

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

<b>Tithing Income:</b> May 17, 2009	\$ 6,845.75
May 18, 2008	\$ 6,841.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 30.09

**Next week's tithe:** Next week's tithe will be for the annual Pentecost Collection to fund the education of our future priests and the care of our sick priests. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please use the envelope from the Diocese which you receive in the mail.

**From the pastor:** Every once in a while it is important to take a little extra time to thank you for your continued support of Sacred Heart Parish. As you know, your weekly contributions are the sole support for our parish and it is only through your generosity that we are able to support our parish school, maintain our buildings and grounds and, at the same time and most importantly, minister to our community. Thank you especially for your concern and zeal in making up your donations even when you are unable to attend weekend Mass. And a special "Thank You" to all who contribute their time and talents . . . It takes the dedication of many faithful parishioners to keep our ministries alive and well. Your care, concern and commitment are evident and greatly appreciated. My God bless you!

**Comments on Tithing from the pews:** "When I was driving down the highway the other day I noticed a lot of people getting off at the McDonald's exit. We know enough to feed ourselves when we are hungry, but we are so afraid to give God some of that money to feed people who are REALLY hungry and who don't even know what a McDonald's Big Mac looks like. That's what tithing is all about."

**My Good Deed for the Week:** Here's what several of our young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A kindergartner and 4<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I gave my Mom flowers for Mother's Day" and "I wished her a happy birthday." A 6<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I set the table for the whole week." A 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> grader said: "We helped move our sister back in from college."

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**Weekly Reflection:** We say prayers together all the time; for example, at Mass with the community, at home with family at meals, or in the parish before a meeting begins. Most of us are quite comfortable with this because the words have been given to us in the many prayers we have learned as small children (the Our Father and Hail Mary, prayer before meals, the Glory Be...). When our prayer, however, is intensely personal, when we are pouring our hearts out to God in our own words, we are much slower to say these out loud so that others might hear. If we are called upon to pray in some situation where a memorized prayer won't fit, we tend to fumble for words and keep our prayer very short. This kind of intensely personal prayer is very self-revealing.

The Gospels often indicate that Jesus went off alone to pray. Of course, we expect this of Jesus. The Gospel for today is unusual because it doesn't simply show us Jesus at prayer, but it includes one of the rare instances where we actually hear the words of Jesus' prayer. We are "eavesdropping" on Jesus' very intensely personal prayer. What do we hear? That Jesus wants for us what He has with His Father – unity.

Just like our own intensely personal prayer, Jesus' prayer is very self-revealing. In Jesus' prayer for His disciples we can feel His anguish, love and concern. He knows that if we speak the same words of truth that He spoke the world will hate us, too. Jesus trusts that His disciples will take up His mission, and knows full well that we will face the same fate as He is facing – death – maybe not physical death, but perhaps the assignation of our character or reputation. No wonder His prayer is so intense and personal!

Jesus is not naïve about sending out disciples. His lengthy prayer for them (and us) recognizes that there will be resistance ("the world hated them") to the Word of Truth. Nevertheless, Jesus' prayer assures us that we are never alone. Such confidence Jesus spawns in us by His prayer! This is our joy: to be so intimately loved, cared for, protected, guarded and guided by Jesus – all for the sake of the world.

**The Pentecost Collection** is all about our children and grandchildren and the generations to come. How so? The Truth of Jesus Christ is entrusted to each generation to be guarded and passed on to the next. An important way in which this happens is through the life and ministry of priests and deacons. The Pentecost Collection provides for the formation of seminarians, our future priests, the formation of our future permanent deacons in our Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, the on-going formation of priests and permanent deacons, as well as the care of our retired priests who have served the People of God so long and well. Please support again this year our Pentecost Collection. Do your part in passing on the Truth of Jesus Christ!

**PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES**

**Rectory Open House – May 31, 3-6pm:** Everyone is invited into our home to see how the former office space has been "transformed" into a home. Our parish Knights of Columbus will provide wine & cheese for the event. All are welcome to come and see the recent renovations and improvements. Fr. Bateman & Fr. Thoms



**ATTENTION Graduating High School Seniors:** The Mass on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30am will be to honor our

High School graduating seniors. Breakfast will follow in the school cafeteria. Please attend to receive the blessing of God and your parish community as you venture to new horizons in your life. Please call Marie at the Parish office, 242-2781 if you plan to attend.

