

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 12, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: April 5, 2009	\$ 2536.00
Income for April 6, 2008	\$ 2147.75
Income for April 8, 2007	\$ 1687.50
Student Offerings	\$ 5.60

Next week's tithe: Next week's tithe will be for the Food Pantry.

From the pastor: Generosity in our hearts is a sign of the presence of God within us. That is part of the light that the Lord asks us to let shine into the darkness around us. Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing.

Comments on Tithing from the pews: When I think of everything the parish does to help us all get along in life with God and each other, I want to be a part of it. Tithing makes sure that something of 'me' is part of the parish's work.

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 5th grader said, "I helped my Dad." A Pre-K said, "I helped put my brother to sleep." A 4th grader said, "I helped my friend play a game." A 6th grader said, "I helped make a supper."

FROM THE PASTOR

Weekly Reflection: The paschal mystery is not complete until death gives way to life, "the glory of Jesus' resurrection" (sequence). It is no surprise that the Easter sequence-an embellishment of the gospel alleluia-is more poetic than prose in composition. The open-ended language of poetry perhaps tries to capture best the mystery of Jesus risen from the dead. An yet we know that any language at all falls short of expressing the mystery. Maybe this is why our alleluias ring out: this musical, single word captures and expresses the uncontainable joy in our hearts because Jesus 'had to rise from the dead.' Alleluia is our way of saying we believe in the resurrection. No wonder we sing alleluia over and over all year long and it is so difficult to bury it during Lent. Taking away our alleluias is like taking away our life. We are lost without it.

Death leads all of us to the unbelieving and misunderstanding stance of those early disciples. After all, our only experience of death as humans is that it is final. The suffering and death of Good Friday we can grasp ; that is within our experience. The joy and glory of Easter Sunday we can hardly grasp; it is outside of our human experience. No, the disciples didn't understand. Neither do we. But they came to believe. So can we.

The disciples saw the empty tomb and believed Mary's report that the body of Jesus was not there. When they encountered the risen Lord, they remembered Jesus' promise that he would be raised up after three days. Thus they came to believe. To help us come to believe, we have the preaching of eyewitnesses (witness is used three times and testify once in the first reading). Our "seeing" comes through hearing an unbroken chain of witnesses who have encountered the risen Lord and preached Christ raised from the dead. Jesus commissioned his disciples to preach; they preach not only the good news of forgiveness of sins and the coming of God's reign, but disciples also preach by their witness to new life in Christ.

Easter Sunday, then, is more than a celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It is also an invitation to each of us to preach the gospel and take our place in the long line of witnesses to Jesus' risen life. Perhaps this why we are so awed at the mystery: not just that Jesus was raised from the dead, but that God entrusts us with Jesus' mission and with being witnesses to God's mighty deed of resurrection. It appears as though God trusts us a great deal. The issue and challenge of this Easter Sunday isn't so much to pass over from misunderstanding to belief; it is to pass over from receiving a share in Jesus' risen life to, like Mary and the early disciples, proclaiming the good news to all we meet. No wonder we continually sing out alleluia!—it means so many things: Christ's risen life and our share in it; seeing and believing; witnessing to these great events. And so we sing again, alleluia!

Easter Greetings! We would both like to extend our warmest Easter Greetings, as we celebrate Easter this year for the first time in our new church! We have a lot to be proud of in the accomplishments of the past year. "Rising to the occasion" might be an expression that not only describes the season we are in—Easter, but the historical "occasion" of building a new church and of growing as a parish. We are a people of the Resurrection and let us continue to strive each day to live in the life God extends to us. All that is needed to be a saint can be found here at St. Jude Parish. We are proud to be your servants and your priests. —Fathers Bateman and Thoms.

PARISH NEWS

Easter Flowers on either side of the tabernacle are in honor of David and Gale Treaster's 40th Wedding Anniversary.

CAP (Caring About Parishioners) needs you! CAP has been doing great things for the parishioners of Saint Jude's Church by providing meals, gifts, prayers, etc. to those who have lost a loved one, had a baby or is just in need of a little caring. In fact, we have been doing so much that we need some more volunteers to help out. Please consider volunteering! A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you think you are already signed up, please check and make sure I have your name on the list. With more help, we will be able to do even more for those in our parish. Thank you and God Bless! Contact Elizabeth Armstrong with questions or if someone you know needs CAP call 527-4869.

St. Jude Parish Celebrates 50 years in Juniata County: Did you see the banner on the way in to church today?!?! Our parish celebration has officially begun! Can you believe, 50 years? We have SO MUCH for which to be thankful. We will officially celebrate our 50th parish anniversary on Sunday, May 3 @ 3 pm. We will have a special Evening Prayer of Thanksgiving and a parish pot-luck supper (meats & drinks provided) to celebrate. Sign up sheets are in the social hall.

Altar Server Workshops: All altar servers are asked to attend 2 of the three Saturday workshops: April 18th from 1 – 3 p.m.; April 25th from 9 – 11 a.m.; and May 9th from 9-11 a.m. Children who have received First Holy Communion are also welcome to attend as new servers. Questions: call Fr. Thoms: 436-6722.

Please mark your calendars: The Women's Guild is going to host a "Movie Night" in the social hall on April 24th at 6:30pm. More information will be available in the coming bulletins!

