

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 2 : 8:30 a.m. Fathers Intentions
Saturday, December 3: 5:00 p.m. +Joe, +Helen, +Dennis Smisek, +Don & +Helen
Edwards, +Phyllis DeGroot
Sunday, December 4: 8:00 p.m. +Earl Dimmel, +Mary Schneider

The flag flying over our church is in memory of the Clarkin, Kolars & Kaisershot Families.

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, December 2: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:40 a.m.
Wednesday December 3: **Faith Formation @ 6:30 p.m.**
FF Reconciliation grades 3 – 10 during Class time

Mark Your Calendar: *Bake & Craft Sale at both Masses, December 6th & 7th*
Holy Day Mass for Immaculate Conception, Monday December 8 @ 7 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

A new Minister Schedule is coming out the end of December. If you have any requests – PLEASE contact Tracy ASAP!!!

Saturday, December 6, 2014 5:00 p.m.

AS: Rose Chmelik, Maggie Leichtnam
EM: Darrell Stoltz*
Joyce Brazil, Marsha DeGroot
GR: Jan Balata, Lorraine Dudley,
Larry & Shelly Vosejпка
L: Marsha DeGroot
U: Pat LaCanne, Leonard Petricka,
Larry Viskocil, Larry Vosejпка

Sunday, December 7, 2014 8:00 a.m.

AS: Romecio Davis
EM: George Sticha*
Laura Drentlaw, Madeline Drentlaw
GR: Charlie & Roxy Driessen,
Alice Remillard Family
L: Whitney Gillen Ordal
U: Charlie & Roxy Driessen,
Lance Chappuis, Mark Mulcahy

Remember in your prayers ...

The Family of Joe Herda (father of **Linda White**, brother-in-law of **Ellard & Joe Trnka**), **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**

Office Hours

November 30 - December 6, 2014

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.–4: 30 p.m.
Wednesday 10:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Financial Stewardship

November 22 & 23, 2014

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,313.00
Open Plate	200.00
Visitor	160.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>127.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 1,800.00

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5
Psalm 85 “Lord let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation”
Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
The first reading and Gospel are so familiar and beautiful that it is easy to overlook the message that we hear in the second letter of Saint Peter. In particular, it would be good to listen for and ponder his question, “what sort of persons ought you to be” when the day of the Lord comes?

St. Patrick Faith Formation Students are Collecting Coats for St. Vincent de Paul in Faribault. Please bring new or very gently used coats, hats, scarves, and mittens to St. Patrick and put them in the COAT BOX which can be found in the narthex by the display case. Thank you to everyone who has brought items so far. **Keep cleaning closets!**



A Note From Father Victor



November 30, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are excited about entering the new liturgical calendar year. We begin this new liturgical calendar with the season of Advent. It is a season of remembering the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and celebrating his birthday. We believe that his birth is the beginning of our faith story of salvation. We also look forward to his coming back again and finally reveal himself to us and establish his kingdom where there will be total justice, peace and joy.

For both comings, we look forward with expectation and excitement. We wait, watch and prepare. We can not wait or watch passively. WE are called to be actively waiting and preparing. There are two very important questions to ask: How am I preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus? What am I doing to prepare for his second coming?

Our church color during the season of advent is purple. This color symbolizes for us a time of active waiting and preparation. We prepare not only by decorating our homes or preparing food or gathering with family members, but most especially we prepare our hearts to celebrate the gift of presence and welcoming Jesus in our hearts. Let us be reminded that in the midst of the business of the Christmas fever, the center of our celebration is Jesus Christ and our welcoming of him who has offered his life for our sakes.

We look forward as well to his second coming. How are we preparing for this eventuality? The gospel reading is suggesting to us to be alert. The first two readings remind us how we have wandered away from God and how he remains faithful by providing us with spiritual gifts and sending his own Son to free us from our sinfulness. Advent teaches us to be ever alert so that the coming of the Son does not find us unprepared and unfit.

Will we ever learn from the mistakes of our forefathers in faith? How can we remain focused on Jesus during the secular and busy preparation and celebration of Advent and Christmas?

Youth Faith Formation News ...

We NEED Substitute Teachers for our Faith Formation program. There are a couple weeks in February that we especially need someone. Classes are Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Materials will be all prepared.

G.R.O.W. Survey



Our parish is going through a pastoral planning process desiring to become a more active, relevant and responsive parish community. Part of the process is a parish survey that each parish member is strongly recommended to participate in. This is an opportunity for all members to become a part of the process. If you can't access it online or are unfamiliar with computers, feel free to pick up a paper copy from the office. The survey can be accessed online through through January 3rd <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/stpatrickshieldsvillefaribault/>.

