

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2015 Volume 31 Number 52



Mass Intentions

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| Tuesday, December 22: | 8:30 a.m. | Father's Intentions |
| Thursday, December 24: | 4:00 p.m. | +Lisa Chappuis, +Marty Mangold |
| Friday, December 25: | 9:00 a.m. | People of the Parish |
| Saturday, December 26: | 5:00 p.m. | +Earl Dimmel, +John V. Dudley, |
| Sunday, December 27: | 9:00 a.m. | +Roxie Dillon, +Jerry Sevcik |

The flag flying over our church is in memory of Don Edwards.

This Week in Our Parish

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| Tuesday, December 22: | Fatima Prayer Group , 7:40 a.m. |
| Wednesday, December 23: | NO Religious Education - Christmas Break – Classes resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 |
| Thursday, December 24: | Christmas Eve Family Mass , 4:00 p.m. All Welcome! |
| Friday, December 25: | Christmas Day Mass , 9:00 a.m. All Welcome! |
| Next Weekend: | <i>Holy Family Weekend – There will be a special blessing for all FAMILIES attending either Mass here that weekend!</i> |

Coming Up: December 31st – New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary) Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

Please check the schedule to see if you are on to minister for either of the Christmas Masses.

IT is VERY IMPORTANT that you either be there or find a substitute!!!

Saturday, Dec. 26, 2015 5:00 p.m.

AS: Kathleen Cap

EM: Betty David*

Joyce Brazil, Mary Ann Smisek

GR: Ken Brazil, Lorraine Dudley,

Helen Lambert, Richard Misgen

L: Mary Ann Smisek

U: Ken Brazil, John McDonough,

Larry Smisek, Larry Viskocil

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015 9:00 a.m.

AS: Carson Louis, Henry Schendel

EM: Bernie Ardolf*

Mary Ardolf, Linda Dietz,

GR: Dale & Laura Drentlaw, Mary Kay

Reynolds, Elaine & Steve Trnka

L: Sharon Kaisershot

U: Mary Kay Reynolds, Randy Rezac,

Elaine & Steve Trnka

Financial Stewardship December 12 & 13, 2015

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| Adult Envelopes | \$ 1,965.00 |
| Open Plate | 191.00 |
| Visitor | 250.00 |
| <u>EFTs</u> | <u>135.00</u> |
| Weekend TOTAL | \$ 2,541.00 |

Remember in your prayers ...

The Families of Allen E. White Sr. and Eileen Rezac (mother of **Randy**), **Kay Von Ruden**, **Agnes Thomas**, Andi Olsonawski, **Marilyn Richter**, **Mark Sowa**, Bill Hanson, **Cindy McCormick**, 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**

Office Hours

December 20 - 26, 2015

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

Tracy is out of the office Dec. 23 - Jan 3. If you have questions or items for the Jan. 2/3 bulletin, please email it to tvelishek@yahoo.com by Tues., Dec. 29th.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph December 27, 2015

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Psalm 84 "Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord."

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

The Gospel tells a story of the worry and deep concern Mary and Joseph experience upon learning their young son is missing. Parents who have ever lost their child, even briefly, can appreciate the worry of Jesus' parents. As you read the scripture readings, let us ask for God's strength and comfort for all families, but especially those that are undergoing hardship.

A Word from Father Victor ...



December 20, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now we move closer to the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus, not only this Christmas but throughout our lives. The gospel reading this weekend tells us of Jesus being called "Lord" before his birth and of two mothers who have put their faith in God.

We have a story of two mothers-to-be who both recognized and praised the God who is so active in their lives. These two women, so unexpectedly got pregnant, recognized the will of God in their lives and were so open to the plans of God.

They too must have planned something for their lives. The young Mary, getting excited to be getting married to Joseph and Elizabeth, planning her life of old age with husband Zechariah. But events turned around and things happened entirely so different from their plans and thoughts. Yet, they trusted that in the midst of what was happening, it was all in the plan of God. Their hearts were open, their souls were at peace.

