

February 22, 2015 – First Sunday in Lent

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

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| Tithing Income: Feb 15, 2015: | |
| Regular: | \$ 4,920.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 861.00 |
| Children's Offering: | \$ 22.00 |
| Coffee and Donuts | \$ 3.00 |
| ONLINE GIVING: | \$ 1,215.00 |
| Tithing Income TOTAL For February 15, 2015: | <u>\$ 7,021.00</u> |
| Tithing Income: February 16, 2014 | <u>\$ 7,046.00</u> |

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of February 15, 2015 – 366

Weekend of February 16, 2014 - 392

Next Week's Tithing:

Black & Indian Poor Missions

This Week's Tithing:

TBA

Tithe Week of 2/08/2015:

TBA

From Our Pastor: Lent bespeaks sacrifice and thus stewardship comes out prominently this time of year. Here is the time to deepen your commitment to joyful giving. God will be with you to assist in you in your Lenten resolutions so that they reflect His purpose for your life, and the life of the parish and the world.

My Good Deed for the Week:

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

We have a 1st grader who is praying for his family, and two 2nd graders who have been doing a lot of cleaning...

★ Great Job Kids! ★

PASTORS COLUMN CALLING ALL CALLERS

Call us. Or e-mail. Whenever you or a loved one is in the hospital or nursing home or having an extended stay in a rehab center, please notify us if you wish a clergy visit, especially if you wish the sacraments.

This becomes more important now since Geisinger-Lewistown will no longer have even the daily written list available in the clergy room, near the lobby, with names of patients and their religions. We used to go in and check, almost daily, for Catholics and go visit them. That stops March 1st.

Before that, we could even access the list from our home computers. That was sweet, saving an unnecessary trip to the hospital if no parishioners were in but that stopped some months ago. We're told that this is all because of new computer systems being installed.

With a hospital admission, oftentimes the last thing to think of is calling the priest and that is understandable, in the pressure of the moment. Nevertheless, spiritual health should be considered along with physical health, especially if the medical condition is serious. Many times, I have seen marked improvement after prayers and/or the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

The latter is no longer called "Extreme Unction" or "Last Anointing," in Latin, as it used to be. It was administered only right before death. Around the time of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), research into early church life revealed that the sacrament wasn't given only at death's door but for serious illness as well. Some of the most touching moments of my priesthood have been with family and friends encircling the patient while I lead the prayers and give the anointing. We almost always hold hands during the Our Father. If the patient is conscious and able, communion is administered as well.

With hospital stays being short nowadays, a timely call is helpful. If death is imminent we priests will rush to the hospital as soon as we get the call. For more routine admissions, call us as soon as possible. A 24-hour delay might mean you're discharged by the time we get to your room.

Remember the 6 p.m. healing Mass the first Thursday of every month at St. Jude, Mifflintown. You can come just for the Mass if you wish and leave. But after the Mass, people come up, one-by-one, and I lay hands on them for healing. Sometimes I administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for someone at the Mass, if it seems warranted.

Prayer is powerful. Let's use it. Call the priests and let us pray for you. For nursing home residents and for shut-ins at home, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are also available (although only priests can give the Anointing of the Sick and absolution after confession).

Call us. We got your back and we're there for you. But you have to let us know.

Fr. Bill

We do not live on bread alone but on every Word of God

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Sunday: 02/22/15:

CCD/9am/SHS

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 02/23/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Parish Council Mtg/7pm/Parish Office

Tuesday: 02/24/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish Office Basement

Wednesday: 02/25/15:

Lenten Lunch –St.John Lutheran/12n

NET/Adult Mtg/5:30pm/Rectory

Confessions/6:30 pm/Church

Mass/7 pm/Church

Adult Choir Practice/7:35pm/Choir Loft

Thursday: 02/26/15:

SHS Mass/9am/Church

SHS Kindergarten Open Hse/4:30 pm

Friday: 02/27/15:

K of C Fish Fry/3:30pm – SHS Cafeteria

Mass/7am/Church

Stations of the Cross/7pm/Church

Saturday: 02/28/15:

New Altar Server Training/8:30 am/Church

First Penance/10:30 am/Church

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

March

Sunday: 03/01/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SHS

Parish Penance Service/3pm – SH

/ 7pm – St. Jude

Monday: 03/02/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Finance Mtg/7pm/Rectory

Tuesday: 03/03/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish Ofc.

