

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2012

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 27: 8:30 a.m. +George & + Helen Voracek
Saturday, March 31: 6:00 p.m. +People of the Parish
Sunday, April 1: 10:00 a.m. St. Patrick CCW Members: Living & Deceased

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, March 25: Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:00 pm – 4:30 p.m. 5 Priests
Monday, March 26: Council of Catholic Women (CCW) meeting @ 1 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice @ 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27: Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m.
Vocal Choir Practice @ 7 p.m. All are welcome!
Wednesday, March 28: Faith Formation, Grades 1-9, 6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 30, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Anna Aaker, Jeff Bronk, Chase Silkey,
Michael Stephanites
EM: Mary Ann Smisek*,
Sharon Kaisershot, Richard Misgen
GR: Jan Balata, Janice Chappuis,
Richard Misgen, Mary Sheehy
Lector: Laura Drentlaw, Narrator: Kathleen Cap
U Marge & Ray Duchene,
Fritz Kaderlik, Larry Smisek

Sunday, April 1, 2012 10:00 a.m.

AS: Brooke Flicek, Brianne Pete, Shelby Strouth,
Tyson Voegelé
EM: June Malecha*
MariLou Ernste, George Sticha
GR: Nancy Chappuis, Nobby & June Malecha,
Julie Paquin
Lector: Lori Strouth, Narrator: Denise Flicek
U: Larry Chappuis, Duke Ernste,
Larry Pete, Mark Sowa

Remember in your prayers ...

Cheryl McDonough, Michael Mulcahy, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, **Loren Wendel**, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nicholas Grambart; **Bill Stransky**; Terry Caron; Evelyn 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.**

Office Hours March 25 - 31, 2012

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship March 17 & 18, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,661.00
Open Plate	148.00
Visitor	135.00
EFTs	492.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 3,436.00

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 1, 2012

First Reading	Isaiah	50:4-7
Psalms 51	<i>“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”</i>	
Second Reading	Philippians	2:6-11
Gospel:	Mark	14:1-15:47

In the first reading, one of the prophet Isaiah's “Songs of the Suffering Servant of the Lord,” Christians see a portrait of Jesus. Saint Paul, in the second reading, describes him as “emptying himself” and “taking the form” of a slave, embracing even death in self-sacrificing love for us. The Passion according to Mark portrays, in an especially stark and dramatic way, the failure of Jesus' disciples and the profound sense of abandonment that surrounded his faithful witnessing “even unto death on a cross.” May Jesus' example move our hearts to draw closer to him and to make the centurion's profession of faith our own: “Truly this man was the Son of God!”



Finance Budget:

The Finance Committee will begin the Budget process for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 in the next couple weeks. Anyone with requests for Capital Expenditures that they would like considered by the Committee should get them to Harry Redman, in writing no, later than April 15, 2012. Thank You

A Note From the Pastor....



In today's first reading, the prophet Jeremiah expresses that a new day is dawning God will make a new covenant with His people: His law will be written on our hearts, we will know God within, we will be His people and He will be our God, and God Himself will forgive us our sins and remember them no more.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered several times over the next couple weeks. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities.

This year we have a few times when our parishes will offer extended times for celebrating this sacrament (see below). During these times we will have information on how to celebrate the sacrament, some information on dealing with sin; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will occur; you will be welcome to pray the Stations of the Cross; and go to confessions. We will have several priests available. Come spend some time with Jesus.

What if I haven't been to confession for a long time – years, many years? That is ok, come anyway. We will have flyers and information to assist. And just as when you go to the doctor, the priest knows what to do. Blessed John Paul II preached "To those who have been far away from the sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love I make this appeal: come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid! Christ himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God!" (Homily on September 13, 1987 at Westover Hills, San Antonio, Texas.)

What if I always confess the same sins, over and over? Well first of all, be glad you aren't now confessing robbing banks. Most of us have certain weaknesses. Just as I have bad knees; my soul has certain weaknesses. But by bringing your particular weakness to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can grow in strength in that area, and you can gain insight into what makes you weak or when you might be more vulnerable in that area or weakness.