**The Women's Guild** will meet Saturday, June 6 in the church basement after 8:00am Mass. We'll be making final plans for our food stand at the Summer Kick-Off Festival on June 13 (sponsored by area churches).

**Join us as we celebrate Fr Bateman's 6 years of service** to our parish on Sunday, June 14 at 2pm at the F.O. Eagles Club in Burnham. Ham and chicken, as well as beverages will be provided. All parishioners are welcome to share a covered dish, side dish, or dessert. More details will follow. We want everyone to feel a part of the celebration, so let us know if and how you want to be involved by calling the parish office. Also, since St. Andrew's does not have a computer for Fr Bateman yet, we would like to present him with a lap top computer to show our gratitude. If anyone would like to make a contribution to this gift you may contact Marie or Sue at the office. Any money we collect above the cost will be given to Fr Bateman. Thanks!

**Sacred Heart Rummage Sale – July 25:** Don't throw away that old fishing pole! The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sacred Heart rummage sale is set for Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am until 4pm at the Reedsville Youth Park. I know our basement is just chuck full of stuff you just don't use anymore. Any and all times will be accepted (please use common sense). The two drop-off points are the parish office basement or the basement at Dr. McCusker / Eye Care at 2 E Market St., Lewistown. Please feel free to contact Gordon Parker at 248-3643 (work) or 667-9714 (home) or Theresa Dybach at 667-6893 for more information. More details will follow in coming weeks.

**Monthly Adult Education:** Wednesday, June 3 at 7:30pm in the church basement we will have our monthly opportunity for adult education on aspects of faith. This month our topic is entitled "**Stump the Priests.**" Fr. Bateman and Fr. Thoms will both be there. You are invited to bring your *toughest* questions about our Catholic Faith. An anonymous question box will be provided so that you can ask your questions anonymously. Join us!

### **First Friday Adoration & Holy Hour:**

This coming Friday is the first Friday of June. There will be all day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:30am until 7pm, when there will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour until 8pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway for people to make the time commitment to come and spend time with the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Remember that the Eucharist



cannot be left alone – so please make the sacrifice to come and spend some time with the Lord.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **May**

24 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm

**25 – Memorial Day / office closed**

**30 – Pentecost Vigil Celebration / 4pm**

**31 – Pentecost Sunday**

31 – Graduation Breakfast / 7:30 / Breakfast following

## **LITURGICAL NOTES**

### **Celebration of the Vigil of Pentecost:**

On Saturday, May 31, our parish will celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost during the 4pm Mass. The Church gives encouragement to parishes to a “prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a vigil, whose character is not baptismal (as in the Easter Vigil), but one of urgent prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This has been done for some time in Rome, as the Pope celebrates an outdoor Mass (in St. Peter's Square) in the looming darkness of early evening. Just as the apostles were gathered in the upper room awaiting the promised Advocate, so we gather in urgent prayer asking the Lord to send that same Spirit on our needy world. The liturgy is slightly prolonged by the addition of 4 readings and responsorial psalms. I estimate that Mass would be about 20 minutes longer. Please consider this in your planning for Masses that weekend.



**Van Transportation to Mass:** The following is the van schedule for the next several weeks:

May 31 – Mel Reed

June 7 – Russell Krug

**Memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp:** The following dates are available: Dates available: None in May. June 14, 21 and 28.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in loving memory of Joseph Boova and in honor of Matthew & Andrew Boova from Ellen Boova.

**Memorialize Flowers:** If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (podium) please call the parish office to schedule. The next available dates are May 31. June 7, 21 and 28.