Wednesday: 03/04/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Thursday: 03/05/15:

SHS Mass/9am/Church

Liturgy Com. Mtg/10:30am

Friday: 03/06/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Adoration Begins following 7am Mass

Stations of the Cross/7pm/Church

Saturday: 03/07/15:

New Altar Server Training/8:30 am/Church

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, February 22

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

Mark 1:12-15

7:30 AM Leo Anna

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, February 23

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18; Psalm 19:8,9,10,15;

Matthew 25:31-46

7:00 AM Velma McElheny

Tuesday, February 24

Isiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-7,16-18;Matthew 6:7-15

7:00 AM Special Intentions for Sr. Carmelita on her Birthday!

Wednesday, February 25

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13,18-19;Luke 11:29-32

7:00 PM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

Thursday, February 26

Esther C:12,14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8;

Matthew 7:7-12

9:00 AM Esther L. Berich

Friday, February 27

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2,3-4,5-8; Matthew 5:20-26

7:00 AM Deceased members of the Scheidy

Family

Saturday, February 28

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8; Matthew 5:43-48

4:00 PM Catherine Armstrong

Sunday, March 01

Genesis 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15,16-17, 18-19; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Richard Calkins

Van Transportation to Mass: The following is the

Van schedule:

Feb 22 - Russell Krug

Mar 01 - Dave Kaniecki

Mar 08 - Mel Reed

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: March 22**

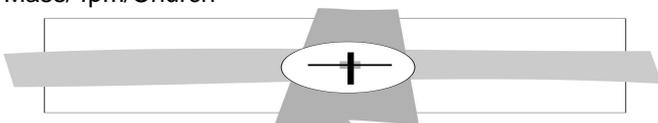
The Sanctuary Lamp :

For the Special Intentions of:

Mrs. Fran Del Vecchio

From Kathie Tice

Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. As of **February 18th Lent begins No Flowers will be on the altar.** The following dates are available: **May 10, 17, and 24**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happening Today!

Youth Event, February 22nd the Youth Ministry is coordinated an **Ice Skating outing at Penn States Ice Rink** we will all meet at the rink at 1pm for open skating, bring \$10.00 for Skate Rental and Skating. ALL Youth Groups are invited K5 through High School!



Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal extends your generosity beyond your parish to reach those in our larger Catholic family. Sacred Heart of Jesus receives full credit for your gift. Once our goal has been reached, the parish receives all of the "over goal" gifts for our own essential needs.

NET MINISTRIES

Challenging Young Catholics to Love Christ and Embrace the Life of the Church

A Special day-long retreat for Sacred Heart and St. Jude parishioners Grades 7-12 will be held **Saturday, March 14th, 2015 at St. Jude Church, Mifflintown.** The Retreat will be given by about 12 young adult members of the National Evangelization Teams or NET MINISTRIES, who do this work around the United States, all year long. **Please sign up in the vestibule if interested. We will also need host families to house team members that Friday and Saturday nights. Sign-up sheets for host families will also be available in the vestibule.**



Words of Wisdom from Sister Virginia...

Gossip is like mud thrown against a wall, it may not stick but will always leave a mark.

Attention all Boys and Girls Grades 3-12;



Father Bill will begin **Altar Server Training on Saturday, February 28th 8:30 am -10:30 am** in the Church. If you are interested contact the parish office at (717) 242-2781 or see Father Bill



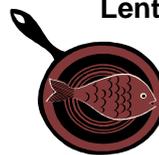
Lenten Luncheons & Prayer services

will be conducted at several Lewistown churches through March & early April, Each gathering begins at 12 noon with a short 15 minute prayer service and preaching by the host pastor, followed by lunch and dismissal by 1 pm all are welcome.

The schedule is as follows:

- Feb 25 – St. John's Lutheran Church
- March 4 – 1st Baptist Church
- March 11 – Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
- March 18 - Lewistown Presbyterian
- March 25 - 1st United Methodist Church

Knights of Columbus will be having its Annual Fish Sandwich Sale every Friday during Lent.



