

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

5th Sunday of Lent March 22, 2015 Volume 31 Number 11

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 24: 8:30 a.m. Father's Intentions
Saturday, March 28: 5:00 p.m. +Nancy Dienst, +John V. Dudley
Sunday, March 29: 8:00 p.m. +Betty Harkins

The flag flying over our church is in memory of the Ralph Brown.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 23: **CCW meeting @ 1:00 p.m.**
Parish Pastoral Council meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24: **Fatima Prayer Group, 7:40 a.m.**
Wednesday March 25: **Faith Formation @ 6:30 p.m.** for grades 1-10
Stations of the Cross, 6:45 p.m.
Saturday, March 28: Theatre Production, **'I Never Saw Another Butterfly'**
7 p.m. Supper served 6 – 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Liturgical Ministers

Holy Week Ministers Please check the schedule to see if you are to minister.

Saturday, March 28, 2015 5:00 p.m.

AS: Anna Aaker, *1 more volunteer, please*

EM: Denise Flicek*

Mary Ann Smisek, Darrell Stoltz

GR: Marge Duchene, Lorraine Dudley,

Anne Langer, Mary Sheehy

L: Mary Ann Smisek

U: Ken Brazil, Marge Duchene,
Bill Harn, Larry Smisek

Sunday, March 29, 2015 8:00 a.m.

AS: Grace Peach, *1 more volunteer, please*

EM: June Malecha*

Shari Gruber, Rolf Haaland

GR: Duke & MariLou Ernste,

LuVerne & Martha Wallace

L: Shari Gruber

U: Lance Chappuis, Duke Ernste,
Tom Trnka, Randy Voracek

Remember in your prayers ...

The Families of Geraldine Caron (mother of **Marlys Hora**, sister of **Dennis Glynn**, grandmother of Arleen Roberts), George Green (uncle of **Pat Gruber**), **Roger Pumper**, John Madden, **Bill Harn**, **Marge Sowa**, **Don Hora**, Jeff Brown, **Marilyn Richter**, Landyn Wrolson, **Francis Herda**, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nick Grambart; all on the prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, Chris Chappuis, Mark Gehling, John McDonough, Eric Spehn, Luke Ward**

Office Hours March 22-28, 2015

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship March 14 & 15, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,778.00
Open Plate	170.00
Visitor	175.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>335.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,458.00

NOTE: If you gave Cash for Church Cleaning and didn't write your name on the envelope, call the office. We have received several with no name.

Palm Sunday March 29, 2015

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22 "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me".
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15
What is the face of Christ presented to us in the readings today? Is it the one plucked and spat upon in the reading from Isaiah? Is it the glorified one honored by the bending of every knee in the hymn penned by Saint Paul? Is it the one disappointed and abandoned by his own disciples and left to die in humiliation on a cross? Or is the one of whom he centurian said, "Truly, this was the Son of God"? Which face do you see today?

A Note From Father Victor



March 22, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us now move on to the second half of our Lenten journey reflecting on the redemption that God has planned for us in Jesus Christ. The scripture readings this Sunday provide us a very important perspective in understanding the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ: the one who freely gives up his "life" in obedience to God's will recovers it in all its fullness.

The sacrifice of Jesus for the freedom of man from sin will create in man a heart willing to embrace God's law of love, a cleansed heart indeed. Jesus has constantly repeated his message to his disciples "unless the grain of wheat dies" to emphasize that the Messiah will suffer and die for you, in obedience to the will of the Father, a deep expression of love and faith in the father for the expiation of man's sins. Jesus is asking us to see the value and depth of love and giving in the sacrificial act.

Let us take time to reflect on two very important values: obedience and sacrifice. These values come as "counter cultural" to our modern way of thinking and lifestyle that prides itself in "independence" and "individualism". Surprisingly, these are the values that bought us from death to a new life of peace and eternity.

Jesus himself was only able to obey after "loud cries and tears". Let us attempt or at least try to completely submit our intellect and will to God and to what he teaches us to do. Let us then talk about our struggles and ask ourselves what are we having difficulty accepting and doing about what God is asking of us.

When we begin to see the value of the sacrificial act of Jesus, we will also begin to see the wisdom of our own suffering. Let's continue our journey this lent to discover the weight of love behind the cross. As Holy Week nears, we are reminded of all the special places in the Holy Land that were significant in the life of Jesus. On Good Friday, a special Holy Land collection is taken up in all Catholic parishes to support the sacred sites and activities supporting them. As Pope Paul VI stated, this collection is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." This effort enables those visiting and living in the Holy Land to experience their spiritual "birthplace" and enhance their faith. And you can join this effort by providing a gift of support on Good Friday to this special collection.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL PLEDGE FORM. WE ARE A LONG WAY FROM OUR GOAL OF \$9537.

