

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2012 Volume 31 Number 49

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 4:	8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Saturday, Dec. 8: (Immaculate Conception)	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
(<i>This Mass does not count for Holy Day</i>)	6:00 p.m.	+Joe, +Helen & +Dennis Smisek
Sunday, Dec. 9:	10:30 a.m.	+ Jack Wasilowski

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Dec. 3:	Bell Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 4:	Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 5:	Faith Formation Classes @ 6:30 p.m. Grades 1-9
Saturday, Dec. 8:	* <i>Advent Reconciliation at St. Canice, Kilkenny, 10 a.m. - Noon</i> Confessions @ 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Jeff Bronk, Dawson Drentlaw, Evie Nigon

EM: Kathleen Cap *

Marsha DeGroot, Laura Drentlaw

GR: Kathleen Cap, Bill Harn,

Dale & Laura Drentlaw Family

L: Mary Ann Smisek

U: Pat Bronk, Fritz Kaderlik,

Roger Pumper, Larry Smisek

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 10:30 a.m.

AS: Alex Langeberg, Carson & Emma Louis

EM: Darrell Stoltz *

Gina Haaland, Gina Palan

GR: Gina Haaland, Rolf & Denise Haaland,

Mike Palan Family, Alice Remillard Family

L: Denise Flicek

U: Paul Froman, Mark Mulcahy,

Randy Rezac, Randy Voracek

Remember in your prayers ...

JoAnn Nelson, Francis Herda, Fr. Dave Barrett, Phyllis DeGroot, 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 December 2 - 8, 2012

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

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship November 24 & 25, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,250.00
Open Plate	190.50
Visitor	257.00
EFTs	127.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,824.50

Thanksgiving Collection \$536.75

Have you thought of helping out a family going through tough times during the holidays?

If interested, contact Tracy in the office.

Likewise – if you know of a family that could use the extra help, let Tracy know.

All names(givers/receivers)are confidential!

Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2012

First Reading Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Psalm 98 “Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds.”

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Gospel: Luke 1:26-28

This weekend’s psalm response sets the tone of our scripture today: “Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds.” Indeed, even at the fall of Adam and Eve, the Lord of all creation planted the seeds of our redemption. And what a wonder that Mary could say yes to bringing our Savior into the world! But perhaps even more marvelous is Saint Paul’s message that we too are chosen in Christ “before the foundation of the world.”

From the Desk of the Pastor....



More Signs, Few Listeners

Water is the most precious natural resource any country can have. Though oil, gold, uranium and forest may be valuable, there is a growing realization worldwide that water is a key element in all life and that the world's water resources are limited and being depleted. A few strengthening voices try to awaken public opinion to what is at stake.

On other planets where there is no water, there is no life. On this planet, this blessed resource is recklessly endangered through deforestation, radioactive waste and many other pollutants. In Africa, it is forecast that future political battles will not be about oil but about adequate supplies of plain water to sustain life. In our country we often bemoan the rains that ensure our abundance of some of the finest water in the world.

The familiar is so often taken for granted. It often takes a crisis to alert us to the fragility of life's treasures. Sometimes we ignore the warning signs and only appreciate a blessing when it has been taken from us through death or destruction, through carelessness or cowardice, through apathy or arrogance, through timidity or temerity.

Faith and family are two resource treasures that are endangered today. In a rapidly changing world, many of the civil laws and other conventions that supported both are slowly disappearing. Destructive pollutants permeate every aspect of social living. We contribute to them ourselves through unprecedented self-centeredness and irresponsible individualism.

Today's Gospel challenges us to be more aware of the signs of the times. The economists tell us that the world will run out of resources if we continue to exploit the earth as we are currently doing. Natural scientists and environmentalist warn us about the destruction of rainforest, of the pollution of the atmosphere and the dumping of radioactive waste. The physicians tell us we are eating too much fatty food; and we must use our cars less and our feet more. Sociologist warn us that families are falling apart, that children are not properly cared for or educated and there are too many homeless and criminals in our streets, and that faith and family are undermined. Moralists advise us for a moderate, disciplined and self-controlled life especially in sex and sexuality. Too few listen. What more sign do we need? What we need is not a sign, but a change of mind and hearts.

Fr. George, CMI

To: **All Parishes** **November 15, 2012**
From: **The Office of Worship**
Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis
Re: **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**



The Office of Worship has received a number of phone calls regarding the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (also the Patronal Feast of the United States) on December 8th. This year, December 8th falls on a Saturday. **It is a holy day of obligation.** Parishes may have a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th and the Holy Day Mass may be celebrated through 4 p.m. on December 8th. The Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent begins on December 8th at 4:00 p.m. and continues through Sunday, December 9th. Because of the number of calls from parishes regarding the holy day of obligation, we called the USCCB, Office of Divine Worship and they told us that **attendance at the Vigil Mass for Second Sunday of Advent (St. Patrick 6 p.m. Mass) DOES NOT fulfill the obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**

Wedding Congratulations to Becky Petricka and Donald (DJ) Skluzacek who were married here on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Becky is the daughter of **Pam & Bob Choudek** and the late Tom Petricka and the granddaughter of **Leonard & Pat Petricka**. DJ is the son of Vernon & Sheryl Skluzacek.

