

January 8, 2012 – Epiphany of the Lord



Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Jan 1, 2012	\$ 7,681.00
Tithing Income: Jan 2, 2011	\$ 7,887.00
Children's Offering:	\$ 8.25
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Collection	\$ 1,662.00

Tithing Income: Dec 25, 2011	\$ 9,173.00
Tithing Income: Dec 26, 2010	\$ 8,035.00
Children's Offering:	\$ 6.36
Christmas Collection	\$21,133.38

Next Week's Tithes is for:

Human Life International – Pro Life Missionaries to the World

Last week's Tithe 1/1/12 Supported:

St. Vincent de Paul Society \$ 768.00

Christmas week's Tithe 12/25/11 Supported:

Miracle Flights for Children \$ 665.00

From the Pastor:

Generosity is a strong sign of God's presence within us. Tithing is a right light of generosity and trust in God. The world around us needs to see this generosity and trust in all of us. We really reflect Christ in our world. Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Fr. John Bateman Sacred Heart of Jesus -2009

From the Pews:

We have found that God's Gifts to us multiply when we are willing to share those gifts with others. Our Tithe is not a burden, but a blessing... PRAISE GOD!

Sacred Heart Parishioner

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 their Nana cook for the Christmas Eve family party, another helped his dad and was a good boy for his Nana. Also one of our kids, was helpful to his parents by helping himself get his own food and drinks at dinner. And two others were very giving over the holiday!

GREAT JOB KIDS!

SHOW AND TELL

Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." It marks Our Lord's first showing of Himself to the Gentiles, in the persons of the magi, The Three Wise Men. This is a "heads up" that salvation is meant not just for the Jews but for all peoples. Call it the baby Jesus' own show and tell.

This feast day is jam-packed with meaning and I love it for that. It contains about four or five separate homilies. First, there is the major meaning described above. The magi were Gentiles, that is, pagans, non-Jews, from current-day Iraq or Iran. They did not know the one true God, like the Jews did. They worshipped stars or other strange deities.

Yet, they fall down in worship before this baby. They stand in for us, the Gentiles, the pagans (non-believers) from around the world, who are now invited to faith.

Related to that is the theme of occult and magic yielding to the true God. The magi were involved in the world of charms, spells, magic (thus, "magi") and spirits.

When people today read a horoscope, or go to a fortune-teller, or attend a séance, they are basically involved in the pre-Christian world of the magi. Why go there? Because, here that world collapses before the manger, acknowledging the superiority of what is contained therein.

Then there is following the star, a symbol of pursuing one's dreams, hopes, and aspirations. "When you wish upon a star," sang Jiminy Cricket in the Disney cartoon. We are all magi, pilgrims on the way, seeking truth and love. Make sure your road is lighted by the star of faith otherwise you may fall into the hands of a Herod.

There's that too. The innocent boys slaughtered by Herod's troops stand as patron saints for the babies slaughtered in the womb by today's abortion industry.

Next, there are the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold belongs to kings, symbolic of our Lord's kingship and divinity. Incense belongs to priests, offered by them in the old Jerusalem temple and in churches today, symbolic of our Lord's priestly offering of Himself on the cross. Myrrh was oil used in burial preparations, symbolic of His atoning death and entombment.

Epiphany has traditionally been linked to two other "show and tells" by our Lord: The wedding feast of Cana (His first public miracle), and His baptism in the Jordan (with the heavenly voice that says "This is my beloved Son..."). These events have our Lord showing who He really is and willing to talk about it.

We don't have a God who hides up behind the clouds. He comes down to our level. I like to say that He gets in the sandbox to play with us, coming to us in *stuff*, especially in the seven sacraments, coming to us in water, wine, oil, bread, words, and touch.

He manifests Himself, plays show and tell. What is our response? It is to play our own show and tell by showing Him forth, with an eagerness to tell others about Him. Do that and you are then living out your very own Epiphany.

Fr. Bill



CALLING ALL MEN: Put Saturday, April 12th on your calendar for the first Catholic Men's Conference in the Diocese of Harrisburg. This will be held at the Marriott Lancaster Convention Center. Keynote address will be Fr. Larry Richards, a well-known preacher and author. Details will follow but mark the date now.

CALLING ALL YOUTH; Put Palm Sunday, April 1st on your calendar for the 25th Annual World Youth Day Celebration in Harrisburg. There is a 2:15 p.m. rally on the Capitol steps, followed by a street procession, with everyone holding palms, to the nearby St. Patrick Cathedral, for Mass. The day ends with a meal and Christian music concert at nearby Strawberry Square indoor mall. Contact Father Weary if you are interested in attending.

