

# Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Fourth Sunday of Advent    December 18, 2011    Volume 30    Number 51

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 20:    8:30 a.m.    People of the Parish  
Saturday, December 24: 4:00 p.m.    + Lisa Chappius, + Marty Mangold  
Sunday, December 25:    10:00 a.m.    People of the Parish

## This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 19:    Bell Ensemble @ 6:00 p.m., Bell Choir @ 6:45 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 20:    Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m.  
Choir Practice @ 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 21: Faith Formation @ 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, December 24: Children's Mass @ 4:00 p.m. – children arrive by 3:30 p.m.

## **Liturgical Ministers**

### Saturday, December 24, 2011 4:00 p.m.

AS: Rose Chmelik, Brooke Flicek, Nina Lessman  
EM: Joyce Brazil\*, Denise Flicek\*, Mark Lessman\* Kathy Cap, Kim Chmelik,  
Tammy Lessman, Richard Misgen  
GR: Ken Brazil, Kathy Cap, Lorraine Dudley, Bill Harrn., Mark & Tammy Lessman Family,  
Larry & Shelly Vosejпка  
L: Laura Drentlaw  
U: Andrew Chappuis, Richard Misgen,, Ray & Marge Duchene, Larry Vosejпка,  
Ken Brazil

### Sunday, December 25, 2011 10:00 a.m.

AS: Anne Bates, Mano Lara, Brianne Pete  
EM: George Sticha \* Darrell Stoltz \*  
Gina Haaland, Gina Palan, Ruth Seykora  
GR: Larry & Noreen Tousignant, Gina Haaland,  
Luverne & Martha Wallace, Julie Paquin  
L: Kathy Archambault  
U: Randy Archambault, Charlie Driessen,  
Tom Murphy, Mark Sowa

## **Remember in your prayers ...**

**Rolf Haaland**, Gladys Bisek, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, **Loren Wendel**, Nancy Dienst, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nicholas Grambart; **Bill Stransky**; Terry Caron; Evelynn Bauernfeind; all on the prayer chain and **our Servicemen**: Jaime Allison, **Charlie Cain**, **Lester Caron**, **Chris Chappuis**, **John McDonough**, Ryan Snorek, **Eric Spehn**, **Mark Trnka**, **Nate Wallace**.

## **Office Hours**

**December 18 - 24, 2011**

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **Financial Stewardship December 10 & 11, 2011**

Adult Envelopes	\$ 5,527.00
Open Plate	288.25
Visitor	365.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>112.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 6,292.25
Immaculate Conception	\$ 225.00

**NOTE:** Registered Members and Regular Visitors: Pick up your Financial Contribution Envelopes in the back of church.

If you wish to have contributions to St. Patrick recorded for this year, you need to have it in to the office by December 31, 2011.

## **The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day December 25, 2011**

**First Reading**                    Isaiah                    62:11-12  
**Psalm 97**                         "The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad"

**Second Reading:** Titus                    3:2-7  
**Gospel:**                                         Luke                         2:1-20

As "the radiant light" of Christmas dawns over a world Isaiah called no longer forsaken, Paul declares that, in Jesus, the kindness and generous love of God our Savior has appeared, bestowed on us in the rebirth of baptism and the renewing gift of the Holy Spirit. With the shepherds, let us hasten to find Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger, and recognize in the humble simplicity of that scene the fulfillment of all God's promises. With Mary, we treasure all these things, as we reflect in our hearts on the Christmas message of reconciliation, healing, and salvation. O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

## A Note From the Pastor

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we enter into the immediate preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Yes, just one more week left. I have a project for you this week, well, really a meditation for you to engage in. Spend 30 minutes reflecting on the Manger Scene. Nearly every home has one, and those who don't, undoubtedly a Christmas card with a Manger scene has or will arrive. Trusting God to engage your whole person in prayer spend a half hour looking, gazing, staring at your Manger. Maybe read the Christmas Gospel found at Luke 2:1-20. Now begin pondering, see yourself in that manger. Maybe you are right next to Jesus or standing in the corner or just outside the Manger with the Shepherds or Magi.



What do you see? Who is there? What's the temperature and time of day? What noises do you hear and what smells grab your attention. Do you see the Star?

Listen with your heart. What are they saying? What does St. Joseph say to Mary, Baby Jesus or the "guests" who come barging in? How does Mary respond? What do the Shepherd lads say – to Jesus, Mary or Joseph or to the Magi or one another or to you?

Attend to how your heart is moved. What do you feel? Joy? Excitement? Bewilderment? Hope? Fear? Love?