Making an annual confession offers a great moment to ponder the graces of the past year, where you have grown or need to grow, increases our resolve to live justly with our neighbor, forms within us God's perspective on our neighbor, and expands our souls capacity to love. Come hear these words which give us peace and joy, "*I absolve you from your sins. Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven.*"

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Kevin Finnegan

Reconciliation Opportunities:

Sunday, March 25 – 2 to 4:30 p.m. @ St. Patrick
Friday, March 30 – 5 to 7 p.m. @ St. Michael
Wednesday, April 4 – 1 to 10 p.m. @ Divine Mercy

Holy Week Schedule at St. Patrick, Shieldsville

We sincerely hope that you will partake of as many of these Holy Week celebrations as possible, especially when Archbishop Flynn will be here. We would like a 'full house'.

Palm Sunday -

Saturday, March 30, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Marvin Klaers,

Sunday, April 1, 2012 @ 10 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Erik Lundgren

Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper -

Thursday, April 5, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

Presider: Archbishop Emeritus Harry J. Flynn

Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 6, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Kevin Finnegan

Easter Vigil - Blessing of Fire & Water

Saturday, April 7, 2012 @ 8:30 p.m.

Presider: Archbishop Emeritus Harry J. Flynn

Easter Sunday - Mass During The Day

Sunday, April 8, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Erik Lundgren

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal so far. If you haven't already done so, please return the pledge form you received by mail or fill out one of the pledge envelopes on the tables at the ends of the center pews. If you are a regular visitor to St. Patrick and wish your gift to be credited to St. Patrick, you must note that on the pledge form. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many in our Archdiocese. Last year we surpassed our financial goal with only 33% of our families participating. This year our goal is \$8,942 and we would like to increase our **parish participation to at least 50%**.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!

You will find contact information, Mass schedules, upcoming activities, current and past bulletins and any updates/cancellations to events, meetings, etc. The website link is <http://www.spshieldsville.org>. A big thank you to **Arleen Roberts** for setting it up and to **Martha Wallace** for maintaining it. Great Job, Ladies!

Planning a Baptism in the near future?

The next set of Baptism Classes are Thursday, April 3rd & 17th at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 7:45 p.m. It is a two-part program and both classes must be attended. Classes are required to schedule a baptism at St. Pats. Call 507.334.2266



The St. Patrick Fatima Prayer Group welcomes new members – men and Women. If interested call Mary Ann @ 507.334.3329 Ruth @ 507.332.2896 or come on Tuesday at 7:45 a.m..



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.

KC Fish Fry Every Friday in Lent (incl. Good Friday): Serving from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the KC Hall in Faribault. All are welcome!

KC SPRING FLING - April 6, 2012. Cost: \$10 for a chance to win one of 17 Drawings for \$2,500 in prizes. MUST be 18 or older to purchase ticket. Prize Amounts: 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$200, 4th & 5th - \$100, 6th thru 17th - \$50. Tickets will be sold at St. Patrick before and after Masses.

AREA HAPPENINGS.....

Community Lenten Soup Luncheons



Fridays, through March 30 at 4th Avenue United Methodist Church. Serving: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults: \$6, Children 12 & under: \$3. All you can eat soup, bread, crackers, Milk, coffee, & water and 1 desert. Take-outs available – also quarts and pints. For takeout orders call 507/334-430. Support Faribault Food Shelf and bring a non-perishable food item.

Do your spouse and yourself something good by attending the March 31-April 1 Marriage Encounter! Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of additional retreats or call 651.454.3238.

Easter Egg Hunt The Rice County 4-H Ambassadors will be hosting the 1st annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st at the Rice County Fairgrounds starting at 11:00 a.m. There will be three divisions: age 2 to preschool, Kindergarten to 3rd grade and 4th to 8th grade. This event is open to everyone. If rainy weather gets in the way, the hunt will be held in the swine and sheep barns on the west side of the grounds. During the hunt, you are also invited to visit the 4-H Building to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or apple cider.



Montgomery Lions Annual Palm Sunday

Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, April 1st, 2012, Holy Redeemer School, Montgomery, MN, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Featuring Pancakes, Ham, Sausage & Beverage. Cost Adults \$7.00, Children 6-10 \$4.00, Under 6 Free. Bring your used eye glasses to donate.

