

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2012 Volume 31 Number 8

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 21: 8:30 a.m. Father's Intentions
Saturday, February 25: 6:00 p.m. +Mary Friesen, +Susan McKenna,
+Clarence Kosanda
Sunday, February 26: 10:00 a.m. +Sharon Archambault, +Tia Bastyr

This Week in Our Parish

This Weekend, Catholic Services Appeal Video shown at Mass
Monday, February 20: Bell Choir Practice
Tuesday, February 21: Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m.
Vocal Choir Practice @ 7 p.m. All are welcome!
Wednesday, February 22: ASH WEDNESDAY Liturgical Minister – Check the Schedule
Faith Formation, Grades 1-9, 6:30 p.m. SHARP!
Saturday, February 25: Funeral Service for +Nancy McCarthy

Liturgical Ministers

ASH WEDNESDAY Ministers – PLEASE CHECK
THE SCHEDULE TO SEE IF YOU ARE ON.

Saturday, February 25, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Jeff Bronk, Rose Chmelik, Evie Nigon

EM: Shari Gruber*,

Kim Chmelik, Richard Misgen

GR: Janice Chappuis, Lorraine Dudley,

Richard Misgen, Mary Sheehy

L: Joyce Brazil

U Ken Brazil, Pat Bronk,

Fritz Kaderlik, Dan LaCanne

Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:00 a.m.

AS: Griffin & Paige Heimerman, Shelby Strouth

EM: George Sticha*

Paul Kolb, Lori Strouth

GR: Charlie & Roxie Driessen,

Helen Lambert, Julie Paquin

L: Amber Skluzacek

U: Larry Chappuis, Charlie Driessen,

Mark Sowa, Gene Trahan

Remember in your prayers ...

Michael Mulcahy, **Marge Sowa, Mary Kuchinka, Rolf Haaland**, Gladys Bisek, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, **Loren Wendel, Nancy Dienst**, 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.**

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

Office Hours February 19-25, 2012

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship February 11 & 12, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,942.00
Open Plate	161.57
Visitor	130.00
EFTs	112.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,345.57

First Sunday of Lent February 26, 2012

First Reading	Genesis	9:8-15
Psalms 25	<i>"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."</i>	
Second Reading	1 Peter	3:18-22
Gospel:	Mark	1:12-15

In our year B Lectionary, the first readings on the Sundays of Lent present God's successive covenants offered to the human race. We listen as God enters into the covenant with all living creatures, through Noah, after the great flood. Each Sunday of Lent, the second reading links the Old Testament with The Gospel. This weekend Peter sees the purifying flood of Noah's time as foreshadowing the cleansing waters of baptism, while Mark's Gospel shows Jesus fasting and being tempted immediately after his baptism and before his public ministry. Through these readings, the Church invites us to make these forty days in the Lenten desert a preparation for renewing our own baptismal covenant, a time of being strengthened to bear more faithful witness to Jesus in the world.

A Note From the Pastor....



Ash Wednesday is this Thursday ... ok, it is really on Wednesday again, February 15. In receiving the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, we show our humility. We come before the Lord asking for his mercy and grace. We come seeking to turn more profoundly from all that is not of God within us. We come desiring to grow in holiness, love of neighbor and trust in God's providence. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving – three ways to open ourselves to God – express physically our desire to change, grow in faith, and love more.

The Church calls and invites us to enter this season of prayer, repentance and fasting with the aim of celebrating the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus more fully. God's Divine Mercy leads us through our Lenten observances to the glory of Easter, leads us to the hope of Eternal Life where we shall dwell with God and the Saints in unending joy. Remember, you are dust, and unto dust you shall return. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

St. Michael in Kenyon celebrates its annual Mardi Gras Bingo Party – today. Come on out to St. Michael's from 2 – 5 for an afternoon of fa.m.ily fun, food and yes, bingo.
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Kevin Finnegan

Spring Break Mission Trip March 17-23, 2012

SERVING JOPLIN, MO TORNADO VICTIMS

Who we are looking for and who is going?

1. 10 Qualified Chaperones Ages 21 and up
2. 51 Teens in Grades 9-12
3. Fr. Erik, Justin Stroh and Katie Schmidt

Information flyers located on the Kiosk with instructions how to register. Scholarships are available but deadline to apply is Wed. Feb. 22nd.