How often and how deep is our trust, that in everything that happens in our life, God's will is there? How open are we that "God's will" be done in our lives?

On Thursday we will celebrate the birth of Jesus. Are you ready to open your hearts to listen and receive what he will tell us and offer us?

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.



Next Baptism Class – Saturday, Jan. 2nd
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.

**Christmas Decorating
Will be done Sunday, Dec.
20th after 9:00 a.m. Mass.
All are welcome to help.**



2015 Financial Contributions to St. Patrick
MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 31 to be included in your giving statement which will come out the end of January.

Please pick up your 2016 Financial Contribution Envelope Books. You will find them on the table located just outside the church entrance.

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.



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.

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.

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

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).

Join us New Year's Day for bingo.

The Lonsdale area wide seniors club (Golden Agers) meets at 1 p.m. on Tuesday December 29th. Euchre played following Pizza from Treats of Lonsdale at 4:00. All adults over 60 are invited to attend. More info call Don at 507-744-2408

Area Catholic Schools ...



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

Divine Mercy Catholic School

www.dmcscs.cc 507-334-7706.



Most Holy Redeemer School

(Pre-K - 8th Grade)
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
(507)364-7383 507.364.7383
(mosthrs.org)

I am sincerely thankful to you, the parents, for all you do for Most Holy Redeemer School: for the students, the teachers, and other staff. The time you spend with your children, the funds you pay for their education and the effort you give to make our fundraisers successful are just some of the many ways you help HRS remain a dynamic witness in our community. During this time of year especially we appreciate how your support allows us to voice the real meaning behind the birth of Christ!

Pajama Drive - 7th-Annual Great Bedtime Story

The second grade class has decided to do a service project. It is a pajama drive through Scholastic Reading Club. Students need to collect NEW pajamas for kids who are infant - 18 years (size adult XXXL). For each pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic will pair it up with a book for that age. All of these donations will go to kids in our area. <http://www.scholastic.com/pajamadrive/>

COME, LET US ADORE HIM Family Christmas Eve Mass - 4:00 p.m. Dec. 24, 2015 All children, teens of the parish and their parents - are invited to participate in this family Mass. We are especially looking for teens and adults to play instruments for the Mass, or Sing in the choir. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Franek, 507-364-8878 or maureenfranek@hotmail.com as soon as possible. Forms also available in the school office.

Looking Ahead - January 2016 - Catholic Schools Raffle! Since 2009, the Catholic Schools Raffle has raised more than \$4 million for Catholic education in the Upper Midwest. Catholic United Financial is proud to be the sole sponsor of the Raffle and making this great fundraiser available to Catholic schools. Mark your calendars now and make sure to like our page so you can see all the wonderful items ticket buyers can win. Use this link to view this year's prize list (www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsRaffle)

Catholic Schools Week National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in

2016 is January 31 - February 6. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2016 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Throughout this week, HRS will be participating in events that focus on the value of Catholic education.

Mr. Vondracek, Principal gvondracek@mosthrs.org

Help Preserve A Piece Of Our History

We were able to recover this Advertising Stage Backdrop which is in very good shape from Old Social Hall attic -
Size 10'x14'



in addition to a scenic backdrop. Both were professionally done by Twin Cities Scenic Company (now out of business but nationally known.) We contacted U. of M. professors who have a collection of items done by Twin Cities Scenic to find out what needs to be done. In order to preserve backdrops of this caliber they need to be professionally cleaned and preserved. We chose to preserve this backdrop because it is in good shape and because of the information on it. The cost could be as much as \$2,000. The other backdrop has some water damage and we do not know the cost to preserve it. Donations are being collected to preserve this backdrop and hang it in our Social Hall. If you can help by making a donation, please contact the office or put donation in an envelope marked 'BACKDROP RESTORATION' in the weekend collection.

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.