

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 20:	8:30 a.m.	+Don Paquette
Saturday, March 24:	6:00 p.m.	+George & +Helen Voracek, +Paul & +Pat Gaughan
Sunday, March 25:	10:00 a.m.	+Jim & +Evelyn Sevcik, +George Sr, +Adeline, +George Jr. Cepelcha

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 19:	Bell Choir Practice
Tuesday, March 20:	Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice @ 7 p.m. All are welcome! Parish Meeting- Adoration @ 6, Committees 6:30, PPC 7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 21:	Faith Formation, Grades 1-9, 6:30 p.m., Stations @ 7:15
Sunday, March 25:	Penance Services 2:00 pm – 5:00 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 24, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Rose Chmelik, Evie Nigon

EM: Darrell Stoltz*,

Kim Chmelik, Shari Gruber

GR: Lorraine Dudley, Anne Langer,

John & Wilma McDonough

L: Marsha DeGroot

U Mary Ann Gaughan, Dan LaCanne,

John McDonough, Jerry Valentyn

Sunday, March 25, 2012 10:00 a.m.

AS: Romecio Davis, Griffin & Paige Heimerman

EM: Gina Haaland*

Bernie & Mary Ardolf

GR: Charlie & Roxie Driessen,

Gina Haaland, Helen Lambert

L: Maratha Wallace

U: Charlie Driessen, Tom Murphy,

Tom Trnka, Randy Voracek

Remember in your prayers ...

John L. Verhoven, Cheryl McDonough, Michael Mulcahy, **Mary Kuchinka**, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, **Loren Wendel**, 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, Mark Gehling, John McDonough, Ryan Snorek, Eric Spehn, Mark Trnka, Nate Wallace.**

Planning a Baptism in the near future?

The next set of Baptism Classes are Thursday, April 14th & 28th at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 7:45 p.m. It is a two-part program and both classes must be attended. Classes are required. Call 507.334.2266

Office Hours

March 18 - 24, 2012

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship

March 17 & 18, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,923.00
Open Plate	192.16
Visitor	155.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>112.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 3,382.16

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2012

First Reading	Jeremiah	31:31-34
Psalm 51	<i>"Create a clean heart in me, O God."</i>	
Second Reading	Hebrews	5:7-9
Gospel:	John	12:20-33

On this final Lenten Sunday, the last of the Old Testament covenant stories looks not backward to the covenants of Israel's long history, but forward. Today, Jeremiah looks toward the new and eternal covenant that is offered in every age to those, who, like the Greeks in today's Gospel, "would like to see Jesus." In keeping with Lent's call to conversion and purification, the second reading from Hebrews reminds us that we must be prepared to learn obedience through suffering, as Jesus did. Even so, the Gospel resounds with hope, for the seed that dies bears rich fruit, a life sacrificed in loving service blossoms into eternal life, and Jesus lifted up from the earth draws everyone to himself. May these scriptures prepare us to complete our Lenten observance and enter Holy Week with renewed dedication.

A Note From the Pastor....



The Chronicler, that is, the writer of today's first reading gives an understanding as why the people of God were living in exile – they had turned from the true God to worship of false gods; they had abandoned their love and service of God and neighbor. But it is the last couple verses of the passage which bespeaks of a new hope and a new day – and for us, we know it began with Christ. But we can look at our world, our local communities and even our own lives – and see turmoil, greed, hunger, war, separation, abuse, death, disaster, abortion, disease, and think God has abandoned us. We ask why?

But let us also see, what Blessed John Paul II phrased as a new springtime. Yes there is a new hope. I see it here in our own midst. Last month, St. Michael in Kenyon hosted their first annual Valentines dinner and marriage renewal; this week 60 some youth and adults are serving in Joplin, Missouri; dozens of elders and persons who are homebound in our parishes receive the Eucharist; St. Patrick's expands its celebration of St. Pat's day to be more family friendly; children are eager and excited to receive their First Holy Communion; immigrants from Mexico and elsewhere are making huge strides in integrating into our community without losing the beauty of their culture; several from our parish have even joined the military; a new organ, icon and House of Gratitude are to be dedicated; St. Vincent de Paul Society shares 60,000 pounds of food monthly to people regardless of their race or creed.

I believe this community expresses Gloria in Excelsis Deo more profoundly than ever. Let us rejoice, let our hope increase. The disciples on the road to Emmaus began to experience hope in the Breaking of the Bread, let us experience the One who is our Hope today in the Breaking of the Bread and in the Living of the Eucharist in our lives.

