

# Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Third Sunday of Advent

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## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 16: 8:30 a.m. Fathers Intentions  
Saturday, December 20: 5:00 p.m. +Don Edwards, +Phyllis DeGroot, +Ray Duchene  
Sunday, December 21: 8:00 p.m. +Mary Jane Hart, +Bill Stransky

**The flag flying over our church is in memory of the Clarkin, Kolars & Kaisershot Families.**

## **This Week in Our Parish**

Monday, December 15: Parish Advent Reconciliation, 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 16: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:40 a.m.  
Wednesday December 17: **Faith Formation @ 6:30 p.m.**  
Friday, December 19: Pastoral Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, December 21: Decorate Church for Christmas – After Mass, All Welcome

### **Liturgical Ministers**

**A new Minister Schedule is coming out the end of December. If you have any requests – PLEASE contact Tracy ASAP!!!**

#### **Saturday, December 20, 2014 5:00 p.m.**

AS: Emily Chmelik, Grace Peach

EM: Darrell Stoltz\*

Kim Chmelik, Mary Ann Smisek

GR: Lorraine Bultman, Janice Chappuis

Marge Duchene, Anne Langer

L: Mary Ann Smisek

U: Ken Brazil, Pat Bronk,

Pat LaCanne, Roger Pumper

#### **Sunday, December 21, 2014 8:00 a.m.**

AS: Anna Aaker, Nico Davis

EM: George Sticha\* Bernie & Mary Ardolf

GR: Larry & Noreen Tousignant,

LuVerne & Martha Wallace

L: Kathy Archambault

U: Randy Archambault, Mark Mulcahy,

Tom Trnka, Randy Voracek

### **Remember in your prayers ...**

**Roger Pumper**, John Madden, **Bill Harn**, **Marge Sowa**, **Don Hora**, Jeff Brown, **Marilyn Richter**, Landyn Wrolson, **Francis Herda**, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nick Grambart; all on the prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, Chris Chappuis, Mark Gehling, John McDonough, Eric Spehn, Luke Ward**

### **Advent Prayer –**

“Heavenly Father, let us use these next three weeks to pray and await patiently for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*written by our 2015 Confirmation Class*

### **Office Hours**

#### **December 15-19, 2014**

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

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### **Financial Stewardship December 6 & 7, 2014**

Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,945.00
Open Plate	103.76
Visitor	280.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>635.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 5,963.76

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2014**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12  
Psalm: 89 “Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord”

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

What a fascinating juxtaposition of first reading and Gospel today! On the one hand, we have King David, who seeks to build a dwelling place, a temple for the Lord. Instead, it is the Lord who promises to establish a house, a legacy for him. On the other hand, it is Mary’s yes that brings that legacy to its culmination, the birth off the savior from the house of David. Let us listen and ponder God’s faithful promise-keeping.

### **Youth Faith Formation News ...**

**We NEED Substitute Teachers for our Faith Formation program. There are a couple weeks in February that we especially need someone. Classes are Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Materials will be all prepared.**

# A Note From Father Victor ....



December 14, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the third week of our preparations for the celebration of Christmas and a reminder of his coming again we are taught to prepare with the excitement and expectation of a joyful coming of the Lord. We call this Sunday as "Gaudete Sunday", a Sunday to celebrate the joyful coming that will bring about the restoration of order and harmony to the broken humanity and world.

The scripture readings describe what the coming of the Lord will bring to us and of the world. Isaiah prophesied healing to the brokenhearted, freedom to captives, justice, reconciliation and redemption.

A restoration of man's dignity is described by the phrases "clothe with the robe of salvation". The world will be brought to order as God has designed Yes, there is something to look forward to. Yes, the birth of Jesus commenced the building of this kingdom of God. Yes, we need to continue the work of building this kingdom till it is fully established when he comes again. Let us pray unceasingly. Let us not allow our spirits to be quashed by a seemingly evil world. Our God is a powerful God. We are confident He will win over the evil. Let us continue to build a discipline of the spirit that empowers us to recognize the good from the bad and the freedom to choose only the good. Let us remain good.

There is so much to do and thank God for giving us the time. Thank God too for the energy and inspiration that keep us on a joyful mood while preparing for his second coming.

Let us continue to proclaim God's message of joy and hope!

## G.R.O.W. Survey

Our parish is going through a pastoral planning process desiring to become a more alive, relevant and responsive parish community. Part of the process is a parish survey that each parish member is strongly recommended to participate in. This is an opportunity for all members to become a part of the process. If you can't access it online or are unfamiliar with computers, feel free to pick up a paper copy from the office or on the table in the Narthex. The survey can be accessed online through January 3<sup>rd</sup> <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/stpatrickshieldsvillefaribault>



## Do you want to deepen your faith?



St. Patrick will offer you a chance to deepen and examine your faith through what we call our Faith Focus Group. The group is for any age. Matthew Kelly spent four years coming up with the program we will use. Kim Chmelik will facilitate group meetings of those who wish to discuss the materials. If you are unable to attend on Sundays, Kim will be offering a session on Saturdays after Mass or you can access the entire program online and do it on your own. If you would like to view the workbook, stop in the office. If interested call Kim at 507.333.0297 or [kchmelik@earthlink.net](mailto:kchmelik@earthlink.net), Next meeting: Sunday, January 4, 9 a.m.

