

December 4, 2011 – Second Sunday of Advent

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Nov 27, 2011 **\$ 7,573.00**
Tithing Income: Nov 28, 2010 **\$ 8,228.00**
Children's Offering: **\$ 4.25**

Tithing Income: Nov 20, 2011 **\$ 7,355.00**
Tithing Income: Nov 21, 2010 **\$ 6,537.00**
Children's Offering: **\$ 7.50**

Next Week's Tithe is for:

Retirement fund for the Religious

Tithe for 11/27/11 supported the following:

Wreaths Across America **\$ 378.50**

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard **\$ 378.50**

Tithe for 11/20/11 supported the following:

Matthew 25 **\$1,664.00**

From the Pastor:

Because we as a parish have adopted tithing as the way to return to God a portion of what He has given us, He continues to show me as your pastor that He will meet our needs and will not be outdone in generosity. Several of you have come forward in the last few weeks to volunteer to help me with the business of the parish and I am most appreciative. You are a sign to me that Jesus is in charge and is holding each of us in the palm of His hand.

Comments on Tithing from the pews:

"Many people do not blink when it comes to spending on an expensive item that they don't need, but really want. Is it the same when spending on God? I pray I'll remember this because God didn't think twice when His Son was sacrificed for what we needed."

My Good Deed for the Week:

Here's what one of our young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift:

One of our kids helped his papa clean up his yard, and another helped a friend at school, and another was being a gentleman and held open a door for an elderly lady.

Over the Holiday...

One of our kid's, helped with Thanksgiving dinner, and another one of our awesome kids, helped set up their families Christmas village(very carefully...too!). And two of our little ones help with the family's laundry, and one helped feed his little sister.

GREAT JOB KIDS!

Financial Update:

This is the fourth installment of the Monthly Fiscal Report for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. This includes YTD as of October 31, 2011. Please keep in mind that not all income nor expenses are recorded equally each month – some are seasonal or quarterly, for instance. If you have any questions or concerns about this or any report, feel free to contact me at the parish office!

Sue Parzanese, Director of Finance and Development

<u>Church</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Offerings	\$124,200	412,000
Other	\$ 12,359	28,050
TOTAL	\$136,559	440,050
Expenses		
Salary & Benefits	\$ 41,702	133,770
Utilities & Services	\$ 19,014	53,010
Supplies	\$ 5,730	22,250
Capital Expenditures	\$ 8,956	33,500
Other Expenses	\$ 14,353	49,350
TOTAL	\$ 89,755	291,880
Income over Expenses	\$ 46,804	148,170

School/Cafeteria

Income		
Tuition	\$ 87,431	231,767
Other	\$ 27,882	210,945
TOTAL	\$ 115,313	442,712
Expenses		
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 134,310	431,795
Other Expenses	\$ 30,543	123,352
TOTAL	\$ 164,853	555,147
Income over Expenses	\$ (49,540)*+	(112,435)

<u>Rectory/Convent/Cemetery</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
	\$ 347	900
Expenses		
	\$ 8,665	31,983
Income over Expenses	\$(8,318)*+	(31,083)

Total Parish Finances

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 52,917	
Income	\$ 252,219	883,662
Expenses	\$ 263,273	879,010
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 41,863	57,569

*Parenthesis indicate a negative balance

+Will carry a negative balance each month as the parish subsidizes these cost centers



Weekly Readings

Monday – December 5

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday – December 6

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 1-13; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday – December 7 (St. Ambrose, Bishop & Director of the Church)

Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-4,8,10; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday – December 8 (Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Genesis 3:9-15,20; Psalm 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Friday – December 9

Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-6; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday – December 10

Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Psalm 80:2 & 3, 15-16,18-19; Matthew 17:9, 10-13

Sunday – December 11(Third Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 6:1-2, 10-11; Luke 1:46-54;

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December:

12/06 - Auction Organizational Mtg/6pm/SHS Cafeteria

12/06 – Children’s Choir Practice/4pm/Choir Loft

12/07-09 – Santa’s Workshop @ SHS

12/07 - Pro-Life Mtg/6pm/Parish Office

12/07 - Adult Choir Practice/7:30pm/Choir Loft

12/08 - Cursillo Group Mtg/4:30 pm/Parish Ofc.

