

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Third Sunday of Lent

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 13:	8:30 a.m.	Father's Intentions
Saturday, March 17:	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Saturday, March 10:	6:00 p.m.	+Dennis Thom, +John Dudley, Deceased Members of the Madden Family
Sunday, March 11:	10:00 a.m.	+Sharon Archambault, +Jack Wasilowski

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 12:	Bell Choir Practice
Tuesday, March 13:	Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice @ 7 p.m. All are welcome!
Wednesday, March 14:	Faith Formation, Grades 1-9, 6:30 p.m. SHARP!
Saturday, March 17:	St. Patrick's Day Celebration 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

St. Patrick's Day Ministers are NEEDED for the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 17th. Please check the sign-up in the narthex by the flyers. Thank you!

Saturday, March 17, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Jeff Bronk, Hattie Peach
EM: Kathleen Cap*,
Joyce Brazil, Laura Drentlaw
GR: Kathleen Cap, Bill Harn,
Dale & Laura Drentlaw
L: Richard Misgen
U Ken Brazil, Pat Bronk,
Bill Harn, Pat LaCanne

Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:00 a.m.

AS: Ryan Dietz, Mano Lara, Shelby Strouth
EM: Ruth Seykora*
Paul Kolb, Lori Strouth
GR: Pat & Paul Kolb,
Larry & Noreen Tousignant
L: Kathy Archambault
U: Randy Archambault, Mark Mulcahy,
Elaine & Steve Trnka

Remember in your prayers ...

Cheryl McDonough, Michael Mulcahy, **Mary Kuchinka**, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, **Loren Wendel**, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nicholas Grambart; **Bill Stransky**; Terry Caron; Evelyn Bauernfeind; all on the prayer chain and **our Servicemen: Jaime Allison, Charlie Cain, Lester Caron, Chris Chappuis, Mark Gehling, John McDonough, Ryan Snorek, Eric Spehn, Mark Trnka, Nate Wallace.**

Office Hours

March 11 – 17, 2012

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship

February 25 & 26, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,628.00
Open Plate	161.90
Visitor	350.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>112.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,251.00

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2012

First Reading	2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
Psalm 137	<i>"Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you."</i>
Second Reading	Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel:	John 3:14-21

The preview of Easter joy that resonates through this weekend's liturgy shines with special radiance in the line from the Gospel, which many consider the heart of the Christian message: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." We are loved – unconditionally, everlastingly – by God; indeed, says Paul, we are "God's handiwork." Thus, the Old Testament covenant story bids us see all things, even historical disasters and human tragedies, as part of God's saving plan. We need to see even the most unlikely people as instruments of God's will. Let us open our hearts to the joyful transforming power of these scriptures.

A Note From the Pastor....



It wasn't their spring break, yearly the Israelites would go to the Temple in Jerusalem. They went there in pilgrimage. At the temple they offered sacrificial worship to the Living God. There they experienced the presence of God seeking His mercy and grace. Therefore, when Jesus went to the Temple, as was his custom, and saw that it had become a place of getting rich rather than an occasion for communion with the Creator, his anger flared. The business being conducted in the Temple precincts wasn't the selling of raffle tickets. Rather vendors sold (at inflated rates) what the people needed for their sacrificial worship of God. It would be as if when you came into Church today the Ushers sold you a host, at an lavish price, so you could receive the Eucharist. Jesus says, "come to the banquet without cost." Not only does Jesus welcome us into worship, He died so that we might have free access to the Father – He paid the price. Enter His gates, giving praise, seeking mercy, yearning for the truth, and growing in love.

Chuck Ernste has retired as superintendent for St. Lawrence Cemetery. He has served a very important service for hundreds of families over the years. Chuck has worked hard to keep St. Lawrence Cemetery a holy place where people can go to express their grief for family and friends who have entered Eternal Life. Chuck has been and remains one of those men in our community whom I can ask a favor of, and the answer is always, "Yes, we'll get it done." Please join us in thanking Chuck for his tremendous service to our Catholic community for the past 27 years. He has been a tremendous gift. In the interim, Adrian Gillen will be taking care of both Calvary and St. Lawrence cemeteries.

There are a couple places especially needing our attention this Lenten season. First, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVdP) is running short of cash. Our Ash Wednesday collection goes to our local Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Typically that collection brings in about \$5,000 - this year it was short of that total. Your parish envelope packs have an envelope for the Ash Wednesday SSVdP collection – which you might not have seen, as it is in the back of the packet. Please consider a donation using the SSVdP envelopes next week.

Also needing some assistance is IRIS – Infants Remembered In Silence, which was flooded out of its downtown location. They are moving to a new location, but can use extra help. If you can help, contact Diana at support@irisremembers.com or 507.334.4748. The work and ministry of IRIS has become nationally known. Later this month they host their first national conference.