Do you feel the Lord calling you to make a resolution? Is God inviting you to serve, love, give, pray, visit, write, call, someone - somehow? Or is God perhaps affirming a decision you have made?

Share about your reflections with your family or friends. Don't worry, simple is holy. Finally, a word to the men of the parish, my brothers – I ask you to do this meditation as well, not just your wives – and I mean it.

Update on the ceiling of Immaculate Conception Church: After getting a few bids (some as high as \$100,000), we rented a lift and hired a local contractor to reattach the paneling boards that had fallen from the ceiling. To guarantee safety, every board on the ceiling will be checked to greatly insure they will not fall. Immaculate Conception should be ready for use starting Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

Next Sunday – Christmas!

Blessed Advent,  
Father Kevin Finnegan

## Catholic Services Appeal Update.....

*"Dear Father Finnegan:*

*On behalf of Archbishop Nienstedt, I want to thank you and your parishioners for your support of the needed work of the Catholic Services Appeal. This year, 25% of all donations from your parishioners are returned to your parish for Catholic formation, educational programs, or for the greatest needs facing your Church.*

*Enclosed is a check for \$2,102.50. May it help to build up the Body of Christ in your parish community.*

*Gratefully,  
Mike Halloran  
Director of Development and Stewardship"*

**Come and listen .....After the hustle and bustle of the pre-season Christmas, put yourself in the real Christmas spirit by coming one-half hour earlier to church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Listen to the bell, chime and vocal choirs as they raise their glad tidings to honor the birth of the baby Jesus. (3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 9:30 a.m. on Christmas Day)**

**January 22, 2012** will mark the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic decision to legalize abortion. This year the Office of Marriage Family and Life will be Celebrating a *Mass for Life* instead of an Ecumenical Prayer Service as the date falls on a Sunday. Archbishop Nienstedt will be the celebrant for this special Noon Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. . **YES, this does count as your Sunday obligation** so come as a family to attend together. The MCCL Rally at the state capitol will follow the Mass. Last year this inspiring event was attended by approximately 3,000 people.

Over 50 million unborn babies have been aborted since 1973. Please join others in this opportunity to pray for these children of God as well as the men and women who suffer because of the decision they made to terminate a pregnancy. Contact the Marriage Family and Life office at 651.291.4506 or [wilsons@archspm.org](mailto:wilsons@archspm.org) with questions.

A big **thank you** to Jim, John and Steve of the Parker-Kohl Funeral Home for the donation of the beautiful 2012 calendars. They are available in the narthex. Please pick up one for your home.

## AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ...

Upcoming events at B.A.:

[www.bacards.org](http://www.bacards.org))

Please join us **Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm** in Van Orsow Auditorium for our **Christmas Candlelight Concert** featuring the B.A. High School and Middle School Choirs plus our Veritas Cantorum (formerly the Show Choir).

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**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.

**Cleaning for a Reason** If you know a woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please tell her there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning – once/month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this info along <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>



### **Holy Redeemer School (PreK- 8<sup>th</sup>)**

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery

† 507.364.7383 / [hredeemeparish.org](http://hredeemeparish.org) Have a joyous Christmas & New Year's Holiday! May God richly bless your family, keep you safe, and light your hearts. The children filled us with great joy

through the production of our Christmas program. It truly is amazing to see how everything comes together through this special production. – HRS Students & Staff

#### **IN THE CLASSROOMS:**

Much preparation for Christmas continued as well as academic studies. All of the students were creating beautiful gifts for families. You'll be so surprised when you open your gifts!

**Little Lambs:** Learned special songs for Christmas, their letter "G" and counting to 10. **Kindergarten:** Met Super Kids friends – Tic, Tac & Toc. They also learned how to recognize the letter "i" sounds. **1 & 2:** Created a classroom cookbook complete with student drawings. **3 & 4:** Students are mastering multiplication and division. **5 & 6:** Class is studying geography and preparing for our school Geography Bee. **7 & 8:** Prepared Power Points complete with video links and music.

#### **REMINDERS:**

- **SCRIP CLOSED FOR END OF YEAR INVENTORY** – Dec. 19-Jan. 2. NO ORDERS PROCESSED UNTIL JAN. 9, 2012!
- **SCRIP CARDS: CAN BE PICKED AT FRANSEN BANK WHEN THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED OVER CHRISTMAS.**

**Mindy Reeder**  
**HRS Principal**

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

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

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.

\_\_\_\_\_ have moved away; please remove us  
from the parish roster.

\_\_\_\_\_ would like information on:

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*Drop this form the collection or mail to St. Patrick,  
Shieldsville Parish Office*

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