

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

Tithing Income: May 24, 2009	\$ 6,414.25
May 25, 2008	\$ 7,072.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 7.16
Ascension Thursday 2009	\$ 1,283.75
Ascension Thursday 2008	\$ 1,202.00

Next week's tithe: Next week's tithe will be for expenses related to our parish CCD program.

From the pastor: Giving Brings Freedom: As strange as it seems, money and possessions, which should be among the blessings of life, have tied more people in knots than we'll ever know. This is largely because those who live by the pocketbook find it easy to act as if God doesn't exist. They try to solve their problems by use of material possessions and wind up tense, anxious and bound by their lack of faith. Giving a meaningful percentage of income to God through the parish church and other charities helps a person to develop a right perspective and ultimately frees him or her from the shackles of faithless fear. I thank those of you who have developed a right attitude of faith and are committed, consistent givers to God from what he first gave to you.

Comments on Tithing from the pews: "Over the past year I've slowly worked my way up to 10%. I really like the concept. It's one more way to help me get closer to God."

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 said: "I found something for my sister." A 6th & a 4th grader said: "I we helped plant a garden." A 5th grader said: "I helped clean out the shed." A couple of 4th graders said: "I got my brother dressed when we stayed over at a friends house, I helped my Mom." A Kindergartner said: "I was good for my Grandparents." A 5th grader said: "I helped clean out the shed."

FROM THE PASTOR

Weekly Reflection: Our daily living is to "testify" to the Spirit of truth who dwells within us. We often think of "truth" in terms of "truths" – dogmas to believe. The Gospel leads us to something far more dynamic and relational. The Spirit who dwells in each of us enfleshes within us the "mighty acts of God." Truth is being faithful to the identity and mission offered to us.

How our parish NEEDS an outpouring of the Holy Spirit right now! How we need to recommit ourselves to living in the light of the Spirit so that those "mighty acts of God" can be seen! They've been seen in marvelous ways as our parish has grown and flourished over the past 6 years. However, as our parish has entered a time of transition, I believe that Satan is hard at work trying to destroy all the work the Spirit has done in the past 6 years.

Malicious gossip, misunderstandings, accusations, doubt, unkindness, a lack of charity and respect for each

other, vendettas: these are all things that have reared their ugly heads in the past months. I believe that this is Satan trying to destroy and discourage every member of our parish and school communities. "So submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." (James 4:7).

We need to call the Holy Spirit down upon our parish community to help all of us be living icons of the Spirit of truth dwelling within us; then the good choices we make daily will testify to this divine indwelling. Simply put, our annual celebration of Pentecost this year invites us all to act like God! If, then, we are to exude the fruits of the Spirit, we must be willing to die to ourselves. We cannot love another if we do not give of ourselves to others. We cannot have joy if we are turned in on ourselves. We cannot have peace if we are distracted by getting and doing only what we want. We cannot have patience if we do not respect the dignity of others. We cannot have gentleness if we do not see the need in others. We cannot have self-control if we don't put the true good of others first.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the first of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who has instructed the hearts of your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by that same Holy Spirit we may have a right judgment in all things and evermore rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Don't Forget the Open House – TODAY, 3-6pm: You are invited into our home to see how the former office space has been "transformed." Our parish Knights of Columbus will provide wine & cheese for the event. All are welcome. Fr. Bateman & Fr. Thoms

Lenten Appeal Final Results: It is with deep gratitude that both Bishop Rhoades and myself thank you for your devotion to the 2009 **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal**. To date we have raised \$51,545 toward our goal of \$33,200. Just as Jesus demonstrated His love for us in his willingness to suffer, this Lent we have an opportunity to continue His loving ministry through the sacrificial gift we are willing to make to this year's Appeal. We must never tire of demonstrating our love for the Lord by loving and helping our brothers and sisters most in need.

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 1st Annual Sacred Heart rummage sale is set for Saturday, July 25th 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.

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.

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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

31 – Pentecost Sunday

- 31 – Graduation Breakfast / 7:30 / breakfast follows
- 31 – Rectory Open House / 3-6pm / rectory

June

- 2 – SHS graduation
- 3 – Adult Education / 7:30pm / church basement
- 5 – All Day Adoration / Holy Hour / 7pm
- 6 – Women's Guild / 8am Mass / meeting to follow
- 14 – Celebration for Fr. Bateman / 2pm / F.O. Eagle Club
- 14 – Flag Day

LITURGICAL NOTES

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

- June 7 – Russell Krug
- June 14 – Dave Kaniecki
- June 21 – Mel Reed



Sunday, May 31

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

Monday, June 1 (Justin, Martyr)

- 7:00 AM Rocco Soccio

Tuesday, June 2

- 7:00 AM Frances Watson
- 9:00 AM – Intention of our 5th grade SHS graduates

Wednesday, June 3 (Charles Lwanga & Companions)

- 7:00 PM Frank Semkowski

Thursday, June 4

- 7:00 AM Intention of the Showers family

Friday, June 5 (St. Boniface)

- 7:00 AM Vita Finazzo

Saturday, June 6

- 8:00 AM Richard Quilter
- 4:00 PM Intention of the Zannino family

Sunday, June 7 (Trinity Sunday)

- 7:30 AM Terry Attivo
- 11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

Thursday 9am Mass: During the school year, we celebrate Mass on Thursdays at 9am with our school students. As the school year ends, so too does the 9am Thursday Mass. From June 1 – August 31, there will be no 9am Thursday Mass. This gives the priests the

opportunity to celebrate Mass in our local nursing homes.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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@hbgdiocese.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@hbgdiocese.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 about the rest of the Missal?

