

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday April 15, 2012 Volume 31 Number 16

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 17	8:30 a.m.	Father's Intention
Saturday, April 21:	6:00 p.m.	+Harold & +Marie Brazil
Sunday, April 22:	10:00 a.m.	+ Sharon Archambault

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, April 15:	Confirmation Recognition @ Mass - Reception follows
Monday, April 16:	No Bell Choir Practice due to meeting conflict
Tuesday, April 17:	Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m. 1st Communion Practice @ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18:	Vocal Choir Practice moved to Wed. @ 7 p.m. due to conflict Faith Formation, Grades 1-8, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21:	Confirmation Practice, 6:00 p.m. @ Divine Mercy Church
Sunday, April 22:	Confirmation @ 10 a.m. Divine Mercy Catholic Church 1st Communion @ 10 a.m. at St. Patrick

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 21, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Anna Aaker, Nina Lessman, Evie Nigon
EM: Mark Lessman*

Shari Gruber, Tammy Lessman

GR: Ken Brazil, Mary Ann Gaughan,
Bill Harn, Mark & Tammy Lessman

L: Joyce Brazil

U: Mary Ann Gaughan, Bill Harn,

Pat LaCanne, Larry Viskocil

Sunday, April 22, 2012 10:00 a.m.

AS: Romecia Davis, Tyson Voegele

EM: Bernie Ardolf *

Mary Ardolf, Ruth Seykora

GR: Charlie & Roxie Driessen, Mary Kay

Reynolds, Larry & Noreen Tousignant

L: Amber Skluzacek

U: Charlie Driessen, Tom Murphy,

Mary Kay Reynolds, Randy Voracek

Remember in your prayers ...

The Family of Jeanette Craig (sister of **Joyce Brazil**), Phyllis DeGrood, Cheryl McDonough, Michael Mulcahy, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, Loren Wendel, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nicholas Grambart; Bill Stransky; Terry Caron; Evelynn 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.**



A Big Thank You to **Lisa Dudley** for cleaning out all the flower beds in front of the church. That was a big job that she tackled by herself. Thank her when you see her. **Thanks, Lisa!**

Office Hours

April 15 - 21, 2012

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship Holy Week April 5-8, 2012

Holy Thursday (St. Vincent DePaul)	\$503.61
Good Friday (Holy Land Collection)	\$522.19
Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 5,623.00
Open Plate	500.59
Visitor	540.00
EFTs	137.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 6,800.59

3rd Sunday of Easter April 22, 2012

First Reading	Acts	3:13-15, 17-19
Psalms		"Lord, let your face shine on us."
Psalm 51		
Second Reading	1 John	2:1-5a
Gospel:	Luke	24:35-48

Each year of this Third Sunday of Easter, the first reading from Acts features a selection from Peter's preaching. Peter invited his listeners to repentance and conversion. Each year the Gospel for this Sunday pictures the Risen Jesus appearing to his disciples at table, just as we will meet him at the altar table. Each year the second reading forms a bridge between the first reading and the Gospel. The First Letter of John reminds us that the path from conversion to sharing in the Eucharist is the way to Jesus' commandments, love of God and love of neighbor.

A Note From the Pastor....



Alleluia

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today we celebrate the gift of God's never-ending mercy. We are invited to immerse our souls in God's mercy. As we dedicate the Divine Mercy Icon and Organ, let them bring us to God's mercy. Let them remind us of God's grace dwelling with us, so that we might live for His glory.

Thomas, oh, doubting Thomas. I have doubted. Is the Eucharist really the Body and Blood of Christ? Will God really help me in this situation? Can my brother really get along with me? Or is it, can I really get along with my brother? Does heaven really exist? What if, how, why, when, where ... so many questions and doubts. Doubts can arise at any time. They did for Thomas, they can for us. One save guard for us is the community of believers. Together our faith grows; separated me faith weakens. We hear in the gospel how One Sunday week, Thomas was not present with the Apostles when Jesus was present – and his doubt grew. The following Sunday, Thomas is present with the community of disciples, and Jesus shows up, and Thomas – filled with faith utters the sublime credo: My Lord and my God. Faith grows in community.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever! (Ps 117:1). Let us make our own the Psalmist's exclamation which we sang in the Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord's mercy endures forever!" In order to understand thoroughly the truth of these words, let us be led by the liturgy to the heart of the event of salvation, which unites Christ's Death and Resurrection with our lives and with the world's history. This miracle of mercy has radically changed humanity's destiny. It is a miracle which has unfolded the fullness of the love of the Father who, for our redemption, does not even draw back before the sacrifice of His Only-begotten Son." (Blessed John Paul, homily, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2001)

Alleluia! He is risen! Alleluia!
Father Kevin Finnegan

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations

At Divine Mercy in Faribault:

Adoration and Confessions: 1– 3 p.m.
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: 3 p.m.
For more info. call 507.334.2266

At St. John the Baptism, Jordan

April 15th 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Activities include: Blessing of Divine Mercy Image, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Glorious Mysteries of Rosary, Readings from Diary of Saint Faustina, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confessions (2:15 – 2:45 p.m.) and Benediction. For info call 952.492.2640.



