

# Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

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## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 15: 8:30 a.m. +Rick Freeman  
Saturday, December 19: 5:00 p.m. +Fritz Kaderlik, +Phyllis DeGroot,  
+Don & +Helen Edwards  
Sunday, December 20: **9:00 a.m.** +Erv & +Marguerite Langer,  
+Lucille Murphy

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

## This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 14: **Parish Reconciliation Service**, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. All Welcome  
Tuesday, December 15: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:40 a.m.  
Wednesday, December 16: **Religious Education 6:30 p.m. for grades 1-10**  
Thursday, December 17: **Advent Retreat with David Rinaldi**, 6-8 p.m. All Welcome!  
Sunday, December 20: **Christmas Church Decorating** after Mass. All Welcome!  
*Coming Up: December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.*  
*December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.*

### Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 5:00 p.m.**

AS: Grace Peach

EM: Darrell Stoltz\*

Denise Flicek, Shari Gruber

GR: Jan Balata, Marge Duchene,

Anne Langer, Mary Sheehy

L: Denise Flicek

U: Marge Duchene, Leonard Petricka,

Dan Pumper, Larry Viskocil

**Sunday, December 20, 2015 9:00 a.m.**

AS: Taylor Landrum

EM: Bernie Ardolf\*

Mary Ardolf, Katie Judd Landrum

GR: Charlie & Roxy Driessen,

LuVerne & Martha Wallace

L: Katie Judd Landrum

U: Lance Chappuis, Tom Murphy

Charlie & Roxy Driessen

### Remember in your prayers ...

**Kay Von Ruden, Agnes Thomas, Allen White,**  
Andi Olsonawski, **Marilyn Richter, Mark Sowa,**  
Bill Hanson, Jill Rosett Konopka, 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**

### December Bake Sale Update...

Proceeds from the weekend were \$419.  
Thanks to everyone who brought items  
to sell or worked.



### Office Hours

**December 13 - 19, 2015**

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

Wednesday: 10:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Tracy will be out of the office from Dec. 23 through  
January 3. IF you have anything for the January  
2/3 bulletin, please email it to tvelishek@yahoo.com  
by Tuesday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>.*

### Financial Stewardship

**December 5/6, 2015**

Adult Envelopes	\$3,185.00
Open Plate	175.00
Visitor	140.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>340.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$3,840.00

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 20, 2015**

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a  
Psalm 80 "Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved."  
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10  
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

The psalm refrain can be our prayer: "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." As we hear God's holy word, let us indeed turn to the Lord and see our loving God's face in the small town of Bethlehem, in young Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, and in all those whose lives intersect with ours every day.

# A Word from Father Victor ...



December 13, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The readings this Sunday is exactly what we need to hear and celebrate about amidst our very fast paced, needy, busy, anxious and scary world we live in. Do we still know how to rejoice? On the third Sunday of Advent we are told to rejoice.

Rejoice and rejoice always! Is there are reason to rejoice? As we listen to the news, as we are anxious about our own security, with the busy life we have, do we have time to rejoice? Yes, rejoicing is what we lose as we are caught up in life. WE forget the value and importance of other persons. WE lose the joy of knowing that God loves us and has given us the gift of mercy and compassion.

In the rush of life we miss so many things...a smile, a laughter, the kindness of persons, a kind word and a helpful hand. WE miss the essentials of meaningful life. WE become persons of "doing" and we lost becoming a person of "being".

Let us be careful that we are not carried by the flow of materialism and commercialism this Christmas. Let us give time to pause and remember that Christmas is about Jesus who came to us. Let us take time to pray and spend meaningful and quality time with family. Let us be more conscious about why we give instead of getting hung up with what to give.

The acts of kindness and love is what makes people smile and rejoice. Let us find the peace that Jesus gives on Christmas. When you do so, you can rejoice.

There is so much reason to rejoice. Come, let us prepare for his coming!

## **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](http://OSV.com/YOM) to learn more.

## **2016 Financial Contribution Envelope Books and Calendars Now Available...**

Please thank Jim, Steve & John from Parker Kohl Funeral Home and Cremetory in Faribault for their generous donation of calendars every year.



## **Next Baptism Class – Sat. January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 a.m. 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.



**NOTE:** A big thank you to everyone who put out a lawn sign to help us advertise our Holiday Open House. It really helped because we had at least 100 more people this year than last – about 750 people came to shop those two days. If you still have one of the HOH lawn signs, please return them so we can put them away for next year.