**St. Patrick's 9th Annual
Ski Trip to Afton Alps
Saturday, March 3, 2012,
2:30 - 11 P.M.**



SIGN-UP DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 26th.

If interested in attending, please contact Laura Drentlaw @ 507.332-0086. Registration & payment must be received by Sunday, February 26th. There is limited space on the bus and priority is given to those providing payment and parental consent forms. This event is open to St. Patrick youth and their friends. Adults (anyone out of High School) are also welcome to join our group, but please note that if you did not attend last year or have not completed a background check, we need a week to complete those so PLEASE give us ample time and don't wait until the deadline to sign up.

Lenten Regulations

The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

ABSTINENCE All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

FASTING All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th Birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's need; but, together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. If in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest.

An APPROACH TO FASTING As we enter the Lenten season, we are once again invited to conversion, to a change of heart, to an ever-increasing openness of spirit, to a new springtime of healing and wholeness - to holiness. We often think of fasting as "giving up" something (like food or TV), but there are other ways of fasting to consider. I recently came across an invitation to:

- **Fast from anger and hatred** - giving family, friends, coworkers, check-out persons at the grocery store, fellow drivers on the highway, children in the neighborhood - in short, everyone we encounter - a greater measure of love and blessing each day.
- **Fast from judging others** - considering how our own faults are overlooked by the One who loves us so much.
- **Fast from discouragement** - increasing our trust in God and putting our great gift of faith into a stronger practice and with a more deliberate awareness.
- **Fast from complaining** - when tempted to "whine" about some little thing, take a moment (and take a deep breath!) and be both mindful and grateful for a blessing in your life.
- **Fast from resentment or bitterness** - forgive someone who hurt you, as you have been forgiven.
- **Fast from spending too much money** on unnecessary *things* - and give those extra dollars and cents to the poor.

I hope these ideas might be a springboard for your reflection in finding areas in your own life that will benefit your spiritual growth in holiness these coming weeks. (Inspired by an article in "The Word Among Us," 1-800- 775-9673, www.wau.org.)

St. Michael's, Kenyon, will host their annual Mardi Gras Bingo Sunday, February 19 starting at 2 P.M.. Cash prizes, door prizes, theme basket silent auction. Fun for the whole family!

AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ...



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

Dine out for Catholic Education at Boston's on Tuesday February 28th. From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. just tell your server you support the Catholic schools. Proceeds from your bill are split equally between DMCS and BA. Take your honey out on Valentine's Day and support a great cause!

Sunday March 11 - BA Annual Pancake Breakfast. Adults & Students: \$5, preschool free. Tickets available from BA families; at the BA Office; at the Door; and after DM Masses March 3 & 4th.

2nd Annual Cardinal Cruise 10K, 5K walk/run and Kids run – to be held on Saturday April 14th 2012. Join us, as a runner/walker or as a sponsor! See www.finalstretch.com for more details. For sponsor information, contact Sue Erpenbach at 334-3948.



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery

Hredeemerparish.org

Most Holy Redeemer has celebrated 100 plus days of school in 2011-12! This month the students are praying for the Gift of Knowledge from the Holy Spirit. Knowledge in their Faith, knowledge to make the right choice, and knowledge to follow where God is directing them to go. Other special projects and presentations happening around the school as we cement student learning:

- Little Lambs: Are reading in class their "Happily Ever After Stories". Snowmen decorate their walls despite the lack of snow outside.
- Kindergarten: Celebrated 100 days of school. It was a grand party with lots of counting to 100.
- Grades 1-2: Are studying solids, liquids and gases in science and exploring the various states of matter. They completed their reconciliation and are preparing for their First Communion.
- Grades 3-4: Are studying the United States. They learned a song to help remember States.
- Grades 5-6: Completed power point presentations in science on climate areas.
- Grades 7-8: Are working on polishing their writing skills through various papers.

How are these multiage subjects taught? In general, math and language arts are taught at grade level with students able to move up or down levels in order to best meet their learning needs. Science, Social Studies, Religion, and other subjects are typically taught at an accelerated level with differentiation for the younger grade. This helps to challenge students while allowing them choices and independent learning goals.