**We are at 73% (\$6,532) of our \$8,942 goal!
Only \$2,410 left to raise!!!**

We have a lot further to reach our goal of 50% family participation as we are only at 30%. Follow-up letters have been mailed out. Please return the pledge form by the end of April so St. Patrick can get the credit. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR GOAL to get back 25% for use in our parish. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many. Last year we surpassed our financial goal with only 33% of our families participating. Thank you to everyone who made a pledge so far.



It's Grand Party Time ...

The Grand Party will be held Saturday, May 19, 2012 in our social hall. Tickets are \$60 each. With each ticket you receive two dinners and a chance to win one of 30 money prizes with a \$1,000 first prize. Tickets are being sold by: **Steve Anderson, Dean Bauer, Ken Brazil, Sam Brown, Lance Chappuis, Marge Duchene, Fritz Kaderlik, Josephine Malecha, John McDonough, Tom Murphy, Dan Pumper, Ruth Spaetgens, Hank Von Ruden** and Tracy in the office. If you have any questions call Marge at 507.334.5335 or Dan at 507.330.0973.

Word Received ...

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) have chosen four women of the archdiocese to receive The Lay Woman Award. **Belva Brown**, of our parish, was nominated and will be one of the recipients on Thursday, May 3rd at the ACCW Conference in Minneapolis. Anyone wanting to attend to support Belva, please contact Denise Haaland at 507.334.2781. Registrations need to be in soon. Please congratulate Belva, when you see her. **Congratulations! Belva!!**

Additional 2012 Easter Flower and Decorating Donations

St. Patrick, Shieldsville

In Memory of:

Harriman & Johnson Families

Donated by Clarence & Bert Harriman

Ellard Malecha

Donated by Josephine Malecha



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.

NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES

Nationwide Mass times and church locations can be found by calling 1-410-676-6000 (there is a charge) or by visiting website www.Masstimes.org

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

www.bacards.org

The Bethlehem Academy Theatre Department Proudly Presents, Disney's **Beauty and The Beast**. "Be our guest" and join us in the adventure, fun and enchantment. Van Orsow Auditorium April 20th & 21st at 7:30pm and April 22nd at 2:30 pm. An autograph session with the actors will follow each performance. Tickets: Adults - \$8.00 Students & Seniors: \$4.00



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery

hredeeparish.org 507.364.7383

PRINCIPAL BULGER DIRECTED HRS TODAY! William Bulger, a first grade HRS student, was Principal for the day on Wednesday, April 11. He received this special day after winning the bid at Family Fun Night. As part of his day we came dressed as favorite super heroes and enjoyed pizza for lunch. He also helped to teach the 4th grade math class and assisted in principal duties all day.

PEEK WEEK APRIL 16-20: Looking for a pre-kindergarten program? Want the best start for your Kindergarten age child? Come visit our school during this week. Call to arrange a time (507) 364-5688. Students of all ages, Pre-k to 8th grade, can come and visit. A great way to learn how your child can benefit by becoming part of the HRS family.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! HRS offers financial assistance thanks to tuition assistance gifts and the Pohlard Grant. We do need your registration form completed in order to apply. To request a financial aid form, just send an email to Mindy Reeder at: reedermelinda@aol.com.

APRIL PRAYER FOR "FEAR OF THE LORD: This month the HRS family is praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit, "Fear of the Lord." This gift makes us aware of the power and majesty of God. It is not fear, as if we are afraid, but we have the respect for God, like we do our parents. We do not want to sin or disappoint God. Help us pray for this gift.

MISSION FOR APRIL: In honoring our mission to service, this month we will also be collecting for the Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis. Several of our families have benefited from their services. Outside donations welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **APRIL 15 - BOOSTER CLUB BREAKFAST:** *DON'T MISS THIS ON SUNDAY!* Tickets being sold at the door after Mass.
- **HRS RAFFLE:** *Still available!* Call the school
- **SPRING TALENT & ART SHOW:** April 26 grandparents, parents, relatives are invited to our show as we celebrate the arts at 1:30 p.m.

- **MAY GARAGE SALE:** Our Garage Sale is May 5 & 6. You may bring items in April 28 & 29. Drop items off at church this weekend.

KUDOS:

- To Principal Bulger for a great start back after the Easter celebration!
- Rita Picha for coordinating our "National Walking Day" last week.
- 7 & 8th Grades and Miss Befort for a beautiful *Passion Play* story.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

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

Divine Mercy Catholic School

Registrations are currently being accepted for the fall of 2012. Our school offers small class sizes with low teacher/student ratio's and a curriculum structured to help develop the child's Catholic faith. Looking for a fun summer time class for your child. Divine Mercy Catholic School has several summer school classes in art, drama, reading and insects to mention a few. Call 507/334-7706 for more info or visit our school's website www.dmcs.cc

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 Happenings ...

The 3rd annual American Red Cross Tour of Tables fundraiser luncheon is Sunday, April 22nd noon to 2:00PM at Faribault American Legion. Hosts/Hostesses needed to decorate a table and invite guests. Tickets: \$20 each. Advance ticket sales only. Couples, Men, Women, Children all welcome. For information contact Ardy Murphy 334-7958, or email angela@RLSredcross.org

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion If you are struggling with an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on April 20-22, 2012 in the Twin Cities area. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact Nancy at rvt-nancy@usfamily.net or 763-250-9313. The cost is \$160.00 for meals, room and all retreat materials.

If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Additional information can also be found on the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.