This weekend, over sixty individuals from Divine Mercy parish left for Joplin, Missouri to rebuild the area that was devastated by tornadoes this past year. The Mission Trip serves as an excellent opportunity for the youth and adults of our community to "serve beyond" ourselves in the greater world. The trip involves rebuilding the community, prayer, Mass, building relationships and growing closer to Christ. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Kevin Finnegan



Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal so far. If you haven't already done so, please return the pledge form you received by mail or fill out one of the pledge envelopes on the tables at the ends of the pews. If you are a regular visitor to St. Patrick and wish your gift to be credited to St. Patrick, you must note that on the pledge form. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many in our Archdiocese. Last year we surpassed our financial goal and only 33% of our families participated. This year our goal is \$8,942 and we would like to increase our parish participation to at least 50%.

Lawn Mowing Bids

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville is now accepting Lawn Mowing bids for the upcoming 2012 summer season. If interested in making a bid please pick up a Bid Form from the parish office. Complete and return the bid to the St. Patrick parish office no later than **March 19, 2012**. Any questions please contact the parish office at 507-334-6002 or Harry Redman 507-332-9043. Thank You



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!

You will find contact information, Mass schedules, upcoming activities, current and past bulletins and any updates/cancellations to events, meetings, etc. The website link is <http://www.spshieldsville.org>. A big thank you to **Arleen Roberts** for setting it up and to **Martha Wallace** for maintaining it. Great Job, Ladies!

The St. Patrick Fatima Prayer Group welcomes new members – men and Women. If interested call Mary Ann @ 507.334.3329 Ruth @ 507.332.2896 or come on Tuesday at 7:45 a.m..

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 on April 20-22, 2012 in the Twin Cities area.

The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact Nancy at rwr-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. Additional information can also be found on the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

AREA HAPPENINGS.....

Community Lenten Soup Luncheons



Fridays, through March 30 at 4th Avenue United Methodist Church. Serving: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults: \$6, Children 12 & under: \$3. All you can eat soup, bread, crackers, Milk, coffee, & water and 1 desert. Take-outs available – also quarts and pints. For takeout orders call 507/334-430. Support Faribault Food Shelf and bring a non-perishable food item.

Do your spouse and yourself something good by attending the March 31-April 1 Marriage Encounter! Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of additional retreats or call 651.454.3238.

Easter Egg Hunt The Rice County 4-H Ambassadors will be hosting the 1st annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st at the Rice County Fairgrounds starting at 11:00 a.m. There will be three divisions: age 2 to preschool, Kindergarten to 3rd grade and 4th to 8th grade. This event is open to everyone. If rainy weather gets in the way, the hunt will be held in the swine and sheep barns on the west side of the grounds. During the hunt, you are also invited to visit the 4-H Building to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or apple cider.



Montgomery Lions Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, April 1st, 2012, Holy Redeemer School, Montgomery, MN, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Featuring Pancakes, Ham, Sausage & Beverage. Cost Adults \$7.00, Children 6-10 \$4.00, Under 6 Free. Bring your used eye glasses to donate.

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.



KC Fish Fry Every Friday in Lent (incl. Good Friday): Serving from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the KC Hall in Faribault at 17 Third Street NE. All are welcome!

KC SPRING FLING - April 6, 2012. Cost: \$10 for a chance to win one of 17 Drawings for \$2,500 in prizes. MUST be 18 or older to purchase ticket. Prize Amounts: 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$200, 4th & 5th - \$100, 6th thru 17th - \$50. Tickets will be sold at St. Patrick before and after Masses.

Spouse/Significant Other Loss

Support Group beginning Wednesday, March 21st. The group meets every Wednesday for six weeks – March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 6 -7:30 p.m., at Homestead House, 2350 – 26th Street NW in Owatonna. The death does not have to be connected to hospice care in order to participate. Hospice recommends a minimum of three months has passed since the partner's death. It is not a drop in group so individuals you are encouraged to participate in all of the sessions or wait until the next offering. **Please RSVP to Brenda Jirik, Bereavement Coordinator, 507.977.2857 by March 14th.**



Vendors Needed: The St. Canice Faith Formation is having a Spring Fling Fundraiser and we are looking for local vendors (home-based businesses, direct sales, handmade items, etc) for our event on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The fundraiser benefits the Faith Formation program at St. Canice, to bring in speakers to share with the parish and surrounding communities. The cost is \$15 per table and a first come basis. For more information contact: Angela Taaffe at [507-595-3203](tel:507-595-3203) or angela.taaffe@gmail.com

