

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

5th Sunday of Lent

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 15:	8:30 a.m.	+Allen White
St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17:	6:00 p.m.	+Paul Gaughan, +John V. Dudley
Youth Mass - Saturday, March 19:	5:00 p.m.	+Nancy Dienst
Palm Sunday, March 20:	9:00 a.m.	+Lucille Murphy

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

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, March 15: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:40 a.m.

Wednesday, March 16: **NO Religious Education** because of Spring Break
Mulligan Stew & Irish Soda Bread Prep @ 9:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 17: **St. Patrick's Day Celebration, March 17th**. Mass at 6 p.m. Stew
Supper served 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. followed by Bingo! All welcome to
help us celebrate our Patron Saint's Feast Day!! **Helper Sign-up by the office**

Ongoing thru April 6 – **Religious Ed Classes Raising Money for their Jesus Food Service Project.**

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 19, 2016 5:00 p.m.

AS: Volunteers Needed

EM: Bernie Ardolf*

Mary Ardolf, Marsha DeGroot

GR: Gary & Patti Angelow,

Marge Duchene, Mary Ann Gaughan

L/N: Marsha DeGroot Speaker: Kathleen Cap

U: Marge Duchene, Mary Ann Gaughan,

Larry Viskocil

Sunday, March 20, 2016 9:00 a.m.

AS: Anna Aaker, Carson, Emma, Ryann Louis,

Henry Schendel, Darrell Stoltz

EM: June Malecha*

Jeff Jirik, Ruth Seykora

GR: June & Nobby Malecha,

LuVerne & Martha Wallace

L/N: Katie Judd Landrum Speaker: Jeff Jirik

U: Lance Chappuis, Tom Murphy,

Randy Rezac

Remember in your prayers ...

Brianne Olson, Andi Olsonawski, 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

Office Hours

March 13 - 19, 2016

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship

March 5 & 6, 2016

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,060.00
Open Plate	121.10
Visitor	345.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>525.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 3,051.10

Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

March 20, 2016

First Reading:	Isaiah	50:4-7
Psalm 22	"My God, My God, why have you abandoned me."	
Second Reading:	Philippians	2:6-11
Gospel:	Luke	22:14-23:56

The cries of "Hosanna" that you heard in the Gospel proclaimed at the beginning of Mass will turn all too quickly to cries of pain and anguish, and culminate in the words of abandonment that Jesus utters from the cross. With his final words, Jesus forgives the repentant criminal hanging on another cross next to his own. These sacred scriptures let us make our own the words of the repentant criminal: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

A Word from Father Victor ...



March 13, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We move forward and reflect on the mercy and compassion of God especially from the scripture readings this Sunday. In the first reading Isaiah reminded the Israelites of the events of the past how God freed and re-established them but not to be fixated on it because "he is going to do something new". The God who did these things in the past will do this again in our life and our lifetime. He is promising us a new exodus, from a life of sin to a new beginning.

We do remember and celebrate the story of the past, knowing the God of love, the God did, does, and will do. Our faith then is not just about some things in the past but also about what will happen. Unless we experience the reality of our moment and what God has done to us today we will miss a big part of our story of salvation.

The story of the woman caught in adultery helps us to understand and appreciate better the mercy and compassion of God. She is restored to life by the mercy and compassion of God. There is no judgement set upon her. Our Lord do no favor sin. He condemns it but not the sinner. He destroys sin and brings the sinner back to life.

Once again we are called to be holy. First we need to be freed from sin by our contrition and confession of our sins. Let us receive the fullness of God's mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. At Most Holy Redeemer Parish on Sunday, at 5:00 P.M. we will celebrate the sacrament. Let us make the initial move to be freed from sin. It is Jesus that is calling and inviting you to the fullness of life and will not settle for compromise. It is he who stirs your heart and mind to holiness by your choices and the things you that choose to do.

Let us make our choices for the Lord and approach him in the sacrament of reconciliation!

It was just confirmed that Archbishop Emeritus Harry J. Flynn will be at St. Patrick for the following Holy Week Masses: Palm Sunday (Sunday only), Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil – Saturday night. Please join us for these most beautiful Masses of the whole Church year.

