

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

3rd Sunday of Lent March 8, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 10: 8:30 a.m. Father's Intention
Saturday, March 14: 5:00 p.m. +Ray Duchene, +Paul Gaughan
Sunday, March 15: 8:00 p.m. +Sharon Archambault, +Rachel Fisher

The flag flying over our church is in memory of the Ralph Brown.

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, March 10: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:40 a.m.
Wednesday March 11: **Faith Formation for Grades 1-10, 6:30 p.m.**
Stations of the Cross, 6:45 p.m. in Lent except March 25

Upcoming: St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Tuesday, March 17th See ad in this bulletin

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 14, 2015 5:00 p.m.

AS: Rose Chmelik

EM: Bernie Ardolf*

Mary Ardolf, Denise Flicek

GR: Ken Brazil, Dick Misgen,

Larry & Shelly Vosejpka

L: Denise Flicek

U: Ken Brazil, Marge Duchene,

Mary Ann Gaughan, Larry Vosejpka

Sunday, March 15, 2015 8:00 a.m.

AS: Dawson Drentlaw, Carson Louis

EM: Laura Drentlaw*

Madeline Drentlaw, Sharon Kaisershot

GR: Dale & Laura Drentlaw,

Steve & Elaine Trnka, Hank Von Ruden

L: Sharon Kaisershot

U: Tom Murphy, Hank Von Ruden

Elaine & Steve Trnka

Remember in your prayers ...

Loren 'Red' Dimmel (brother of **Belva Brown**, brother-in-law of **Mary Jane Dimmel**, uncle of **David Brown**), **Roger Pumper**, John Madden, **Bill Harn**, **Marge Sowa**, **Don Hora**, Jeff Brown, **Marilyn Richter**, Landyn Wrolson, **Francis Herda**, Joe & Kari (Franek) Wiita, Anne Naas; Don Jensen; Nick Grambart; all on the prayer chain; **Servicemen: Jaime Allison, Chris Chappuis, Mark Gehling, John McDonough, Eric Spehn, Luke Ward**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Tuesday, March 17th Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Mulligan Stew served 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Bingo with prizes at 7:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME to help us celebrate our patron's feast day! Worker Sign-up by display case!



Office Hours

March 8-14, 2015

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Financial Stewardship

February 28 & March 1, 2015

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,155.00
Open Plate	138.00
Visitor	75.00
EFTs	337.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 2,705.00

NOTE: If you gave **Cash for Church Cleaning** and didn't write your name on the envelope, call the office. We received several with no name.

4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2015

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16

Psalm 116 "Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you."

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Try not to let today's reading's be completely overshadowed by your familiarity with the passage from John 3:16. There is so much here for contemplation and prayer, gratitude and celebration. Indeed, God so loves the world that God has acted before in history through Cyrus of Persia, and even today through the Holy Spirit in our own lives. As we listen to these holy scriptures today, in what ways do they remind us of how God acts in our own lives?

Don't forget about St. Patrick when you go on vacation. We need your continued support throughout the year. Set up electronic withdrawal for donations or take care of it before you go.

A Note From Father Victor



March 8, 2015

Dear Brother and Sisters,

On the third Sunday of Lent we are invited to reflect on our manner and attitude towards worshipping our God. Through the scripture readings this weekend Jesus tells us that the one essential part of worship is our presence and inner disposition. The best offering for Jesus is the offering of the heart more than the sacrificial offerings of things.

In worship we acknowledge God's holiness and goodness and his claim on us. We recognize that we are his beloved and chosen people, and our lives should reflect our giftedness and his holiness. The first reading reminds us of a covenant we have with our God and the conditions of life expected of us. In the gospel, Jesus wanted to emphasize the respect and proper worship due to the Father.

Salvation is a free gift God has offered to us. It is the victory that God accomplished, through the worthy offering of Jesus Christ, over the power of sin and death. This is the gift won for each of us and we are free to embrace it or reject it. When we receive the gift, we are called to live the life of a grateful recipient of grace. "If we move with the grace/gift we have received, then our hearts will, first of all, be filled with gratitude. Grateful hearts want to respond with love - to give thanks and praise, just as we say as we begin every Eucharistic Prayer: it is right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks."

When our hearts are absorbed in worldly concerns, we tend to move away from God or become disconnected. We need to do things (acts of penance) to help us "turn back" to our Lord, with all our heart. Therefore our Lenten acts of penance are a journey towards liberation from the bondage of selfishness and materialism - freedom to cooperate with and to respond to God's grace.

Let the Lenten "work" help us to discover where and in what concrete ways we are resisting and not cooperating with God's gifts. Let us discover what makes us. How do we respond to enticements that make me aggressive or desiring of what is not mine or what is not good for me), then I'm out of balance and I can be quite closed to the love God. Let us journey towards lent - to freedom and to God!



Our Faith Formation Youth will be collecting COATS, SCARVES, MITTENS, & HATS through March!!!

Put items in the Coat Drop box located by the display case.

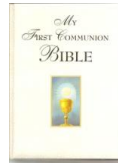
Do you want to deepen your faith?

St. Patrick is offering you a chance to deepen and examine your faith through our Faith Focus Group. The group is for any age. Matthew Kelly spent four years coming up with the Decision Point program we will use. Kim Chmelik will facilitate the group meetings. If unable to attend Sundays, you can access the entire program online to go through on your own. To view the workbook, stop in the office. If interested call Kim at 507.333.0297 or kchmelik@earthlink.net,



Next meeting: Sunday, March 29th at 9:00 a.m.

First Communion Gift Available ...



First Communion Bibles, from Saint Benedict Press, are available for First Communion Gifts for \$14. You can get either a Burgundy or Ivory cover. Bibles can be seen in the office or talk to Tracy.