12/08 - RCIA/7pm/Parish Ofc.

12/11 – CCD Classes/9am/SHS – Last day of Semester

12/11 - PENANCE SERVICE/3pm/Church

12/11 – Children’s Choir Practice/5pm/Choir Loft

12/12 - SHS School Board Mtg/6pm/ SHS Faculty Rm.

12/12 - St. Vincent DePaul mtg/7pm/SHS Cafeteria

12/13 - Knight of Columbus Mtg/7pm/K of C Hse.

12/14 - Adult Choir Practice/7:30pm/Choir Loft

12/15 – Cursillo Grp Mtg/4:30pm/Parish Ofc.

12/15 - HSA Gen. Mtg/6pm/SHS Faculty Rm

12/15 – RCIA/7pm/Parish Ofc.

12/16 – SHS Christmas program/10am/Church

SHS Christmas program/7pm/Church

12/17 -St. Vincent de Paul Free Meal/11:30am/SHS Cafeteria

12/18 - Children’s Choir Practice/4pm/Choir Loft

12/20 - Buildings & Grounds Mtg/7p/Rectorry

12/21 - Adult Choir Practice/7:30pm/Choir Loft

12/22 - SHS Early Dismissal/11:30am

12/23- Jan 3rd - NO SCHOOL

12/23 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12/24 - NO 8am Mass

12/24 - Children’s Mass/4pm/Church

12/24 - Christmas Carols/9:30pm/Church

12/24 - Christmas Eve Mass/10pm/Church

12/25 - Christmas Day Mass/10am/Church

12/26 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12/28 - Mass/7pm/Church

12/29 - NO 9AM Mass – Due to School is out

12/30 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  *for the Intentions* *for the Week*

Sunday, December 4

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista Family

Monday, December 5

7:00 AM Special Intentions for William Hubicki

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 AM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 PM Pietro Aiello

Thursday, December 8

7:00 AM In Honor of Sister Mary Zavacky for her 65 years of servitude to God and our Parish

9:00 AM Special Intentions for Shannon Bishop & Mary (Storm) Barayai

Friday, December 9

7:00 AM Thomas & Marge Connare

Saturday, December 10

8:00 AM Kathleen Smith

4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 11

7:30 AM Rose Tote

11:00 AM Frank Guerrini

Van Transportation to Mass: The following is the van schedule:

Dec 11 - Dave Kanicki

Dec 18 - Mel Reed

Dec 25 – Russell Krug

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: Dec 26, Jan 8. Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements.

*Sanctuary Lamp is for:
Enoch & Mary Drozda
With Love from their Family*

Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. Dates available are Jan 1. Flower colors should be coordinated with the church seasons.

*Altar Flowers are from:
The Sacred Heart of Jesus Adult Choir*

*Flowers for the Blessed Mother
are in Loving Honor of Shannon Bishop
and Mary (Storm) Barayai
with love Betty Hackett & Tom Storm*

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Save the Date!

December 11th, 2011

Penance Services

3 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

7pm at St. Judes in Mifflintown

ATTN: Eucharistic Ministers, Cantors, Lectors, Greeters, & Gift Bearers.... I will be working on the new schedule which will begin December 31st to March 31st. Please check your schedules and send in your requests by December 16th. Thank you in advance....



More than an Auction Organizational Meeting will be held **December 6th**, at **6pm** in the **SHS Cafeteria**. Any questions or would like more information please feel free to contact Sue Parzanese at the Parish office.



