

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Nativity of the Lord - Christmas December 25, 2011 Volume 30 Number 52

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 27: 8:30 a.m. + Nancy Kelly
Saturday, December 31 : 6:00 p.m. + John Dudley, + Ellard Malecha
Sunday, January 1, 2012: 10:00 a.m. + Dennis Smisek

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, December 27: Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, December 28: NO Faith Formation

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 31, 2011 6:00 p.m.

AS: Anna Aaker, Jeff Bronk, Evie Nigon
EM: Darrell Stolz*,
Shari Gruber, Mary Ann Smisek
GR: Gary & Patti Angelow, Janice Chappuis,
Mark Sheehy
L: Joyce Brazil
U Ken Brazil, Fritz Kaderlik, Larry Smisek
Pat Bronk

Sunday, January 1, 2012 10:00 a.m.

AS: Ryan Dietz, Carson Louis, Emma Louis
EM: Paul Kolb * Mary Lou Ernste,
Katie Judd-Landrum
GR: Duke & Mary Lou Ernste, Pat and Paul
Kolb, Hank & Kay Von Ruden
L: Betty David
U: Al David, Randy Rezac,
Hank Von Ruden, Randy Voracek

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.**

Office Hours December 25 - 31, 2011

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship December 17 & 18 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,410.00
Open Plate	144.50
Visitor	215.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>492.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 3,261.50

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

If you wish to have contributions to St. Patrick
recorded for this year, you need to have it in to
the office by December 31, 2011.

Octave of Christmas The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2012

First Reading Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67 *“May God bless us in his mercy”*
Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

On this newest day in history, one of scripture's
most ancient blessings is invoked upon God's
covenant people—and, because God's salvation
in Jesus is for all people—on all the nations of
the world as well. In that world, in this New
Year, we are called to bear special witness, for as
Paul reminds us, in Christ we are God's adopted
sons and daughters. Therefore, as God's word is
proclaimed, let us, like Mary, reflect in our
hearts on the Christmas mystery we have
celebrated. Like the shepherds, let us share
with others the good news of God

A Note From the Pastor...



Rejoice! The Savior is born!

All the earth cries out with joy, for today, is born the Savior of the world, Jesus. On this day, the world witnesses the gift of the incarnation. Today reconciliation occurs: one person to another and all to God. Today our blessed hope appears. Today, mercy – Divine Mercy – enters the world.

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is Born for us! The Holy One – utterly beyond everything – dwells among us! Alleluia!

Welcome to all who join us today for our celebration of Christmas. If you are visiting family: welcome. If you simply have shown up: welcome. If you haven't been in a church for years: welcome. Know that it is Jesus Christ, the new born King, who welcomes you today; it is Christ who nourishes and feeds your soul and spirit; it is Christ who dwells among us! Welcome. Come let us, together, adore the new born King!

Let us keep in our prayers all those for who in the midst of Christmas cheer also experience some sorrow, struggle or angst this Christmas. We remember and pray for those serving in the military and their families; we pray for those who've experienced a death in their family this year, who have lost a job or home, whose families have broken-up; we think of, remember and pray for those residing this Christmas in a nursing home, and all the sick and those on hospice care. While we go about our celebrations take a moment to pray for all who, today, will need to see the Light of Christmas. May the Blessed Hope of Christmas fill their hearts – abundantly.

*And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.*

Wishing you a holy Christmas,

Father Kevin Finnegan

Merry
Christmas

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.

ONE DAY RETREAT for Caregivers - We invite you to join us as we offer a quiet, spiritual day of renewal for all Caregivers on **Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the Church of the Annunciation, 509 – 54th St. W, Minneapolis, MN from 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM.** Fr. Jim Livingston, our speaker will present “*Refresh Our Hearts.*” The retreat will include Mass followed by healing prayers, music, the sacrament of Reconciliation and quiet time for prayer and reflection. Cost is \$15 – lunch included. For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at (651) 291-4543 or email curtans@archspm.org. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life Outreach to Persons with DisAbilities.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion - If you are struggling with an abortion experience, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on January 6-8, 2012 in the Twin Cities area. For more information or registration contact Nancy at rvr-nancy@usfamily.net or 763-250-9313. .org.

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.



A special thanks to Stan at The Faribault Garden Center for the generous donation of all the greenery used to decorate the church for the Christmas season.

AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ...



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

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

God give us eyes to see you and ears to hear your voice. God give us minds to know your will and hands to work for Justice. God give us feet to journey, a mouth to preach your Word. God help us to proclaim aloud the Good News of salvation. And may your Holy Angel watch over us in peace. Then, in the goodness of your love, direct us home to heaven.

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 - 8th)
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
† 507.364.7383 / hredeemerparish.org
BLESSED CHRISTMAS! An HRS

Christmas poem...

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the halls, not a sound could be heard, not a laugh or friendly calls. The trees were still decorated, the advent wreaths there, all in preparation for Christ's birthday to share.

The children were home, all snug in their beds, visions of presents and candy dancing in their heads. The teachers and staff, all gone home, too, spending time with family, friends, and you and you!

When out in front of the church, the bells began to ring. The children, the parents, the staff they did bring. Christmas was here, the wait at an end. It was the Birthday of our Savior, singing and praising to send.

From the pews they did shout, to the town they did call, the "Blessings of Christ this Christmas for one and for all!"

CONSIDER THE GIFT OF EDUCATION: We invite you to consider making a gift toward our *Tuition Assistance* program this Christmas. Gifts go to our 32% of families who receive scholarships and help ensure Catholic education for all families in our area. **SPECIAL THANKS TO** – All of the people who support Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School! We are richly blessed.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

"Enlightening young minds through multiage instruction. Leading young hearts to Christ."

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.

HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

Retrouaille helps couples put the pieces of their marriages back together and rebuild loving relationships. Twin Cities **Retrouaille** offers a program consisting of a weekend and six follow-up sessions. The program is offered several times a year. Registration is required. For more information, please call 651-457-8838, or visit [http:// www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

For your information the essence of **Retrouaille** is described below.

The mission of **Retrouaille** is to help married couples rediscover their marriage relationship. **Retrouaille** 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 **Retrouaille**.

Retrouaille 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 **Retrouaille** due to lack of funds.

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