

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2012 Volume 31 Number 50

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 4:	8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Saturday, Dec 15:	6:00 p.m.	+Joe, +Helen & +Dennis Smisek
Sunday, Dec. 9:	10:30 a.m.	+ Jack Wasilowski

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 10:	Bell Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 11:	Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 12:	Faith Formation Classes @ 6:30 p.m. Grades 1-9
Saturday, December 15:	Christmas Eve Play Practice, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. St. Patrick Advent Reconciliation, 10 a.m. - Noon Confessions @ 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Jeff Bronk, Chase Silkey
EM: Denise Flicek *
 Joyce Brazil, Shari Gruber
GR: Lorraine Bultman, Janice Chappuis,
 Lorraine Dudley, Anne Langer
L: Kathy Thom
U: Bill Harn, Richard Misgen,
 Dan Pumper, *Volunteer Needed*

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 10:30 a.m.

AS: Ana Aaker, Elizabeth Jacobson
EM: George Sticha *
 Katie Judd Landrum, June Malecha
GR: Nancy Chappuis, Dale Drentlaw Family,
 Duke & MariLou Ernste, Nobby & June Malecha
L: Laura Drentlaw
U: Larry Chappuis, Duke Ernste,
 Tom Trnka, Hank Von Ruden

Remember in your prayers ...

Richard (Sam) Brown, The Family of Joanne F. Nelson, Francis Herda, Fr. Dave Barrett, Phyllis DeGrood, Loren Wendel, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nicholas Grambart; **Bill Stransky;** Terry Caron; all on the prayer chain; Servicemen: **Jaime Allison, Charlie Cain, Lester Caron, Chris Chappuis, Mark Gehling, John Madden, John McDonough, Ryan Snorek, Eric Spehn, Nate Wallace, Luke Ward.**

Office Hours December 9 - 15, 2012

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

Financial Stewardship December 1 & 2, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,380.00
Open Plate	120.58
Visitor	200.00
EFTs	332.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 3,032.58

Have you thought of helping out a family going through tough times during the holidays? If interested, contact Tracy in the office. **Likewise - if you know of a family that could use the extra help, let Tracy know.** All information is confidential!

Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2012

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Psalm "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Saint Paul tells us that our "kindness should be known to all." Coupled with the message of Saint John the Baptist in the Gospel that we should share with those who have nothing, our Advent message is clear. We are to prepare a way for the Lord by serving others, so that they too will have reason to rejoice at the coming of the Lord. Let us listen to God's word and rejoice.

Belated Congratulations!

Bethlehem Academy Football Team on your **2nd Place State Finish.** **Ryan Dietz** is a member of the team. **We are so Proud of You!**

From the Desk of the Pastor....



A Voice Crying Out in the Desert

If Christmas is going to be a deeply religious experience and not just a pagan festival of merriment, the holy season of Advent has got to be taken seriously and not robbed of its meaning. It is a time of hope and renewal. They provide us with an opportunity for strengthening and deepening our union with Christ. The Lord is close at hand and we open our hearts fully and make room for Him through prayer and repentance.

The repentance for which John the Baptist calls goes beyond a simple confession of wrongdoings. It involves a profound change of the whole person and demands turning our back on old self-centered habits. John gives us some down to earth advice on how to smooth a passageway for Christ coming into our lives, by pointing out obstacles and barriers at the door of our hearts that need to be removed. Among the valleys to be filled in, are the many gaping sins of omission, the good we meant to do and have never done, our neglect of family and neighbors, those wasted opportunities in life for helping others. The mountains of our pride can only be leveled out by the daily practice of the virtue of humility.

John's words have their sting behind and are a bitter pill to swallow. They hurt because there is so much in our lives to be set right. He is speaking an uncomfortable truth, challenging us about our sinful behavior, which we would rather not discuss. He is telling us that there is a wrong way to live and a right way. If we are to make a clear pathway for God to come into our hearts, we have to turn away from sin, resolve to conduct ourselves better and humbly ask Jesus to give us his light instead.

Advent is such an alerting and preparing time. Today's gospel is a timely reminder through the words of John the Baptist that Christmas is about more than food and drink, presents and pleasure, comfort and contentment. It is about preparing a way to let God have an ever increasing say in our lives. In the hustle and bustle, will we hear His voice?

Fr. George, CMI

Planning a Baptism in the future? The Baptism Class is Saturday, January 5th at Most Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. Classes are required to schedule a baptism at St. Pats IF this is your first child or it has been more than 2 years since your last class. Call 507.364.7981 to register.



MEN'S RETREAT - *The Year of Faith: To the Source of Revelation* - Saturday, December 15, 6:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Lonsdale. Presenter: Fr. Thomas McCabe. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Round Table. Please call the Parish Office (507) 744-2829 or icparish@means.net to sign up for the retreat by Thursday, December 13. Free Will Offering. Please bring your Bible and a notebook and pencil or pen.



