

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014 Volume 33 Number 49

Mass Intentions

HOLY DAY Monday, December 8: 7:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Tuesday, December 9: 8:30 a.m. Fathers Intentions
Saturday, December 13: 5:00 p.m. +Rita Snorek, +Mary Kuchinka
Sunday, December 14: 8:00 p.m. +Hugh Hanlon, +Francis Tuma

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

This Week in Our Parish

THIS WEEKEND: *Bake & Craft Sale at both Masses*
Tuesday, December 9: **Fatima Prayer Group**, 7:40 a.m.
Wednesday December 10: **Faith Formation @ 6:30 p.m.**
Friday, December 12: **Faith Formation meeting @ 5 p.m.**

Mark Your Calendar: *Parish Advent Reconciliation, Monday December 15 @ 6 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 13, 2014 5:00 p.m.

AS: Jeff Bronk

EM: Laura Drentlaw*

Kathleen Cap, Madeline Drentlaw

GR: Ken Brazil, Mary Ann Gaughan,

Dick Misgen, Mary Sheehy

L: Kathleen Cap

U: Ken Brazil, Pat Bronk,

Pat LaCanne, Roger Pumper

Sunday, December 14, 2014 8:00 a.m.

YOUTH MASS - BOLD signifies FF Youth

AS: **Nico Davis, Carson Louis**

EM: June Malecha*

Katie Judd Landrum, Ruth Seykora

Gifts: **Cora Bastyr, Ellen Kaderlik**

GR: **Beau Bauernfeind, Chase Silkey, Tyson**

Voegele, Charlie or Roxy Driessen,

L: **Joey Steinberg, Grayce Skjeveland, Carina Dorr**

U: **Lauren Steinberg, Owen Schultz,**

Charlie or Roxy Driessen,

Lance Chappuis, Mark Mulcahy



St. Patrick Faith Formation Students are still collecting coats, hats, scarves, and mittens for St. Vincent de Paul in Faribault. **St. Vincent was very pleased with the number of NEW items that came in from St. Patrick with tags still on them.** Please bring new or very gently used items to St. Patrick and put them in the COAT BOX which can be found in the narthex by the display case.

Office Hours

December 7 - 13, 2014

Tuesday & Thursday

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Financial Stewardship

November 29 & 30, 2014

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 1,591.00 |
| Open Plate | 86.00 |
| Visitor | 275.00 |
| EFTs | 332.00 |
| Weekend TOTAL | \$ 2,284.00 |

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Psalm: Luke 1 "My soul rejoices in my God"
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28
The reading from Isaiah is the same passage that Jesus quotes at the beginning of his ministry in response to John the Baptist's followers. Why is it here today? Traditionally, it lists the signs of the coming of the Messianic kingdom. Between this reading and the Gospel with John's announcement of the coming of the Lord, the anticipation for the Lord's arrival is mounting. Let us listen to God's word and rejoice.

Remember in your prayers ...

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

A Note From Father Victor

December 7, 2014



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the second week of our celebration of Advent it is good to take notice of two prophets quite significant in our preparations to receive the Lord. They are Isaiah and John the Baptist. Both are precursors of Jesus Christ. Meaning they have announced his eventual coming and invite us to make some preparations.

The preparations called for by these prophets are about making ourselves properly disposed, mentally alert and emotionally ready to welcome him. The road imagery of Isaiah and John the Baptist to make the road straight and clear for the coming of the Lord suggests the need for our personal preparation to straighten up the things in our life and clear whatever will block our welcoming and receiving of the Lord when he comes. Advent is a good time to be reminded we need to constantly work in clearing up the clutters in our life.

At St. Patrick's church we are going through a pastoral plan to set our directions and make our parish viable, relevant and reaching out. This is a collaborative work of the members of our parish. Currently we are in the survey process by which it is good to hear from the membership where they are in terms of their spiritual life and their thoughts about the ministries of the parish. It is good to hear from many their assessment of our current parish life for us to determine how wear doing and what challenges are ahead of us.

Growth can happen when we recognize where we are doing good and where we can do better. The participation of the membership will be instrumental to the success of this endeavor. It is therefore important that everyone participates.

May our endeavors strengthen us in building our community and prepare for the coming of the Lord.

G.R.O.W. Survey

Our parish is going through a pastoral planning process desiring to become a more alive, 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 <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/stpatrickshieldsville> January 3rd

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/stpatrickshieldsville>
faribault



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, Kim will be offering a session on Saturdays after Mass or 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 **First meeting: Sunday, December 7, 9 a.m. and an Informational meeting on Saturday, December 6 after Mass**

From our Parish Nurse



Lorraine Dudley

Beat the Winter Bug: How to hold your own against the flu

Get the flu vaccine. A vaccine against colds hasn't yet been developed because colds can be caused by many types of viruses. But, the flu vaccine remains the best way to prevent and control the flu. It's not too late to receive the flu vaccine. Please check with your clinic.

Wash your hands frequently. Both colds and flu can be passed through coughing, sneezing, and touching surfaces such as doorknobs and telephones. It's wise to make a habit of washing your hands frequently and to teach your children to do the same. This helps prevent the spreading of respiratory infections.

Drink up and rest. Fluids such as water, juice, soup, jello, and non-caffeinated beverages can help loosen mucus, keep you hydrated, and may make you feel better, especially if you have a fever.

For more information, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

FOUND: Right lens from glasses on 11-25-2014 in second pew from front on left side of church. Call the office to claim.

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.

Advent Prayer –

“Heavenly Father, let us use these next three weeks to pray and await patiently for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

written by our 2015 Confirmation Class

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)

Blessed first week of Advent, and what a busy week it is! Our 5-8th grade Band students had their Band concert on Tuesday night. We are proud of their progress and hear great things about our students from the band directors. On Wednesday, Father Victor came over to help us begin Advent as a school family. Thursday was the Montgomery Torchlight Parade and 5-6 students dressed up as Saints. The Singing Angels also performed prior to the parade and this weekend at the Monastery.

Mileage Club Fall Update:

- Kindergarten = 22 miles (2.2 miles per student), winners of the monthly Stunning Sneaker award --
- Grade 1 = 14.25 miles (1.78 miles per student)
- Grade 2 = 1 mile, with 2 students walking

Allison Rynda was our top walker with 5 miles completed (also the first student to fill a 5 mile card). She'll receive a special pumpkin token for her Mileage Club shoe.

IN OUR CLASSROOMS—Advent Week One—

Holy Buckets: Each classroom celebrates Advent by gathering as a class around their Advent Wreath. This year we have Advent Holy Buckets. The Holy Buckets invite students to give gifts of prayer, service or donations during Advent. As students complete Advent commitments, they will turn in their slips. We hope to fill a huge bucket by December 22! Any donations collected will be sent to the *Missionary Childhood Association*.

CHRISTMAS SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS:

The Advent season is a time when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. If part of your preparation is to share financial gifts, please consider a Scholarship gift to Holy Redeemer Christmas Scholarship Gift Funds. You may designate a family, or we will help support a family

in need. Over 40% of our families receive assistance in order to send their child to HRS. We thank you for supporting Catholic education.

END OF YEAR TAX SAVINGS—STOCK TRANSFERS NOW AVAILABLE! You can donate appreciated stock to the school! What a great gift. Through this gift, you do not pay Capital Gains taxes and may deduct the value from your personal tax return as a Qualifying Tax Deductible Donation. Call the school if you wish to set up a transfer.

SCRIP: Think Christmas!

Extra gift cards on hand now! Order every week or pick up gift cards at school or at Frand-sen Bank & Trust. Extra \$5 & \$10 cards: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, DQ, Target & Star-bucks. Thousands of national stores available if you order. **ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS SCRIP GIFT CARDS TODAY!** JOIN US FOR SPECIAL HRS ADVENT EVENTS:

- Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception Mass hosted by HRS students at 8:15 a.m.
- Dec. 17—HRS Christmas Program in the Cafeteria at 1:30 or 7 p.m.
- Collections—Donations accepted for HRS Scholarships, Santa Anonymous Toys, and gifts for Baby Jesus in the basinet in the church. Blessings, Mindy Reeder—Principal, mreeder@mosthrs.org

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.

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 Knight. Ask a Knight for more info.

Poultry Bingo at 1:30 this Sunday, December 7th
KC 4th Degree Breakfast on December 14th. Tickets available from a KC member or at the KC Hall.