

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Second Sunday of Lent

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 6:	8:30 a.m.	Father's Intentions
Saturday, March 10:	6:00 p.m.	+Joe, +Helen, +Dennis Smisek
Sunday, March 11:	10:00 a.m.	+Lisa Chappuis, +Marty Mangold, +George, Sr., +Helen Voracek

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 5:	Bell Choir Practice
Tuesday, March 6:	Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice @ 7 p.m. All are welcome!
Wednesday, March 7:	Faith Formation, Grades 1-9, 6:30 p.m. SHARP

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 10, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Anna Aaker, Brooke Flicek, Nina Lessman
EM: Mary Ann Smisek*,
Denise Flicek, Mark Lessman
GR: Gary & Patti Angelow, Roselyn Koenig,
Ray & Marge Duchene
L: Tammy Lessman
U Ray & Marge Duchene, Albert Koenig,
Rick LaCanne

Sunday, March 11, 2012 10:00 a.m.

AS: Carson & Emma Louis, Tyson Voegele
EM: Gina Palan*
Mary Lou Ernste, Katie Judd-Landrum
GR: Mike & Gina Palan, Mary Kay Reynolds,
Laverne & Martha Wallace
L: Betty David
U: Lance Chappuis, Al David,
Duke Ernste, Mary Kay Reynolds

Remember in your prayers ...

Kim Ford, daughter of Joe and Jan Balata and niece of Mary Ann Viskocil, 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; Evelynn Bauernfeind; all on the prayer chain. Also remember **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

March 4 - March 10, 2012

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

Financial Stewardship

February 25 & 26, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,145.00
Open Plate	121.90
Visitor	215.00
EFTs	112.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,593.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 407.29

Third Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2012

First Reading Exodus 20:1-7 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Psalms 19

"Lord, you have the words of everlasting life."

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Again this Sunday, the Old Testament presents God making a covenant, but not with all creation, as on the First Sunday of Lent, or with a specific person, as with Abraham last Sunday. Today, God establishes a covenant specifically with Israel by giving Moses the Ten Commandments. In the New Covenant, Jesus declares that he has come to fulfill the Law of Moses, and in doing so will lay down his life for the salvation of all. Today, as we hear Jesus cleanse the temple, we beg him to cleanse our hearts this Lent of all that hinders us from loving God and neighbor. We ask for the grace to understand, with Paul, that such self-sacrificing love only seems foolish and weak. In reality, such Christ-like love is the very power and wisdom of God.

A Note From the Pastor....



"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

What a question! What an invitation to know the tender love of God! God so loves us that He gave His Son – so that we might dwell with God forever. Jesus did not come here to condemn us, but to save us. God is for us. I think of parents as they watch their kids go off to school for the first time. They cheer for them, they encourage them, and they love their children even when they fail. Parents want their children to succeed. God wants us to succeed. God desires our best. God longs for us to be with Him forever. WE can rely upon God.

And this got me thinking. What if I was a bit more like God when it came to you? What if I always and in every situation wanted you to succeed? What if we all wanted everyone we meet to succeed? What if our basic disposition toward each other and everyone was one of – I want your best! We would love to hang out with each other. People would want to be with us. What a great community we would be if everyone earnestly desired each other's best! God is for us, let us be for each other.

The annual Catholic Services Appeal continues. If you have not returned your pledge or commitment, please do so. Together we can meet our goal. Your financial gifts to the Archdiocese foster the varied ministries that occur in the name of Christ by the local Church. Thank you for your generosity.

All women of the parish are invited to join a new women's Bible Study. This group will gather on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's of the month at 7:30 a.m. in the St. Faustina Commons. This will be a study of the upcoming Sunday scripture reading in the style of Lectio Divine or divine reading.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Kevin Finnegan



Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal last weekend. If you were unable to make a pledge last weekend, we urge you please consider doing so. Return the invitation you received from Archbishop Nienstedt a couple of weeks ago or there are pledge envelopes located on the tables behind the center pews. If you are a regular visitor to St. Patrick and wish your gift to be credited to St. Patrick, you must note that on the pledge form. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many in our Archdiocese. Last year we surpassed our financial goal and only 33% of our families participated. This year our goal is \$8,942 and we would like to increase our parish participation to at least 50%.

Calling All Women to "Give A Gift To Yourself", a Lenten talk on prayer by speaker and author, Mary Jo Sherwood on Saturday, March 10th after the 8:30 a.m. mass at Divine Mercy. Bring a friend and deepen the meaning of Lent in your life.

