

Stewardship is a way of life.
Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: September 19, 2010	\$6,212.00
Tithing Income : September 20, 2009	\$7,194.00
Children's offering:	\$7.25

Next week's tithe is for: St. Vincent dePaul

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is a complete lifestyle, a life of total accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Owner of all.

Stewardship is responsible management of our God-given resources of time, talent, and treasure. It enhances our relationships with God and one another. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered and involves a conversion of heart. Stewardship is a lifelong journey with each person at a different place on the path.

Stewardship is not just a program, a fund-raising scheme, or about money and donations. But stewardship can have some programmatic elements. For example, every year parishes teaching the stewardship way of life will have an annual renewal or pledge. This opportunity allows parishioners to prayerfully discern and reflect on how much of their time, talents, and treasure they can commit to their parish and/or community over the next year.

It is essential for parishes to continually educate parishioners about stewardship, not just during the annual renewal time, but all 12 months of the years.

Matthew 6:31-33: So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'what are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

1 Peter 4:9-11 says "Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever." Amen

My Good Deed for the Week: A 2nd grader said: "I helped my Mom get ready for the yard sale." A couple of 6th graders said: "I made Grandma's bed; I helped my neighbor with her yard sale." A 7th grader said: "I feed the fish for my teacher every day." An 8th grader said: "I helped my neighbor clean her yard."

Pastor's Column

DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE DAY

It is a Mifflin County tradition. You are supposed to eat goose that day. It's connected to St. Michael the Archangel. And I have to give a short talk to our Chamber of Commerce's annual Goose Day luncheon at J.P. Edwards Restaurant this Wednesday explaining it all.

According to a Chamber brochure, rents, contracts, and other accounts were once settled in England on St. Michael's day, or Michaelmas, Sept. 29th. St. Michael the archangel is the patron of soldiers, police, and protector of good people. England elected its civil magistrates on that day, since they too were guardians of the people.

Eating goose then was supposed to bring good luck. A goose was an appropriate payment or tip on Sept. 29th to a landlord or creditor, since the birds were in their prime in late September. The brochure says that predictions about the coming year were discussed at table over the roasted goose. "If the meat was dark, the winter would be severe; if light and dark, the winter would be variable."

The custom got started locally in the 1780s, when Snyder County resident Andrew Pontius hired Englishman Archibald Hunter as a tenant farmer. In accord with English custom, Hunter insisted that accounts between them be settled annually on Michaelmas Day.

Pontius' daughter, Anna Schneider, had heard of another Goose Day custom: baking a golden ring into a cake served that day. The one finding the ring, legend said, would have an early marriage.

Anna followed the custom, and baked the hidden-ring cake. Hunter showed up at the house on Sept. 29th, with a goose under his arm. He was invited to dinner, they all sat down to enjoy the roast goose, plus the cake – and whaddaya know: Anna found the ring in her piece. Hunter and Anna were soon thereafter married (clever girl).

At the Chamber luncheon, I will explain that the feast on the current church calendar is Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the archangels. I will remind my audience that Michael is featured in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 12, as defeating Satan and his minions in a cosmic battle (thus his reputation as a protector). Gabriel, of course, was the angel of the annunciation in the Gospel of Luke, and Raphael is a healing angel in the book of Tobit.

How nice that the Bible and church tradition have teamed up to give our county such a nice (if somewhat quirky) custom. If you want to come to the

luncheon, call the local Chamber of Commerce at (717) 248-6713. In any case, come Wednesday have a honkin', Happy Goose Day!

Fr. Bill

Thanks to all who made our Annual Parish Picnic such a success especially Charlie & Wendy Vogt, who organized the events; Peter Parks who made the announcements; Tim, the Harmonica Man and Greg DeVecchis for providing the music; all who helped with the bingo and who brought the food. May God bless you all.