We are looking for people to be nominated to serve on the St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council. Consider nominating yourself or asking someone to consider serving in one of the two positions to fill.

St. Patrick will pull out all the stops this Saturday in celebrating the great Feast of St. Patrick! Come for Mass at 11:00. At noon we will begin serving our Famous Irish Stew and Irish Soda Bread. Then enjoy the traditional Irish music as performed by Reverse Cowboy, which regularly plays at Irish Pubs throughout Minnesota, but on St. Patrick's Day you will not need go any further than the Irish hamlet of Shieldsville.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Kevin Finnegan*



Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal so far. If you haven't already done so, please return the pledge form you received by mail or fill out one of the pledge envelopes on the tables at the ends of the pews. If you are a regular visitor to St. Patrick and wish your gift to be credited to St. Patrick, you must note that on the pledge form. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many in our Archdiocese. Last year we surpassed our financial goal and only 33% of our families participated. This year our goal is \$8,942 and we would like to increase our parish participation to at least 50%.

Lawn Mowing Bids

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville is now accepting Lawn Mowing bids for the upcoming 2012 summer season. If interested in making a bid please pick up a Bid Form from the parish office. Complete and return the bid to the St. Patrick parish office no later than **March 19, 2012**. Any questions please contact the parish office at 507-334-6002 or Harry Redman 507-332-9043. Thank You

Our thanks go out to Martha Wallace

for maintaining our St. Patrick's website which is available to parishioners and visitors alike. You will find information about Mass schedules, contact information, upcoming activities, current and past bulletins and any updates to events, meetings, etc. A schedule of all events for Lent, including up-to-date information is also available. The website link is <http://www.spsshieldsville.org>.



Planning a Baptism in the near future?



The next set of Baptism Classes are Thursday, April 14th & 28th at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 7:45 p.m. It is a two-part program and both classes must be attended. Classes are required. Call 507.334.2266

AREA HAPPENINGS.....



HOSPICE BENEFIT ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Monday, Mar. 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Faribault. Adults \$6.00, kids 10 and under \$3.00 sold at the door or purchase in advance at 1st United Bank. Hosted by 1st United Junior Board of Directors.

CHRIST THROUGH HANDS MINISTRY (an ecumenical ministry serving the students at the MN State Academy for the Deaf, and MN State Academy for the Blind) is having their annual



Omelet Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday March 18, 2012 from 8 am-12:30 pm at the American Legion. Make your own omelet with various ingredients and enjoy breakfast potatoes, cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice. Tickets are \$7.00 and are available by contacting Joyce Atchison joyce@christthroughhandsministry.org, and also will be sold at the door. Children's tickets are \$4.00 for ages under 10, and are available only at the door. A silent auction will also be held to support this special ministry.

Community Lenten Soup Luncheons Fridays, through March 30



at 4th Avenue United Methodist Church. Serving: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults: \$6, Children 12 & under: \$3. All you can eat soup, bread, crackers, Milk, coffee, & water and 1 desert. Take-outs available - also quarts and pints. For takeout orders call 507/334-430. Support Faribault Food Shelf and bring a non-perishable food item.

Do your spouse and yourself something good by attending the March 31~April 1 Marriage Encounter! Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of additional retreats or call 651.454.3238.

KC 889 Korner...

(17 Third Street NE - Ph. 507.334.4918)

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



KC Fish Fry Every Friday in Lent (incl. Good Friday): Serving from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the KC Hall in Faribault at 17 Third Street NE. All are welcome!

KC SPRING FLING - April 6, 2012. Cost: \$10 for a chance to win one of 17 Drawings for \$2,500 in prizes. MUST be 18 or older to purchase ticket. Prize Amounts: 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$200, 4th & 5th - \$100, 6th thru 17th - \$50. Tickets will be sold at St. Patrick before and after Masses.

The St. Patrick Fatima Prayer Group welcomes new members - men and Women. If interested call Mary Ann @ 507.334.3329 Ruth @ 507.332.2896 or come on Tuesday at 7:45 a.m..