'I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY: All are welcome to a Curtain Call/Child's Play Theatre **ALL YOUTH** play on **Saturday, March 28th at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick. Supper served 6 - 7 p.m.** Play description: *Over 15,000 Jewish children passed through Terezin, and only about a hundred were still alive when Terezin was liberated at the end of the war. One of the survivors, Raja, having lived through it all, teaching the children when there was nothing to teach with, helping to give them hope when there was little enough reason for hope, creating a little world of laughter, of flowers and butterflies behind the barbed wire, tells the true story of the children. It's her play and it's theirs. There were no butterflies at Terezin, of course, but for the children, butterflies became a symbol of defiance, making it possible for them to live on and play happily while waiting to be transported from this holding area to Auschwitz.*

St. Patrick 'Librarian' ...

We would like someone to manage our Library – alphabetize books, restock books, weed out duplicates. If you are able to take on this task, please contact the office.



Knights of Columbus 889 Korner

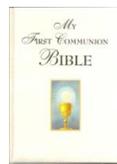


(17 Third Street NE – Ph.507.334.4918)

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, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight. Ask a Knight for more information.

KC Fish Fries – every Friday in Lent, 5 – 8 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – 6:45 p.m. Each Wednesday in Lent (except March 25th)



First Communion Gift Available ...

First Communion Bibles, from Saint Benedict Press, are available for First Communion Gifts for \$14. You can get either a Burgundy or Ivory cover. Bibles can be seen in the office or talk to Tracy.

A series of **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** classes will begin soon in a nearby community. This Church approved method is scientific and marriage building. The classes teach couples how to achieve or postpone pregnancy, while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality.

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

105 Third Ave. SW, Faribault
507.334.3948

www.bacards.org

B.A. is accepting applications in all grades for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information about financial aid and applying to BA, go to BA website and click on Admissions, or call the office
Saturday April 11th: HeroesforHOPE 10k, 5K, Kids run, and 1-mile untimed walk. Go to www.finalstretch.com/heroesforHOPE to register and/or make a donation.

Saturday April 11th: BABS Night 2015! A Tour of Europe! Join us for food, games, socializing, live auction, bucket raffle, & fun! \$5.00 admission, must be 21 to attend. We are looking for sponsors for this event. Want to help? Call school.



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K through 8th Grade)

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

This was an exciting week at HRS! Students learned through multiple ways. The Kindergarten students had guests & parents come in to talk about their careers. Our 3-4 class held a mini "Chess Club". The HRS Middle School students participated in "Mini-Classes." They explored theater, film, sewing, strategies, preserves & crafts. Special thank you to our teachers who are volunteering their time and talent—Many who are alumni, noted with a star! *Maureen Franek**; *Elly Franek**; *Jake Reeder**; *Anne Tuma*; *Adam Sery**; and *Andy Velishek**.

END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS for 3-5th grade begin next week with the Stanford 10. They take tests in all subject areas and results will give us a picture of how they are progressing from year to year, as well as nationally compared. This is the same test we have used other years. Our 6 & 8th grade will take the MCAIII math & reading assessment the beginning of May. Our K-2 will continue progress monitoring with FAST and have a benchmark assessment the beginning of May. These are important end of the year evaluations.

PEEK WEEK—March 23—27 IS THIS NEXT WEEK! Come and visit HRS! Our Little Lambs will spend some time in the Kindergarten as well. ALL FAMILIES WELCOME! Call the school to visit.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

· Sunday, March 29—We need adult & student volunteers for the Easter Egg hunt sponsored by CornerStone State Bank. (Event is March 29 at 12:30 p.m. at the Legion.) Email or call school if you can assist. YOUNGER CHILDREN ATTEND!

REMINDERS:

· 2015-16 REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS:

Little Lambs: *Prekindergarten classes fill quickly.*

K-8: *All K-8 families who register by April 1st will be put into a Scrip Gift Card \$25 drawing. SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! Call.*

KUDOS:

Library Volunteers: Special thanks to our library volunteers for taking time to read to our students—Sandy Gilhousen, Mary Dorzinski and our Librarian, Rita Picha.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder-Principal,
mreeder@mosthrs.org

Coming UP In The Area

***Immaculate Conception of Marysburg, Madison Lake, annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 27th:**

Fried fish, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, bread, dessert and beverage served 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$10, Kids 6-12: \$5; Tots 5 & Under are Free! Located 2.5 miles N of Madison Lake near the 4 way junction of CR 26, 15 & 16, (or 8 miles S of Cleveland on CR 15) . Feel free to visit our web page at www.maryschurches.com, or "google" **Marysburg Church**, 27528 Patrick Street, Madison Lake

***American Legion Post #108 in Le Center, MN** is holding a **Fish Fry Fridays during Lent for lunch & dinner.** \$6 Fish Basket Lunch (11am to 1pm) and \$10 Fish Dinners (5-8pm -or until gone). Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3rd.

Discover the infinite potential of your marriage! Register for the April 11-12 Marriage Encounter at www.marriages.org. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped over 6,500 couples in the Twin Cities experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the program please call (651) 464-5855, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.



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.