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**Memorial Day, Monday, May 25:** Mass on Memorial Day will be at 9am. Following Mass we will go up to the WWI cross in our cemetery to pray for all those who have died in the service and defense of our country.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, May 24

7:30 AM Caterina Simonetti

11:00 AM Marjorie Kaufman

### Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day)

**9:00 AM** Intention of the Traxler family

### Tuesday, May 26 (St. Philip Neri)

7:00 AM Shirley Molinelli

### Wednesday, May 27

7:00 PM Helen Sutusky

### Thursday, May 28

7:00 AM Daniel Tamburro

9:00 AM Marge & Tom Connare

### Friday, May 29

7:00 AM Art Santell

### Saturday, May 30

8:00 AM Tony Macri

4:00 PM Charles Lennartz

### Sunday, May 31

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Deceased of the Conti & Catina families

**Thursday 9am Mass:** During the school year, we celebrate Mass on Thursdays at 9am with our school students. As the school year comes to an end, so too does the 9am Thursday Mass. From June 1 – August 31, there will be no 9am Thursday Mass.

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Keith Carroll to be Ordained a Priest:** Do you remember Keith Carroll, our summer seminarian from several years ago? He has invited the parish to join him for his ordination to the priesthood on Saturday, June 6 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg beginning at 10am. Then, on Sunday, June 7, he invites us to his first solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish of Saint Rose of Lima in York, PA beginning at 2:15pm. All are invited.

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Oberammergau Passion Play – July 14-23, 2010:**

If you would like to join us on this pilgrimage, note the deposit deadline of July 1, 2009. Brochures are available in the pamphlet rack or you can contact Fr. Bateman directly. Join us on this wonderful pilgrimage as we visit Israel, walking the same shores, streets and towns Jesus walked during his ministry on earth. Then we complete this “once-in-a-lifetime” journey with the Passion Play in Oberammergau. Package price is all-inclusive out of Newark (EWR): approximately \$4,600, but costs are fluctuating a great deal. Information and registration forms are available on the parish website and



the pamphlet rack in the entryway. Fr. Bateman’s transfer does not affect the trip – as we will all just meet in Harrisburg and, together, journey to Newark to begin our pilgrimage. **Remember, the deadline for deposits is July 1, 2009!**

**The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg** will be giving a presentation concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held June 11, 7pm, St. Patrick Parish, Carlisle in the parish hall. No prior registration required. For more info call 657-4804, ext 304 or email [tribunal@hbgiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgiocese.org)

**Fiat Days 2009** – Young women 15 -25 years old. Sunday, July 19 – Tuesday, July 21 at Mount St. Mary’s College & Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Fiat Days is a retreat for young Catholic women who want to deepen learn more about consecrated life, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God’s call in their lives. Activities include prayer ( Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, etc.); talks from religious sisters about vocation discernment and their communities; recreation and sports; great food and discussions. For more information or to request a registration packet please contact The Office of Vocations, Diocese of Harrisburg, 657-4804 x282 or email [vocations@hbgiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgiocese.org).

**Men’s Annual Retreat Weekend:** Men, you owe it to yourself and your family to spend some time way in prayer Friday, July 24 through Sunday, July 26 at Mount Saint Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, MD. There will be prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Mass, times of reflection and private prayer, fellowship and much more. The retreat is sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg. Fathers and grandfathers are encouraged to bring your sons/grandsons (14 and older). The retreat master will be Msgr. George Tomicheck, missionary from the Diocese of Philadelphia to the Philippines – widely known for his heartwarming and inspirational preaching. The theme for this year’s retreat is “Give Me Holiness.” Join us! Cost is \$120 for lodging, 6 meals and all activities. For more information, contact Fred Gers at 238-9504 or 250-0086.

## EDUCATION

**About Liturgy: Questions on the Revised Translation of Mass: . What is the significance of the translation *pro multis* in the words of Institution of the Eucharistic Prayer?** In October 2006 (after the bishops of the United States approved the Gray Book text of the *Order of Mass*), Francis Cardinal Arinze, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, communicated to Conferences of

Bishops the desire of the Holy Father for a faithful translation of *pro multis* as “for many” in the formula for the consecration of the Precious Blood at Mass. The use of “for many” renders a translation more faithful to the accounts of the Last Supper found in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. The phrase “for many” does not mean to imply that Christ did not come to save all, but that salvation rests in part on personal acceptance of the salvation freely offered by Christ. See “Six Questions on the Translation of Pro Multis” for more information.

