

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2013 Volume 32 Number 48

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 17: 8:30 a.m. Father's Intention
Saturday, December 21: 7:00 p.m. +Don Edwards
Sunday, December 22: 10:30 a.m. +Marguerite Langer, +Leo Meillier

The flag flying over our church is in memory of James Carroll & Jim Rusavy.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 16: **Bell Choir** – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 17: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:45 a.m.
 Individual Confessions, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
 Vocal Choir @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18: **Faith Formation**, Grades 1-9, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 22: **Decorate the Church for Christmas** – after Mass

Liturgical Ministers

We need a Lector for a lector on Christmas Day @ 9:30 a.m. – Call the office if you can do it.)

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013 7:00 p.m.

AS: Dawson Drentlaw, Chase Silkey

EM: Darrell Stoltz *

Mark Lessman, Mary Ann Smisek

GR: Lorraine Dudley, Mary Ann Gaughan,
Larry & Shelly Vosejпка

L: Kathy Thom

U: Mary Ann Gaughan, Bill Harn,
Larry Smisek, Larry Vosejпка

Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013 10:30 a.m.

AS: Romecio Davis, Alex Langeberg

EM: George Sticha *

June Malecha, Ruth Seykora

GR: Alice Remillard Family, Mary Kay
Reynolds, Larry & Noreen Tousignant

L: Denise Flicek

U: Paul Froman, Dan LaCanne,
Joe Palan, Randy Rezac

Financial Stewardship December 7 & 8, 2013

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,141.00
Open Plate	123.85
Visitor	155.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>127.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 1,546.85

Check out our St. Patrick website at
www.spshieldsville.org

Office Hours Dec. 15-21, 2013

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

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Remember in your prayers ...

The Families of **Rita Snorek, Bill Stransky & Sharon Totten** (sister of **Nina Wendel**), **Ben Pribyl, Rita Snorek**, Mary Schneider (daughter of **Al & Betty David**), Donna Mae Kaderlik, **Mary Jane Hart, Nancy Dienst, Marilyn Richter**, Landyn Wrolson, Chad Balfe, Thomas Klevin, **Skip Aaker, Francis Herda**, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nick Grambart; 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.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2013

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalms 24 *"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."*

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

This weekend our scriptures point us toward the presence of God. Emmanuel means "God is with us." As we hear these readings at the end of our Advent season of waiting, we also know that God is already with us. What are the signs that we can point to that show that God is indeed with us, and in what ways are we still waiting for God?

A Note From The Pastor



It happens in many people's lives. Certainty gives way to doubt, enthusiasm for a cause is replaced by a need for reassurance, commitment is undermined by a sense of being betrayed. It happened to John the Baptist. The fiery preacher who challenged the lifestyle even of kings now wonders whether it was all in vain. He wonders did he back the wrong man and give his life to a foolish cause.

John is in prison, the victim of a petty tyrant and his vengeful immoral consort. In the darkness of a prison, John is having some doubt about Jesus as his Messiah. So he sends messengers to inquire "Are you he who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus answer clarifies the kind of Messiah John should be looking for. He is not a fulfiller of political dreams of a military leader. He is a Savior, a healer of the whole human persons. John must know this and Jesus had confidence in John's faith. So he simply tells the messengers "go back and report to John what you hear and see - the blind regains their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them". And then comes the rebuke "blessed is the one who takes no offence at me"

In our time many people have such Baptist moments. They too feel like sending some messengers to Jesus with these questions. "Jesus are you around? Are you going to help me out or will I have to look for someone else? Jesus sends the same message to them "look around you and see the presence of God and his actions around you. See God's wondrous manifestations of love and power around you". These events and experiences should give us hope and assurance.

However, the mighty presence of God in the world doesn't rule out the naughty presence of humans suffering. As long as we carry around our mortal bodies wounded by sin and until the Lord comes at the end of time we have to go through suffering willingly and joyfully.

Father George Kallumkalkudy, CMI

Please pick up a copy of the Christmas issue of Catholic Extension magazine in the back of church. Catholic Extension is committed to supporting parishes and ministries in areas of our country where resources are scarce. It funds seminarian education, the work of priests and women religious in poor countries and campus ministries. It even has built more than 12,000 churches in its 100-plus years.

St. Patrick Advent Individual Confessions

Tuesday, Dec. 17th from 9 – 10:30 a.m.
*All Cluster Reconciliation times are listed on the
Advent Calendar located on the kiosk.*

Cluster Mass Times as of January 1, 2014

Saturday:	Most Holy Redeemer	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	St. Patrick	8:00 a.m.
	St. Canice	9:30 a.m.
	Most Holy Redeemer	11:00 a.m.



Each Family Can Help Us Decorate For Christmas ...

We would like **each family** to bring one of their Christmas Cards by December 22nd so we can use it to decorate the large tree in the narthex. Please sign your card and you may write something in it if you wish.

Christmas Flowers in Memory of a Love One

Of you would like to donate to our Christmas Flower/Decorating there are envelopes in your Financial Contribution Envelope packets or on the table behind the pews. Suggested donation is at least \$10.



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 KC Council needs a new gambling manager. This is a paid position requiring approximately 12-15 hours per week. For info call Grand Knight Gary Schmiesing at 507.330.3418.

KC Family Breakfast (benefitting 4th Degree KC)

Sunday, Dec. 15th serving 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Menu: Pancakes, French Toast, Real Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk, Maple & Strawberry syrup. Advance Sale Tickets: \$6.75, at the door: \$7.75

Faith Formation Corner ...

Christmas Eve Family Mass we could still use youth for to be in the program that will be presented at our 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child is interested, please contact Kathleen Cap at 507.334.8827.

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

105 Third Ave. SW, Faribault
507.334.3948 www.bacards.org

Coming up at B.A. ...

Paradise Center for the Arts: Several BA students have art on display at the Paradise. Stop in this month to see their fabulous artwork.

Many thanks to all who supported our annual Holiday Gathering!

Sunday December 15th: *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 16th: *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.



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

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

Blessings in our second week of Advent! MHRCS

students and staff shared the Christmas story with Czechoslovakian melodies this past Monday. The songs highlighted the birth of Christ and traditions we celebrate at this time of year to reflect and prepare for the coming of Jesus. For everyone that was able to attend, we hope that the Spirit of God was reflected in our program as you prepare for Christmas.



In Our Classrooms:

All students attended Mass on Monday, December 9 for the Immaculate Conception Mass, hosted by our 7 & 8th grade students. Although this was not a Holy Day this year, it was a special time for our students to gather in reflection upon Mary.

The Little Lambs - students performed for the first time in front of a large audience. They had great smiles and song to share with everyone!

Kindergarten - is celebrating Advent around their classroom Advent wreath and have a special table reflecting the Advent season in their classroom.

1-2nd Grades - Created their own Advent wreaths that are hanging in hallway as they learn more about the Season of Advent.

3-4th Grades - Drew an Advent mural depicting the Nativity decorating their classroom hallway.

REMINDERS:

➤ KOAM-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.

➤ Collecting for Crisis Nursery: The Parish Pro-Life Ambassadors are collecting items for the Crisis Nursery through Pregnancy Options.

KUDOS

➤ Special thanks to: everyone who helped with our Christmas Concert; to Christine Trcka for her work in coordinating the entire show; Special thanks to Sister Anita Smisek who donated her music to the school; Pat Barnett for the stage and extra lighting; to Lisa Zoubek & Michelle Sladek for baking the cookies; to Jim Reeder & Downtown Sound for the spotlight; and to Rick Skluzacek for setting up for the concert. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, relatives, parishioners, & community members that supported our students' production!

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.

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.*