Sale is 3pm -6pm in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria and **sandwiches are \$3.00 each.**



Youth Event, March 8th, from 2:00 pm - at Carousel Skating ages welcome.

4:30 pm rink all Ministry will take care of admission and skate rental. Bring money for skates.



Need a cemetery plot? One of our parishioners has one for sale in the Catholic section at Juniata Memorial. Please call Rita Van Meeter for more information Cell: 717-250-745/ Home: 717-248-1109

Attention Parishioners, our Tithing committee is looking for new members,



to help research, and vet local and national organizations for the parish to tithe to. Please contact Jessica Parzanese for more information 717-250-3409

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Catholic Youth Summer Camp

a High Adventure Camp that fosters High Adventure Faith. Catholic Youth Summer Camp is Ohio's one and only week-long, residential high adventure camp for students entering grades 6-12. Activities typically include: jet

skis, water tubing, paintball, blobbing, go-carts, archery, zip lining, rock climbing, ropes course, mountain boarding and more! CYSC offers a truly Catholic and safe environment with daily catechesis that awakens faith and builds missionary disciples. A week at camp includes daily Mass, adoration, reconciliation, small group conversations, worship, service and authentic community. See www.cysc.com to get more information and to register.

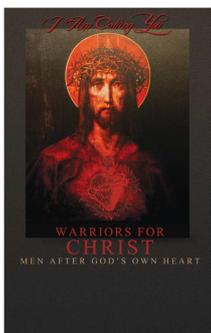


LENTEN FISH DINNERS: St. Jude Knights' Friday evening Lenten fish dinners will begin on **February 13 2015 and end March 27, 2015**, from 4-7 P.M.

in the church social hall. Please join us for a delicious, all-you-can-eat meal. Pay at the door: **Adults - \$12.00; Ages 6-12 - \$6.00; Under 6 - free.** Please come often and enjoy a great meal.

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 2 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorces Catholics; those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. **No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, extension 304, or email: tribunal@hbqdiocese.org**

March 4- St. Joseph Parish, York, 7pm
 March 11- Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, 7pm



The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be held March 21 at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg. This is an excellent opportunity for the men of our parish! Last year more than 600 men attended this conference. They were extremely enthusiastic in their response! **This year's theme is: *Warriors for Christ: Men after God's Own Heart.***

The Keynote Speaker is our own Bishop Ronald Gainer. Men from around the Diocese will have the opportunity to encounter Jesus and the Catholic Faith in a powerful way with other men from throughout our diocese and beyond.

Outstanding workshops will be offered by 20 presenters over two sessions. The day will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity for Confession, as well as the keynote and workshops. The cost is \$30 dollars, lunch included. Registration brochures are available in our church. The brochures have more details on the conference and a schedule for the day. You may also sign up on-line on the diocesan website at www.hbqdiocese.org/men. **If you have any questions or if you have registered please contact Gary Sanges, at 717-242-0977 or the Parish Office at 717-242-2781**



**School office hours are Monday - Friday
 7:30am to 3:30pm**

Sacred Heart School News

Sacred Heart School is now enrolling! Children who will be age 5 before September 1, 2015 are eligible for Kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year. If you or someone you know has a child who meets the requirement, please attend the Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, February 26th 2015 from 4:30-7 PM. If you are unable to attend that night, please call the school office at 248-5351 to meet with the principal and take a tour of the school.

Sacred Heart School Benefit Auction Update:

Stevens Auctioneering Service Inc. is confirmed for this year's auction! **Save the Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2015, from 11:00-4:00 at the Reedsville Youth Park. **Be on the lookout for raffle ticket sales and chicken BBQ sales announcements - they will be coming soon!** By contributing to the auction, you are supporting the future of Sacred Heart School. A product, gift certificate, or gift basket from a business or individual would be greatly appreciated! **The goal is to have all donations collected by March 31, 2015**, so that they can be advertised and listed. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Development Director Rowena Klein at [717-242-2781](tel:717-242-2781) or shsdevelopment@sacredheartlewistown.com.