<http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/misalignment/index.shtml>

### **What is the significance of the changes to the Nicene Creed?**

Some of the most significant changes to the people’s parts in the *Order of Mass* are found in the Profession of Faith (the Nicene Creed). Changes to this text fall into two categories: preservation of the syntax of the original text and preservation of expressions of faith which contain Catholic doctrine. The first change is the translation of *Credo* as of “I” instead of “We” in the opening phrase in order to maintain the person and number indicated in the Latin text. While the profession of faith is a communal liturgical act, each individual in the liturgical assembly professes his or her own faith which is joined to the profession of the whole assembly. The second change concerns the translation of particular expressions of faith such as *Unigenitus*, *consubstantialis*, and *incarnatus*. The theological terminology has been preserved, in accord with *Liturgiam Authenticam*, in the translation to English: “Only Begotten,” “consubstantial,” and “incarnate.”

**“And with your spirit”?** One of the more noticeable changes in the people’s parts of the Mass is the response to the greeting, “The Lord be with you.” The Latin response, *et cum spiritu tuo*, is rendered literally in English, “and with your spirit.” *Liturgiam Authenticam* calls for the faithful rendering of expressions that belong to the heritage of the ancient Church, and cites *et cum spiritu tuo* as an example (no. 56). Most modern languages have translated this phrase literally, so the English text now more closely parallels other vernacular translations.

## **SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

**What is 4<sup>th</sup> grade doing?** Time has certainly flown by in fourth grade. It seems hard to believe that we only have a few weeks of school left to enjoy. To finish out our year, students will be having lots of fun in fourth grade. In Science, students will complete units on matter and energy. In Social Studies, students will learn about the regions of our country that we have not yet studied. They will also present their state reports, which will help us learn a lot of interesting information about the United States. In Language Arts, students will be working on a new unit, titled *Express Yourself*. The literature in this unit encourages students to use their creativity to solve problems, make decisions, create works of art, and express

new ideas. This theme shows students who may be reluctant to take advantage of their own instincts and creative energy that all people are creative in one way or another. Finally in Math, students will work on motion geometry, including symmetry, reflection, and rotation. (Ms. Buchanan)

**It's Not Too Late** to register for Sacred Heart School for Fall 2009! Registration is ongoing, and scholarship opportunities continue to be available. The Bravo Scholarship Foundation application **must be postmarked by May 29**, so don't delay! We encourage all families of our parish to consider a Sacred Heart School education for your children, where we offer a faith foundation, excellence in academics, free busing, low-cost After-School Program, National School Breakfast and Lunch programs, and a friendly, safe, family-oriented environment in which to grow and learn. Call for an appointment today!

### **Sister Marie Luu Reassigned by Community (excerpts from her letter of announcement to school parents):**

I would like to let you know that after three years of serving Sacred Heart of Jesus School with much care and undivided attention, I am ready to take on a new responsibility assigned by the Sisters of Christian Charity. The school is ready to move forward with pride, confidence and trust in God’s providential care and guidance. After two years of planning and setting short and long term goals, I have no doubt that we are on our way to a very bright future. I know Sacred Heart of Jesus School will continue to shine brightly with God’s rays of love and goodness. As we move forward, I know our students, faculty, staff and administrators can count on you to provide them with support and inspirations as you always have.

I am pleased to let you know that Sister Marlene Weitzel, a Sister of Christian Charity, will be the school principal immediately after my departure in June. Sister is an experienced principal and deeply committed to Catholic education. With your support and trust in her leadership, I know this school will continue to be a vibrant and dynamic community.

May God continue to work in and through us as we tirelessly serve His children with love, hope and trust. Thank you for your continued support, cooperation, respect and trust in my leadership throughout the last three years. Obviously, you have shown an incredible ability to work together for larger ambitions than just your individual roles. You make a difference in the lives of students and in the quality of life in our community. I thank each one of you for making Sacred Heart of Jesus an excellent and important school. We can all take pride in the way we touch the children’s lives.

Sister Marie Luu, SCC, Principal