The text of *Ordo Missae I* (*Order of Mass*) is the first of twelve (12) sections of the *Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia* undergoing translation. The remaining sections, which include the Proper of Seasons, *Ordo Missae II* (containing Prefaces, Solemn Blessings, and additional Eucharistic Prayers), Proper of Saints, Commons, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead, Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, and Antiphons, as well as Introductory Material and Appendices, have undergone first drafts (called “Green Books”). The second drafts (called “Gray Books”) for several sections have been completed and await votes by the Conferences of Bishops. Each section must follow the same process as the *Ordo Missae I*.

When will all this be complete? Because this work involves the participation of ICEL, the USCCB as well as other English-speaking conferences of bishops and the Holy See, it is difficult to set a firm date for the completion of the process of translation and approval. The current estimate, however, for the completion of work by the USCCB is November 2010. Once the final section of the Roman Missal has been approved by the USCCB, the complete text of the Missal must still be submitted to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments for *recognitio*.

When will this be implemented for liturgical use? The approved text of the *Order of Mass* has been released as a text for study and formation, but is not intended for liturgical use, that is to say it cannot be used in the celebration of the Mass. The intention of the Congregation for Divine Worship and of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is to enable and encourage a process of preparation and catechesis for both priests and the faithful, as well as to make the texts available to composers of liturgical music who can begin to set the texts, especially the acclamations, to music in anticipation of the implementation of the texts for liturgical use. It is hoped that when the time comes to use the texts in the celebration of the Mass, priests will be properly trained, the faithful will have an understanding and appreciation of what is being prayed, and musical

settings of the liturgical texts will be readily available. The revised translation of the *Order of Mass* will be permitted only when the complete text of the *Roman Missal* (Third Edition) is promulgated.

The full study text is available for view and study online at: www.usccb.org/liturgy/missalformation/index.shtml

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Fifth Grade Graduation: On Tuesday our 5th graders will become the newest alumni of Sacred Heart of Jesus School. We will celebrate Mass at 9am followed by the graduation ceremony and a reception in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited to be a part of this celebration.

Sacred Heart School – Class of 2009

Elizabeth Baker-Mikesell: *Favorite Subject:* English, Social Studies. *Favorite Memories of SHS:* When Noah fixed the computer by eating a dust-covered Cheerio. *Future Career Goal:* Chef.

Michael Bielski: *Favorite Subject:* Science. *Favorite Memories of SHS:* The Host of the 2009 Pep Rally. *Future Career Goal:* Merchant Marine.

John Harshbarger: *Favorite Subject:* Math. *Favorite Memories of SHS:* On Field day in Kindergarten and 1st grade, Noah & I got chased by geese. Then I would stop for lunch. *Future Career Goal:* Pro Baseball Player.

Shawn Jones: *Favorite Subject:* Science. *Favorite Memories of SHS:* When I fell and my friends helped me up. *Future Career Goal:* I want to be a good soul.

Reagan Miller: *Favorite Subject:* Language Arts. *Favorite Memories of SHS:* Teachers, Friends, Cousins, Classes, Art, Gym, Other Specials, along with all field trips. *Future Career Goal:* Veterinarian.

Katie Newcamp: *Favorite Subject:* Language Arts. *Favorite Memories of SHS:* Every memory is best. *Future Career Goal:* Optometrist.

Noah Treaster: *Favorite Subject:* Math. *Favorite Memories of SHS:* Pep Rally 2009, I did the Imbo as Father Bateman

Jennifer Tuyen: *Favorite Subject:* Art. *Favorite Memories of SHS:* Catholic Schools Week. *Future Career Goal:* Elementary School Teacher.

Kyle Young: *Favorite Subject:* Social Studies. *Favorite Memories of SHS:* In Kindergarten Noah and John were chased by geese, and John ditched Noah to get lunch. *Future Career Goal:* Marine Biologist.

Congratulations to the SHS Class of 2009

Note from Sr. Marlene Weitzel – our new school principal: Dear Parishioners and School Families:

As you know I am being assigned by my community as principal of Sacred Heart School. I am looking forward to my time with you. From both Father Bateman and Sr. Marie I have heard many wonderful things about your

school and the commitment of the parish and the parents and all involved to its future growth and development.

I have already spent two days with the school staff and I felt very much at ease with all of them – they all have the dedication and the vision to make Sacred Heart School a wonderful place for children to learn and to grow in their Catholic Faith. Both Father Bateman and Sr. Marie were most gracious and helpful in explaining the life of the school to me.

A little background about me... I have been principal in several different dioceses – Scranton, Paterson, and the Archdiocese of New York, ministering in 6 different elementary schools. All of my religious life has been spend in the ministry of Catholic education in some form, teaching or administration. I am a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity who also taught me in grade and high school. I was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa and lived there with my parents and sister until I graduated from High School and entered the community.

The SCC's [Sisters of Christian Charity] already there have welcomed me to our convent. I have known both of these Sisters for a number of years. All of us were stationed rather closely together in Williamsport. I am looking forward to our life together and I trust that the three of us will live our mission of Christian Charity in Pauline's spirit. I ask for your prayers during this time of transition and I eagerly await meeting all of you.

I extend my best wishes to Father Bateman and Sr. Marie as they follow God's plan for them to a new place of ministry to God's people.

Sincerely, Sr. Marlene Weitzel, SCC