Jesus Food Service Project...

Our RE youth are participating in the Jesus Food Service Project. **To raise money, several classes are having a bake sale this weekend and again on April 2/3.** If you are able to help them by bringing items for the April sale or making a financial contribution, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to pack food with the youth on either April 13th or 20th you can sign up on the bulletin board by the office. There are a limited number of spaces available. The bulletin contains more information about our Jesus Food project.

Our Grand Party will be held **Saturday, May 14th.** Tickets are now available from **Randy & Kathy Archambault, John McDonough, Dan Pumper and the office.** Get your ticket NOW before they are all gone!!! Tickets are \$60 and entitle you to 2 dinners and a chance to win \$1,000 or one of the other monetary prizes of \$500, \$300, \$200, 8 prizes of \$100 or 10 prizes of \$60.

Catholic Services Appeal

Please return your CSA Pledge form if you haven't already. At last check, we were less than \$3,000 of our \$9,000+ goal. If you lost the one sent to you by the CSA office, there are additional forms in the pews. The following organizations/ministries will benefit IF YOU CHOOSE TO SUPPORT THE CSA THIS YEAR! 17 Collective Ministries **who will benefit.** *American Indian Ministry – Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) – Campus Ministry Newman Center – Campus Ministry St. Paul's Outreach – Catholic Charities – Deaf Ministry – Catholic Elementary Schools – Evangelization and Catechesis – Catholic High Schools – Hospital Chaplains – Latino Ministry – Marriage, Family and Life – Parishes – Prison Ministries – St. John Vianney College Seminary – St. Paul Seminary – Venezuelan Mission.* **We ask you to be as generous as you can be. When we make our goal, 25% of money collected is returned to St. Patrick. Please search your heart and be as generous as you can be. Go to www.csafspm.org for more about 2016 Appeal.**

Holy Redeemer School needs recyclable paper (blank on one side) to use for copying student worksheets. Drop it off in the box by our office when you can. Thank you!

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

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

Divine Mercy Catholic School



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www.dmcs.cc
507-334-7706.



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K - 8th Grade)

205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
(507)364-7383 (mosthrs.org)

We dealt with some sickness at HRS last week and are hoping everyone is, or soon will be, on the mend. In other news, we are grateful for the success of our recent raffle efforts: Thank you to all those who helped us go beyond our original goal. Heading home from Minneapolis on Sunday morning, my wife and I attended Mass at Holy Redeemer and enjoyed hearing Father Victor's homily on the Gospel that is usually referred to as "The Parable of the Prodigal Son."

Instead of focusing so much on the repentant son, who, indeed had been wasteful and foolish, Father Victor asked us to look at the story as "The Parable of the Prodigal Father" because the father in the story is *prodigal* or extravagant with his forgiveness of the sinful, but repentant, son. That father in the story, Father Victor emphasized, is like God: He who will never stop loving each of us, in spite of the sins we have committed. Thanks, Father Victor, for the confidence-building message with which to start the week and every day!

Catholic United Financial Raffle Congratulations to the HRS Community, we reached and surpassed our goal of \$5,500. We sold 1,484 raffle tickets, profit of \$7,425 (100% of tickets sold) - Awesome!!! The top seller and the winner of a Kindle Fire HD was the Francis and Theresa (Rachel and Noah) Rynda Family. The winning classroom, earning a pizza party, was kindergarten, having sold an average of 33.75 tickets per student.

Registration for the 2016-2017 School year is open. Forms have been sent home; please call the school if you have any questions. Remember to get your registration forms in by April 1 in order for you to have a chance to win a scrip gift card.

Financial Assistance forms for grades K-8 are due May 1.

Lent Feel free to join the HRS students as they have Rosary every Monday before school at 7:55

a.m. and Stations on the Cross every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. during Lent.

40 Cans for 40 Days Staff and students at HRS will collect food for the Montgomery Salvation Army Food Shelf. The KofC will match the school's effort.

Pennies for Patients - continues Students across the country are collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters during the Pennies for Patients campaigns benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Everyone who participates is a winner!

Week of March 14th- Dollars

Collect before Easter (Week of March 21st)

Mini Classes The 2016 HRS Mini Course Week will be held the week of March 14 - 18. More information will be in next week's newsletter.