Weekly Readings



Monday – January 9

(Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 55:1-11 or 1John 5:1-9; Isaiah 12:2-6; Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday – January 10

1Samuel 1:9-20; 1Samuel 2:1,4-8; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday – January 11

1Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; Psalm 40:2, & 5, 7-10; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday – January 12

1Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11,14-15,24-25; Mark 1:40-45

Friday – January 13

1Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22; Psalm 89:16-17,18-19; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday – January 14

1Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Psalm 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17

Sunday – January 15

1Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4,7-10; 1Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20; John 1:35-42

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January:

- 01/08 - CCD Back in Session! 9am/SHS
- 01/08 - K5 Youth Grp Mtg/2pm-4:30/Carousel Skating Rink
- 01/09 - SHS School Board Mtg/6pm/SHS Faculty Rm
- 01/10 - Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish Ofc. Basement
- 01/10 - Knights of Columbus Mtg/7pm/K of C House
- 01/11 - **Confessions and Rosary/6:30pm/Church**
- 01/11 - Adult Choir Practice/7:30pm/Choir Loft
- 01/12 - Cursillo Grp/4:30p/Parish office
- 01/15 - CCD/9am/SHS
- 01/16 - **Week of prayer for Christian Unity Begins!**
- 01/16 - **NO SCHOOL FOR SHS**
- 01/16 - Columbiette Mtg/6:30pm/K of C Hse
- 01/16 - St. Vincent DePaul mtg/7pm/SHS Cafeteria
- 01/17 - Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish Ofc. Basement
- 01/17 - Buildings&Grounds/7pm/Rectory
- 01/18 - Adult Choir Practice/7:30pm/Choir Loft
- 01/18 - Columbiette Rosary Grp/6:30 pm/Church
- 01/18 - **Confessions and Rosary/6:30pm/Church**
- 01/19 - **Christian Unity Prayer Service/12noon/Church**
- 01/19 - Cursillo Group/4:30pm/Parish Ofc.
- 01/19 - HSA Gen. Mtg/6pm/SHS Faculty Rm
- 01/21 - St. Vincent de Paul - Free Meal/11:30 am/SHS Cafeteria

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 8

7:30 AM Rose Tote

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, January 9

7:00 AM Thomas & Marge Connare

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 AM Betty Mckelvey

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 PM Wright-Zeigler Families

Thursday, January 12

7:00 AM June Agney

9:00 AM Augustina Battista

Friday, January 13

7:00 AM Rose Tote

Saturday, January 14

8:00 AM Special Intentions for Joe Olnick

4:00 PM Anna Hackenberry

Sunday, January 15

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Special Intentions for Harold Gene Fultz

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

Jan 15 - Mel Reed

Jan 22 - Russell Krug

Jan 29 - Dave Kanicki

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: Jan 15, 22, & 29 Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements.

Sanctuary Lamp for:

In loving Memory of Marie C. Meloni

With love and prayers Lucy Ross and 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 22 & 29th. Flower colors should be coordinated with the church seasons.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship For - Girls & Boys Ages 10-14 Held – Sunday, January 8th from 2:00-5:00PM at YMCA. Doors will open at 1:00PM. For entry form & registration info, please call: Scott Richard at 717-953-5164

Sacred Hearts K5 Group will be "ROLLING" in the New Year on **Sunday, January 8th** at **Carousel Skating Rink at 2:00pm -4:30 pm** cost is **\$3.50 per person**. Please bring money for snacks and drinks.

Parents pick up and drop off is at the rink, however if your child is unable to skate by themselves you will need to stay.



Save the Dates!

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held

January 16 -22, 2012

Watch the Bulletin for daily prayer services at Lewistown's local Churches!

Sacred Heart's will be held January 19th at 12 noon



Save the Date!

3rd Annual Sacred Heart School Gala Savor the Flavors of Mardi Gras... February 4th, 2012

Come join us for a night of Fun, Food, & Friends

Social Hour 5-6pm, Dinner begins at 6pm

Rec Park Community Center

Tickets: \$50.00 per person

Entertainment: 3MO

Food & Drinks provided by our Local Restaurants

Games and prizes given out all night!

For Tickets Contact:

Sacred Heart School: 248-5351

Sacred Heart Parish Office: 242-2781

*all proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School



Our Lewistown Pro Life March we will have their March, Sunday, January 15, 2012. And will march from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's steps to the Bethel Ame Church Hope Center at 23 N.

Juniata St. Lewistown. January 15 2012 1 PM 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!



ATTN: Parishioners: Morgan Bobb, a parishioner and former SHS Student and a current St. Francis University student, will

be going to the Dominican Republic for a missions trip in early March. We are asking the parish to support this trip by making donations of any of the following items:

Medications for the Clinic:

Vitamins (for any age)/ Tylenol/ OTC cold medicine/ Eye drops/ Ibuprofen (Adult/Childrens/Infant)/ Antacids/ Benadryl (Tablets and Liquid) Claritin (Tablets and Liquid) /Zyrtec (Tablets and Liquid)/Robitussin (Tablets and Liquid)/ Nasal Steroids (Fluticasone)/Nasal Saline/ Aspirin Hydrocortisone 1% Cream/ Clotrimazole Cream and Tolnafate Cream/ Permethrin 5% Cream/Nix or RID Shampoo/ Bacitracin (Triple Antibiotic Cream), etc