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.

Planning a Baptism in the near future? The Baptism Class is Saturday, January 5th at Most Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. Classes are required to schedule a baptism at St. Pats IF this is your first child or it has been more than 2 years since your last class. Call 507.364.7981 to register.



KC 889 Korner...

(17 Third Street NE - Ph.507.334.4918)

Ladie's Auxiliary Christmas meeting Thursday, Dec. 13th. All KC Auxiliary members are welcome to attend. There is a light supper at 6 p.m. Christmas Meeting follows at 7 p.m. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange at KC Hall.

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



CHECK OUT OUR St. Patrick Website!
<http://www.spshieldsville.org>

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

(www.bacards.org)

Upcoming events at BA:

The Bethlehem Academy Board of Directors is seeking applicants for two open positions on the newly formed Governance and Mission Committee. Applicants with an interest in or knowledge of governance structures and Dominican traditions are encouraged to apply. Applications materials are available at the BA office or email Sr. Mary Margaret at mmurphy@bacards.org. Please submit your application to Sr. Mary Margaret Murphy by Monday, December 10, 2012.

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.)

BA Band Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 13th.

BA Choral Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 16th.



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

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

YOU'RE INVITED! Everyone is invited to attend the 2012 Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School Christmas Program under the direction of Christine Trcka on Monday, December 3 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The students will be sharing the news, "A King is Coming to Town!" It has been a busy week of practices. We look forward to sharing their talents and our Christmas message with you on Monday.

This past week we kicked off our preparations for Advent by participating in both the Heritage Christmas Tree display and the Torchlight parade. One of our students served as the Grand Marshal, Ellie Sladek. It was fun to see her smile! Our 7th and 8th grade classes walked as caroler's in the parade. On Monday our school family will gather to begin our Advent Season.

During Advent, we gather weekly to read from the Bible and light our school Advent wreath. We also have Advent wreaths in the classrooms and are asking students to focus on reflection and reconciliation during the Advent season as we wait for Christ and prepare our hearts.

NOVEMBER – FOCUS ON SERVICE: As November closes, we continue to focus on service. The

student council invites all HRS students and families to help with our service projects. Thank you for the generous contributions toward the Montgomery Salvation Army Food Shelf. Please continue to collect items for:

1. Sharing & Caring Hands – Collected through December 12. They need new toys, blankets, and baby items.
2. Santa Anonymous - Toys will be collected through December 7. Toys for area children are needed and HRS is a drop site.

SCRIP LOCAL VENDOR FEATURE: Think Scrip for the holidays! Many stores are offering an additional bonus for purchasing their gift cards. Check online at www.glscrip.com. **LOCAL BUSINESS ADDED** – Pizzeria 201 in \$10, \$25 and \$50 cards with a 5% rebate.

Montgomery Car Wash: We would like to thank local business, Montgomery Car Wash for participating in the HRS Scrip program. They donate 3% back to HRS. Shop locally and support HRS at the same time! Scrip car wash gift cards come in \$7, \$8, \$10 amounts and are a great stocking stuffer!

BOOK FAIR – OPENS NOV. 29-DEC. 3! Plan to shop on November 29, 30 & December 3 before and after our concert. Grandparents are also invited to purchase Christmas gifts, too! Or online <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hrs>.

KUDOS:

- Ellie Sladek – *who was selected as a Grand Marshal for the Montgomery Holiday Parade!*
- Tracy Odenthal, Laura Odenthal & Michelle Sladek *for setting up our book fair!*
- Pat Barnett for coordinating the set up of our stage and lights *for the Christmas program.*
- Everyone who contributed to the food shelf! *We are still bringing over food!*

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

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

NOVEMBER FOCUS YEAR OF FAITH: Service

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.



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.



All Seasons Community Services

310 Central Ave., Faribault, 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!

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

Welcome to St. Patrick!

Please let us know if anything has changed in your family or if you would like more information.

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.
- _____ please remove us from the parish roster
- _____ would like information on:

*Drop in the collection basket or mail to the
St. Patrick Parish office.*

2012 Country Picnic Results

INCOME

Raffle Tickets Income	\$ 22,270.36
Picnic Meals	2,379.70
Bingo	184.25
Beer Garden	447.00
Doughnuts	232.25
Country Store	687.98
Pull Tabs	327.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$26,528.54

EXPENSES

Band (\$100 donated)	\$ 200.00
Prizes	3,920.00
Ticket Printing	1,373.00
Postage (135 donated)	180.00
Portable Toilets	133.59
Office Support	514.00
Cash Receipt Book	6.88
Food Purchased	1,817.54
Garbage Service (donated)	0.00
Last Call Liquor	140.00
Wal Mart	62.88
Return check fee	4.00
Country Store to CCW	687.98
Security (donated)	0.00
Gambling & Pull Tabs	26.75
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,931.62

NET INCOME

\$17,596.92

A BIG Thank You to everyone who supported us by donating, purchasing tickets, working before, working on the day or helped in any way. You helped make this new endeavor a success.

Thank you!

The Country Picnic Committee

Many Thanks also to Randy & Kathy Archambault for Chairing the Picnic. Great Job, Randy!!!