Spouse/Significant Other Loss Support Group

beginning Wednesday, March 21st. The group meets every Wednesday for six weeks - March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 6 -7:30 p.m., at Homestead House, 2350 - 26th Street NW in Owatonna. The death does not have to be connected to hospice care in order to participate. Hospice recommends a minimum of three months has passed since the partner's death. It is not a drop in group so individuals you are encouraged to participate in all of the sessions or wait until the next offering. **Please RSVP to Brenda Jirik, Bereavement Coordinator, 507.977.2857 by March 14th.**



Vendors Needed: The St. Canice Faith Formation is having a Spring Fling Fundraiser and we are looking for local vendors (home-based businesses, direct sales, handmade items, etc) for our event on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The fundraiser benefits the Faith Formation program at St. Canice, to bring in speakers to share with the parish and surrounding communities. The cost is \$15 per table and a first come basis. For more information contact: Angela Taaffe at [507-595-3203](tel:507-595-3203) or angela.taaffe@gmail.com



2012 Family Forum Featuring Jim Stenson

The Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life is hosting the annual Family Forum at St. Peter Catholic Church in Mendota Heights on: Saturday, March 24th, 9 a.m. - Noon. (check in begins at 8:30 a.m.) Mr. Stenson is an educational expert, speaker and writer on family concerns. He authored numerous books such as *Upbringing*, *Compass: A Handbook on Parent Leadership*, *Lifeline: The Religious Upbringing of Your Children* and *Father, The Family Protector*. He will speak on balance within the family. Register online (www.ARCHSPM.ORG) with Visa or MasterCard. For more information please contact the Marriage, Family and Life office at 651.291.4489. Registrations accepted through March 16th.



HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES



Retrouvaille helps couples put the pieces of their marriages back together and rebuild loving relationships. Twin Cities Retrouvaille program offers a weekend and six follow-up sessions several times a year. Registration is required. For info, call 651-457-8838, visit www.helpourmarriage.com

AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ...



Upcoming events at B.A.:
www.bacards.org

2nd Annual Cardinal Cruise 10K, 5K walk/run and Kids run – to be held on Saturday April 14th 2012. Join us, as a runner/walker or as a sponsor! See www.finalstretch.com for more details. For sponsor information, contact Sue Erpenbach at 334-3948.

Join us for BABS Night – Saturday April 14th. Doors open at 4:00 pm! Silent and Live Auctions, Country Mercantile featuring handmade crafts and homemade food items! Supper: 4 -7 pm.

New this year: ROAST PORK SANDWICHES with a variety of sauces and some Mexican food. Have something you want to donate to BABS? Call Sue Erpenbach at 507/334-3948.

Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery

hredeerparish.org



PRAYING FOR PIETY! In March, HRS students are praying for the gift of piety. What is piety? Piety is a gift from the Holy Spirit that helps us to only desire to do and act in a way that is pleasing to God. What a beautiful gift. As children make the right choices this month and act or do as Jesus did, they are displaying the gift of piety. Please join us in praying for our students.

RAIDERS' READING CLUB: Each month HRS students have focused on reading through the Raider's Reading Club! Students read at home and complete reading logs. Area businesses sponsor awards for student participation from free pizzas at Pizzeria or cookies at Subway. March wraps up our Reading Club, what progress our students are showing! Special thanks to Subway and Pizzeria.

HRS LENTEN PRAYERS: The second week of Lent we began with a Rosary before school and all school prayer before lunch. We darkened our 2nd candle and reflected on initial sins of Adam & Eve.

LOOKING FOR A FAITHILLED PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM? Join the HRS Little Lambs prekindergarten program. Choose from 2 or 3 day, all day options, depending on the age of your child. HRS Little Lambs builds school readiness skills while sharing biblical stories. Classes fill quickly, register early!

MINI SESSIONS WANTED MARCH 19 - 23! Do you have a skill or hobby to share with others? You set times & cost, but must be during the school day! Call to set up a class 364-7383!

POHLAD SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE GRANT: Please consider a gift and pray for success. We are at now at \$6,240 thanks to your support. We must reach \$7,800 to receive the matching grant.

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BUTTER BRAIDS BEING SOLD! HRS 4th & 5th grade students are selling to earn additional funds for their Eagle Bluff Field trip next fall. Talk to a student or call school 507-364-7383. Order form at the St. Patrick office.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

*“Enlightening young minds through multiage instruction.
Leading young hearts to Christ.”*

**NO GOD - NO PEACE
KNOW GOD - KNOW PEACE**

**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.**



Tour Ireland this Fall with Father Dempsey

Join Father Dennis Dempsey Sept. 21-Oct. 2 on a Catholic Spirit sponsored trip to Ireland. Visit Galway, Connemara, Knock, the Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Limerick and of course Dublin. Mass is planned every day in famous churches, abbeys, monasteries and cathedrals. To receive a brochure or get more information, phone The Catholic Spirit's Martie McMahon at 651-291-4441 or email mcmahonm@archspm.org.

**We would like to hear from you!
Welcome to St. Patrick if you are new to
the area or just our parish!**

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.

_____ have moved away; please remove us
from the parish roster.

_____ would like information on:

**Drop this form the collection or mail to
St. Patrick, Shieldsville Parish Office**