## **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)



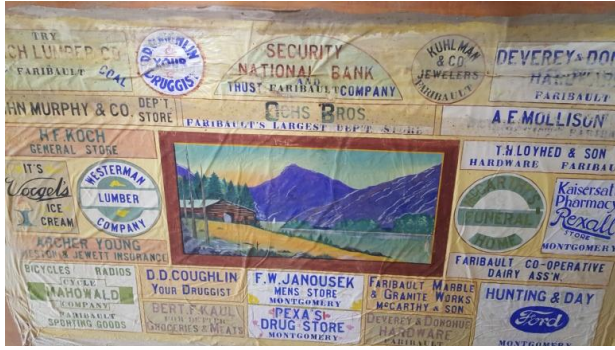
The K of C is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight. Ask a Knight for more information.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

The Lonsdale area wide seniors club (Golden Agers) meets at 1 p.m. on Tuesday December 15 for their annual Christmas gift exchange. Bingo/cards played with a Chicken Supper served at 4:00. All seniors over 60 are invited to attend, For more information call Don at 507-744-2408

# Help Preserve A Piece Of Our History



Advertising Backdrop recovered from  
Old Social Hall attic - Size 10'x14'

This backdrop and another one found in the old hall, were professionally done by Twin Cities Scenic Company. We contacted U. of M. professors who have a collection of items done by Twin Cities Scenic to find out what needs to be done. In order to preserve backdrops of this caliber they need to be professionally cleaned and preserved. We chose to preserve this backdrop because it is in good shape and because of the information on it. The cost could be as much as \$2,000. The other backdrop has some water damage and we do not know the cost to preserve it. Donations are being collected to preserve this backdrop and hang it in our Social Hall. If you can help by making a donation, please contact the office or put donation in an envelope marked 'BACKDROP RESTORATION' in the weekend collection.

Thank you.

## Area Catholic Schools ...



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

**Divine Mercy Catholic School**

[www.dmcs.cc](http://www.dmcs.cc) 507-334-7706.



**Most Holy Redeemer School**  
(Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery  
(507)364-7383 507.364.7383  
[mosthrs.org](http://mosthrs.org)

**HRS Families . . . Year of Mercy** - December 8 is both the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In recognition of this year, the "Holy Doors" of the

Vatican in Rome will be opened. By opening these special doors, Pope Francis is also asking us to pay attention to the "Holy Doors" in our own lives: When and for whom do we open doors? Whom do we invite inside? Whom do we keep locked out? We are asked to view people at home, at school, in the church, and in the world through a special lens—the lens of Mercy. Perhaps this week you can talk at home about the *Corporal* and *Spiritual Works of Mercy* and help your children see how they *already* carry them out in their lives now and how they can perhaps further extend mercy to others.

**Thank you for many years of service** - Deb Vlasak has been our Boxtops Coordinator for many years, and has decided to step down. Thank you to Deb for taking care of this for so long. She spent many hours counting, sorting, cutting and mailing these all on her own time and expense. We appreciate her support over the years! Thank you to Tami Kadrlík who has volunteered to be our new coordinator.

**HRS Christmas Pageant - "Fear Not Factor" - Wed. - Dec. 16 - 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.** The HRS Music Department will celebrate Christmas with enthusiasm and spirit like never before as they find themselves in the middle of what has the halls of heaven all a-buzz! Get set for the most spectacular and celestial adventure of all time as Mary, Joseph, and a few simple shepherds in Bethlehem encounter the wonder of the Fear Not Factor! The most epic event of all time has been established and all of heaven's angels are gearing up to fulfill what has been planned. Under the command of Archangel Michael, the Heavenly Army has been commissioned to wing flight to earth and unveil God's most unexpected, miraculous and perfect plan.

**Pajama Drive - The 7th-Annual Great Bedtime Story** - The second grade class has decided to do a service project. It is a pajama drive through Scholastic Reading Club. Students need to collect NEW pajamas for kids who are infant-18 years (adult xxxl). For each pair of pajamas that are donated, Scholastic will pair it up with a book for that age. All of these donations will go to kids in our area. <http://www.scholastic.com/pajamadrive/>  
**Advent Prayer Service** - Advent Prayer Service: During each Tuesday of Advent, the school will gather in the cafeteria at 1:50 p.m. to hold a prayer service.

**Santa Anonymous - Nov. 24-Dec. 11** - Help Santa Anonymous provide a Merry Christmas for children in Le Sueur County. Some of the 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.

As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns.

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