The St. Canice Faith Formation is having a Spring Fling Fundraiser and is looking for local vendors (home-based businesses, direct sales, handmade items, etc) for their event on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The fundraiser will benefit the Faith Formation program at St. Canice, to bring back people like DonB! Variety Show and other speakers to share with the parish and surrounding communities. The cost is \$15 per table and on a first come basis. For more information contact: Angela Taafe at [507-595-3203](tel:507-595-3203) or angela.taafe@gmail.com



Our thanks go out to parishioner Martha Wallace for creating the St. Patrick's Church of Shieldsville website, available to parishioners and visitors alike. You will find information about church schedules, contact information, upcoming celebration and mark-your-calendar lists. If you miss picking up a bulletin one weekend, you will find a page with current and recent bulletins. You will also find the schedule of all events for Lent, for St. Patrick's, Divine Mercy and St. Michael's. The link to the website is <http://www.spsshieldville.org>.

[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)
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2012 Family Forum

Featuring: Jim Stenson

The Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life is hosting the annual Family Forum at St. Peter Catholic Church in Mendota Heights on: Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (check in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Mr. Stenson is an educational expert, speaker and writer on family concerns. He has authored numerous books such as *Upbringing, Compass: A Handbook on Parent Leadership, Lifeline: The Religious Upbringing of Your Children and Father, The Family Protector*. He will speak on balance within the family.

Register online (www.ARCHSPM.ORG) accepted with Visa or MasterCard.

For additional information please feel free to contact the Marriage, Family and Life office at 651.291.4489.

Registrations accepted through March 16th.

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.

AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ...



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

Sunday March 11th BA Annual Pancake Breakfast. \$5.00 per ticket for adults and students, preschool free. Tickets can be purchased from any BA family, at the BA Office, at the Door, or after all masses the weekend of March 3 & 4th. **Breakfast is held in the cafeteria in the lower level. Unable to handle the steps? Let us know in advance and we'll make arrangements for you and your family!**

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

March begins with a snow day - or rather ice! The first snow day at HRS brought smiles to the children and even some of the staff. We come to expect a day or two each winter. Most of this ice and snow has melted away. With Lent here, we know that spring is just around the corner. I can already see the Spring flowers in my mind!

BULLY BUSTER PRESENTATION: This Tuesday, Ronald McDonald was here to share a fun presentation centered on ending bullying nationwide. HRS is a Bully Free Zone and this year we are educating HRS students about bullying and their role ending the bully cycle. Ronald McDonald taught the students C.A.L.M. This pneumatic is a response for students to use. C is – cool down, take a breath; A – assert yourself and ask the bully to stop; L – Look the bully in the eye; and M – mean what you say. Then walk away. He also discussed telling an adult if you are being bullied and that bystanders have a responsibility to tell an adult what they see. Ask your child to share! This really

brought the lessons we've been teaching all year home!

HRS LENTEN PRAYERS: On Monday HRS gathered for a Rosary before school and an all school prayer before lunch. We are doing "Lenten Lights" which actually has us blowing out a candle each week as we reflect, pray, give alms and fast.



FRIDAY – MARCH 2: HRS is celebrating National Reading Day & Dr. Seuss' Birthday with story time at 12:15 p.m. and special guests. I hear that President Lincoln will be stopping by to see if we are reading!

JOIN THE HRS FAMILY! Did you know that we have bussing? Scholarships available to all families. Here are some stats to consider:

- 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! Do you have a skill that you would like to share? Do you have a hobby that others always want to learn? We are creating mini classes March 19-23. You set the times and cost, but must be during the school day! Call to set up a class 364-7383!

POHLAD SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE GRANT: Wow! Thank you for your support, we are at now at \$6,240. We do need to reach \$7,800 to receive the matching grant. Please pray for us!

KUDOS: - Carol Baumann for coming weekly to help with classroom projects!

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

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

The 2 Greatest Commandments.....

"To love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength. To love they neighbor as thyself" *Mark 12:30-31*

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.

AREA HAPPENINGS.....

OLD FASHIONED HAM & EGG BREAKFAST and

KOBLIHY SALE – Sunday, **March 4** from 8:30 AM till noon in the IC Church Basement. Serving ham & eggs, quick breads, koblihy, fruit and beverages. Adults \$8.00, Children 4-10 \$4.00, Under 4 free. Takeouts available. Proceeds will benefit our Civic Center Kitchen Project.



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.

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

will host a **Seder Meal on Thursday, March 8, 2012**, at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The meal is a representation of the Exodus of the Hebrews out of Egypt and is held during the Lenten season in recognition of the Jewish Passover and the Last supper. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Julie Ochs at 331-8916 or Eileen Voracek at 334-8456. The Ladies Auxiliary will hold their meeting after the supper.

HOSPICE BENEFIT

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Hosted by 1st United Bank Junior Board of Directors. Monday, March 12th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Faribault. Adults \$6.00, kids 10 and under \$3.00 sold at the door. Can be purchased in advance at 1st United Bank.

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 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.

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.



Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church

Fourth Avenue 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.

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.



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.

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:**

_____ **Drop in the collection basket or mail to the office**