

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Third Sunday of Lent

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 26: 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Saturday, March 30: 5:00 p.m. +Emily Ardolf
Sunday, March 31: 9:00 a.m. +Belva Brown

The flag flying over our church is in Memory of the Kolars Family

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, March 26: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 27: **Religious Ed- Grades 2-10**, 6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, 1:00 p.m.
Speaker: Amanda Virnig, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. All Welcome!
Social Hall Booked
Thursday, March 28:
Saturday, March 30: **Healing Service** following 5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, March 31: **Sunday School** during 9:00 a.m. Mass
Parish Reconciliation, 4:00 p.m.

Coming Up **K of C Auxiliary Seder Service**, Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. *KC Meeting follows*
Stations of the Cross, Wednesday, April 3, 1:00 p.m.
Station of the Cross, Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 30, 2019 5:00 p.m.

AS: Cooper Leichtnam

EM: Betty David*

Denise Fliceck, Mary Ann Smisek

GR: Gary & Patti Angelow

Janice Chappuis, Anne Langer

L: Denise Fliceck

U: Pat LaCanne, Dan Pumper, Larry Smisek

Sunday, March 31, 2019 9:00 a.m.

AS: Joey Steinberg

EM: George Sticha*

Linda Dietz, Ruth Seykora

GR: Charlie & Roxy Driessen,

Mary Kay Reynolds

L: Kathy Thom

U: Charlie & Roxy Driessen,

Mary Kay Reynolds

Remember in your prayers ...

Clark Kaisershot (son of **Sharon Kaisershot**),
June Malecha, **Fritz Herda**, Lori Brown, Tony
Ernste, Mary Petricka, Donna Bute, Peggy
Angelow, Betty Geis, Steven Odenthal, **Fr. Dave
Barrett**, **Clarence Harriman**, Jackie Judd, Kay
Landrum, Owen Gehling, Andi Olsonawski, John
Madden, Landyn Wrolson, Anne Naas, all on
prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, John
McDonough, Ryan Snorek, Nate Wallace, Luke
Ward.**

Parish Office Hours March 24 - 30, 2019

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship March 16 & 17, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,490.00
Open Plate	288.00
Visitor	215.00
EFTs	343.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,336.00

St Patrick's Day Mass \$ 290.00

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31, 2019

First Reading: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12
Psalm 34 "Taste and see the goodness of
the Lord."

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

A new day has dawned in each reading today. The Israelites have finally reached the Promised Land and can celebrate the Passover in their new home. Saint Paul tells us that in Christ, we are a new creation. The prodigal son is welcomed home as someone who had been dead and is now alive again. As we listen to the readings today, let us imagine we are there as each new day dawns.

A Word from Father Victor ...



March 24, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now that we are on the third week of Lent lets us check how we are doing with our journey. Have we encountered God in our Lent practices? Have our Lenten devotions begun to fade? Or have we started anything so far? Let us reflect what our devotions have taught us so far. What is God saying to us at this point?

One of our Lenten practices is on prayer. How do we cultivate an attitude/disposition of prayer? *By silence.* We need to make time for quiet days or nights. St. Gregory of Nyssa declares, "It is upon us who continue in this quiet and peaceful course of life that the truth will shine, illuminating the eyes of our soul with its own rays.

If we desire to find God and engage with him we must intentionally seek him and make time. What if every day, we take time to turn off our electronic gadgets for fifteen minutes and be silent? What would it look like if you say, "God, I just want to be with you right now?" What if we commit today to fifteen minutes of "quiet and peaceful time"? That will allow us to *wonder* at God.

We have opportunities for prayer in our parish. Every Wednesday we have the Stations of the Cross. Our weekend Masses are moments we can worship God as a community and encounter him in the Eucharist. WE have scheduled a penance services next **Sunday, March 31 at 4 p.m.** so all of us can be reconciled with God.

During this season of Lent, take some moments of silence.

The Steubenville Set the Table Fundraiser was once again a roaring success!

We had 31 tables of women, and one very special table of priests who enjoyed a delicious lunch of a hot pork sandwich, coleslaw, and extraordinary cheesecakes! There were baskets to bid on, photos to take in the new photo booths, and jewelry to purchase. This is a fantastic group of women who choose to support our youth! And wonderful local businesses that donated money or gifts for the raffles.

We, the youth thank you who came to the event, we thank the businesses who donate, and we thank the adult volunteers who donate countless hours all year round to make this possible. Without all of you, we wouldn't be able to strengthen our faith. **Thank you & God bless you--MHRC/STC/STP Youth**

Volunteers Needed!

Please contact Tracy if you can help with in any of these;

- **Palm Sunday** - Youth to carry Palms
- **Holy Thursday** - Oil Presenters (Someone with an illness; family who had a recent Baptism; Confirmation Youth); 12 people to have feet washed (done at pews)
- **Easter Vigil** - Family to bring up gifts



Attend a Local Fish Fry

***Faribault KC #889 Fish Fry** - at the Faribault American Legion on Friday, April 5. Mark your calendars!

***LeCenter American Legion Post #108**

Friday Lunches - \$7 Fish Basket Lunch (11am to 1pm), **March 29, April 5, 12, 19.** Friday Dinners - \$10 Fish Dinner (5-7pm -or until gone) **March 29th, April 5th and 12th**

LENTEN PENANCE FAIR

Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Faribault will host a Lenten Penance Fair on Tuesday, April 2nd, Noon to 7:30pm. Many priests will be available to hear your confession: private or face-to-face, English-speaking or Spanish-speaking. Please come and receive this beautiful gift of healing. Call the DMCC office with questions: 507-334-2266

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Contact us at fariboknights@gmail.com.

