

# Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Fourth Sunday of Advent      December 23, 2012      Volume 31      Number 51

## Mass Intentions

Christmas Eve Monday, Dec. 24: 4:00 p.m. + Lisa Chappuis, + Marty Mangold  
Christmas Day Tuesday, Dec. 25: 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
Saturday, Dec 29: 6:00 p.m. + John Dudley, +Ellard Malecha  
Sunday, Dec. 30: 10:30 a.m. + Jack Wasilowski, +George & +Helen Voracek

## This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 24: NO **Bell Choir Practice**  
Tuesday, December 25: NO **Fatima Prayer Group**  
NO **Vocal Choir Practice**  
Wednesday, December. 26: NO **Faith Formation Classes** - Christmas Break  
Saturday, December 29: **Confessions @ 5:30 p.m.** in the Chapel

## Liturgical Ministers

### Christmas Eve, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m.

AS: Dawson Drentlaw, Evie Nigon  
EM: Darrell Stoltz \*, Richard Misgen\*,  
Denise Flicek \*  
Kathleen Cap, Laura Drentlaw,  
Gina Haaland, MariLou Ernste  
GR: Jan Balata, Ken Brazil, Lorraine Bultman  
Janice Chappuis, Tom & Sue Trnka  
L: Laura Drentlaw  
U: Ken Brazil, Duke Ernste, Paul Froman,  
Pat LaCanne, Mark Mulcahy, Randy Rezac,  
Tom Trnka, Hank Von Ruden

### Christmas Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.

AS: Carson & Emma Louis  
EM: June Malecha \*  
Bernie & Mary Ardolf, George Sticha  
GR: Helen Lambert, Nobby & June Malecha,  
Mark Lessman Family, Julie Paquin,  
Larry & Noreen Tousignant  
L: Kathleen Archambault  
U: Randy Archambault, Larry Chappuis,  
Tom Murphy, Randy Voracek

### Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012 6:00 p.m.

AS: Nina Lessman, Grace Peach  
EM: Sharon Kaisershot \*  
Richard Misgen, Darrell Stoltz  
GR: Kathleen Cap, Bill Harn, Roselyn Koenig,  
Mark Lessman Family, Richard Misgen  
L: Marsha DeGroot  
U: Pat Bronk, Bill Harn, Al Koenig, Roger Pumper

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

AS: Ana Aaker, Lauren Jacobson  
EM: Harry Redman\* Laura Drentlaw, Kari Schultz  
GR: Don & Marlys Hora, Elaine & Steve Trnka,  
LuVerne & Martha Wallace  
L: Georgia Redman  
U: Dan LaCanne, Mark Sowa, Steve/Elaine Trnka

## Remember in your prayers ...

**The Family of Loren L. Wendel**, John Hertaus,  
**Francis Herda**, Fr. Dave Barrett, Phyllis DeGroot,  
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 22 - 29, 2012**

Wednesday & Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## Financial Stewardship December 15 & 16, 2012

Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,124.00
Open Plate	111.00
Visitor	235.00
<u>EFTs</u>	<u>507.00</u>
Weekend TOTAL	\$ 3,977.00

## Holy Family Sunday December 30, 2012

**First Reading** 1 Samuel 1:20-22  
**Psalm** "Blessed are they who dwell in your  
house, O Lord."

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24  
**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

When you look at these readings they are less about the Holy Family than about living one's life doing the work of the Lord. Clearly, both Samuel and Jesus also call us children of God and give us instruction on how to live as God's children: keeping God's commandments and doing what pleases God.

## From the Desk of the Pastor....



With Christmas just around the corner, the days of Advent waiting are almost over. On this fourth Sunday, the scripture readings are alive with excitement about the Savior who is coming very soon. It is no surprise that the spotlight is focused on Mary because no one can help us to understand the meaning of Christmas better than Mary. The Visitation to her cousin Elizabeth is more than a happy exchange of support between two women sharing the joys of child bearing. It is a story of faith as well as friendship and human love. Elizabeth clearly recognizes that Mary is carrying Jesus, the image of the unseen God when she says, "Why should I be honored with a visit from the Mother of my Lord?" What a warm welcome the unborn Christ Child received at Elizabeth's home in contrast to the cool welcome He would receive in Bethlehem when there was no room for them in the inn.

Mary was carrying Jesus as a gift to a world in need, and we are to do likewise. We are signs of His presence when we give ourselves to others and what better time than at Christmas, when we meet family and friends with warmth and added feeling. At Christmas everybody ought to feel an insider. Good things need to be done at a deeper level out of love and affection and a spirit of generosity. It is one sure way of offering the perfect Christmas gift of saying to God as Mary did, "Here I am Lord, I have come to do your will." Merry Christmas!

**Fr. George, CMI**

Dear Father Kallumkalkudy:

On behalf of Archbishop Nienstedt, I want to thank you and your parishioners for your support of the needed work of the Catholic Services Appeal. This year, a portion of all donations from your parishioners are returned to your parish for Catholic Formation, educational programs, or for the greatest needs facing your Church.