Do you want to deepen your faith?



St. Patrick will offer you a chance to deepen and examine your faith through what we call our Faith Focus Group. The group is for any age. Matthew Kelly spent four years coming up with the program we will use. Kim Chmelik will facilitate group meetings of those who wish to discuss the materials. If you are unable to attend on Sundays, you can access the entire program online and do it on your own. If you would like to view the workbook, stop in the office. If interested contact Kim at 507.333.0297 or kchmelik@earthlink.net

Next meeting date: Sunday, Dec. 7th at 9 a.m.

Our "Lady of Fatima" group would like you to join us each week on Tuesday morning at 7:40 a.m. We pray the rosary and Our Lady's prayers to obtain peace in the world. Tuesday Mass follows our meeting and fellowship follows Mass. Women and men are welcome. For more information call Mary Ann Smisek, 507.334.3329 or come Tuesday.

Marge Sowa is spending a few months recuperating with her daughter in Washington. She would love to hear from her 'family' at St. Patrick. Please send her a card or note when you get a minute. Marge & Mark's address through April will be: Marge Sowa, % Peggy Klemens, 12923 - 231st Way SE, Kent Washington, 98030.

**Marilyn Sellers & Steven C in Concert
November 30th at 2:00 p.m.**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
(1207 Prairie Ave Faribault, MN)**

Proceeds go to Ruth's House - Emergency and Transitional Housing for Women & Children.

**THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY ACTION
ENERGY ASSISTANCE** (see kiosk for brochures)
Call 507.732.8554 or 800.277.8419 or search for
Energy Assistance at go to
www.threeriverscap.org

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

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

Upcoming events at BA:

Bethlehem Academy still has openings in all grades for the 2014-2015 school year. If interested in enrolling, please contact the BA office.

Please join us in December for our choral and band concerts. They are open to the public:

Choral Concert: Sunday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church.

Band Concert: Monday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. at B.A., Van Orsow Auditorium



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

(PreK through 8th Grade)
205 Vine Ave West, Montgomery
(507) 364-7383 (mosthrs.org)

Blessings as Advent begins! At Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School we are thankful to God for the many blessings we have at our school: a warm building to learn in, delicious food to keep us healthy, textbooks and computers to enrich our learning. It's easy to take this for granted, but for some schools and children, these items are luxuries. We are richly blessed and are especially thankful for the many people who support us....

To our Parishes of Most Holy Redeemer, St. Patrick's, St. Canice, St. Scholastica and St. Mary's—the churches where our students come from. Thank you for the many ways as a parish you support the school and Catholic education as a choice.

- To our Alumni
- To our parish and school families
- To area businesses and nonprofits
- To our students and staff
- To our priest—special thanks to Father Victor for supporting our students and staff. We also want to thank Father Dave who supports our school when Father Victor is gone.

GIVING TO THE SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE YEAR: Gifts to the school are accepted at any time throughout the year. Presently, we are kicking off our "Christmas Scholarship" gifts. Please consider making a gift to a student at HRS. Over 40% of our students receive financial support. Your gifts help families with their tuition. We also accept gifts of support to our general account, technology fund, and building and maintenance.

END OF YEAR TAX SAVINGS—STOCK TRANSFERS NOW AVAILABLE! If you're thinking about making a year-end contribution to Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School you might want to think

about donating appreciated stock that you own. (You may also do this for the church.)

You can donate your appreciated stock and by doing so, avoid Capital Gains Taxes that may be due. You also get to deduct the value from your personal tax return as a Qualifying Tax Deductible Donation. *If interested in learning more about the Most Holy Redeemer Church & School stock transfer account, contact Pete Plut 357-2238. Please specify if this is a gift for the school or church.*

IN OUR CLASSROOMS:

Þ Grade 2—Hosted a publishing party sharing books that they wrote with other students.

Þ Grades 3 & 4—Celebrated winning the top Class of the Marathon on Tuesday.

Þ Grades 5 & 6—Brought gifts up for last Friday's Mass that show cased what they are thankful for in their lives.

Þ Grades 7 & 8—Created Geological Time Scales, each represented a period.

SAVE THE DATE—Dec. 4—Montgomery Holiday Parade-6:30 p.m.! HRS student, Abby Rutt, who won the button design contest, will be leading the parade. The Singing Angels will carol and 5 & 6th grade students will be on the HRS Float. We will be "Saints of December!"

As ADVENT begins, may this time of preparation be a gift to your family where you find time to pray together, time to talk, & time to laugh at the little things.

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

Please let us know:

If anything has changed in your family or 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.
- _____ want to be removed from parish
- _____ would like information on:

Drop in the collection basket or mail to the office.