

# Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2013 Volume 32 Number 46

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 3: 8:30 a.m. +Richard Craig  
Saturday, December 7: 7:00 p.m. +Joe, +Helen & +Dennis Smisek  
Sunday, December 8: 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## This Week in Our Parish

This Weekend: Parish Bake & Craft Sale before and after both Masses  
Monday, December 2: **Bell Choir** – 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 3: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:45 a.m.  
**Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service**, Holy Redeemer, 7p.m.  
**Vocal Choir @ 7:00 p.m.**  
Wednesday, December 4: **Faith Formation**, Grades 1-9, 6:30 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: *DMCS Confirmation Retreat over night*  
Saturday, December 7: **Practice for Christmas Eve Play**, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. All youth in the parish are welcome to participate. Christmas Eve Mass is at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 8: **Communal Reconciliation**, 6:30 p.m. at Holy Redeemer

## **Liturgical Ministers**

### **Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013 7:00 p.m.**

AS: Anna Aaker, Grace Peach

EM: Joyce Brazil \*

Marsha DeGroot, Mary Ann Smisek

GR: Gary & Patti Angelow, Ken Brazil,  
Marge & Ray Duchene

L: Mary Ann Smisek

U: Ken Brazil, Marge & Ray Duchene,  
Fritz Kaderlik

### **Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 10:30 a.m.**

AS: Cole Bauernfeind, Romecio Davis

EM: Denise Flicek \*

Kari Schultz, Ruth Seykora

GR: Clarence & Bert Harriman, Don & Marlys  
Hora, Helen Lambert

L: Kathy Archambault

U: Randy Archambault, Duke Ernste,  
Tom Murphy, *Volunteer Needed*

## **Remember in your prayers ...**

**Robert Misgen**, Donna Mae Kaderlik, **Mary Jane Hart**, **Nancy Dienst**, **Marilyn Richter**, Landyn Wrolson, Chad Balfe, Thomas Klevin, Mary Schneider, **Skip Aaker**, **Francis Herda**, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nick Grambart; **Bill Stransky**; all on the prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, Charlie Cain, Lester Caron, Chris Chappuis, Mark Gehling, John Madden, John McDonough, Ryan Snorek, Eric Spehn, Luke Ward.**

## **Office Hours Dec. 1-7, 2013**

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

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## **Financial Stewardship November 23 & 24, 2013**

Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,020.00
Open Plate	100.12
Visitor	520.00
EFTs	127.00
<b>Weekend TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,767.12</b>

## **Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2013**

**First Reading** Isaiah 11:1-10  
**Psalm 72** “Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace forever.”

**Second Reading** Romans 15:4-9  
**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

This weekend seems to be a ‘day of the prophets.’ The prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Paul, the prophet to the Gentiles, are all telling us about God’s Chosen One, who comes with judgment and mercy. What does this word say to us today? Can we be prophets of the Lord, announcing God’s gracious love to all those around us?

Check out our St. Patrick website at  
**[www.spshieldsville.org](http://www.spshieldsville.org)**

## A Note From The Pastor ....



We are at the threshold of the season of Advent. The tradition of Advent is a threefold celebration—the celebration of the birth of Jesus reaching back two millennia, his eventual coming in the end of time and his continued coming in our daily life and events. God in our past, God in our present and God in our future.

But most people associate the word Advent with various traditions and customs that have grown up around Christmas in many of the world's cultures. In the early history these customs took the forms of fasts and feasts. Today they most often take the forms of candles, wreaths and calendars. Most churches and families use Advent candles to celebrate the season. One candle is used for each week of advent and a fifth for Christmas day. The first, second and fourth candles are violet symbolizing penitence. The third is pink symbolizing joy and the Christmas day candle is white, symbolizing the purity of Christ.

The advent candles are part of an Advent wreath. The circle of the wreath represents the hope of eternal life we have through Christ. The circle is made of evergreen branches, symbolizing the abundance of life Jesus promised us here and now. The first four candles are positioned along the outside ring of the wreath and the fifth is placed in the center, which means Jesus Christ is the center of our life and the center of the universe. May the Lord richly bless us as we prepare to celebrate His coming.

**Father George Kallumkalkudy, CMI**

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION

As our journey through the season of Advent and preparation for a most fruitful and joyous Christmas begin soon, as a parish and a faith community, we come together on **Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.** and celebrate a **Communal Reconciliation Service with individual confession.** More priests will be available that evening to help with hearing confessions. As we all know, it is difficult to get priest for services during this busy season. So I ask you please make use of this opportunity for making your advent reconciliation. Do not wait until Christmas week, because I am the only one around here and many things will be going on during that week and my availability also is limited. Please help!

