

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2015 Volume 31 Number 48

Mass Intentions

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, December 8th

Tuesday, December 8: **No morning Mass**

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, December 12: 5:00 p.m. +Rita Snorek, +Larry Chappuis

Sunday, December 13: **9:00 a.m.** +Sharon Archambault, +Henry &
+Bernice Staska

The flag flying over our church is in memory of Don Edwards.

This Week in Our Parish

This Weekend: **Bake Sale at all Masses!** *Proceeds go toward the purchase of new window treatments in the parish house.*

Tuesday, December 8:
Holy Day of Obligation

Fatima Prayer Group, 7:40 a.m.

Wednesday, December 9:

Mass for Immaculate Conception, 7:00 p.m. All Welcome!

Thursday, December 10:

Religious Education 6:30 p.m. for grades 1-10

Finance Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Coming Up: December 14th - Parish Advent Reconciliation Service, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

December 17th - Advent Retreat, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. All are welcome!



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH MASS

AS: Rose Chmelik & RE Youth

EM: Betty David*

Kim Chmelik, Marsha DeGroot

GR: John & Wilma McDonough & RE Youth

L: Marsha DeGroot & RE Youth

U: John McDonough & RE Youth

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 9:00 a.m.

AS: Nico Davis

EM: George Sticha*

June Malecha, Sharon Kaisershot

GR: Ed & Phyllis DeGroot, Duke & MariLou

Ernste, June & Nobby Malecha

L: Sharon Kaisershot

U: Ed DeGroot, Duke Ernste,

Mark Mulcahy, Randy Voracek

Remember in your prayers ...

Andi Olsonawski, **Marilyn Richter, Mark Sowa,**
Bill Hanson, **Kay Von Ruden, Cindy McCormick,**
Jill Rosett Konopka, **Albert Koenig,** Jodi Sowa,
John Madden, **Jeff Brown, Landyn Wrolson, Anne**
Naas; Don Jensen; Nick Grambart; all on the
prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, Chris**
Chappuis, Owen Gehling, John McDonough,
Eric Spehn, Luke Ward

Office Hours

December 6 - 12, 2015

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

Wednesday: 10:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship November 28 & 29, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,781.00
Open Plate	200.00
Visitor	255.00
EFTs	135.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 3,371.00

Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2015

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Psalm 12 *“Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”*
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Every word before the Gospel, even the psalm, has a form of the words rejoice or joy. Even the Gospel speaks of the people being filled with expectation. The anticipation is palpable. Together with the crowds in the Gospel reading, list to God's holy word and ask, "What should we do?"

A Word from Father Victor ...



December 6, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Advent really is a season of hope, hope about what is to come, waiting for the promised liberation from the slavery and oppression of sin and the final revelation of God who is truth, justice and love. Only then can we achieve genuine peace and happiness. It is looking forward to the coming of the eternal kingdom. We need to be actively waiting by working on forming and keeping our selves worthy for his kingdom at any time.

By human standards our earthly journey has been a story of rising and falling. By heavenly standards, the story of God is a story of forgiveness and healing and redemption. Beginning the 8th, our Holy Father will declare a "year of mercy".

"I am convinced that the whole Church will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and making fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and every woman of our time," Pope Francis said.

Let us take this opportunity to celebrate and find deeper meaning of this "year of mercy". Let us rediscover this gift of the mercy of God.

There are many opportunities for us to participate in celebrating Advent and the jubilee Year of Mercy. At Church there are reading materials available for prayer and reflection. There are also opportunities to celebrate the sacraments especially the sacrament of reconciliation. WE have regular weekly Eucharistic adoration. WE have our worship ministries that you can participate in as well.

WE will never stop or lack from sharing possibilities for spiritual and values formation for all ages. Let us continue to work for and journey to become closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

May Jesus Christ live in our hearts now and forever!

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a great new app from Our Sunday Visitor!

365 Days to Mercy is designed to accompany you on your spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The app includes daily reflections on mercy, everyday Scripture reflections, Pope Francis' tweets, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena, and lots more. Go to your app store and search "365 Days to Mercy" and install it today! Go to OSV.com/YOM to learn more.

Next Baptism Class –

9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 2nd at Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery. Call 507.364.7981 to register.



To view our Facebook page just go to <https://www.facebook.com/spshieldsville.org>

You can 'Like' us to see what is happening each week and to find information on upcoming events. **Check our website:** <http://shieldsville.org/> for weekly bulletins, member information, Mass times here and at area churches, heritage notes and more.



Statewide day of Fasting and Prayer

In preparation for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, please plan to participate in the "Statewide Day of Fasting and Prayer in Reparation for a Culture of Violence and Disrespect for Human Life" on December 4. Details and prayers can be found at www.archspm.org/Mercy.

American Legion Breakfast Fundraiser to bring the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Faribault 2016

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Serving: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Cost: Adults - \$8 prepaid, \$10 at door; Youth - \$5 pre-paid, \$6 at door. Tickets available at Faribault American Legion, Elks Clubrooms or from an American Legion Member.