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

Mr. **Vondracek**, Principal vondracek@mosthrs.org

The Prayer Shawl group meets Tuesday, March 15th from 10-11 am at Pleasant Manor - Activity Room.



If you're interested in knitting or learning, please join us in this rewarding ministry. All knitters are welcome. We provide yarn for the shawls. They are given to those in need. We also have knitters who chose to knit at home.

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St. Patrick Faith Focus Group tentatively meets on Sunday, April 5th at 10 a.m. All ages welcome. We use Matthew Kelly's Decision Point program. Kim Chmelik facilitates. The entire program can be accessed online to work on your own. Workbooks available in the office. Call Kim, 507.333.0297 or kchmelik@earthlink.net.

Coming Up In The Area ...

Paradise Community Theatre presents
The Odd Couple by Neil Simon
March 17, 18, 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Buy tickets online at paradisecenterforthearts.org
 or call 507.332.7372

The show stars George Hemphill as Oscar Madison and Andy Velishek as Felix Unger

The Lonsdale area wide seniors club (Golden Agers) will meet at 1pm Tuesday March 15 at the IC Civic Center. Cards & bingo played with Supper served at 4:00. All seniors over 60 are invited to attend. Come join us for a fun filled afternoon. For more information call Don at 507-744-2408

Immaculate Conception of Marysburg, Madison Lake, will host their annual **Fish Fry on Friday, March 18th**: Enjoy fried fish, au gratin potatoes, and much more from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$10, Age 6-12: \$5; Kids 5 & Under are free! Adoration, Confessions, Rosary and Mass will be available in the Church. Located 2.5 miles north of Madison Lake near the 4 way junction of County Road 26, 15 and 16, (8 miles south of Cleveland on County Road 15. For more information, visit www.maryschurches.com

American Legion Post #108, Le Center is holding a Fish Fry each Friday in Lent (**March, 18, 25**) for lunch & dinner. \$6 Fish Basket Lunch (11am to 1pm) and \$10 Fish Dinners (5-7:30pm - or until gone). \$6 -Children under 12. All Welcome!

Montgomery Lions Pancake Breakfast Palm Sunday, March 20th at the Holy Redeemer School Cafeteria Serving: Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Beverage, 7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost: Adult - \$8, Age 6-10 \$4, Under 6 Free Bring used glasses

Southwest Deanery CCW News...
Spiritual Day - Sat. March 19th at St. Andrew Church in Elysian. Cost \$5.00. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Day is done about 1:00 p.m. Join our Retreat for the Lenten Season. Bring items for the Silent Auction (baked goods, crafts, etc). Call **Denise Haaland** (507.334.2781) to attend.

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.

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.

Every Friday night during Lent, Faribault KC will host a fish dinner at the KC Hall. All you can eat fried or baked fish, baked potato, vegetable and salad bar for \$12.50. Serving: 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Western Catholic Community of St. Scholastica and St. John Union Hill will hold their annual All You Can Eat Country Style Breakfast at the Church of St. Scholastica (Heidelberg) on Sunday, March 20th from 8:30 a.m. - Noon. Located 4 miles S of New Prague on Hwy 13, then 2 miles W on CR 28 to 181st Ave, Turn R, go 1 mile to the church. Serving: Scrambled Eggs with ham, pancakes, country style fried potatoes, sweet breads, desserts, coffee, milk, and orange juice. Cost: Adults - \$8, Ages 4-12 - \$4, Under 3 Free.

Interested in Trying Something New for Good Friday?

Taizé prayer is an ecumenical opportunity that is intended to include Christians of all traditions. The service centers around the reading of Sacred Scripture, singing of Psalms and periods of holy silence. St. Richard's Catholic Church (7540 Penn Ave S, Richfield) is hosting Taizé Prayer and Veneration of the Cross of Christ on Friday evening, March 25, at 7:30pm. Please note that the Eucharist is not part of this service, but all are invited to experience the spiritual communion of Christian Unity as we gather around the Cross of Christ in commemoration of His Passion. For more information, please visit www.strichards.com/lent or call 612-869-2426 during weekday business hours.

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.