She is also taking donations to help the unfortunate citizens of Dominican Republic with clothing and shoes (new or used), such as:

t-shirts/ one piece swimsuits/dresses for girls ages 3-8/bras: 32B, 34A, 34B, 36A, and 36B/ dress sandals size 7-10 for female adults/ jeans for boys ages 8-17/tennis shoes (males: 5-8, 8.5, 9, 10.5/sturdy sandals with velcros for boys and girls/shorts for boys only ages 3-17/ underwear for boys and girls all sizes/socks for boys and girls all sizes

You can also donate items such as:

Food (highest priority):

Pancake Mix/Syrup/Peanut Butter/Jelly and Jam/ Tuna Fish/Rice/Cake & Cookie Mix, Frosting, Sprinkles, Cupcake Paper/Parmesan Cheese/ Salt and Pepper, Cinnamon & Oregano/Pudding and Jello/Mac & Cheese

Canned Vegetables: corn, black beans, green pigeon peas, green sweet peas, tomatoes & mushrooms/Salsa for our Mexican Dinner nights!

Household Items:

Dish soap/ scrubbing pads and brushes Deodorant/ batteries/liquid hand soap/wooden clothes pins/hand sanitizer (large bottles with pump) Oven Mitts (HEAVY DUTY)/Can opener (HEAVY DUTY)/Kitchen Aprons (Cotton - Heavy Duty) HP PRINTER CARTRIDGES: HP 60XL Black, HP 60XL Tricolor, HP 21, HP 22, HP 54, HP 57 & HP 58/Shower curtains & rings - HEAVY DUTY!

Combination locks/Tape: DUCT & MASKING
 TAPE/Lexmark Ink Cartridges: 105XL Black, 100
 Cyan, 100 Magenta & 100 Yellow/Manicure &
 Pedicure sets/Padlocks: Combo or with keys
 Disposable Hairnets (for our kitchen staff)
**You can drop off donations to the Parish office
 no later than February 14th. Thank you!**



Christmas Flower Offering:

Mrs. Marie Bender:

In Memory of Jean & Pete Ricciarde
 In Honor of Pro-Life March
 In Honor of My Family

Miss Anne Attivo:

In Memory of the Deceased Attivo Family Members

Mr. Joseph Olnick:

In Memory of the Deceased of the Harry Olnick Family

Mrs. Marie Guerrini:

In Memory of Frank Guerrini
 In Memory of Augustina Battista
 In Memory of Anthony Battista
 In Memory of Rose Guerrini
 In Memory of Salvatore Guerrini

Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Swineford

In Memory of Joan Anderson
 In Memory of Nora Ammerman



**6th Annual Pink Zone @ Penn State,
 Sunday, February 26, 2012 Bryce Jordan
 Center - Penn State vs. Minnesota.** To
 Get tickets or more information visit
www.goPSUsports.com/PinkZone or call
 Phyllis Mitchell at (717) 242-7365. The WBCA Pink
 Zone at Penn State is an initiative to raise funds for
 breast cancer awareness, research and education.
 Each year Penn State Lady Lions raise monies for
 breast cancer related charities. In addition to
 Lewistown Hospital's Breast Care Center, Mt. Nittany
 Medical Ctr., Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute,
 PA Breast Cancer Coalition (PBCC), The Kay
 Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund, and J.C. Blair Memorial
 Hospital. The Pink Zone is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. In
 the past four years, the Pink Zone and the Lady
 Lions have donated more than \$165,000!



**Save the Date - First Communicant Families
 - On Sunday February 5, 2012, St. Patrick
 Cathedral Gift Shop will be hosting a First
 Communion show** featuring dresses and
 veils for girls, suits and ties for boys as well as other
 gifts and accessories. More details will follow soon.



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

Saturday:

Confessions: 4pm -4:45 pm

Mass: 5pm – English
 6pm - Spanish

Sunday:

Mass: 9:15 am

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**SJCA will begin New
 Student Registration on
 Monday, January 9.** Parent

and Student tours of SJCA will be held every Friday
 or by appointment (808-6118). **Please join us at
 one of our Open Houses on Wednesday, January
 18, February 15, March 21, or April 18 from
 6:00pm-8:00p.m.** Join us at SJCA on **January 25th**
 at 7pm to hear the first of a 4 part series on
Parents and Teenagers. Lee Erickson will speak
 on the topic **Your Teenager and Social Media.**



**“They Offered him gifts of gold,
 frankincense, and myrrh.”** Is God
 calling you to give Him the gold of
 your freedom, the incense of your
 prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation
 to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call the office of
 Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext 282, or email:
frrlavoie@hbqdioces.org

SACRED HEART SCHOOL



Weekly Schedule:

Monday, Jan 9th: School Board Meeting – 6pm

Tuesday, Jan 10th: Faculty Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 11th: Deadline for Hershey Bears
 Tickets

Thursday, Jan 12th:
 9AM Mass Grade 4 prepares

Monday, Jan 16th: NO SCHOOL