

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Feast of the Epiphany

January 4, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 6: 8:30 a.m. +Lucille Hayden
Saturday, January 10: 5:00 p.m. +Ray Duchene
Sunday, January 11: 8:00 p.m. +Francis Tuma

The flag flying over our church is in memory of the Ralph Brown.

This Week in Our Parish

This Weekend after Masses: Meet in Social Hall to fill out Surveys. Coffee/Donuts served
Sunday, January 4: **Faith Focus Group** meets after Mass
Tuesday, January 6: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:40 a.m.
Wednesday January 7: **Faith Formation** resumes at 6:30 p.m. for grades 1-10

Liturgical Ministers

YOUTH MASS

Saturday, January 10, 2015 5:00 p.m.

AS: Rose Chmelik

EM: Joyce Brazil*

Kim Chmelik, Denise Flicek

GR: Ken Brazil & Faith Formation Youth

L: Denise Flicek & Faith Formation Youth

U: John McDonough & FF Youth

Sunday, January 11, 2015 8:00 a.m.

AS: Nico Davis, Dawson Drentlaw

EM: Ruth Seykora*

Laura & Madeline Drentlaw

GR: Dale & Laura Drentlaw,

Clarence & Bert Harriman

L: Shari Gruber

U: Randy Rezac, Tom Trnka,

Elaine & Steve Trnka

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

Someone Special is Celebrating a Birthday!!

Lucille Murphy celebrates her

90th Birthday on Friday, January 9th!

Greetings can be sent to:

Lucille Murphy, Traditions of Waterville

102 First Street S, Waterville MN 56096



Office Hours

January 4 - 10, 2015

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

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship December 27 & 28, 2014 & Christmas

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,690.00
Open Plate	145.00
Visitor	155.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>127.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 3,117.00

Christmas Eve: \$ 7,041.39

Christmas Day: \$ 2,370.00

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2015

First Reading:	Isaiah	55:1-11
Isaiah 12	<i>"You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation"</i>	
Second Reading:	1 John	5:1-9
Gospel:	Mark	1:7-11

On this celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, one obvious way to interpret the readings is through the lens of our own baptism. The first reading (another Christmas reading from Isaiah) starts off with water and an invitation to come to the Lord. The second reading, from the First Letter of John, is full of baptismal imagery. And, of course, the Gospel, from Mark, the briefest account we have of Jesus' baptism. So let's put on our 'baptismal glasses,' and discover what the readings have to say about our baptism.

A Note From Father Victor



January 4, 2014

Dear brothers and sisters,
Christmas greetings to everyone and may we all have a prosperous new year ahead.

Let us continue to enjoy reflecting on the meaning of the nativity scene for all of us. This week we remember the long and arduous journey of the three magi coming from the east searching for the new born Jesus. The long days of travel in the midst of bad weather conditions passing through the dessert and the rough accommodations will make us wonder why it was so very important for them to see the baby Jesus. Let us wonder about the transformations that happened to them when they met the baby Jesus. The meeting was "satisfactory to them." It was, as we will say it "worth the trouble". Their encounter with the baby Jesus whom they searched, made the Magi "no longer at ease" with their former ways, but they were now led to a new life offered by their encounter with God in the baby Jesus. Even to the magi, "the Word was made Flesh."

Take note of that beautiful scene in the manger where the kings appear with their camels, as draped in bright, rich, royal garments, a detail that stands out in contrast to the marked poverty and simplicity of the baby's surroundings. Take note of the extravagant gifts they bring: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. There is certainly something to think and reflect prayerfully on the imagery in the gospel. Take note further that the Magi made a humble gesture of homage before the baby Jesus. Let us wonder about what this scenery tells us.

How does the story of Jesus affect us? Does it have an impact in our lives? If yes, how? If not, why?

The answer to those questions somehow will set our faith journey through the new year. How is God manifested in our lives? How does God manifest himself in our day to day living? Are we aware of God's epiphany to us?

O come let us adore him, Christ, our Lord!zx


G.R.O.W. Survey

This is the last weekend you are able to help in our pastoral planning process by completing a survey. You can access it online or complete a paper copy after Mass. Online surveys can be accessed through January 5th <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/stpatrickshieldsvillifaribault/>



Faith Formation News ...


Do you want to deepen your faith?

St. Patrick is offering you a chance to deepen and examine your faith through 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, 

Next meeting: Sunday, January 4, 9 a.m.

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.

St. Patrick Faith Formation Students are still 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. 

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

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 - 231st 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.

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

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

Happy New Year!

Friday January 16th: Burger Fry at the Knights of Columbus, hosted by the B.A. 8th graders. Burger basket with fries is \$6.00. 5 pm to 7 pm. Tickets purchased from BA 8th graders or at the BA office. Proceeds to help with Wolf Ridge trip in February.

Save the date: Open House on February 5!

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.



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

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

School resumes on Monday, January 5, in our new year of 2015. As we embrace the new year ahead and complete our second quarter of the year, students and staff at HRS invite you to join us in prayer. This school year we will continue to focus on prayer and share with you this prayer for "Peace Within":

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you

May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

- attributed to **St. Thérèse of Lisieux**
and **St. Theresa of Avila**

In January we have a busy month planned. Catholic Schools' week begins January 23 with the HRS Family Fun Night! Please plan to join us on Friday, January 23, 2015 at the American Legion from 7 – 11 p.m. for music, games and fellowship. We will be kicking off our "Catholic United Raffle" during Family Fun Night with chances for you to win a car, a vacation get-away, and much more! Looking forward to sharing time together in 2015.

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



COMING UP IN THE AREA..

The Lonsdale area wide seniors club (golden agers) will meet on January 6th at 1:00 at the Lonsdale civic center. Euchre will be played. supper at 4:00. All adults over 60 are welcome to attend. info call don 507-744-2408. The group meets twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays.

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INVITES YOU TO THEIR

PARISH FAMILY BINGO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015

PLAY BINGO ALL AFTERNOON

FOR A COVER CHARGE OF:
ADULTS.....\$3.00 EACH
FAMILIES.....\$8.00 PER FAMILY
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AFTERNOON OF FUN, FOOD AND PRIZES

SPONSORED BY THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL
OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Catholic Women's Conference February 14 Register Now!

Women of all ages are invited to the Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis in partnership with WINE: Women In the New Evangelization

Saturday, February 14
8 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Doors open at 7 a.m.)
Epiphany, Coon Rapids

Ladies, could you use a little pampering this Valentine's Day? Add a little WINE in your life! The focus of this conference will be the heart – A Heart Drawn by Love: Sent on Fire! The day features morning coffee & caramel rolls, prayer, engaging keynote talk by Catholic author Patty Schneier, inspirational testimony by Nancy Jo Sullivan, music from singer-songwriter Vicki Kueppers, Reconciliation, Mass celebrated by Bishop Andrew Cozzens, lunch, vendors, laughs and sisterhood. All are welcome to stay, shop and learn more about WINE from 2-3 p.m., and join us for a special version of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per person before January 19, 2015 (early bird); \$40 per person after January 19. For more information or to register, please call (651) 291-4411.