Weekly Readings
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Monday, September 27 –

Job 1:6-22; Psalm 17:1-3, 6-7; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 28 – Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23;

Psalm 88:2-8; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 29 – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;

Psalm 138:1-5; John 1:47-51

Thursday, September 30 – Job 19:21-27; Psalm

27:7-9, 13-14; Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 01 – Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5;

Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 02 – Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17;

Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Matthew 18:1-5,

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Sunday, October 03 – Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4;

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; 2Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

26 – CCD / 9am

26 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / church

27 – Parish Council / 7pm / office

28 – Bible Study / 7pm / office

28 – Development Meeting / 6:30pm / school

29 – Choir Practice / 7:45pm

30 – RCIA / 7pm / office

October

1 – All Day Eucharistic Adoration / Holy Hour

7pm

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

October 3 – Dave Kaniecki

October 10 – Mel Reed



PARISH ACTIVITIES

SIGN UP FOR PHOTO SESSIONS.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!

Sign up after Mass Sept. 25/26

will be the last weekend you

can sign-up or you may call Rose Guerrini at 248-

4328 or sign-up on line at

www.signup.olanmills.com with Contract

#56805. After that an Olan Mills representative will

contact those who have not signed up, please accept

their call. You may also call 1-800-866-2263 to

schedule directly with an Olan Mills representative.

All photo sessions will be held in the school cafeteria

Oct. 4-6, 2pm-9:30pm, Oct. 11-15, 2pm-9:30pm, and

Oct. 16, 9:30am to 5:30pm. If you need help with

sign up or have any questions, call Rose Guerrini,



VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH PHOTO SESSIONS, HOSPITALITY.

If you can donate 4 hours on any of the scheduled days to do registration, or can organize refreshments, please call Rose Guerrini 248-4328.

LADIES GUILD WILL MEET IN CHURCH BASEMENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 AFTER 8AM MASS.

The confirmation class will have a retreat on October 9th in the cafeteria. This is a required retreat, and will begin at 9am and end with Mass at 4pm. The retreat will be presented by Art Bamert from Lancaster High School

RCIA - Meets every Thursday at 7pm at the Parish office. If you know someone interested in learning about the Catholic faith, please invite them to come to this meeting or if you are interested in learning more about your faith this is for you also.



Life Chain Sunday

October 3, 2010, 1-2pm

meet at the Downtown

Lewistown Historic

Courthouse, where we

will pray and sing.

Speak up for those who

cannot speak for themselves. (If you cannot walk just meet at the courthouse)

At 6 weeks old, your baby's nose, mouth, eyes and ears begin to shape. The arms and legs begin to bud out, and blood begins its first course. The tissue that gives rise to his or her lungs appears, and every part of their body continues to grow. Your baby is about the size of a lentil bean, a quarter inch long.



Your baby has been given so many things at 6 weeks, but where are his or her rights when you take them all away with an abortion?

Humans have a key right, from the moment of conception to death — A right to live. Please come and pray for those lost and those that could be saved.

WANTED – A person who would be willing to head the Citizens Concerned for Human Life (Pro-Life Group) of Sacred Heart and who is passionate about saving the lives of pre-born babies

Adult Bible Study every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish office at 9 N. Brown St. Subject – The Great Adventure (an overview of the entire Bible!). The cost is \$20.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Choir Will practice on Wednesdays beginning promptly at 7:45PM (immediately following the 7PM Mass). As always, the choir is looking to recruit new members. The choir is currently seeking **vocal and instrumental** musicians. If interested, please contact Chad Reed by email (chadedwardreed@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office at (717) 242-2781 for more information.



LITURGICAL NOTES



Sunday, September 26

7:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Special Intention

Monday, September 27

7:00 AM Marge & Tom Connare

Tuesday, September 28

7:00 AM Deceased of the Wright & Zeigler families

Wednesday, September 29

7:00 PM Ann Turbett

Thursday, September 30

7:00 AM Andrew Hillier
9:00 AM Kathleen Smith

Friday, October 01

7:00 AM Regina Smith

Saturday October 02

8:00 AM Susan Mondell
4:00 PM Anthony Ruvolo

Sunday October 03

7:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: October 3, 10, 17, 31.

The Sanctuary Candle is in honor of the Boova Boys from Nana.

Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. The next available dates are: October 10, 24

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY LAND - If you want to gain a greater understanding of scripture, increase your knowledge of God's first chosen people, and strengthen your spiritual development, spend some time in Israel.

