

## February 19, 2012 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship is a way of life.

#### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Feb 12, 2012	\$ 7,271.00
Tithing Income: Feb 13, 2011	\$ 8,013.00
Children's Offering:	\$ 5.00
Last week Children's Offering	\$ 5.00

#### Next Week's Tithe is for:

Poor Missions

#### Last week's Tithe 2/12/12 Supported:

Walk for Warmth – Energy Bank \$ 724.00

**From the Pastor:** Thank you so very much for your response to our recent tithing speakers. It is edifying to see your generosity and I know God will bless you all abundantly. The parish as a whole benefits from church members who open their hearts to the grace of God, allowing His love to prevail in their lives. And remember: God cannot be outdone in generosity.

#### My Good Deed for the Week:

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

We had a 1<sup>st</sup> grader who helped his sister pick up their toys in the basement, One first grader who demonstrated good listing skills, and another who help her mom with heavy grocery bags, and a 4<sup>th</sup> grader who helped her brother with his computer program.

★ **GREAT JOB KIDS!** ★

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### LENT ME YOUR EAR

I describe it as the worldwide Church going on retreat. Lent is a very spiritual time and a busy time for both priests and active parishioners.

First of all, remember a few basic disciplines: only one full meal, meatless at that, for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. They are days of fasting. All the Fridays of Lent are meatless.

Your Lenten resolutions are private and personal, between you and God. You can give up pleasures or you can do extra acts of charity, like volunteering, or you can do a combination of both. Pray and ask God what He wants you to do. If you fail at your resolution on occasion, tell God you're sorry and just begin again. Don't get discouraged.

Lent is a liturgically active season. Mark these dates.

The first Sunday of Lent, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, marks a big day at the cathedral in Harrisburg. All catechumens (the unbaptized preparing for entry into the Church) in the diocese will be blessed by the bishop in the Rite of Election, along with candidates for full communion (already baptized preparing for First communion and Confirmation) in the separate Rite of Continuing Conversion.

At St. Jude we have two candidates. At Sacred Heart, we have one catechumen and four candidates. All will be at the cathedral that evening. The subsequent Sundays of Lent they receive special blessings (called scrutinizes) in their parishes during Mass, all in preparation for their Easter Vigil reception into full communion into the Church.

Fish is always associated with those Lenten meatless Fridays, so check out the famous St. Jude Fish Fry, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.; at Sacred Heart, 7 p.m.

Penance services for both our parishes will be Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart, 7 p.m., at St. Jude, with guest priests available to hear your confessions.

In Lewistown don't forget the 12 noon Wednesday Lenten luncheons and devotions at various town churches, March 21 for Sacred Heart (in the school cafeteria). Watch the bulletin for the schedule. In Mifflintown, there are 7 p.m. Wednesday evening services, one hosted by St. Jude March 7. As part of the schedule, hear Fr. Fidelis preach March 14 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Licking Creek.

Palm Sunday inaugurates Holy Week and teenagers should check out the annual 3 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg (you can sleep in late that morning). It all begins on the state capitol steps with opening prayers, followed by a palm procession proceeding down State Street to the cathedral for Mass with the bishop and dinner afterward (pizza or hoagies) at the nearby Strawberry Square shopping mall, complete with a live Christian band.

The next day, same venue, is the annual Mass of the Oils or Chrism Mass, where the bishop blesses all the sacramental oils for all of the parishes for the upcoming year. Every priest of the diocese is invited to come and they all stand and publicly renew their vows during the Mass. I see it as the annual Mass of the diocese, celebrated by the bishop with all the parishes invited. Laypersons are encouraged to come; it's a great way to begin Holy Week.

The Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter - is very rich in symbolism and spirituality and merits a separate column for later. For now, meditate on these Lenten opportunities, and, along with Holy Mother Church, have a good retreat.

Fr. Bill



### Weekly Readings

#### **Monday – February 20**

James 3:13-18; Psalm 19:8,9-10,15; Mark 9:14-29

#### **Tuesday – February 21 (St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)**

James 4:1-10; Psalm 55:7-11, 23; Mark 9:30-37

#### **Wednesday – February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY**

Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, & 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2; Mark 6:1-6,16-18

#### **Thursday – February 23 (Lenten Weekday)**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-6; Luke 9:22-25

#### **Friday – February 24 (Lenten Weekday)**

Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19; Matthew 9:14-15

#### **Saturday – February 25(Lenten Weekday)**

Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 86:1-6; Luke 5:27-32

#### **Sunday – February 26(First Sunday of Lent)**

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February:

02/19 - NO CCD

02/19 - Columbiette 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony/12pm/SHS Caf

02/19 - Cursillo Ultreya/6pm/Downtown OIP

02/20- Parish office & School Closed—Presidents Day!