MINI SESSIONS WANTED! Do you have a skill you would like to share? Do you have a hobby that others always want to learn? We are offering mini-classes to our Middle School students the week of March 19-23, 2012. If you would be willing to teach your hobby or skill, we want you! Students will sign up for a variety of mini sessions and any costs associated with the class for materials would be paid by the student. Suggested teachers and classes: Bowling; Sewing; Card G.a.m.es; Gardening; Scrapbooks; Music; Archery; Knitting; Video; Photography... to name a few. You set the times and cost, but must be during the school day! Call to set up a class 507.364-7383!

REGISTRATION FOR LITTLE LA.M.BS TO GRADE 8 OPENS - FEB. 27! Come join our school family where faith is an integral part of every day. HRS students excel in learning and "Aim Higher" in body, mind, and spirit. Registration forms available online or call 507.364-7383. Little La.m.bs fills up quickly, register early.

POHLAD SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE GRANT: Please consider a gift and pray for success. Special thanks to all contributions to date. We are at \$4,780 and need to reach \$7,800.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder - Principal

"Enlightening young minds through multiage instruction. Leading young hearts to Christ."



The Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted in our parish next weekend. Your support of the CSA brings God's hope, love, and "His Promise" to countless of our brothers and sisters in our Archdiocese.

Please be generous.

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



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.



TCU Titans Softball Spring Training
Breakfast/ Raffle Fundraiser Sunday,
February 19th @ Holy Redeemer
School Cafeteria Serving Scrambled
Eggs, Pancakes & Sausage from 8:00- 12:30 Adults
\$7 Students \$4 (5 -12) under 5 free

Envelopes for Prayer Shawl Ministry Yarn
Donations are located in the front of the
kiosk. Please pick up an envelope and be as
generous as you can. Checks should be
made payable to Prayer Shawl Ministry. **The next
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetings: February 21st**
from 10 to 11 a.m. at Pleasant Manor Nursing
Home Activities Room. All Skill levels are welcome.
For more info. call Lorraine Dudley, 334-4089 or
Marie Jasinski, 334-6543.



Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church

2012 Community Lenten Soup Luncheons
Fridays, February 24 - March 30. Serving: 11 a.m
– 1 p.m. Adults: \$6/Children 12 & under \$3. All
you care to eat soup, served with bread, crackers,
Milk, coffee, & water and 1 desert. Take-out meals
available – also quarts and pints. For takeout
orders call 507/334-430. Support Faribault Food
Shelf and bring a non-perishable food item.

**Curtain Call Theatre Presents
Dixie Swim Club**



Dinner theatre at Hilltop Hall, Montgomery
Dinner catered by Lakeside Supper Club.
February 24 & 25 Dinner @ 6:15 p.m. 7:30 Show
February 26 Dinner @ 12:15 p.m. 1:30 show
Dinner & Show \$25 Show only tickets - \$10
Dinner reservations required at least 24 hrs in
advance. For tickets: mail name, phone,
performance date and number of tickets to Curtain
Call Theatre, P.O. box 91, Montgomery MN 56069
go at their website, www.curtaincalltheatre.net.



**Owatonna Area Hospice is hosting a
Spouse/Significant Other Loss Support
Group beginning Wednesday, March 21st.**

The group will meet every Wednesday for
six weeks – March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, from
6:00 -7:30 p.m., at Homestead House, 2350 – 26th
Street NW in Owatonna. The death does not have
to be connected to hospice care in order to
participate. Hospice recommends that a minimum
of three months has passed since the partner's
death. It is not a drop in group so individuals who
cannot participate in all of the sessions are
encouraged to wait until the next offering. Please
RSVP to Brenda Jirik, Bereavement Coordinator,
507.977.2857 by March 14th.

**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..**

What is RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults is the process of becoming a fully initiated
Catholic.

Who is it for? Those who were never baptized;
who were baptized in another Christian faith and
wish to become Catholic; who were baptized
Catholic but were never confirmed, have not
received their First Communion or need to be
reconciled with the Church.

How do I get started? Contact the office or
Denise Haaland 507.334.2781 ASAP.



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.

**Community Fellowship Meal at
Cathedral Café** (101 Sixth Street NW)



Every Tuesday 5 – 6:30 p.m. Cathedral
of our Merciful Savior, – across from Parker-Kohl
Funeral Home). No Charge! All Ages Welcome!
Well-balanced, simple meals.

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is found in his checkbook...and on his radio dial!
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Relevant Radio®. *Give God a button* – and make
Him “numero uno!” Saint Paul-Minneapolis
1330A.M. (Online at www.relevantradio.com)

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

Na.m.e: _____

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