**NO GOD - NO PEACE
KNOW GOD - KNOW PEACE**



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

FRESH KOBLIHY SALE

Saturday, March 31 after the 5:00 PM Mass, and Sunday, April 1, after the 8 and 10 AM Masses, Immaculate Conception Church Basement, Lonsdale. Join us for Mass, and take home a delicious Czech treat! Proceeds to Civic Center Kitchen Remodeling Project.



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 rvr-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.

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The mission of Retrouvaille is to help married couples rediscover their marriage relationship. Retrouvaille is French for the word "rediscover." The weekend program is presented by ordinary married couples; who have experienced serious disillusionment, conflict, and pain in their relationship, and a priest. The team couples talk about the very intimate and deep hurts they have experienced. Communication is the heart of Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille recognizes that troubled marriages can't be fixed in a weekend. The program includes a structured post-weekend phase to help couples continue the work needed to heal their relationship. Married couples are not turned away from Retrouvaille due to lack of funds.

Area Catholic Schools ...



Upcoming events at B.A.:
www.bacards.org

ONE BIG DAY, TWO GREAT EVENTS!
Spend a day with Bethlehem Academy!
Cardinal Cruise and BABS Night
Saturday April 14, 2012

1. 10K, 5K walk run and Kids Run	1. Raffle tickets for \$10,000 grand prize of cash - \$25
2. 9 AM start – route begins and ends at the Rice County Fairgrounds	2. Raffle tickets for 4-wheeler - \$50
3. 10:30 AM – Kids Run	3. Mexican and American Cuisine
4. Awards given for best individual times as well as team competition	4. Live and Silent Auctions
5. Best-ever Post Race Food!	5. \$5.00 Admission
More information on website: WWW.Finalstretch.com	6. Doors open at 4 pm More information on website: www.bacards.org

Welcome to St. Patrick! We would like to hear from you!

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.
 _____ have moved away; please remove us from the parish roster.
 _____ would like information on:

Drop in the collection basket or mail to the office



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)
 205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
hredeerparish.org

MINI CLASSES TEACH LIFE SKILLS! The 5 – 8 grade students attended mini sessions all week. The classes included: Basics of “Blacksmith”- Roger Heyda; Birdhouse Building-Dave Slechta; Pillow Quilts-Anne Tuma; Crochet – Maureen Franek; Cribbage & Euchre-Maureen Franek; and Video/Film-Jake Reeder. This was a wonderful week and a great way for students to explore skills and hobbies.

WANT A FAITHILLED PREKINDERGARTEN – 8th GRADE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM? We invite you to join our family where students succeed academically and grow daily in their faith. The HRS Little Lambs program offers a 2 or 3 day, all day options, depending on the age of your child. Come and visit us during “Peek Week” – April 16, 2012.

POHLAD SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE GRANT: We have been truly blessed. As of today, we have received \$7,465. THANK YOU! We have until Easter, April 8, to reach \$7,800 for funds to matched. Please continue to pray.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Think HRS this Spring!

APRIL 15 - BOOSTER CLUB BREAKFAST: Save the date! Students 1 have tickets or plan purchase them at the door.

HRS RAFFLE: Raffle tickets available after Masses or by calling 507-364-7383. Your chance to win \$100 dollars and help the students of HRS!

APRIL FLOWER SALES: Order your flowers for spring planting and talk with your neighbors and relatives. All orders help support HRS students.

MAY GARAGE SALE: Our 2nd Annual Garage Sale is the weekend of May 5 & 6. You may bring items in for the sale April 28 & 29. Start saving!

KUDOS:

- Milo Chlan – We received \$131.10 for aluminum cans. Keep collecting those cans everyone and thank you!
- CONGRATULATIONS to Paul & Maureen Leonard as the welcome baby Samuel into their family!

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

“Enlightening young minds through multiage instruction. Leading young hearts to Christ.”

Tour Ireland this Fall with Father Dempsey

Join Father Dennis Dempsey Sept. 21-Oct. 2 on a Catholic Spirit sponsored trip to Ireland. Visit Galway, Connemara, Knock, the Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Limerick and of course Dublin. Mass is planned every day in famous churches, abbeys, monasteries and cathedrals. To receive a brochure or get more information, phone The Catholic Spirit's Martie McMahon at 651-291-4441 or email mcmahonm@archspm.org.