

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time January 17, 2016 Volume 33 Number 3

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 19: 8:30 a.m. Father's Intention
Saturday, January 23: 5:00 p.m. +Kay Sembauer
Sunday, January 24: 9:00 a.m. +Mike Spaetgens, +Jerry Sevcik

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

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, January 17: **Confirmation Retreat**, grades 9 & 10, at St. Wence, New Prague
Tuesday, January 19: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:40 a.m.
Wednesday, January 20: **Liturgy Committee** meeting, 4:30 p.m.
 Religious Education 6:30 p.m. for grades 1-10
Thursday, January 21: **Faith Formation Committee** meeting, 5:00 p.m.
 Parish Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 23, 2016 5:00 p.m.

AS: Rose Chmelik
EM: Shari Gruber*
 Mary Ann Smisek (Sub), Darrell Stoltz
GR: Gary & Patti Angelow, Anne Langer,
 John & Wilma McDonough
L: Mary Ann Smisek (Sub)
U: Ken Brazil, John McDonough,
 Dan Pumper, Larry Smisek (Sub)

Sunday, January 24, 2016 9:00 a.m.

AS: Carson Louis
EM: Linda Dietz*
 Brenda & Jeff Jirik
GR: Ed & Phyllis DeGroot,
 Larry & Noreen Tousignant
L: Kathy Archambault
U: Randy Archambault, Ed DeGroot,
 Mark Mulcahy, Randy Voracek

Remember in your prayers ...

Joe Velishek, 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 17 - 23, 2016

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

Financial Stewardship January 9 & 10, 2016

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 885.00 |
| Open Plate | 141.00 |
| Visitor | 150.00 |
| <u>EFTs</u> | <u>135.00</u> |
| Weekend TOTAL | \$ 1,311.00 |

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2016

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19 "Your words, Lord, are Spirit and Life."
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The first reading sets the stage for the Gospel. Both stories tell of the proclamation of God's word in the midst of the assembly, and of how that word is being fulfilled. Saint Paul proclaims that we are members of Christ's body. As members of that body. We are compelled to continue the mission that Jesus proclaims. Listen and learn what that mission is.

Did you take a photo of the leveled ground where the old social hall stood – after demo but before the snow came? Please call Tracy or email it to the office. Thanks.

A Word from Father Victor ...



January 17, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We now enter into the ordinary season but only for a while. We once again journey with Jesus in his ordinary life beginning with his first miracle at a wedding in Cana. This story tells us significant lessons about the mercy of the Father in Jesus.

The changing of water (supposedly for purification) into wine at the very beginning of his work reminds us how he also changed wine into his blood (that will purify us from our sins) at the conclusion of his earthly life. It is also noteworthy to notice that the wedding of Cana happened just before the customary Jewish Passover as did the last supper. WE can definitely see the design of God to offer mercy and forgiveness.

Yes, during this year of mercy, we begin to reflect on the desire of the Father to save us from sin. He heartily desired it, willed and planned it. The story of the life of Jesus just seemed to have been a well calculated plan of the Father to offer mercy and compassion to us, his people.

While his gift of mercy is a free will offering of the Father, we wanted to assume that to offer it will be an easy task and the response will be overwhelming. Unfortunately, it is not. What has become of the people of God?

We seem to have drifted further away from Jesus. Is this true? With all of our material possessions and enjoyment we seem to lose our direction and our hold of our selves. We seem to be run by the things and the activities around us. Are we becoming more vulnerable and weaker?

Brothers and sisters, we need the mercy and compassion of God to reclaim our strength and our identity. I invite you all to take seriously this year of mercy and receive the grace of reconciliation and healing for ourselves and for our faith community.

**Next Baptism Class –
Saturday, March 5th** 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 Religious Ed Youth are collecting COATS, SCARVES, MITTENS, & HATS for St. Vincent de Paul in Faribault. 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.



The St. Canice Book Club will host **Movie Night** on **Monday nights at 6:30 pm in the St. Canice Parish Hall** each of the next four weeks **January 18th, January 25th, February 1st and February 8th** we will be watching inspirational movies. Bring your own beverage, Pop Corn will be provided. Please invite friends and family to join in the fun. Starting February 29th The St. Canice Book Club will study Matthew Kelly's new book Rediscover Jesus. All are welcome! Books will be available at no charge. For more info contact Del Point, St. Canice Book Club, 507-456-0122.

Awesome marriages don't just happen ~

Couples create them! Begin creating the marriage of your dreams by attending the February 13-14 Marriage Encounter. Only a few spots left so register NOW. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington.

To register or for additional information: visit www.marriages.org or call 651.454.3238.

**Help
Preserve
A Piece
Of Our
History.**



We are looking to preserve this Advertising Stage Backdrop and hang it in our social hall. The size is 10'x14'. Two backdrops were professionally done by Twin Cities Scenic Company (now out of business but nationally known.) U. of M. professors were contacted. 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. Donations are now being collected. So far we have \$790.00 towards our goal of \$2000.00 (possible cost for the preservation). If you would like to make a donation, please contact the office or put your donation in an envelope marked 'BACKDROP RESTORATION'.



**Winter Weather Forecast ...
God Reigns,
The Sun Shines ...**

Area Catholic Schools ...



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

Divine Mercy Catholic School

www.dmcs.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)

Greetings to everyone. The toys have gone on sale and the stores have removed the decorations, but we in the Church know that the Christmas season extends way beyond December 25. In fact, as the poem below reminds us, the "real work of Christmas" recognizes no set term of days and should really be seen as the work of our lives.

Now the Work of Christmas Begins

by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among the
people, To make music in the heart.

Children's Theater - Faribault On Wed., Jan. 20, Grades K - 4 will attend a play in Faribault. The students will leave at 12:10 and return before the end of the day. The cost will be \$4.00 for the bus and a non-perishable food item for admission. Students will wear red uniform shirts and uniform bottoms. Permission slips were sent home.

Family Fun Night HRS is seeking donations for the Family Fun Night Raffle on Friday, February 5th. If you are able to donate, we ask that you have your items at the school by Friday, January 29. Any items are welcome, including cash donations. Thank You.

Catholic Schools Raffle Families are asked to sell at least 20 tickets for the Catholic Schools Raffle. In addition, HRS needs volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the weekend Masses. If interested, please contact Jean at the school office. **PLEASE NOTE:** every dollar spent on these tickets (\$5 each) stays as a profit to HRS. **Tickets are also available in the St. Patrick Parish Office.**

Catholic Schools Week Plans for Catholic Schools Week are on schedule, and a list of events will be listed next week. HRS students will take part in the 10:30 am Mass Celebration on Jan. 31 for the

"kickoff" event. We want as many students as possible to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass that weekend. Together, we can make a strong, positive statement about our Catholic school!

As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns.

Mr. Vondracek, Principal - vondracek@mosthrs.org

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.

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 Prayer Shawl group will meet on Tuesday, January 19th 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.



Archdiocesan 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.