KC 889 Korner...

(17 Third Street NE - Ph. 507.334.4918)

Ladie's Auxiliary Christmas meeting

Thursday, Dec. 13th. All KC Auxiliary members are welcome to attend. There is a light supper at 6 p.m. Christmas Meeting follows at 7 p.m. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange at KC Hall.

KC Family Breakfast - Sunday, December 16th serving from 8:15a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Menu: Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk, Maple & Strawberry Syrup. Tickets: Advance Sale - Adults \$6.50, At the door - Adults \$7.50, Children ages 3 - 10 \$4.00.

The KC Hall is available for weddings, anniversaries, fundraisers, dinners, graduation parties and family gatherings. Call Rick Scheil at 507.334.4918 for information.

Natural Family Planning Classes

A series of **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** classes will begin soon. This Church approved method is scientific and marriage building. The classes teach couples how to achieve or postpone pregnancy, while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. **NOTE: NFP classes are required to have a wedding at St. Patrick.**

A series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on:

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013- St. Michael, West St. Paul

Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013 - **St. Mathew, St. Paul**

To register or for more information, please call the **Billings Ovulation Method** at (612) 723-1823

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013 at **St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hastings** To register or for more information, please call the **Couple to Couple League** at (612) 721-3791

Monday, Jan. 21, 2013 - **All Saints, Lakeville**

Friday, Jan. 25, 2013 - St. Joseph Hospital, St. Paul. To register or for more information, please call the **Twin Cities FertilityCare** at (651) 232-3088 or register on-line at www.tcnfp.org

For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, call (651) 291-4489 or visit www.archspm.org/family

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

(www.bacards.org)

Upcoming events at BA:

The Bethlehem Academy Board of Directors is seeking applicants for two open positions on the newly formed Governance and Mission Committee. Applicants with an interest in or knowledge of governance structures and Dominican traditions are encouraged to apply. Applications materials are available at the BA office or email Sr. Mary Margaret at mmurphy@bacards.org Please submit your application to Sr. Mary Margaret Murphy by Monday, December 10, 2012.

DINE OUT FOR EDUCATION: On Monday December 10th, take your family down to Bostons. A portion of your bill will be donated back to DMCS & BA. Dine in, carry out and delivery all qualify. (when placing your order for carry out or delivery please mention you are supporting the schools' dining night out.)

BA Band Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 13th.

BA Choral Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 16th.



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

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

We had a beautiful concert! Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School presented their Christmas concert Monday. The show, "A King is Coming to Town," showcased student performance, counting, and theatrical skills while telling the very important message of the Advent Season, that a King is coming soon, Jesus our Savior! It was a busy week of practices and set up and we wish to especially thank Christine Trcka, our music teacher, for a wonderful performance. We could not have accomplished this special event, however, without the extra help from Rick, Rita and Jean, at the school, and all of our teaching staff. It was a joy to begin Advent with this special event.

Our school also began our first week of Advent honoring Mary as we lit the first candle of our advent wreath. On Saturday, our parishes then celebrated the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception. When we reflect on God choosing Mary and her humble answer, it is a precious way to begin the Advent Season. Our school family is asked to focus on the "Year of Faith" in December through this quiet reflection, adoration, and reconciliation. We ask for your continued prayers for our students as they grow in their faith.

HRS Book Fair: We would like to thank our 1st and 2nd grade parents for hosting the book fair and for everyone who purchased books. The company sent many special Christmas and religious books.

You can still place an order online at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hrs>. A special thank you to Tracy Odenthal who did the overall coordination for this event. Early tallies show about \$1,700 in sales. We will see how many points and how close we are to our Smart Board!

SCRIP LOCAL VENDOR FEATURE: Think Scrip for the holidays! Scrip is available in Montgomery after Masses or stop by Frandsen Bank or the school daily. *Montgomery NAPA: We would like to thank local business, Montgomery NAPA and Todd Novak for participating in the HRS Scrip program. They donate 3% back to HRS. Shop locally and support HRS at the same time! What a great idea for Dads and Grandparents.*

KUDOS:

- Pat Barnett, Rick Skluzacek and all parents who set up and took down our stage in the church.
- Thank you to our room parents who served cookies after the concert!
- GOOD SEARCH – When you search with Good Search we benefit! HRS received a \$22.17 check!
- Aluminum Cans - \$77, thanks to Milo Chlan Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal ***Blessed Advent to you and your family. Week one – God chose Mary!***

CHECK OUT OUR St. Patrick Website!

<http://www.spshieldsville.org>

Welcome to St. Patrick!

Please let us know if anything has changed in your family or if you would like more information.

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.

_____ please remove us from the parish roster

_____ would like information on:

*Drop in the collection basket or mail to the
St. Patrick Parish office.*