Stations of the Cross - 6:45 p.m.
Each Wednesday in Lent (except March 25th)

SW Deanery CCW 2015 Spiritual Day

Saturday, March 14, 2015 hosted by Divine Mercy Church (139 Mercy Drive, Faribault)
Registrations due by March 7th to Denise Haaland. Registration: 8:00-8:25 a.m., 8:30 a.m. Mass (rolls & coffee follow Mass). Fee: \$8.00 and includes: Mass, Silent Auction, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Lunch and Guest Speaker Lucy Johnson, ACCW President. All women welcome to attend. Silent auction proceeds benefit Pro-Life!

'I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY:

All are welcome to a Curtain Call/Child's Play Theatre ALL YOUTH production on Saturday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick. Play description: *Over 15,000 Jewish children passed through Terezin, Czech Republic, and only about a hundred were still alive when Terezin was liberated at the end of the war. One of the survivors, Raja, having lived through it all, teaching the children when there was nothing to teach with, helping to give them hope when there was little enough reason for hope, creating a little world of laughter, of flowers and butterflies behind the barbed wire, tells the true story of the children. It's her play and it's theirs. There were no butterflies at Terezin, of course, but for the children, butterflies became a symbol of defiance, making it possible for them to live on and play happily while waiting to be transported from this holding area to Auschwitz.*



We Welcome These New Families...
February 2015: **Brandon Miller & Amber Gretz, Dylan & Heather Richardson & Cash Charles Salaba & Tracy Vlasak, Allen Eckstien, Shawn Vosejпка & Max**



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, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knights. Ask a Knight for more information.

***KC Fish Fries** – every Friday in Lent, 5 – 8 p.m.

***KC Auxiliary meeting** – Thurs., March 12 with symbolic Sedar Meal at 6:00 PM. All are welcome. Meeting follows at 7:00 p.m.



Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

105 Third Ave. SW, Faribault
507.334.3948

www.bacards.org

B.A. is accepting applications in all grades for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information about financial aid or applying to BA, go to the BA website and click on Admissions, or call the school.

Sunday, March 8th, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Pancake breakfast in the BA Cafeteria. Cost: \$5.00 a person (pre-schoolers eat free!) Proceeds help support our Industrial Arts & Lunch Programs.

Thursday March 12th: Dining night out at Godfather's Pizza to support the BA Junior Class and Prom. 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Dine in or carry out. 10% of sales donated to Junior Class.

Saturday April 11th: Heroes for HOPE 10k, 5K, Kids run, and 1-mile untimed walk. Go to www.finalstretch.com/heroesforHOPE to register and/or make a donation.

Saturday April 11th: BABS Night 2015! A Tour of Europe! Join us for food, games, socializing, live auction, bucket raffle, and fun! \$5.00 admission, must be 21 to attend. We are looking for sponsors for this event. Want to help? Call BA



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(Pre-K through 8th Grade)

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

HRS continues to celebrate Lent and welcomed March this week by gathering for the Rosary and all-school prayer. Students are having a “mini-retreat” during school prayer where we read a Bible verse, reflect, and pray. We are also recognizing students for “acts of kindness” as we continue to focus on prayer, fasting, and alms giving.

MATH MASTERS: The new HRS 6th grade Math Master's students, Thomas Bulger, Landon Skluzacek, Ana Rynda, Rachel Rynda, and Rachel Way, competed this past Friday. This group was

organized and coached by Miss Franek. Expanding our math and science programs while still focusing on the whole child through religious integration and art, music and theater is STREAM—Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Math.

CATHOLIC UNITED RAFFLE: THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BUY A RAFFLE TICKET! Please help us sell any final tickets. We've sold 694 tickets to date, based on turn-in sales, that is \$3,470. We need to sell \$5,500 by Friday to reach our goal! **We will be able to sell at Holy Redeemer Masses this weekend as a final push! Ask an HRS family!

BUTTER BRAID SALES: Our 3-4 class is selling Butter Braids to earn funds for their Eagle Bluff trip. They will fundraise for two years and travel to Eagle Bluff in the fall of 2016. Call the school to place an order or visit with a 3-4 student to order.

2015-16 REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS:

↳ Little Lambs: Prekindergarten classes fill quickly. Register early to ensure a spot in the Little Lambs program.

↳ K-8: All K-8 families who register by April 1st will be put into a Scrip Gift Card \$25 drawing. The winner will choose their favorite store. All families in K-8 are also eligible for scholarships. Register early to ensure availability. Forms in office.

↳ March 21—1st Communion Retreat – for Parents & Students, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder, Principal,
mreeder@mosthrs.org

Coming UP In The Area

***American Legion Post #108 in Le Center, MN** is holding a **Fish Fry Fridays during Lent for lunch & dinner.** \$6 Fish Basket Lunch (11am to 1pm) and \$10 Fish Dinners (5-8pm -or until gone). Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3rd.



Setting the Table for Steubenville – Women's Event - Sunday, March 22nd.

American Legion Clubrooms, (102 Elm Ave SW) Montgomery MN Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. View

beautifully decorated tables – Entertainment – Lunch Speaker – Raffles. Tickets: \$25 per person. Contact Denise Haaland, 507.334.2781 or Sharon Kaisershot, 507.364.5537. Proceeds support Holy Redeemer-St. Canice, St. Patrick 2015 Teen Steubenville trip.

Minnesota Swarm Professional LaCross vs New England Black Wolves Faith & Family Night on Friday, April 3, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m. From your computer or smart phone just click on this link to get the discount tickets to the (Sidelines Lower Level - \$25 or Endzones Lower Level - \$19)

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