**Individual Confession at St. Patrick**

**Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

**All Cluster Reconciliation times are in the Advent Calendar located on the kiosk.**

## Faith Formation Corner ...

**Practices for the Christmas Eve** Children's program will be on Saturday, December 7 & 14 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Parts will be chosen and costumes fitted. This is open to any children of the parish, age 5 – 15. If you have questions contact Kathleen Cap at 507.334.8827.

**Christmas Cards** will be made in class on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.



### The United States of America Flag

A U.S. Flag flies over our building every day.

We are looking for individuals to donate a flag in memory of a loved one, for a donation is \$50 (payable to St. Patrick & we will purchase the flag). Flags will fly for six months and then be returned to the donating family. Flags flown on a first-come basis and a list started for future flags. Contact the office to donate or be put on the list.

### Knights of Columbus 889 Korner

(17 Third 2 Street NE – Ph.507.334.4918)

The KC Hall is available for weddings, anniversaries, fundraisers, dinners, graduation parties and family gatherings.

Call Rick Scheil at 507.334.4918 for information.

**The Faribault Knights of Columbus Council needs a new gambling manager.** This is a paid position requiring approximately 12 to 15 hours per week. For more information call Grand Knight Gary Schmiesing at 507.330.3418.

**K.C. Auxiliary** will have their Christmas Potluck dinner with a meeting to follow on Thursday, December 12 at 6pm. Bring a dish to pass, a white elephant gift if you choose to participate, a food item to donate, entertainment will be Robin Miller as Tillie. Turn in your volunteer hours.



### HERE ARE WAYS TO SUPPORT OTHERS IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS!

- Drop off coats, hats, mittens, personal care products at Sharing & Caring Hands of Minneapolis or other homeless shelters
- Bring gifts of food or money to a local Food Shelf or homeless shelter
- Donate Toys for "Santa Anonymous" of Le Sueur County, drop off at HRS or the Holy Redeemer Church by Dec. 11 or other organizations that are collecting items for those in need.

### Home for the Holidays Craft Show

Montgomery American Legion

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



**Rediscover**

check our Rediscover Kiosk for information on the Archdiocesan Rediscover Program; Matthew Kelly's books on CD; and a copy of the book Rediscover Catholicism also by Matthew Kelly.

## Area Catholic Schools ...



### Bethlehem Academy

105 Third Ave. SW, Faribault  
507.334.3948 [www.bacards.org](http://www.bacards.org)

#### Coming up at B.A. ...

Many thanks to all who supported our annual Holiday Gathering!

**Substitute Teachers needed!** Please contact Sr. Mary Margaret at BA if interested. 507-334-3948.

**Tuesday December 3:** Dining Night Out at Boston's from 4 to 8 pm. Proceeds from dine in, carry out or delivery donated to BA and DMCS.

**Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>:** B.A. Benefactor's Mass & Brunch. Mass in Van Orsow Auditorium, brunch/Court of Honor program in cafeteria after.

**Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>:** *Christmas Candlelight Concert* 7:00 pm. at Immaculate Conception Church. Join us in welcoming this joyous season with the songs of Christmas performed by our three school choirs. Free Admission.

**Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>:** *The Spirit of Christmas Band Concert* 7:00 pm. Enjoy the sounds of the season with the talented band students of B.A.. Free Admission. Held in VanOrsow Auditorium.



### Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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

**Blessed Thanksgiving weekend.** God has truly blessed our school over the last four years and I am so thankful for the many gifts He's given us. I am especially thankful for our staff, our students, our families, and our parishioners. Thank you for your support & dedication to our school!

This year especially, you have shared your love during hard times and are such a blessing not only to me, but to one another. Holy Redeemer Catholic School is truly blessed! May your Thanksgiving Holiday be filled with much joy and gratefulness for all the blessings in your life!

**Students this week attended two special field trips** that offer great enrichment experiences:

- 1-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Attended the Old Log "Frog & Toad" play and they toured the hospital in New Prague.
- 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade delivered coats, hats, mittens, and personal care products to "Sharing & Caring" hands. They also helped to sort items there.

**Christmas Eve Mass – FAMILIES WANTED!** Join parish families at practices beginning next Sunday, Dec. 8 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass as we begin to plan for our parish wide "Family Christmas Evening Mass." Families and children, as well as parents, are wanted to: *play instruments, sing, read, be ushers; bring up the gifts, and act out the Nativity story.* Join us next Sunday as we begin preparations, for all ages, preschool to adult!

**Students from Korea** still wish to attend HRS. Please consider hosting a student! I would love to open our classroom doors to families from Korea.



#### A PRAYER IN GRATITUDE

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. - *The Catholic Prayer Book*, by Msgr. Michael Buckley.

**Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal**

#### 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](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

#### Do you have trouble hearing Father

during his homily, or are you just hard of hearing? The hearing assistance radio is now working perfectly. Go to your favorite store and purchase a personal radio with headphones. At church, tune them to 106.1 and hear everything crystal clear. Feel free to adjust the volume to your liking.



### 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 office.*