If you or someone you know, would like a visit from Father Victor or to receive Holy Communion, call the office or take a salmon colored 'Sick Call' form located on the kiosk. Fill it out and drop it in the collection or give it to Father or an usher after Mass.

Knights of Columbus 889 Korner

(17 Third Street NE – Ph.507.334.4918)



The K of C is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight. Ask a Knight for more information. Reach us at fariboknights@gmail.com.

Are you struggling with an abortion?

Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat in the Twin Cities area. For information or to register contact Nancy, 763-250-9313 or rvr-nancy@usfamily.net. The cost is \$160.00 for meals, room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. If you would like additional information go to Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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Holy Day of Obligation
(see Mass schedule above)



Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

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

Divine Mercy Catholic School

www.dmcscs.cc 507-334-7706.



DIVINE MERCY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Most Holy Redeemer School

(Pre-K - 8th Grade)
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
(507)364-7383 507.364.7383
mosthrs.org

While *Celebrating the season of Advent*

Growing up in Nebraska, I traveled with my family each summer north to Minnesota. The trips to Park Rapids took 8 hours and were, as you can imagine, eventful with five children and a dog in a station wagon or van. Though those family excursions are long in the past for me, they come to mind as I contemplate the journey that we, as a family here at HRS, begin this week: a journey through the season of Advent that, this year, is especially eventful because it encompasses the opening of the Church's Year of Mercy.

In our Catholic school setting, we are fortunate to be openly reminded that this time of year has much more to offer than predictable commercialism. Let us make good use of the weeks leading up to Christmas by being conscious of God's presence in our lives here at school and by extending kindness to each other as we pursue our academic work. May God bless you for your friendship and your generosity to Most Holy Redeemer School.

Food Shelf - Last week, HRS students had a food drive for the Le Sueur County Food Shelf. The Montgomery Knights of Columbus challenged our students saying they would match the collection \$1 to every 1 pound of food collected, up to \$500. Students collected 1,319 pounds of food, plus the \$500 converted to pounds, equals approximately 4,800 pounds of food donated! That is wonderful!

Santa Anonymous - Nov. 24-Dec. 11 - Help Santa Anonymous provide a Merry Christmas for children in Le Sueur County. Some items needed are: toys of good value, educational, long-lasting, non-violent (no guns), new socks, hats, mittens, bedding, books and items for teenagers. Please leave gifts unwrapped with prices on.

HRS Christmas Pageant - "Fear Not Factor" - is Wed., December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Students should wear black pants and white shirts. (a note from Mrs. C. Trcka)..... All GR 3 - 8 kids will need a pair of angel wings. If made out of white tag board, they can "tastefully" customize their own wings. Examples.... Rachel might draw softballs on the edges of her wings. Ben might have mini

silver notes all over his wings. If you would rather order a pair the cost is \$10, please contact school.

Healthy Playground Makeover Sweepstakes - Enter every day for chance to win a \$30,000 grant and a new playground. Anyone in the community can enter on behalf of HRS. The more entries we have, the greater chance we have to win! - See more at: <http://www.togethercounts.com/healthy-playground-playground-makeover>

TCU Middle School Concerts - Several HRS students are involved with the bands and choirs at the public school. Below is the concert schedule for those programs. Please attend and show your support.

- Dec. 7 - Montgomery 5-8 Choir Concert 1:30 pm
- Dec. 8 - Montgomery 5-8 Band Concert 7:00 pm

Mr. Vondracek, Principal vondracek@mosthrs.org



THANK YOU FROM APPALACHIA

The people from Appalachia Kentucky Christmas Missions want to thank each and every one of you for your generosity in helping them to have a Blessed Christmas. A semi sponsored by Terminal Transport Inc (TTI) in Roseville, left Minnesota on the morning of November 14th and arrived at the Distribution center the morning of November 16th. Everything went well for the driver except a tire that wouldn't hold air. During the time loading boxes in the truck, we visited with the driver about his Charity Trip for TTI for his second year. He sent pictures back to the company and I have them on my computer. If you or your church would like copies I will e-mail them to you. Let me know at olivern@frontiernet.net.

Following is an e-mail I received from Lisa at TTI
Happy Monday morning to you Olive - the load was delivered by the Grace of God this morning! It went flawless and according to the driver-there were lots of smiles! Thank you and your people for giving a sense of humanity back to our great Country and region! After all the tragedy and evil things going on in this world and especially this weekend, it is great to know that there still are great caring people out there like you and your church affiliates. May you have a Blessed and bountiful holiday season! In God's blessing, Lisa.

I also want to thank you for your continued generous giving. May you have Joy and Love in your hearts this most Holy Season knowing that you helped God's poorest of the poor.

I ask you to send a thank you to the **Terminal Transport Inc., 2982 Cleveland Ave., Roseville, MN 55113** % Lisa and thank them for the donation of their semi, trailer and driver for all these years. Without them we could not have our Christmas Giving to the Appalachia Missions. God Bless all of you,
Olive Hupf, ACCW Domestic Missions