02/20 – Columbiette Mtg/6:30 pm/K of C House

02/21 – Development Mtg/6:30pm/SHS Faculty Rm

02/21 – Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish ofc. Basement

02/22 – **ASH WEDNESDAY Masses 7a/12p/7pm** ★

02/22 - Confessions/6:30 pm/Church

02/23 - FBI Mtg/9am/ Parish ofc.

02/23 - Cursillo Grp Mtg/4:30 pm/ Parish ofc.

02/23 - **SHS Kindergarten Open House/5:30pm/School**

02/23 - RCIA/7pm/Parish Ofc.

02/23 - Parish Finance Committee Mtg/7pm/Rectory

02/26 - **CCD/9am/SHS**

02/27 - Parish Council Mtg/7pm/Parish ofc.

02/28 - **Buildings & Grounds Comm. Mtg/7pm/Rectory**

02/28 - Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish ofc.

02/29 – Confessions/6:30/Church

02/29 - Adult Choir Rehearsal/7:30pm/Choir loft

### March

03/01 – Cursillo Grp Mtg/4:30pm/Parish office

03/01 - RCIA/7pm/Parish Office

03/01- 4 - **Women's Cursillo Weekend**

03/02 - **ALL DAY ADORATION/after 7am Mass/Church**

03/02 - Columbiette Adoration/5:30pm/Church

03/02 - Family Adoration/6pm/Church

03/02 - Holy Hour/7pm/Church

03/04 – **CCD/9am/SHS**

03/06 – Adult Bible/7pm/Parish Ofc. Basement

03/07 - Pro-Life Group Mtg/6pm/Parish Ofc.

03/07 - Confessions/6:30pm/Church

03/07 - Adult Choir/7:30pm/Choir Loft

03/07 - Cursillo Mtg/4:30pm/Parish Ofc.

03/07 - RCIA/7pm/Parish Ofc.

03/11 - K5 Youth Group/2pm/Church Basement

03/11 - **CCD/9am/SHS**

03/12 - SHS School Board Mtg/SHS Faculty Room

03/12 - St. Vincent de Paul Mtg/7pm/SHS Cafeteria

03/13 - SHS Auction Mtg/6pm/SHS Cafeteria

03/13 - Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish Ofc. Basement

03/13 - Knights of Columbus Mtg/7pm/K of C Hse.

03/14 - Confessions/6:30 pm/Church

03/14 – Adult Choir Practice/7:30 pm/Choir Loft

03/15 – Cursillo Grp Mtg/4:30pm/Parish Ofc.

03/15 - HSA General Mtg/6pm/SHS Faculty Rm

03/15 - RCIA/7pm/Parish Ofc.

03/17 - St. Vincent de Paul Free Meal/11:30am/SHS Caf.

## LITURGICAL NOTES

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Sunday, February 19**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Arthur Leeper

**Monday, February 20**

7:00 AM Jean Lindenmeyer

**Tuesday, February 21**

7:00 AM Patricia McMullin

**Wednesday, February 22**

7:00 AM For the Intentions of our Military Personnel

12:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Philip Coppola

7:00 PM People of the Parish

**Thursday, February 23**

7:00 AM Betty Hackett

9:00 AM Mary Mahon

**Friday, February 24**

7:00 AM Rita Tedeshi

**Saturday, February 25**

8:00 AM Betty Hackett

4:00 PM Michael J. Porpotage

**Sunday, February 26**

7:30 AM Betty Hackett

11:00 AM Mary Drozda

**Van Transportation to Mass:** The following is the van schedule: Feb 26 - Mel Reed

Mar 04 - Russell Krug

Mar 11 - Dave Kanicki

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are available: March 4-25<sup>th</sup>, Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements.

