

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2016 Volume 33 Number 1

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 5: 8:30 a.m. Father's Intention
Saturday, January 9: 5:00 p.m. +Rita Snorek, +Nancy Dienst
Sunday, January 10: 9:00 a.m. +People of the Parish & In Celebration of
Bill Harn's 90th Birthday

The flag flying over our church is in memory of the John V. Dudley.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, January 3: **Faith Focus Group** meets at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, January 5: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:40 a.m.
Wednesday, January 6: **Religious Education 6:30 p.m. for grades 1-10**
Sunday, January 10: **YOUTH MASS** - Religious Ed Youth Participate in Mass

Coming Up: January 16 Marriage In Christ Event, All WELCOME! Call the office to register

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 9, 2016 5:00 p.m.

AS: Emily Chmelik

EM: Bernie Ardolf*

Mary Ardolf, Marsha DeGroot

GR: Janice Chappuis, Mary Sheehy,

John & Wilma McDonough

L: Marsha DeGroot

U: John McDonough, Dan Pumper,

Roger Pumper, Larry Viskocil

Sunday, January 10, 2016 9:00 a.m.

YOUTH MASS

AS: Anna Aaker & RE Youth

EM: June Malecha*

Wendy Aaker, Sharon Kaisershot

GR: Mary Kay Reynolds & RE Youth

L: Sharon Kaisershot and RE Youth

U: Hank Von Ruden & RE Youth

Remember in your prayers ...

The Family of Kay Von Ruden, Andi Olsonawski, **Marilyn Richter**, 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**

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.

Office Hours
January 3 - 9, 2016

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,383.00
Open Plate	150.00
Visitor	660.00
EFTs	135.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,328.00

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Registered	\$13,898.00
Plate	684.00
Visitor	655.00
EFT	50.00
Christmas Total	\$15,287.00

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm 104 "O Bless the Lord, my soul."
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The readings are a mini-excursion through Advent and Christmas, depositing us on the threshold of Ordinary Time. The reading from Isaiah recalls the Advent message of comfort and hope. Saint Paul proclaims that the grace of God has appeared. In the Gospel we have an adult Jesus being baptized by John, ready for his mission and affirmed by the voice of God. Listen to these words of scripture and let us recall our own Baptism and prepare for whatever God will ask us to do next?



January 3, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year and happy new beginnings. It is a Sunday where we celebrate and give thanks to God for his revelation of himself in the person of Jesus Christ.

On the first Sunday of the year we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. It is a Sunday where we celebrate and give thanks to God for his revelation of himself in the person of Jesus Christ. We celebrate a God that extends his hand to connect and relate to us in Jesus. We are grateful for a God who initiates the journey to salvation by sending his Son and revealing himself to the world. We receive the gift of his word in Jesus, words that will lead us to our freedom, healing and restoration. Indeed the birth of Christ is our story, the story that sets the beginnings of our own story of salvation.

Magi, or as well call them, three kings, came from a priestly caste in Persia, now Iran. They were astrologers, and by our standards, are considered scientists. They represent the diverse world of the gentiles. Their gifts speak of their recognition of who Jesus is: gold, a precious metal reserved for royalty (Jesus is kings!), frankincense, a common part of religious rituals, it smoke rises like prayers (Jesus is God!) and myrrh that was used to heal and embalm a dead body (Jesus is healer and will suffer to save the world!)

They paid attention to the stars and were open to new light and new message. They followed the light in search for the new message. Their journey led them to the holy family and encountered Jesus. I contrast Herod's response to the new light was jealousy and selfishness. He was not interested in finding the new light. He wanted to surpress it - to destroy it.

Do we look for and find Jesus? By what signs do we recognize him? How do we feel when we recognize these signs? What do we do?

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.

Please pick up your 2016 Financial Contribution Envelope Books located on the table in the narthex.

Next Baptism Class – Saturday, February 6, 2016

at Most Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery at 9:00 a.m. Classes are required IF this is your first child or it has been more than 2 years since your last class. Call 507.364.7981 to register.