*Enclosed is a check for \$2,248.86. May it help to build up the Body of Christ in your parish community.*

Gratefully,

Mike Halloran

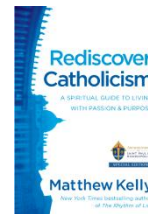
Director of Development and Stewardship

### Planning a Baptism in the future?



The Baptism Class is Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**When you attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day** make sure to stop in the narthex to pick up a free copy of the book ***Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose.*** In this book, best-selling



author/speaker Matthew Kelly explains in simple and accessible language how we can become what Kelly calls "the best version of ourselves" through the genius of Catholicism. If you are looking for deeper meaning and purpose in life, this book will start you on the path to what you are looking for – and it's found right at home in your Catholic faith. Please take one book per household. This book is made possible through the generous support of Catholics throughout this local Church who want to invite others on a life-changing journey to rediscover the depth and beauty of our faith. Find out more at **Rediscover-faith.org**.



### Setting the Table for Steubenville Women's Event

We are so excited to be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Setting the Table event at noon on Sunday, January 13, 2013 at Montgomery's American Legion Club. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, and all proceeds will support our teens' 3<sup>rd</sup> trip to the Steubenville Conference. This year we will be attending the conference in Rochester, Minnesota in July. We cordially invite all women to attend this very special event. Come enjoy the tables that are individually decorated by a table hostess, the entertainment, lunch, special feature and speaker. Attending this event will also give you an opportunity to meet teens who have previously and/or will be attending this conference. Trust us, this event will leave you feeling very special and pampered. If you are interested in either a ticket or to be a table hostess, please contact Monica Farrell at 507-364-8819 or Paula Novak at 507-744-5310. This would make a wonderful Christmas gift for that special woman in your life.

### Are You Hurting In Your Marriage?

Do you have trouble communicating, frequent arguments or fights, seeing distance between you? Retrouvaille is a relationship-building ministry sponsored by the Catholic Church. Retrouvaille is a three-month program consisting of a weekend and 6 four hour follow-up presentations. The Twin Cities Retrouvaille has weekends scheduled several times a year. Call (651) 464-5855, or see [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).



### **KC 889 Korner...**

*(17 Third Street NE – Ph.507.334.4918)*

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

**If you haven't already done so - Stop at the table in the narthex to pick up the Annual Report and/or Financial Contribution envelope books.**

## **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:

**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](http://www.tcnfp.org)

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

## **Area Catholic Schools ...**



### **Bethlehem Academy**

([www.bacards.org](http://www.bacards.org))

#### **Upcoming events at BA:**

**BA, DMCS and Boston's** have partnered for the Dine Out for Education nights. On **Monday January 14th**, close the kitchen and take your family down to Boston's and join members of the BA Student Council for supper. A portion of your bill will be donated back to the schools. When placing your carry out or delivery order please mention you are supporting the schools.

**Save the date! February 5, 2013** – Open House night at BA and DMCS. Watch for more details!

**From all of us at Bethlehem Academy, we wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



### **Holy Redeemer School**

(PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent** reminds us of how precious life is here on earth. Each child is a blessing. At Holy Redeemer, we strive to protect the students by practicing drills, locking all doors

except our main entrance, and watching the camera on the main entrance when people come into our building. HRS staff are dedicated to the safety of all of our children. Since the most recent school tragedy, our school gathered in prayer. We invite our parishes to continue to pray for these families. This is part of the statement released from the Archdiocese:

**ARCHDIOCESE STATEMENT:** *In this time of anxiety and grief, we must remind ourselves that the Shepherd is always with us. Jesus said to his disciples in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted." In this Advent season, let us take heart in the promises of Jesus and find comfort in His loving embrace. We pray: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

**During Advent all-school prayers**, we reflected our first week on Mary, our second week on Joseph, and this week, we asked for God's forgiveness. Students in 3-8<sup>th</sup> grades attended confessions. All children, however, were invited to ask God to help them make wise choices and treat others with love, as reflected in our school rules.

**"Sharing & Caring Hands."** Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class brought the blankets, toys, and gifts up last week. What a miracle all of these acts of kindness are to the people that come to "Sharing and Caring Hands." Our students sorted gifts, toured the facility, and talked with Mary Jo Copeland. The blankets were a blessed as the shelves for blankets were empty when we arrived. Thank you to our parishes and families for your support of this service project.

**SCRIP:** The Scrip order will arrive on Thursday for pick up at school, or at Masses this weekend. Thanks for supporting HRS with generous gift card orders this Christmas. We would like to thank local scrip vendor, Odenthal Meats. They donate 5% back with every gift card to HRS. Odenthal's has \$20 cards available to purchase a variety of delicious meats in every cut!

**KUDOS:** While we prepared for Christmas, HRS staff and volunteers were painting the walls behind our stage! Special thanks to Lisa & Steve Zoubek who spearheaded this project along with Rick Sluzacek. Also, thanks to Michelle Sladek and Ted Odenthal for their help.

**The staff at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!**

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

**Blessed Advent to you and your family.**

**CHECK OUT OUR St. Patrick Website!**

**<http://www.spshieldsville.org>**