**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 Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, **No Flowers during lent (Ash Wednesday is Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>)**. Flower colors should be coordinated with the church seasons.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES



**CALLING ALL YOUTH; World Youth Day Celebration on Palm Sunday -** All youth of the diocese are invited to the annual World Youth Day Celebration on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012, from 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. This day includes Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral followed by a dinner and concert at Strawberry Square in Harrisburg. The event promises to be an exciting, high-energy, interactive experience of faith. To register for the Palm Sunday celebration, **please sign-up in the Church vestibule no later than March 4, 2012 for more information contact Karen Thome, 694-3607.**

**ATTN: ALTAR SERVERS:** Fr. Bill will be holding Practice sessions, please plan to attend, for more information contact the Parish office. **Dates are as follows: March 17, 24, 31, & April 7<sup>th</sup> all practices will follow 8am mass on Saturday's** Thank you!

**Attention all Grade 9-12 CCD Students** beginning the first Sunday of Lent the group will meet in the parish office at 9am. And every Sunday **DURING LENT!** Please be in attendance!

### WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN LUNCHEONS



**Make this your Lenten resolution:** Go to everyone of the noon Wednesday Lenten luncheons in town this year. It's a great program, about an hour long.

You start out with a 15-minute prayer service and short homily by the host pastor and then you have a free homemade lunch. Then it's back to work or home. **The schedule is:**

**Feb. 29, St. John's Lutheran, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main Streets**

**March 7, Lewistown Presbyterian, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Brown**

**March 14, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist; 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

★ **March 21, Sacred Heart of Jesus (in the School Cafeteria)**

**March 28, First United Methodist, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Dorcas**



**The Knights of Columbus Fish Sandwich Sale begins on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent.** From 3pm – 6pm in

the Sacred Heart of Jesus School Cafeteria – **Cost is \$3.00 per sandwich.** all proceeds benefit the Knight of Columbus projects in the parish.

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Catholic Men's Conference 2012 – "Be the Man God intended you to be."** The Conference is being held on April 21, 2012 at the Marriott Lancaster Convention Center, 25 S. Queen St. Lancaster PA. Special Keynote Speakers such as Fr. Larry Richards, who wrote "Be a Man" & "What are you living for?" also, Robert Rogers who wrote "No Regrets". Plus Our Own Bishop McFadden who will be the Celebrant & Homilist of Mass. You can register on line at [www.MensConference2012.com](http://www.MensConference2012.com) – Registration fee is \$30.00

**2012 Men's Discernment Retreat, What is your vocation? Do you think Jesus may be calling you to be His priest? Join other men as we gather in prayer and fraternity to spend a weekend discerning our Lord's voice.**

**When:** Friday, March 9 – Sunday, March 11, 2012

**Where:** Bellarmine Retreat Center, Waynesboro, PA

**Cost:** Free

**Who:** High School Juniors & Seniors, Men 18 and older The retreat provides separate accommodations and programs for both groups. Fr. Raymond LaVoie,

Vocation Director, and Harrisburg seminarians will lead the retreat. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804. Email: [frlavoie@hbgiocese.org](mailto:frlavoie@hbgiocese.org)

### **St. Jude Thaddeus Mass Schedule & Events:**

#### **Saturday:**



**Confessions:** 4pm -4:45 pm

**Mass:** 5pm – English

6pm - Spanish

#### **Sunday:**

**Mass:** 9:15 am

**St. Jude Thaddeus Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner:** The meal will be served 4-7 P.M. in the church social hall. Pay at the door: \$10.00 for adults; \$6.00 for children 6-12. Children under 6 eat for free. Please come and enjoy a great meal while supporting the fundraising efforts of our Knights.

**SOUP SALE!** Please remember that we will be having the soup sale during the fish dinners, but we will not be selling deserts. Next months soups are: **Vegetable beef with barley, chicken rice, and split pea.** There are sign-up sheets on the Welcome Table for donations and to pre-order the soup. Once again a big thanks to all of you for supporting this sale and a special thanks to all who help!!!! Call Mary Zangrelli 363-0997 to pre-order and they will deliver your soup to Sacred Heart Parish office.