MASS SCHEDULE



Sun. April 12 – (Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9)
9:15am – People of the Parish

Mon. April 13 – (Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15)
9:00am – Thanksgiving for favors received

Tues. April 14 – (Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18)

Wed. April 15 – (Acts; Lk 24:13-35)

Thurs. April 16 – (Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48)

Fri. April 17 – (Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14)

9:00am – Anne Kivlin

Sat. April 18 – (Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15)

5:00pm (English) – Anna Heart

6:30pm (Spanish) – James Kerrgan Jr.

Sun. April 19 – (Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31)

9:15am – Judith Perez

Items needed for Women's Guild Yard Sale: As you are doing your spring cleaning, please remember that the guild is having a yard sale on Saturday, May 16th and would appreciate donations of unwanted items. Remember, your "trash" *could* be someone else's "treasure!"

OTHER NEWS

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Oberammergau Passion Play – July 14-23, 2010: Experience the Passion Play surrounded by the beauty of the Bavarian hills in the village of Oberammergau, Germany. A fulfillment of a promise to God for sparing this village from the black plague, every villager participates in this presentation, which is done on a magnificent scale every 10 years. Your pilgrimage begins with a visit to Israel, walking the same shores, streets and towns Jesus walked during his ministry on earth. Complete this "once-in-a-lifetime" journey with the Passion Play in Oberammergau and come to know Scripture in a new light. Dates for this program are July 14-23, 2010 and package price is all-inclusive out of Newark Airport – approximately \$4600, but costs are fluctuating a great deal. If interested, please contact Fr. Bateman. Flyers are in the pamphlet rack or available on the parish website: StJudeMifflintown.org.

Food Pantry Needs for April; Any non-perishable food item, first aid supplies, over the counter pain and cold medicine, bandages, anti-biotic ointments, q-tips and feminine sanitary napkins.

Discounted Hersheypark Tickets: Discounted tickets are available to *Hersheypark* to parishioners and their families at a significant savings. Regular admission price is \$52.95 for adults; *the discounted price is \$ 28.50 (a savings of 45%)*. Regular admission for children (ages 3-8) and Seniors (ages 55-69) is \$30.95; *the discounted price is \$ 24.00*. Tickets are valid any day the Park is open during the regular public season. Orders must be received at the parish by April 20. Parishes will receive the tickets by May 19. Order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at the entrance.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

"More Than An Auction" A new event will be held in conjunction with the "More Than An Auction". We will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, April 25th at the Reedsville Youth Park. Start saving or

stacking your stuff. Any questions, call Gordon Parker at 667-9714 (H) or 248-3643 (W).

Auction Items Needed: We are looking for any type of donations to be auctioned off for the silent or oral auction. If you can donate an item call B.J.Newcamp (436-9572) or beedgewolf@aol.com

The BRAVO Foundation, with the recommendation of Senator Jake Corman, has announced that they have \$10,000 in Scholarships for Sacred Heart School available for eligible families for the 2009-10 school year! A family of 4 can earn up to \$70,000 annually and still be eligible for this scholarship. Applications are available in the school office, however, if you applied for the Neumann Scholarship, you do not need to reapply for this scholarship. If you did not apply for Neumann, a \$21 fee is required for application.

EASTER FLOWERS

In Memory of:

John J. McDermott
Harry J. Miller
Schilling Family
Puma Family
Nash Family
Kaczowski Family
Richard Berrier Sr.
Richard Berrier Jr.
S. Marlene Fogleman
John & Sarah Gerberich
John Gerberich Jr.
Palotta Family
Grindo Family
Julian Family
Edward & Anne Kivlin
William Logan
Bob & Emma Eck
Richard Kepler
Rose Parker
Caroline Fletcher
Kromel Families
Madl Families
John, Grace & Gerald Hepner
Jack & Mary Rumfola
Our Parents
Richard Kepler
Carwell Family
Rocco Family
Joseph W. Saia
Mary Swartz
Mary Lou Swartz
Lewis Swartz
Millie Lunger
William & Madeline Brubaker
John & Delores Zangrilli
John & Helen Renz
Deacon John Rocco
Mildred Rocco

Given By:

Adele McDermott
Adele McDermott
Frances Schilling
Frances Schilling
Bill & Cathy Nash
Bill & Cathy Nash
Harry & Edie Fogleman
Harry & Edie Fogleman
Harry & Edie Fogleman
Bill & Shelly Gerberich
Bill & Shelly Gerberich
Josephine Dietz
Josephine Dietz
Josephine Dietz
Donald & Karen Thome
Diane Logan
Shirley Vasbinder
Doris Kepler
Norman Olson Fam.
Norman Olson Fam.
John & Teri Kromel
John & Teri Kromel
Ralph & Rose Hepner
Ralph & Rose Hepner
Dick & Shirley Baade
Steve and Cathy Graham
Steve and Cathy Graham
John & Gloria Rocco
Bob & Joyce Auker
Michael Swartz
Michael Swartz
Michael Swartz
Angie Miller
Zangrilli Family
Zangrilli Family
Zangrilli Family
Ames Family
Ames Family

In Honor of :

Joyce Auker

Given by:

Joni Auker