Website: <http://kc889.mnknights.org>

* If interested in joining the Knights -see our website, click *Join Us* in *Contact* menu.

* **Men of Mercy** meet the **1st Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m.,** in Divine Mercy Church Commons
* **Meeting follows Seder Meal at St. Patrick, Tuesday, April 2**

* It's Lent! Are the Knights having fish fries? YES! We are partnering with the American Legion for a **fish fry on Friday, April 5.** Mark your calendars!

K of C Auxiliary invites you to a **Seder Service on April 2 at 6:00 p.m.** The ritual commemorates the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. It is a Symbolic meal and is an annual event for the Auxiliary. Parts of the scripted service are read by members. There is no charge but we would appreciate your registering so that we have enough supplies. Call Jo Meillier at 507.332.2926



Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes

teach couples the Church approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. The **Sympto-Thermal Method** will be taught by the Couple to Couple League on: **April 12 at St. Dominic, Northfield** Register at www.ccli.org.

Area Catholic Schools



Bethlehem Academy

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

Divine Mercy Catholic School

5 SW 3rd Avenue, Faribault
www.dmcs.cc 507-334-7706



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K - 8th Grade)
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
(507)364-7383 (mosthrs.org)

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

The Power of Reading Fifteen or More Minutes a

Day The National Reading Month of February is behind us, but that fact is probably all the more reason to emphasize the importance of reading: Because reading ability can have such a powerful impact on a person's life, every month should be "I Love to Read' Month" in our schools. According to organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics and International Reading Association, a regular outside-of-school reading regimen promotes brain growth, helps in language development, builds vocabulary, activates the imagination, increases problem-solving skills, and enhances a person's understanding of the world and other people. Sometimes parents stop reading with their children once a child learns to read at a rudimentary level, but experts encourage families to continue emphasizing literacy. Reading to children of any age or reading a book, article, or story together helps improve listening skills and gives family members a common topic for conversation. By reading a book with your children that is a bit beyond their reading level, you help them improve their abilities. Have a good week!

HRS 2019 Spring Greening Challenge In 2018, HRS recycled 7,428 pounds of textiles which helped: clothe 149 people; conserve enough water equivalents to the annual use of 122 homes; avoid 42 cubic yards of landfill; prevent CO2 emissions, the equivalent of taking 112 cars off the road; and plant 19 trees. The school will sign up for the 2019 "Spring Green Challenge" which is a month-long recycling competition starting May 1. Remember HRS when cleaning out closets and doing your spring cleaning. More information will be coming.

Big Bang Catholic STEM Fair - HRS Science Fair Results After tallying the judges' points and careful consideration, we have our winners. Thank you to all students in grades 5-8 who participated. There

were many great comments about the topics and knowledge the students presented and the large number of parents & grandparents who attended the fair. If you haven't had a chance to see all the projects, feel free to stop down at the cafeteria this week and check them out. Congratulations to ALL of the students, but our winners are... Grade 3-5: 1st Place - Allison Rynda, 2nd Place - Dakota Meadows, Honorable Mention - Taylor Akerlund & Wyatt Wohlers. Grade 6-8: 1st Place - Megan & Steven Odenthal, 2nd Place - Elizabeth Odenthal, Honorable Mention - Abby Rutt. The students are now eligible to compete at the State level on April 6 at Totino-Grace High School in Fridley, MN.

If you ordered Butter Braids from the 3rd & 4th graders, pickup will be on April 2 and they will be available at St. Patrick the weekend of April 6 & 7. **The Czech Lites Band, also known as Downtown Sound Band**, is retiring after 1900 dances and nearly 40 years of entertaining crowds all over the upper Midwest. A final open dance will be held at The Park Ballroom in New Prague on Sunday, March 31, from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. The band also is hoping to see the many wedding couples they have played for over the years in attendance as well. The band will be featured on the KCHK Live Musician Friday show Friday, March 29, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. "Everyone is invited to attend The Last Dance on Sunday, March 31, from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Park Ballroom and help us celebrate our retirement!" Help us spread the word!

As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns. Thank you
Mr. Vondracek, Principal gvondracek@mosthrs.org

Holy Week Retreats

Women's Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat April 12-14 Silence will be observed to enhance the depth of your Lenten Journey experience. Palms will be distributed at the Palm Sunday Mass

Men's Holy Week Retreat, April 18-20 (Thurs - Sat) Silence observed on Holy Friday out of reverence for our Saviors suffering and passion.

2019 Theme: Rejoice and be Glad: Our Call to Holiness Today. Each retreat begins at 7:30 PM and ends on the final day after brunch. To **register** call 952-447-2182 or visit www.franciscanretreats.net/register.

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center, 16385 St Francis Lane, Prior Lake MN 55372

March is Minnesota Food Share Month

Food shelves can stretch cash donations further than donations of food because of their access to discount products & programs. Help us feed more Minnesota families by donating cash to your local food shelf. All food & money raised stays locally. Donate at mnfoodshare.org/donate. The final day for reporting food & money collected is **April 7th**. Thank you for your generosity!