

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

The Solemnity of Christ the King November 25, 2012 Volume 31 Number 48

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Nov. 27:	8:30 a.m.	+George & +Helen Voracek
Saturday, Dec. 1:	6:00 p.m.	Successful Surgery for Rosemary Rule
Sunday, Dec. 2:	10:30 a.m.	+ Mary Friesen, +Susan McKenna

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Nov. 26:	Bell Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 27:	Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 28:	Faith Formation Classes @ 6:30 p.m. Grades 1-9
Saturday, Dec. 1:	<i>Wedding of Rebecca Petricka and Donald Skluzacek</i> Confessions @ 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Nina Lessman, Chase Silkey
EM: Joyce Brazil *
Mary Ann Smisek, Darrell Stoltz
GR: Jan Balata, John & Wilma McDonough,
Larry & Shelly Vosejпка
L: Shari Gruber
U: Mary Ann Gaughan, John McDonough,
Larry Smisek, Larry Vosejпка

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012 10:30 a.m.

AS: Cole Bauernfeind, Michael Stephanites
EM: June Malecha *
MariLou Ernste, Ruth Seykora
GR: Helen Lambert, Julie Paquin, Mary Kay
Reynolds, Larry & Noreen Tousignant,
L: Kathy Archambault
U: Randy Archambault, Dan LaCanne,
Tom Murphy, Bill Opegard

Remember in your prayers ...

JoAnn Nelson, Francis Herda, Fr. Dave Barrett, Phyllis DeGrood, Loren Wendel, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nicholas Grambart; **Bill Stransky**; Terry Caron; all on the prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, Charlie Cain, Lester Caron, Chris Chappuis, Mark Gehling, John Madden, John McDonough, Ryan Snorek, Eric Spehn, Nate Wallace, Luke Ward.**

Office Hours

November 25 – Dec. 1, 2012

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

2013 Calendars are in the narthex.

Thanks to Jim, Steve, John & Jesse at Parker
Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory

Financial Stewardship

November 17 & 18, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,081.00
Open Plate	127.00
Visitor	370.00
EFTs	407.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,985.00

Have you thought of helping out a family going through tough times during the holidays? If interested, please contact Tracy in the office. Likewise – if you know of a family that could use the extra help, let Tracy know.

First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2012

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 93 "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

All of our scripture readings this weekend alert us that the day of the Lord is approaching. In the Gospel, Jesus warns us not to become drowsy and allow ourselves to be surprised by the coming of the Lord. The reading from Isaiah tells us that the One who is coming is a just Lord. How can we be vigilant for the coming of this just Lord? Saint Paul tells us in his letter to the Thessalonians: Remember the instructions of the Lord Jesus and conduct yourselves in a way that pleases God.

Sacrament of Baptism:

We welcome two little ones to our parish family. **Morgan Lou Gibbons** the infant daughter of **Adam & Sarah**, granddaughter of **Rocky & Luann**.

Gavin Patrick Murphy, infant son of **John & Sheena**, grandson of **Tom & Joyce**, great-grandson of **Lucille Murphy**.



From the Desk of the Pastor....

The Year of Faith



To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict XVI has declared October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013 a year of faith. In his apostolic letter announcing this special year, the Holy Father calls us both to deepen our faith and to commit ourselves to proclaiming that faith to a world that is waiting to hear the good news. According to his reading of the signs of the time, he perceives that in many regions of the world there is a widespread and profoundly worrisome faith fatigue. People of nations with histories that are closely woven with Catholicism no longer identify with the Catholic faith. Those countries who used to send our missionaries to the different parts of the world now find themselves with a severely impoverished faith life and in need of re-evangelizing. The once vibrant faith that produced saints, numerous institutions of outreach to the poor and missionary initiatives is now slowly disappearing. So the Pope's concern is of faith that has lost its vitality by not being practiced or exercised.

What is ultimately at stake is the fundamental directions and meaning that people give to their lives. Secularism, materialism, the cult of the body and increased reliance on Science and technology pervade our culture, which in turn carries with it a vision of human fulfillment that leaves God out of the picture.

The crisis of faith that the Pope means to confront with the Year of Faith is due to the fact that too many baptized Christians say, in effect, what the Israelites said to Samuel when they insisted on having a king. They wanted to be "like the other nations" (1 Sam. 8:20). Of course, they were not like the other nations. God has chosen them, set them free and established them in the promised land. But the desire to conform and to appear like other pagan nations overwhelmed them. They forgot their unique place and identity as the chosen people of God. The same fundamental decision is being replayed in our time. Is there any perceivable difference between the lives of the vast numbers of baptized people and those who know nothing of Christ and His Church?

Pope Benedict has called for a year of faith in order to address the crisis of faith fatigue, that is faith so weak that it cannot produce fruit. It is an echo of the Lords own plea to make good use of the gift of life and of freedom by becoming attentive to the Lord's voice, "If that today you would hear His voice." During the Year of Faith, let us open our hearts and ask the Holy spirit to renew and deepen our faith so that we can become a bright light to the modern world.

Fr. George, CMI

From our Parish Nurse Lorraine Dudley



November is National Alzheimer's Awareness month. Research is beginning to reveal clues about risk factors we may be able to influence through general life style wellness choices and effective management of other health conditions. There may be strong like between serious head injury and future risk of Alzheimer's. *Growing evidence links brain health to heart health.* The risk of developing Alzheimer's appears to be increased by many conditions that damage the heart and blood vessels; high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, heart disease and stroke. Strategies for healthy aging may keep your *brain* as well as your body fit. Consider what you can do for the health of it.