In July, a group of parishioners from St. Jude's, St. Andrew the Apostle and Sacred Heart of Jesus churches journeyed to Israel under the leadership of Rev. John Bateman.

The weather in Israel was much like the hot, humid days on the East coast. Therefore, each day began early, in an attempt to beat the heat. Fortunately, the breezes off the Mediterranean and the Sea of Galilee brought some relief, but little could ease the heat coming off the century old stone streets, ancient ruins of Herod the Great or the sandy chariot arenas of King Solomon. The white Jerusalem stone required by law on every building constructed in the city held onto the sun's heat well into the evening.

Fortunately, the last three days were spent in the mountain village of Garmich, where the temperature was pleasantly moderate and the beauty of the Alps could only be described as spectacular.

Attending the Oberammergau Passion Play was the perfect ending to the five day pilgrimage in the Holy Land and a glimpse of life in Jesus day. Places like Caesarea, Tiberius, Mt. Carmel, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Armageddon, Nazareth, Capernaum, Mount Moriah, Jordan River, Bethlehem and more are now etched in memory and truly real places.

The pilgrims walked on the soil and amidst ruins of land known to biblical figures such as, Herod the Great, Solomon, St. Peter, Elijah, John the Baptist, Jezebel, Mary Magdalene, St. Paul and many more.

Nothing could match the emotional walk along the Via Della Rosa, stopping at each spot along the way, where our Savior suffered during His passion. It

ended at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where Jesus' tomb is located.

Just to place our hands in the hole where the cross stood and to touch the stone He was laid on after being taken from the cross were experiences that strengthen and deepen one's faith.

Mass, prayers and rites were incorporated into each day's schedule as well as songs and scriptural passages relating to the places visited. The entire pilgrimage was an inspiration and testimony to the life and death of our Savior and validation to His Holy Catholic Church on earth.

Holy Land Presentation – There will be two presentations given by Nora Torquato and Dottie Peiffer who traveled to the Holy Land this past summer. The first presentation will be October 1 at 2pm and the second presentation will be October 4 at 7pm. They will both be at the Parish Office

Annual Fishers of Men Dinner

We are faced with a challenge! Many dioceses throughout the United States are facing the challenge of fewer vocations to the priesthood. We in the Diocese of Harrisburg are faced with a different kind of challenge – the need to provide solid seminary formation for an increasing number of men who are studying for the priesthood. What a wonderful challenge to be blessed with! As we have counted on your prayers for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood, so now we need your financial help in providing seminary formation for them. Please consider attending the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner on November 5 in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. Please find more information in the vestibule of the church or go to the diocesan website at www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen or RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause. Let us meet this challenge together!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL



Tuesday, September 28: Development Meeting 6:30 school faculty room; new members with interest in marketing and development are greatly encouraged to join us.

Wednesday, September 29: No school. Diocesan Annual Teachers' Day at Trinity HS in Camp Hill

Thursday, September 30: Mass 9AM

Friday, October 1: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Grades 3-5

Thank you to all parents who attended our recent Back to School Night. We are supported by your participation in such events. Thanks also to all who supported our Hoss's night.

Paper SCRIP orders can now be placed for many businesses and restaurants; see flyers in church or call school for information 248-5313

Note: First School Board meeting will be on October 11 at 6PM in the school resource room, first floor.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Sacred Heart of Jesus School partners with families of diverse cultures and faiths to provide a Christ-centered, affordable, quality education for their children in a safe, nurturing environment. We teach the love of God as revealed in the Catholic faith, promote the highest academic standards, respect individual learning abilities, and prepare students to become loving, active members of their families and faith communities.

Save the Date!!!! 2nd Annual Sacred Heart GALA.... February 5th, 2011. Mark your calendars for a great night of fun and dancing. Tickets will be available in October!!!!

SHS is in need of used instruments for its instrumental music program. If you would have a trumpet, clarinet, trombone, flute that could be used by a beginning student, SHS would be grateful for your donation. If you have questions, please call school and speak to Liz Meyer.248-5351. Thank You

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who keep faith
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