St. Patrick Faith Focus Group

meets this Sunday, January 3rd at 10 a.m. after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All ages welcome. We use Matthew Kelly's Decision Point program. Kim Chmelik facilitates. The entire program can be accessed online to work on your own. Workbooks available in the office. Call Kim, 507.333.0297 or kchmelik@earthlink.net.

St. Patrick Religious Ed Youth are still collecting COATS, SCARVES, MITTENS, & HATS!!! 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.



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.



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. **Rick Scheil is retiring** after nearly 18 years as our Club Manager. Thank you Rick! We are accepting applications for a new club manager. We are also accepting applications for part-time bartenders and kitchen help. Please contact Ed Friesen, Larry Muehlenbein or the club for more information (fariboknights@gmail.com).

The Lonsdale area wide seniors (golden agers) meet on January 5th at 1:00 p.m. for the first meeting of 2016 at Lonsdale I.C. Civic Center. Cards played with a pizza supper at 4:00 p.m. All adults over 60 invited to attend. For more information call Don at 507.744.2408.

Another Year is dawning
With the chance to start anew
May you be kinder, wiser
In all you say and do
Not so caught up in selfish gain
That you would fail to see
The things in life that mean the most
Cost not a fancy fee
The warm kind word that you can give
The outstretched hand to help
The prayers you pray for those in need
More precious these than wealth
You know not what may be ahead



Of laughter or of tears
You only need to know each day
That our Lord is walking near
You should be thankful for
This brand new year
As you humbly pray
Your hand secure in our dear Lord's
Each step along the way.

TAKE IT TO THE BOX INFO

WHAT: Our community is serious about preventing medication misuse/ abuse and about environmentally safe disposal of medication.



WHEN: Take It To THE BOX medication disposal boxes available 7 Days a week, 24 hours a day.

HOW: Leave medication in original container,

- Remove name and personal information
- Leave name of medication on container
- Drop medication into disposal box.

WHERE: Faribault Police Dept Lobby 25-4th Street NW or the Northfield Police Dept Lobby 300 5th Street W. Questions call 507.664.3524, 507.332.5911 or visit www.ricecountyhc.com



Holiday Weather Forecast ...
God Reigns,
The Sun Shines ...

Alcohol Awareness Classes

Full Training: 5 – 7 p.m. Refresher: 7 – 8 p.m.
Faribault - South Central College

Feb. 22 & April 18, 2016

J. Grundy's/Rueb'N'Stein – Northfield

January 18 & March 21, 2016

Register prior to the training by contacting Becky Ford at Rice County Chemical Health Coalition. Include name, address, phone number, email and business or organization name. Call 507.838.1788 or go online bford@ricecountyhc.com

WEBSITE: www.ricecountyhc.com/training

ANYONE planning to bartend at St. Patrick for events (Grand Party or Fall Festival) or private parties at St. Patrick, MUST attend Alcohol Awareness Training YEARLY! We hold training, paid for by the church, in the fall.

Archdiocesan News ...

We don't know who. We don't when.

But we do know who we'll tell first... You! Follow The Catholic Spirit for the best coverage when our new archbishop is named. Go to www.TheCatholicSpirit.com/NewAbp and sign up to choose how you want to hear the news.

For over forty years, legalized abortion has left many men and women empty, confused and longing to be whole again. This vigil is open to all and is a special invitation to those who have been hurt by abortion. Please join us Thursday, January 21, 2016, 7– 11 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel at the Saint Paul Seminary.

Please join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 10:30 AM on Friday, January 22, 2016 for the Annual Prayer Service for Life, followed by MCCL's March for Life at the State Capitol. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family & Life at 651-291-4488 or visit www.archspm.org.

The U.S. bishops annual novena **9 Days for Life** takes place **Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, January 24**. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

Please let us know...

If anything has changed in your family or you would like more information.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ home / cell

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

I/We:

- _____ would like to register at St. Patrick.
- _____ have a new address.
- _____ have a new phone number.
- _____ want to be removed from parish
- _____ would like information on: _____

Drop in the collection basket or mail to the office.