

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2012

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 28:	8:30 a.m.	Father's Intentions
Saturday, March 3:	6:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday, March 4:	10:00 a.m.	+Susan McKenna

This Week in Our Parish

This Weekend,	Catholic Services Commitment Weekend at both Masses
Monday, February 27:	Bell Choir Practice
Tuesday, February 28:	Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice @ 7 p.m. All are welcome!
Wednesday, February 29:	Faith Formation, Grades 1-9, 6:30 p.m. SHARP!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 3, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Chase Silkey, Michael Stephanites

EM: Sharon Kaisershot*,

Marsha DeGroot, Darrell Stoltz

GR: Jan Balata, Belva Brown,

Larry & Shelley Vosejпка

L: Kathy Thom

U Leonard Petricka, Dan Pumper ,

Larry Viskocil, Larry Vosejпка

Sunday, March 4, 2012 10:00 a.m.

AS: Anne Bates, Romecio Davis, Brianne Pete

EM: Mary Ardolf*

Bernie Ardolf, June Malecha

GR: Nobby & June Malecha,

Hank & Kay Von Ruden

L: Laura Drentlaw

U: Bill Opegard, Larry Pete,

Randy Rezac, Hank Von Ruden

Remember in your prayers ...

Cheryl McDonough, Michael Mulcahy, **Marge Sowa, Mary Kuchinka, Rolf Haaland**, 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 26 – March 3, 2012

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship

February 18 & 19, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,766.00
Open Plate	168.00
Visitor	230.00
EFTs	492.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,656.00

Second Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2012

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalm 25 "I will walk before the Lord
in the Land of the living."

Second Reading Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

During Lent, while catechumens prepare for baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, we who are already baptized prepare to renew our baptismal promises. Each Sunday, therefore, the Old testament shows God offering a new covenant: last Sunday with Noah and all creation; this time with Abraham, who reminds us that god's covenant calls us to obedience. In the second reading Paul celebrates the perfect obedience of Jesus, who radiant glory, glimpsed in the Gospel of the Transfiguration, will one day be ours. But the collect has just reminded us, that we must listen to God's beloved Son and respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him in obedient faith and selfless love.

A Note From the Pastor....



Repent and believe in the Gospel” Jesus declares in today’s Gospel. Repentance makes space in our hearts for what is good. Through repentance we rid ourselves of what is ugly, unkind, disloyal, greedy, lustful, Slothful, gluttonous, angry, envious and prideful. A heart made pure and clean can then receive what is beautiful, true, holy and good. A repentant heart can believe in the Gospel. A repenting heart can encounter Jesus. Believing in and living the Gospel means that we truly are living for the Glory of God.

Let us enter with gusto into this Season of Lent – of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Not the gusto of wearing ourselves out through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, but with zeal let us pursue the Lord. Last Sunday in my homily, I invited people to consider being like the four people who carried the paralytic to Jesus, for healing. This Lent carry someone to Jesus. Offer your prayer, fasting and almsgiving for someone in your life. Let your Lenten practices and sacrifices become a prayer offering to God, asking for His intercession in the life of someone about whom you care.

On Saturday, March 3 the Companions of Christ host a Lenten Day of Reflection at Divine Mercy Church. It starts with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and concludes by 11:30 a.m. Following some light refreshments, we will have a presentation by Father Tony O’Neil who was ordained a year ago. Raised in Glasgow, Scotland, Father Tony has done extensive ministry with youth in Belfast and the inner city of Detroit. He has a quick wit and has written a number of songs. We will also have a time of Adoration and confessions. As you might recall I am a member of the Companions of Christ, which is an association of priests in the Archdiocese.

Join us at St. Michael in Kenyon on the Fridays of Lent for Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. They will be followed by viewing and discussing Father Robert Barron’s series entitled *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith*. Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York says of the book and series, “Father Robert Barron’s *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith* takes a path less traveled in leading us to explore the faith through stories, biographies, and images. In these pages, we meet the “Word made Flesh” not only in theological formulations, but also in saints and poets, cathedrals and chants, priests and prophets. What makes Catholicism so compelling are the ways in which Father Barron shows how the Incarnation goes on in the true, the good, and the beautiful.”

Stations at St. Patrick on Wednesdays, Feb. 28, Mar. 14, 21, 28 at 7:15 p.m.

On Monday evenings join us at Divine Mercy for Mass and Lenten Soup Supper. Attending a daily Mass during Lent is a great way of connecting with God. And having a bowl of soup with friends and new acquaintances enriches our lives and takes care of our hunger!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Kevin Finnegan

Check out a recent TV spot on the House of Gratitude (new Divine Mercy Parish House)

<http://www.kttc.com/story/16970908/volunteers-construct-rectory>

**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, but please note that if you **have not** had a background check (which takes a week to complete) you have to give us ample time or you won’t be able to go.



This weekend is our parish Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. As a parish family, we have an opportunity to make our pledge in support of our seminarians in formation, the homeless and vulnerable, our Catholic school students, our Venezuelan Mission as well as our Retired Priests. Please be generous.

*4th Annual Wrestling Pancake Breakfast
"All You Can Eat" Sunday, March 4th
8am-12pm at Faribault Eagles Club
Cost: \$5 Adults (kids under 5 eat free)
Proceeds benefit Faribault Wrestling K-12*

**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.

**Curtain Call Theatre Presents
Dixie Swim Club**

at Hilltop Hall, Montgomery
February 25th show time - 7:30 p.m.
February 26th show time - 1:30 Tickets - \$10
Tickets available at the door by 6:30 p.m..



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.

BA Easter Plant Fundraiser Flyers & Order forms are located on the kiosk. Please help yourself.



