

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2009

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

Tithing income: July 19, 2009	\$1708.75
Income for July 20, 2008	\$1730.50
Income for July 22, 2007	\$1160.50
Students	\$ 2.00

Next week's tithe will be for the Missionary Appeal.

From the pastor:

Comments on Tithing from the pews:

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 3rd grader said, "I helped my mother hang the laundry outside." A 5th grader said, "I watched my little cousin, while my aunt made cookies." A 1st grader said, "I picked flowers for my neighbor."

Pastor's Column

SPONSORS FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Everyone rejoices when a child is baptized or confirmed. Preparations can rival that of a wedding. Relatives are invited, party plans are made, clothes selected ... and godparents are chosen.

What a disappointment when parents are informed by the parish priest that Uncle Charlie or Aunt Susie is not suitable as godparent. Why in the world not?! Uncle Charlie is great with Christmas gifts for the kids every year. Aunt Susie holds the family reunion every year at her place. People can literally lose their religion over this one.

Let's look at the requirements for sponsors, as they are called, in official Church law, or canon law. Canon 874 says that a sponsor for baptism must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, confirmed, not the candidate's mother or father, who "leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken." The law says the same for confirmation sponsors.

That last part in quotes packs a wallop. The sponsor, in other words, is to be a practicing Catholic, which means 1) going to Mass every weekend, 2) if married, married in the Catholic Church, 3) living a moral life.

One who is a baptized in a non-Catholic denomination may stand with the Catholic baptismal sponsor and is called a Christian witness. But non practicing Catholics are not eligible as sponsors or as Christian witnesses.

It makes sense. The sponsor is to be a living witness or example for the baptized or confirmed child to what a vibrant, full, Christian, Catholic life is all about. At a baptism, the sponsors actually stand up and publicly pledge that kind of life. But if they aren't really living it, (not going to Mass, invalid marriage, immorality) the pledge becomes a lie, rendering it meaningless.

It's not just about friendships, family ties, and gifts at Christmas and birthdays. The sponsors are also to be models of the spiritual life. Choose them carefully. And this might be an

opportunity to invite Uncle Charlie or Aunt Susie to apply for that annulment, renew their spiritual life, or to get back to Mass every Sunday. If they talk to a priest, get to confession and straighten out certain things in their lives... well, maybe something can be worked out.

Fr. Bill

PARISH NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE



Sun. August 9 – (1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51)
9:15 am –

Mon. August 10 – (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
9:00 am –

Tues. August 11 – (Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-14)

Wed. August 12 -- (Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)

Thurs. August 13 – (Jos 3:7-17; Mt 18:21-19:1)

Fri. August 14 – **Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe**
(Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)

9:00 am –

Sat. August 15 – **Assumption B.V.M.**

(Rev 11:19a-12:10; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56)

5:00 pm (English) –

6:30 pm (Spanish) –

For finishing the tile work in the Social Hall, we would like to thank the following for their *financial support*: Joe & Anne Zarnowski, George & Colleen Hazard, Shane & Elizabeth Armstrong, St. Jude Women's Guild and St. Jude Council Knights of Columbus. We also thank those who contributed their *time and talent*: Shirley Baade, Richard Baade, Pam Baade, Brandon Baade, Joe Boyd, Bill Gerberich, Shelly Gerberich, Jim Fitzgerald, Mike Fitzgerald, Tracie Fitzgerald, Dolly Marencic, Linus Meldrum, John Rocco, Tom Storm, Donald Thome, Eddie Thome, Karen Thome, and Joe Zarnowski. Our sincere apologies for anyone we may have inadvertently omitted. Thank you so very much for your continued support and hard work on behalf of St. Jude Parish family!!! Fr. Bill & Fr. Thoms

Registration for CCD Classes: We are now registering students for our 2009-2010 religious education classes, Pre-K through 8th grade. Classes will begin September 13, 2009. Children who have been attending CCD classes at St. Jude will automatically be registered for this year's program. Only those who have **not** previously attended classes at St. Jude are required to register. The Pre-K class is for 4-year-olds who will be attending kindergarten in September 2010. Please contact Karen Thome, 694-3607, as soon as possible to register.

CCD classes begin immediately after 9:15 A.M. Mass on **September 13, 2009**. Father Thoms will meet with all parents of children in our CCD program following Mass on this date.

50th anniversary celebration is August 29, 2009, beginning with a bilingual mass, at 5:00pm We are fortunate to have Bishop

Rhodes as celebrant. The 6:30pm Spanish Mass for the day has been canceled. The Mass will be followed by a pot-luck dinner. The church will provide meat and beverages, but, we ask that you bring a **large** casserole (we have invited many priest to celebrate with us). Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome table. **Please, set that date aside and plan to join us for 50th anniversary Jubilee.**

Celebración del aniversario cincuentenario (50 años): de la Parroquia, San Judas Tadeo que se llevará a cabo el 29 de agosto del 2009, comenzando con una misa bilingüe. Tendremos la dicha de tener nuestro Obispo como celebrante de la misa. No habrá misa a las 6:30 p.m. Después de misa en el salón será una cena. La iglesia va a proveer carne y bebidas, y les pedimos a todo el mundo que traigan algo de comer para compartir. Favor de inscribirse en la hoja que se encuentra en el salón.

St. Jude's Annual Blood Drive: Sponsored the by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, August 15th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Social Hall. Donors and volunteers needed. To make an appointment to donate blood please call: 1(800)GIVE LIFE. Donor questions: 1(800)54 BLOOD. To volunteer, please contact Bill Gerberich @ (717)436-9545.

We know that many of you have had your address changed, please notify Mary in the office so that she can update the Parish census.

Cambio de dirección: Favor de avisar a la secretaria, Mary Zangrilli, si usted ha mudado y tiene una nueva dirección. Eso también ayuda con la inmigración y no les perjudique.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS for August :

Fresh Garden Produce, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, & dish soap.

Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Because this falls on a Saturday, August 15, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a Vigil Mass on Friday, August 14th, @ 7 p.m. There will be no 9 a.m. Mass that Friday.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School is accepting registrations for the new school year. We have openings in Grades K-5. We invite our families to enroll their children in our parish school where they will receive an excellent education in major subjects as well as a strong foundation in their Catholic faith. Tuition assistance is available. We accept both Catholic and non-Catholic students. Call the school office to arrange for a tour or to receive further information about our school and its programs. Contact: Sr. Marlene at 248-5351

To our present school families...

For your calendar: Sacred Heart School will reopen for the 2009-2010 school year on Wednesday September 2nd at 8AM. School uniforms are to be worn; children are to bring a lunch the first three days of school.

Families who may need school uniforms may contact the school to make arrangements to visit our uniform "boutique" which provides good but used uniforms .

Month of July: School Office Hours: Tues, Wed and Thurs 9-12. If you need special assistance or want to register, then please call: (717) 248-5351, leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as possible. Thank You.

Horario de la escuela Católica Sagrado Corazón en Lewistown: martes, miércoles y jueves de 9 a.m. – 12 mediodía. Si necesite ayuda o quiere inscribir a su hijo/a, favor de llamar a: (717)248-5351, deje su nombre e un mensaje breve y le llamara alguien de la escuela lo más pronto posible. Gracias.