#### **CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!**

Join us for Great Adventure Bible Timeline Video Series, fellowship and fun.- **A Dynamic teen presenter Mark Hart makes the Bible come alive for Catholic teens by unpacking God's Word in a way they can relate to. This program teaches teens the Bible by showing them the "big picture" of salvation history in a fun, dynamic way. Bible study will be followed by youth activities and fellowship. All are welcome! Bring your friends! Sunday Evenings 6:00-8:00 in the social hall. February 19, March 4, March 25, April 15, April 29, May 6, & May 20. for more information, Pease contact Joyce Parson for further details or questions (717)348-8553.**

**Parishioners who need their end-of-the-year contribution statements please call the parish office**



# SACRED HEART SCHOOL



## Weekly Schedule:

### Monday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>:

No School-Presidents' Day

### Tuesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>:

Reading Club 2:45

### Wednesday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Teach In-Service 2:45;

Ash Wednesday Noon Mass

### Thursday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>:

K Open House and registration 5:30PM

HSA Meeting 6PM @OIP Burnham

No 9AM Mass for children

† **Lenten materials** for families will be sent home this week.

† **Thank you to families** who donated medicine for the Mission Trip

† **Candy Orders:** due 2/29; Magazine orders due 2/23

**Congratulations!** to Nick Fike who won the school Geography Bee and will represent SHS at the diocesan event.

More than an Auction...



**All-cash Raffle tickets for the More Than an Auction**, It's time once again for the Sacred Heart's **ALL CASH RAFFLE**, with the top prize of **\$1000**.

Ticket distribution to each family will be made after Masses this weekend, and next. Please pick up your envelope today. We are counting on each and every parishioner for support in this very important fund raising effort.

**PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS AND SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN:** Sacred Heart School will hold an Open House and Financial Aid Night for families considering SHS for their Kindergarten and/or school age children in the coming school year on Thursday, **February 23, 2012, from 5:30 – 7:00PM at the school**. Meet the Principal, Kindergarten teacher, and other families currently enrolled at SHS. Registration and financial Aid information will be available as well. All Catholic families should prayerfully consider SHS for their child(ren)'s education!

**REGISTRATION RAFFLE, SHS is holding a raffle for all families who register/re-register for the 2012-2013 academic year during the month of February!** Each new/returning student's name will be entered into a drawing for a first prize of a Kindle Touch or a second prize of \$50 in Spirit Apparel. Also, any current family who sponsors a new family to register in February will be entered into a similar

raffle. We encourage all families to think about the next school year NOW!

**FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE AT SHS Considering SHS, but not sure if you can afford a private education??? You can't afford NOT to!** SHS not only offers an outstanding faith-filled education in a safe, family-oriented environment, but SHS also offers many opportunities for families to receive scholarships and/or financial aid to fit any budget. The first round of scholarship applications are due the end of March, so NOW is the time to check us out! Call the school for an appointment, visit us during our upcoming Open House, or check us out on the web at [www.sacredheartschool.com](http://www.sacredheartschool.com). We look forward to working with you!

**COUNTY-WIDE SPELLING BEE, SHS will once again sponsor the Mifflin County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the school cafeteria.** The top 10 spellers in grades 4 and 5 from SHS, BMS, and MCCA will compete for the top prize of a trophy and \$250!!! These prizes are donated by Drs. Raj and Pali Malhotra in honor of their daughters, Anita and Monica, who competed in spelling bees when they attended SHS. Please join us for an evening of competition and entertainment! Thanks to MERF Radio and the Sentinel for sponsoring this event as well.

**ANNUAL FUND PHONE CAMPAIGN STARTS FEB. 28<sup>TH</sup>** If you're an SHS Alum, parent or grandparent, or just interested in supporting the school, we need volunteers to make follow-up calls for the Annual Fund. We also need help addressing envelopes, providing snacks, etc. **Our first session will be the evening of Feb. 28th at the Parish Office, 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Other dates: Mar. 13, Mar. 27, April 17.** (You do not have to volunteer for all sessions.) Your help can count toward Service Hours for Confirmation or Parent Volunteer Hours. **Contact Sue Parzanese at the Parish Office 447-2002, or Rose Guerrini 248-4328 for information.**

**The SHS Gala Committee would like to thank everyone** who came and supported the Savor the Flavors of Mardi Gras Gala on February 4. **With your help we were able to raise almost \$11,000 for the school.** We had our best turn out yet with many parishioners and school families in attendance. Also, a BIG thank you to the Sacred Heart School Children and the faithful Alumni, also a BIG thank to the several CCD kids who came and helped serve and clean up.