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery

Hredeemerparish.org

Our school family begins the journey of Lent. As we enter this somber time of reflection HRS students will gather to pray, fast, and give alms. All are welcome to join us at these events as we prepare our hearts for Jesus.

- Mondays @ 7:50 a.m. – Rosary School Library (Begins Feb. 27); 11 a.m. All school prayer
- Wednesdays @ 2 p.m. – Stations in the Church
- Fridays @ 8:15 a.m. – Mass
- Fasting: No meat for school lunches on Friday
- Alms giving: We will support Montgomery Food Shelf all month

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 27: The HRS School Advisory Council approved our 2012-13 planning budget. We are grateful for their discernment and prayers. Tuition remains one of the lowest in our Archdiocese with only a \$10 increase per month for K-8th grade. The cost will be \$2150. **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!**

We are extending the class size of our Little Lambs 3 day program to 15 for preschool age children that are 4 & 5. We are also adding a large muscle play room for our youngest students. This helps them build both their academic skills and increases learning through exercise. Tuition for Little Lambs will be \$175 for two day, all day, and \$200 for three day, all day, with half day options open. **REGISTER EARLY FOR LITTLE LAMBS** – spaces fill quickly.

JOIN THE HRS SCHOOL FAMILY! Did you know?

- Faith is integrated throughout the curriculum focusing students on Christ!

- All Catholic school students aim higher, excelling in their body, mind, and spirit
- 99.4% of students educated in a Catholic school graduate from high school
- 97% continue to further their education or enter the military
- In math, HRS 8th grade students rank in the top 93% in the nation
- In science, HRS 8th grade students scored 88% higher than others nationally
- In reading, HRS 8th grade scored 71% higher than others their age, nationally
- HRS students continue to excel in high school taking on leadership roles and remaining on the Honor Roll.

MINI SESSIONS WANTED! If you have a hobby or skill that you would be willing to teach, we want you! Students will sign up for a variety of mini sessions March 19-23. Any costs associated with the class for materials would be paid by the student. Suggested teachers and classes: *Bowling; Sewing; Card Games; Gardening; Scrapbooks; Music; Archery; Knitting; Photography; Video...* You set the times and cost, but must be during the school day! Call to set up a class 507/364-7383!

POHLAD SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE GRANT: Please continue to pray. We are at now at \$5,890 thanks to all of the support from parishioners and families. We must reach \$7,800 to receive the matching grant.

KUDOS: Jean Pesta for her extra efforts during my vacation! Special thanks to all HRS for pitching in when I was gone.

- Knights of Columbus of Montgomery, and the Auxiliary for supporting HRS.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

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



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..

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. For more information 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.

CHRIST THROUGH HANDS MINISTRY (an ecumenical ministry serving the students at the MN State Academy for the Deaf, and MN State Academy for the Blind) is having their annual Omelet Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday March 18, 2012 from 8 am-12:30 pm at the American Legion. Make your own omelet with various ingredients and enjoy breakfast potatoes, cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice. Tickets are \$7.00 and are available by contacting Joyce Atchison at joyce@christthroughhandsministry.org, and also will be sold at the door. Children's tickets are \$4.00 for ages under 10, and are available only at the door. A silent auction will also be held to support this special ministry.

Loyola Spirituality Center is hosting "Springtime of the Soul" a Lenten Retreat: March 2 & 3 at the Mahon Center at St. Patrick's Church, Edina. Led by Dr. Catherine Michaud, former chair of the Theology department at St. Catherine University. Springtime awakens all of life from the deep darkness of winter and sparkles with new light and stirs in every being, Everybody the yearning to stretch, to reach mightily for fullness. This Lenten retreat invites us, entices us into new spaces in the garden of the soul, there to meet a self we've not yet met, a truer, deeper, greener self who longs to shed old husks like the seeds long buried in the dark, damp earth. Hear the call? In the silence the soul hears that mysterious, persistent, powerful life that lifted Jesus up, calling, "Come. Come to life." The cost for both days is \$75. (Friday night only (7 to 9 p.m.) is \$25 and Saturday only (9 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.) is \$50 and includes lunch). To register, or for more information call 651.641.0008 or go to www.loyolaspiritualitycenter.org.

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.

5th Annual Cathedral Community & Family Day: Sunday, March 4 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy art, history and music at the Cathedral - Fun for all ages.

Here's a sampling of what's happening this year:

- Storytelling with author Tom Hegg, ("A Cup of Christmas Tea,") as he tells the story of Archbishop Ireland's youth
- Organ demonstrations on the "King of Instruments," the E.M. Skinner pipe organ in the sanctuary.
- Historical scavenger hunts: Where did JFK sit when he attended a Cathedral Mass? Discover little-known Cathedral facts and win prizes.
- Hear stories of the famous works of art and sculptures from costumed tour guides.
- Create your own art with the Minnesota Children's Museum:
- Learn to tie knots and navigate like a pirate (and St. Patrick) at the Science Museum of Minnesota
- Enjoy piano and violin music performed by students from St. Joseph's School of Music.
- Visit the renovated Cathedral Museum. See John Ireland's death mask, personal scrapbooks
- Get dressed up as *musicians* performing in this grand space for a souvenir photo!

The Cathedral of Saint Paul is located at 239 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul, at the corners of Summit Avenue and John Ireland Boulevard (www.cathedralsaintpaul.org). Ample free parking is available on the street and in the parking lot on Selby Ave.

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.

Join Us! For an urgent 54-day *Rosary Across America* Novena intention: "That wisdom and justice prevail with respect to the HHS mandate, and that all persons of good will can follow their conscience." Live! 7:30a (CST) - Rebroadcasts @ 8p and 10:30p (CST). Saint Paul-Minneapolis 1330AM (Listen online at www.relevantradio.com)

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