**St. Patrick Faith Formation Students** are collecting coats, hats, scarves, and mittens for St.



Vincent de Paul in Faribault, through the cold months. St. Vincent was very pleased with the number of NEW items that came in from St. Patrick with tags still on them. Please bring new or very gently used items to St. Patrick and put them in the COAT BOX, found in the narthex by the display case. They especially need of kids coats.

## From our Parish Nurse Lorraine Dudley



### Beat the Winter Bug:

#### How to hold your own against the flu

**Get the flu vaccine.** A vaccine against colds hasn't yet been developed because colds can be caused by many types of viruses. But, the flu vaccine remains the best way to prevent and control the flu. It's not too late to receive the flu vaccine. Please check with your clinic.

**Wash your hands frequently.** Both colds and flu can be passed through coughing, sneezing, and touching surfaces such as doorknobs and telephones. It's wise to make a habit of washing your hands frequently and to teach your children to do the same. This helps prevent the spreading of respiratory infections.

**Drink up and rest.** Fluids such as water, juice, soup, jello, and non-caffeinated beverages can help loosen mucus, keep you hydrated, and may make you feel better, especially if you have a fever. For more information, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.



### Check it out!

#### St. Patrick's is on Facebook!

Are you on Facebook? Then search for the Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville and be sure to Like us. Also, if you have any photos of the church or church activities that you think would be useful for the page, or if you have suggestions about constructing the page, send a note to Martha Wallace at [mwwallacehome@gmail.com](mailto:mwwallacehome@gmail.com)

## Area Catholic Schools ...



### Bethlehem Academy

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

#### Upcoming events at BA:

B.A. still has openings in all grades for the 2014-2015 school year. If interested in enrolling, please contact the BA office, 507-334-3948.

Please join us for our upcoming concerts. They are open to the public.

**Choral Concert:** Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church.

**Band Concert:** Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Academy, VanOrsow Auditorium.



### Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery  
(507) 364-7383 (mosthrs.org)

**Blessed second week of Advent!** This week we have been preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ through prayer and acts of service. It is so hard to keep our excitement contained as we draw closer to the birthday of Jesus.

**Students received certificates** for the Honor Roll and Mileage Club. Students caught being kind to others received our first "Kindness Coins." HRS participants in Singing Angels, "Humpty Dumpty," Volleyball and those selected for the Geography Bee also collected Kindness Coins. Students with Kindness Coins will watch to catch another student in acts of kindness. When they see someone being kind, they will be giving their coin to that student or adult. It's going to be a kindness celebration all throughout HRS! Thanks to Doreen Devoy-Hulgan for introducing us to the "Kindness Campus."

**Kindness Lyceum & "Ben's Bells"**- The Kindness Campus was presented to our students this past Tuesday. Students learned about "Ben's Bells" and how when these bells ring, they remind us to be kind to others. As part of the Kindness Campus, teachers attended a professional development presentation where they are encouraged to help students write Kindness Notes, spread Kindness Coins, and speak commonly about the kind things we do for one another - all because that is what Jesus would want us to do! Ask your child about Ben's Bells or the Kindness Campus to learn more, or go online at: Kindness Campus

**Singing Angels entertained** Sisters at the St. Paul Monastery! They student's songs were much appreciated. The girls received treats for their hard work from the ladies at the Monastery. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR GIRLS—and Mrs. C. Trecka for our Singing Angels as they spread the joy of Christmas.

**BOOK FAIR STARTS MONDAY!** The HRS Book Fair hosted by Grades 1 & 2 Parents begins Monday. Get educational Christmas gifts at HRS! Shopping available all week, before & after concerts

#### REMIDNER:

□ CHRISTMAS SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS: *Make a gift to a family in need by submitting a Christmas Scholarship gift to HRS.*

□ END OF YEAR TAX SAVINGS—STOCK TRANSFERS NOW AVAILABLE! *You can donate appreciated stock to the school! What a great gift. Call the school if you wish to set up a transfer,*

□ ADVENT WEEK TWO—HOLY BUCKETS: *Send in slips with prayers, acts of service or donations.*

□ LAST CHANCE FOR CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDERS—Monday, December 15!

□ DECEMBER TUITION DUE. Thank you for helping us meet our budget needs.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder—**Principal**,  
mreeder@mosthrs.org

**Our "Lady of Fatima" group** would like you to join us each week on Tuesday morning at 7:40 a.m. We pray the rosary and Our Lady's prayers to obtain peace in the world. Tuesday Mass follows our meeting and fellowship follows Mass. Women and men are welcome. For more information call Mary Ann Smisek, 507.334.3329 or come Tuesday.

**Marge Sowa** is spending a few months recuperating with her daughter in Washington. She would love to hear from her 'family' at St. Patrick. Please send her a card or note when you get a minute. Marge & Mark's address through April will be: Marge Sowa, % Peggy Klemens, 12923 - 231<sup>st</sup> Way SE, Kent Washington, 98030.



### 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, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight. Ask a Knight for more info.

### Knitters Welcome!

The Divine Mercy Prayer Shawl knitting group will meet on Tuesday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>** from 10-11 am at Pleasant Manor in their Activity Room. If you are interested in knitting or learning to knit please join us in this rewarding ministry. All knitters are welcome. We will provide the yarn for the shawls and then they are given to those in need. We also have many knitters who are unable to join us and chose to knit at home. These shawls are blessed at the 8:30 am Mass at Divine Mercy Church on the first Saturday of each month.