There will be a Roe v. Wade Anniversary Rally March in Lewistown, PA Each year in January is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Americans rally in Washington DC and exercise

their freedoms of speech and petition. against the Roe v. Wade decision by the Supreme Court in 1973 making abortion legal in the United States. There will be the usual Pro Life March in Washington DC but **To give everyone the opportunity to participate in our Lewistown Pro Life March we will have our March, Sunday, January 15, 2012. We will march from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's steps to the old Court House on Market January 15 2012 1 PM Sacred Heart, North Dorcas St and 3rd to Market and South Main (Old Courthouse) We will supply posters and banners. Represent your Catholicism Bring your children and let us pray for the unborn! For information contact AnneMarie Swineford at 242-2781 or Frank Cunningham at 667-9334 Every pro lifer is welcomed!**



St. Vincent DePaul will be collecting grocery items for the church's Christmas Baskets to be given out to those in need in the parish or in the community on **December 18**. The following is a list of the

items needed:

Cranberry Sauce

Boxes of Stuffing or Bread cubes to make stuffing

Peas, Corn, Green Beans

Cake Mixes, Frosting

Items for making pies

Canned Fruit, Sweet Potatoes

Box Potatoes for mashing

Tea Buns

Also needed are turkeys if you have one to donate. Please bring your items to the sacristy of the church or to the church office on 9 N. Brown St.

December 4th & 11th we will be taking monetary donations to purchase turkeys and anything other than food items we may need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

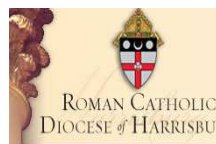
P.S. If you know of anyone needing a basket please call the parish office. Thank you.



The Rectory Holiday Open House Wine and Cheese Event (other refreshments will be available) will be held at the Church Rectory, **December 14th after the 7pm Mass.**

Come and see the tree decorations! And enjoy the fellowship with Father Bill and Father Tukura, as well as other parishioners!

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



"He will feed his flock like a shepherd." If God may be calling you to nourish His people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call the Office of

Vocations (717) 657-4804



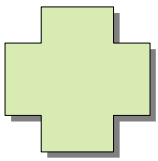
The St. Joseph's Catholic Academy Concert Choir will make their debut

on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union. Traditional Christmas music as well as contemporary Christmas selections will be featured. We are very excited to perform our first ever SJCA Concert for you. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Please pass the word around to your friends and neighbors.



Mifflin County Roundtable of Christians and Jews. Nominate someone for this year's Brotherhood Award. The person nominated should

have demonstrated through religious community work, or other humane expressions, the qualities that embrace Brotherhood. The process is easy. Just pick up an application form at any area bank or at the Juniata Valley Chamber of Commerce office, complete the form and mail to: Mifflin County Roundtable of Christians and Jews, PO Box 1136, Lewistown, PA 17044. Entry **Deadline is Thursday, December 15th**



Local Blood Drives for November/December:

Wednesday, December 21st:

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

First United Methodist Church
200 E. Third St. Lewistown

Tuesday, December 27th:

12:00 pm – 6:00pm

Lewistown Moose

80 Brady Lane, Lewistown



St. Jude Thaddeus

Mass Schedule & Events:

Saturday:

Confessions: 4pm -4:45 pm

Mass: 5pm – English

6pm - Spanish

Sunday:

Mass: 9:15 am

St. Jude Events:

Penance Service: December 11th 7pm

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK AT ST. JUDE:

The Women's Guild of St. Jude Thaddeus Church in Mifflintown is sponsoring a **Christmas Cookie Walk** on Saturday, December 10, 2011, in the church social hall from 9 A.M. to Noon (or while supply lasts). Purchase an empty container for \$9.00 and fill it with your choice from a wide variety of homemade Christmas cookies. Each container will hold 3-4 dozen cookies, depending on the size and shape of the cookies selected. Homemade candies will be on sale, and there will be a White Elephant table offering a variety of Christmas articles. Plus, our youth will sponsor a basket raffle to help fund their trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Come early to get the best selection. Doors open at 9 A.M. sharp. For more information, contact Shirley Baade at 436-2373.

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Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday 12/6: Visit from St. Nicholas!! & Report Cards will be sent home!

Wednesday 12/7: Santa's Workshop Opening Day! 6pm Catholic School's week Committee Meeting

Thursday 12/8: Noon Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception
Santa's Workshop is Open.

Friday 12/9: Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 3-5
Final Day of Santa's Workshop!



Thank you to all who work so hard on the Ice Festival

Activities for our School!



The SHS Christmas program is being held **December 16th**, in our beautiful church. First show is at 10am and the second is being held at 7pm. Come and check out this awesome production!

BROTHER JUNIPER

