers a weekend and six follow-up sessions several times a year. Registration is required. For info, call 651-457-8838, visit www.helpourmarriage.com

The mission of Retrouvaille is to help married couples rediscover their marriage relationship. Retrouvaille is French for the word "rediscover." The weekend program is presented by ordinary married couples; who have experienced serious disillusionment, conflict, and pain in their relationship, and a priest. The team couples talk about the very intimate and deep hurts they have experienced. Communication is the heart of Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille recognizes that troubled marriages can't be fixed in a weekend. The program includes a structured post-weekend phase to help couples continue the work needed to heal their relationship. Married couples are not turned away from Retrouvaille due to lack of funds.



KC 889 Korner...

(17 Third Street NE -Ph.507.334.4918)

The KC Hall in Faribault is available for weddings, anniversaries, fundraisers, graduation parties, dinners, family gatherings. Call Rick Scheil at 507.334.4918 for information.

Community Fellowship Meal at Cathedral Café

(101 Sixth Street NW) Every Tuesday 5 – 6:30 p.m. Cathedral of our Merciful Savior, – across from Parker-Kohl Funeral Home). No Charge! All Ages Welcome! Well-balanced, simple meals.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Walk tall, and smile more. Don't be afraid to say, 'I love you'. Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world.

AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ...



Upcoming events at B.A.:
www.bacards.org

A Dominican Blessing for you and your family this Christmas Season.

Bethlehem Academy, a Catholic School in the Sinsinawa Tradition, strives to empower its students and staff to achieve personal, spiritual and academic excellence. We challenge ourselves to love as Jesus Christ loved, to lead, to serve, to inspire and to seek the truth. Veritas



Holy Redeemer School (PreK through 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery

BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR! Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School is thankful for the many blessings we have had over this past year. We wish to share these blessings with all of you and continue to pray for these blessings upon our church and school:

HRS students who come to our school seeking knowledge and faith, may we continue to enrich your lives through multiage education and lead you to Christ. **HRS parents** that honor God by choosing Catholic education, what a beautiful gift you give to your children. **HRS dedicated teachers and staff** who give of themselves, nurturing, teaching, loving, enlightening, cleaning, planning, and passing on the Catholic faith. **HRS School Board, Home & School Officers, and Subcommittee** volunteers who advised and directed for our school this past year. **Father Cory Rohlfing** for his dedicated service to our school. **HRS alumni** who celebrated 125 years of Catholic education at HRS and give gifts of time, talent and treasure. **HRS volunteers** for their gift of time during this past year. **Parishes** of Most Holy Redeemer, St. Canice of Kilkenny, St. Patrick of Shieldsville and St. Mary's in Le Center for their support and prayers. **Archdiocese Offices** for their guidance and support this past year. **Montgomery-Lonsdale Public School** for the ways we partner in education together in our district **MNSAA team** and the newly received accreditation and licensure for our school. We are blessed to be fully accredited through 2018, ensuring that we offer the highest standards in education to our families.

PRAYERS: As the new year begins, please pray for: **Fr. Chris Schofner**, in thanksgiving for his support during this transition and prayers for his family; **Fr. George Kallumkalkudy**, as he begins service for our parishes and school.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal
"Enlightening young minds through multiage instruction. Leading young hearts to Christ."

Welcome to St. Patrick!
We would like to hear from you!

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.

_____ have moved away; please remove us
from the parish roster.

_____ would like information on:

*Drop this form the collection or mail to St. Patrick,
Shieldsville Parish Office*

RCIA

What is RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of becoming a fully initiated Catholic.

Who is it for? Those who were never baptized; who were baptized in another Christian faith and who wish to become Catholic; who were baptized Catholic but were never confirmed, have not received their First Communion or need to be reconciled with the Church.

How do I get started? Contact the office or Denise Haaland 507.334.2781.

Cleaning for a Reason If you know a woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please tell her there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once/month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this info along <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

www.masstimes.org lists every Catholic Church in the country and their Mass times. Visiting different Catholic churches is a must on vacation.



Planning a baptism? The next set of Baptism Classes are Tuesday, February 7 & 21st at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 6:30 p.m. It is a two-part program and both parents must attend both classes. Baptism Classes are required to schedule a baptism at St. Patrick. Call 507.334.2266 to register.

January 22, 2012 will mark the 39th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic decision to legalize abortion. This year the Office of Marriage Family and Life will be Celebrating a *Mass for Life* instead of an Ecumenical Prayer Service as the date falls on a Sunday. Archbishop Nienstedt will be the celebrant for this special Noon Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. . YES, this does count as your Sunday obligation so come as a family to attend together. The MCCL Rally at the state capitol will follow the Mass. Last year this inspiring event was attended by approximately 3,000 people.

Over 50 million unborn babies have been aborted since 1973. Please join others in this opportunity to pray for these children of God as well as the men and women who suffer because of the decision they made to terminate a pregnancy. Contact the Marriage Family and Life office at 651.291.4506 or wilsons@archspm.org with questions.

A priest dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans.

Saint Peter addresses this cool guy, 'Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven ? '

The guy replies, 'I'm Jack, retired airline pilot from Houston.'

Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, 'Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom.' The pilot goes into Heaven with his robe and staff.

Next, it's the priest's turn. He stands erect and booms out, 'I am Father Bob, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last 43 years.'

Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the priest, 'Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom.'

'Just a minute,' says the good father. 'That man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be?'

'Up here - we go by results,' says Saint Peter. 'When you preached - people slept. When he flew, people prayed.'