Christmas Time's A Comin'

The fourth annual country gospel Christmas show will be presented at the Central Intermediate School Auditorium in Waseca on December 1st & 2nd. This is a Branson - style Christmas show for the entire family's enjoyment. All proceeds go to the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Show times - Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Dec. 2, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets available at the Waseca Music Store (507-835-2980), and at the door. Adults \$10, 16 and under free.

MEN'S RETREAT - *The Year of Faith: To the Source of Revelation* - Saturday, December 15, 6:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Lonsdale. Presenter: Fr. Thomas McCabe. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Round Table. Please call the Parish Office (507) 744-2829 or icparish@means.net to sign up for the retreat by Thursday, December 13. Free Will Offering. Please bring your Bible and a notebook and pencil or pen.



All Seasons Community Services

310 Central Ave., Faribault, MN

507-334-5072

DONATIONS NEEDED!!! All Seasons

Community Services (formerly Third World Friends) is seeking donations for our new thrift store located in downtown Faribault. Clothing, accessories, shoes, outerwear, antiques and collectibles, toys and games, crafts, formal wear, kitchen items, tools, linens, sporting goods, books, CD's/DVD's, small electronics (in working condition), paper and plastic shopping bags, knickknacks, home and holiday décor are accepted **Monday-Friday** 9am-6pm, **Saturday** 9am-5pm and **Sunday** 11am-4pm. Please call 334-5072 with questions. Thank you!

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

(www.bacards.org)

Upcoming events at BA:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sunday November 25th the Junior Class is holding a pancake breakfast at the K.C. Hall in Faribault to raise money for Prom. Serving: 8:15 am - 12:15 pm. Adults: \$6.50, Kids under age 10: \$4.00 and under age 3 are free.

HY-VEE Smart Points program Earn points for BA or DMCS by purchasing Proctor & Gamble products at Hy-Vee. Redeem points at www.hy-veesmartpoints.com. The winning school will receive a Smart Board for a classroom.

DINE OUT FOR EDUCATION: On **Monday December 10th**, close the kitchen and take your family down to Boston's and join DMCS for supper. A portion of your bill will be donated back to the schools. Dine in, carry out and delivery all qualify. (when placing your order for carry out or delivery please mention you are supporting the schools' dining night out.)



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

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

BLESSED THANKSGIVING! Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School staff wish to thank the parishes of Most Holy Redeemer, St. Canice and St. Patrick. The support of our parishes and parishioners is a true blessing to our school. Thank you for the many ways you support Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School students and staff.

PRAYER AT HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING

O God, source and giver of all things,
You manifest your infinite majesty, power and goodness

In the earth about us:

We give you honor and glory.

For the sun and the rain,

For the manifold fruits of our fields:

For the increase of our herds and flocks,

We thank you.

For the enrichment of our souls with divine grace,

We are grateful.

Supreme Lord of the harvest,

Graciously accept us and the fruits of our toil,

In union with Jesus, your Son,

As atonement for our sins,

For the growth of your Church,

For peace and love in our homes,

And for salvation for all.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *Living God's Justice: Reflections and Prayers*, compiled by The Roundtable Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors

SCRIP LOCAL VENDOR FEATURE: Think Scrip for the holidays! For Christmas orders, please order early and often! New this year is Barnes & Noble \$5 cards, Starbucks \$5 cards, and Target \$10 cards. *LOCAL BUSINESS ADDED* - Pizzeria 201 in \$10, \$25 and \$50 cards.

Highway Motors: We would like to thank local business, Tom Murray of Highway Motors for participating in the HRS Scrip program. They donate 6% back to HRS. For oil changes, tires, and repairs, Highway Motors is the place!

BOOK FAIR - Hosted by Grades 1 & 2: Goal - One Smart Board for HRS! Books make a great Christmas gifts. Grandparents invited to purchase Christmas gifts, too! Prefer shopping online? Go to <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hrs>. NEED MORE 1st & 2nd grade volunteers.

KUDOS: Jason Sladek for creating additional metal shelving for HRS!

Blessings, Mindy Reeder - Principal

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

NOVEMBER FOCUS YEAR OF FAITH: Service



KC 889 Korner...

(17 Third Street NE - Ph.507.334.4918)

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

Are You Hurting In Your Marriage?

Do you have trouble communicating, frequent arguments or fights, seeing distance between you? Retrouvaille is a relationship-building ministry sponsored by the Catholic Church. Retrouvaille is a three-month program consisting of a weekend and 6 four hour follow-up presentations. The Twin Cities Retrouvaille has weekends scheduled several times a year. Please call (651) 464-5855, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.



The Book of Revelation: Fact of Fiction?

Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary Theology Day

Join Fr. Michael Patella, OSB, in examining this unique book and determining how seriously we should give it our attention. Patella is a Saint John's Abbey Benedictine monk and professor at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary and the Department of Theology at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. He has published in the areas of Luke, Mark, Paul, angels, and demons. **Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis.** Free event. Lunch provided. Registration is required: www.csbsju.edu/sot, 320-363-3570 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu