

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2012 Volume 31 Number 51

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 18:	8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Saturday, Dec 22:	6:00 p.m.	+ Jeanette & Richard Craig
Sunday, Dec. 23:	10:30 a.m.	+ Richard Sevcik

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 17:	Bell Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 18:	Fatima Prayer Group @ 7:45 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 19:	Faith Formation Classes @ 6:30 p.m. Grades 1-9
Saturday, December 22:	Christmas Eve Play Practice, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Emily & Rose Chmelik
EM: Mark Lessman *
Kim Chmelik, Tammy Lessman
GR: Gary & Patti Angelow, Ken Brazil,
Ray & Marge Duchene, Mary Sheehy
L: Kathleen Cap
U: Marge & Ray Duchene, Larry Viskocil,
Leonard Petricka

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012 10:30 a.m.

AS: Romecio Davis, Taylor Landrum
EM: Bernie Ardolf *
Mary Ardolf, Ruth Seykora
GR: Belva Brown, Charlie & Roxy Driessen,
Clarence & Bert Harriman
L: Katie Judd Landrum
U: Lance Chappuis, Charlie Driessen,
Rick LaCanne, Mary Kay Reynolds

Remember in your prayers ...

The Family of Richard (Sam) Brown, The Family of Patricia Mahoney Noah, 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 16 -22, 2012

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship December 8 & 9, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 6,236.00
Open Plate	79.25
Visitor	115.00
EFTs	127.00
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 6,557.25
Immaculate Conception	\$ 503.00

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2012

First Reading Micah 5-1-4a
Psalm "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."
Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45
Advent is drawing to a close! As we conclude this season of joyful anticipation, our focus is now directly on the coming of Jesus among us two thousand years ago. Knowing already the joy of the Incarnation and the agony and exultation of Jesus' death and resurrection, it is hard for us to imagine how much the people of Israel longed for a messiah. Mary and Elizabeth must have been absolutely beside themselves with eager anticipation, to be part of such astonishing news! Let us pray that we too may be renewed in the thrill of the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Our deepest condolences go out to the families of Patricia Rose Mahoney Noah and Richard (Sam) Brown who have recently passed away. Richard's funeral mass was held at the Church of St. Patrick on Thursday, December 13th with interment at St. Patrick's cemetery. Patricia's funeral mass was held at the Church of St. Patrick on Friday, December 14th with interment at St. Patrick's cemetery.

From the Desk of the Pastor....



John the Baptist must have been a powerful preacher. Listening to his Sermon, people, including tax collectors and soldiers, came to ask him what they should do in order to be saved and to share in God's friendship. Of course, his words were powerful, but people were attracted to him not only because of that, but also because of his frugal and committed lifestyle. They sensed that God was with him and they wanted to share in whatever it was that he had.

Things have not changed. People still hunger for God. They seek him here and there. Perhaps they lose heart. They do not see his influence at work in anybody's life. Where will they find Him? How will they know the real God? It is only through the lives of his true disciples. "By this will all people know that you are my disciple if you have love for one another." Let the one who has two coats give to him who has none and the one with something to eat must do the same.

Money talks. Certainly it's absence crushes the poor. Preaching alone never converts anybody. Genuine charity opens many a heart. Making God's Kingdom present on earth is every baptized person's privilege and responsibility. Advent is a reminder of our destiny.

Fr. George, CMI

ANNUAL REPORT

The past Fiscal Year Finance Annual Report is now available. Pick up your copy in the Narthex. One copy per family.

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!



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.



KC 889 Korner...

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

CHECK OUT OUR St. Patrick Website!
<http://www.spshieldsville.org>

Area Catholic Schools ...



Bethlehem Academy

(www.bacards.org)

Upcoming events at BA:

BA Choral Christmas Concert Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the I. C Church.

Save the Date – Open House night at BA and DMCS – watch for more details.



Holy Redeemer School

(PreK through 8th Grade)

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

The snow has arrived! In our 2nd week of Advent our community looks like a Winter Wonderland! The children excitedly wait for recess to go out and play in the snow. How wonderful to reflect on the simple gifts God gives us daily through the eyes of a child.

During this week of Advent, we reflect on Joseph and his special role. Joseph chose Mary and said “yes” to serve God. What a model he is to our families. During the lighting of our Advent wreath two 7th grade boys read the prayer to St. Joseph.

Thank you for the gifts of toys and blankets. Our 8th grade class brought the toys to “Sharing and Caring Hands” on Wednesday this past week. This project replaced the coat drive because Mary Jo Copeland had shared that they had too many coats at this time. Students dropped off the toys and also toured the facility.

This last week St. Nicholas visited all HRS classes! It was a great way to learn a little bit more about one of our favorite Saints! Our St. Nicholas brought candy canes and a magnet reminding all students of the 7 Faith Habits for this year – *The Year of Faith!* In December we are trying to find the “silence” amidst the hustle and bustle to reflect and pray. Several classes are also going to adoration.

Mrs. DeWees is back! Students welcomed Mrs. DeWees back to HRS from her extended maternity leave. She returns to continue teaching upper grades in math and science and all HRS gym classes. We are so happy to have her return to our school family.

SCRIP LOCAL VENDOR FEATURE: Gift Card ordering wrapping up for Christmas! Many stores are offering an additional bonus for purchasing their gift cards. Check online at: [Special Scrip Offers](#).

Quilter's Dream: We would like to thank local business, Quilter's Dream of Montgomery for participating in the HRS Scrip program. They donate 5% back to HRS. Shop locally and support HRS at the same time! Scrip for Quilter's Dream

make great gifts for the crafter in your family and is available at the school or after Masses.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DEVINE FAMILY!

Zachary Robert Devine was born December 2, 2012 to HRS brothers, Arthur and Edward, new students this year! We congratulate and welcome little Zachary and ask that you keep the family in your prayers.



KUDOS: Photo – Left to Right: Lucia Rynda, 3rd place; Zach Tuma, 2nd Place, and Kyle Hintz, 1st place in the “Americanism Essay Contest” sponsored by the Montgomery VFW.

“We invite you to consider giving the gift of a Catholic education this Christmas. Donations accepted for families in need of assistance through our Christmas Tuition program at 205 Vine Avenue W, Montgomery, MN 56069. Thank you for considering a gift.”

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

“Enlightening young minds through multiage instruction. Leading young hearts to Christ.”

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.