2012 Family Forum Featuring Jim Stenson

The Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life is hosting the annual Family Forum at St. Peter Catholic Church in Mendota Heights on: Saturday, March 24th, 9 a.m. – Noon. (check in begins at 8:30 a.m.) Mr. Stenson is an educational expert, speaker and writer on family concerns. He authored numerous books such as Upbringing, Compass: A Handbook on Parent Leadership, Lifeline: The Religious Upbringing of Your Children and Father, The Family Protector. He will speak on balance within the family. Register online (www.ARCHSPM.ORG) with Visa or MasterCard. For more information please contact the Marriage, Family and Life office at 651.291.4489. Registrations accepted through March 16th.



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

Thank you to all who helped make our 2012 St. Patrick's Day celebration a success. Fun was had by all!



AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ...



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

2nd Annual Cardinal Cruise 10K, 5K walk/run and Kids run – to be held on Saturday April 14th 2012. Join us, as a runner/walker or as a sponsor! See www.finalstretch.com for more details. For sponsor information, contact Sue Erpenbach at 334-3948.

Join us for BABS Night – Saturday April 14th. Doors open at 4:00 pm! Silent and Live Auctions, Country Mercantile featuring handmade crafts and homemade food items! Supper: 4 -7 pm.

New this year: ROAST PORK SANDWICHES with a variety of sauces and some Mexican food. Have something you want to donate to BABS? Call Sue Erpenbach at 507/334-3948.

Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery

hredeeparish.org



Spring is here! Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! HRS students read about St. Patrick and wore green in his honor on Friday. We love to study the Saints and be like them!

In March as part of our Lenten Journey, HRS has adopted Mission Intentions for “alms giving”. Students are asked to support in prayer and with alms giving a baby in need, autism research, and the area food shelf. In addition, we are meeting weekly for the Rosary, all school prayers, and Stations of the Cross. Students refrain from meat eating on Friday’s during lunch and are asked to give up something they love or work harder at achieving an individual goal. We are also praying for the Gift of the Holy Spirit of Piety.

In HRS classes, testing begins for grades 1 – 6th on March 26. Assessment for our younger students is critical in helping us evaluate and plan to ensure student achievement. Archdiocese schools participate in SAT 10 testing through Pearson.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

APRIL 15 - BOOSTER CLUB BREAKFAST:

What is the Booster Club? The HRS Booster club supports HRS. This year they sponsored bowling, bought physical education supplies, and paid for coaches. Tickets going on sale. **SAVE THE DATE!**

HRS RAFFLE: Would you like to win \$25, \$50 or even \$100 dollars? Purchase an HRS raffle ticket. Winners are drawn all year and tickets will be sold by students, or call the office at 364-7383.

APRIL FLOWER SALES: HRS will be selling flowers to help you brighten your yards once again this year. Watch for information coming out soon!

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MAY GARAGE SALE: Our 2nd Annual Garage Sale is the weekend of May 5 & 6. You may bring items in for the sale April 28 & 29. Start saving!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2012-13! Registration is open for Little Lambs to 8th grade. Come and learn about God daily. Worship as a school family. Grow in academics where students perform in the top 80 to 90% nationally. When you apply, let us know that you’re interested in a scholarship. Go online or call, 507-364-7383.

MINI SESSIONS 5-8th GRADES: Next week our middle school students will be taking special mini classes. Here’s a quick glance at what they will be learning: Basics of “Blacksmith”-Roger Heyda; Birdhouse Building-Dave Slechta; Pillow Quilts-Anne Tuma; Crochet – Maureen Franek; Cribbage & Euchre-Maureen Franek; Video/Film-Jake Reeder; and Music/Theatre-Christine Trcka. Special thanks to these volunteers who will be teaching this mini classes.

POHLAD SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

GRANT: We have received \$6,340. THANK YOU! We have until Easter, April 8, to reach \$7,800 for funds to matched. Please pray.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

“Enlightening young minds through multiage instruction. Leading young hearts to Christ.”

NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES

Nationwide Mass times and church locations can be found by calling 1-410-676-6000 (there is a charge) or by visiting website www.Masstimes.org

NO GOD - NO PEACE KNOW GOD - KNOW PEACE

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 in the collection basket or mail to the office