

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 8, 2008

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: June 1, 2008	\$ 1891.00
Income for June 3, 2007	\$ 1700.06
Income for June 4, 2006	\$ 1675.10
Student Offerings	\$ 8.25

Next week's tithe will be for Catholi Communications Campaign. A flyer is in this week's bulletin.

From the pastor: As I watch all that is happening with the construction of our new building, and our collections, I am truly in awe! Despite a Capital Campaign for our new church and a poor economy, you continue to trust "God's Plan for Giving" by offering your weekly tithe to the parish. The fact that we can gather 20+ people on a Saturday afternoon and lay nearly all the tile in the church proper is a testament to your willingness to offer your talents to God. Tom Storm, who is helping with our tile, said to me, "That's a different place down there." It truly is! St. Jude Thaddeus Parish is a WONDERFUL place where our faith is put into action through our giving (tithe, time and talent).

Comments on Tithing from the pews: "Tithing . . . To see how God works in making our ends meet is just another of many small miracles we see performed each day. However, we do not give in order to make ends meet. That is merely the by-product. We love to give to God and to His Church so we may continue to receive His graces."

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 put away the winter clothes." A 1st grader said, "I picked up all of my toys." A 3rd grader said, "I helped grandma bake cookies".

Building Fund / Construction Update: The progress on the tile flooring is *incredible!* 1000 "thank you's" to all who have been working so hard! The pews are next! This coming week we'll be trained on the new fire-alarm system and how to operate it. We are considering contracting with a security company to monitor our alarm system 24/7 (which has an automatic dial feature). Soon, finishing touches will be done to the exterior of the building, including the siding and roof snow guards. Interiorly, things continue progressing with trim and flooring. Very soon you'll notice that more and more things are "disappearing" from our current church in order to move them into the new. We'll just have to manage for a while during this transition.

Don't forget: mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 27 at 9:15am** for our dedication and our Eucharistic Day with our closing service at 5pm followed by the picnic pot-luck.

Weekly Reflection: The Gospel and the 1st reading from Hosea show us what living the liturgy all is about: walk the talk, live the worship. At Mass we are called to share in the Messianic Banquet of the Lord and be fed with heavenly food, the very Body and Blood of Christ. In turn we are called to invite others into the banquet of our everyday lives, paying attention to the dignity and needs of the other. It's that simple. In this we are only following the example of Jesus. Interpreting discipleship in terms of inclusive table fellowship doesn't necessarily mean that we are to

go out in the streets and invite strangers into our homes. It does mean that our time and energy cannot be directed only to those around us with whom we are comfortable. This might mean something so simple as greeting someone at church whom we don't know, or wishing a nice day to someone on the elevator at work, or (for the children) daring to play with the boy or girl who is different and generally done. Inclusively means that we see Jesus in all others and respond to the goodness that it there.

About Liturgy – Gospel table fellowship: When we think of "table fellowship," we usually think of such things as relaxation, conviviality, friendship. When we gather for special meals, we want them to be tension free and we want the conversation to be easy. While there is surely nothing wrong with this (and, indeed, we need this kind of table fellowship to revive our energy and form lasting bonds), Gospel table fellowship is much more pointed, always leading to a new learning about what it means to live in God's reign. In the Gospels, Jesus is frequently at table, and the conversation usually raises a challenge to the host and those who are present. Gospel table fellowship, then is more than sharing, equality, unity, enjoyment; this fellowship always challenges. Usually the Gospel text begins with a brief description of the situation (identity of the host and guests, an initial encounter between Jesus and others) and then moves on to describe a confrontation with Jesus that opens up the possibility of his instruction those present in a new way to perceive the presence of God's reign; often the mean encounter ends in Jesus teaching through a parable. By sitting at meals with sinners, the poor, and other societal outcasts, Jesus' proclamation of the Good News become a lived reality, instructing those present about the new order of God's reign.



- Sun. June 8** – (Hosea 6:3-6; Rom 4:18-25; Mt 9:9-13)
9:15am – Rafael Perez-Pacheco
- Mon. June 9** – (1 Kg 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12)
9:00am – John Wilson
- Tues. June 10** – (1 Kg 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16)
- Wed. June 11 – St. Barnabas** (Acts 11:21-13:3; Mt 5:17-19)
- Thurs. June 12** – (1 Kg 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26)
- Fri. June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua** (1 Kg 19:9-16; Mt 5:27-32)
9:00am – Frank Walsh
- Sat. June 14** – (1 Kg 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37)
6:30pm – Carmen Cannon
- Sun. June 15** – (Ex 19:2-6a, Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8)
9:15am – John P. Zangrilli

New Ask Fr. Thoms Column: Fr. Thoms would like to make available to the parish the opportunity to submit to him questions about our Catholic faith, liturgy, practice... any question you've always wanted to ask but didn't have the chance (or the courage). Questions can be submitted to Father by placing your question in the collection basket or email (frthoms@stjudemifflintown.org) or through Mary in the parish office. The questions and answers will then be printed in the bulletin. Those who asked the question will be identified only by a "tag line" (much like Dear Abby), "Curious Catholic" or "Perplexed in the Pews." We look forward to your questions about our Catholic Faith.

Change in Saturday Evening Mass Schedule: After consultation with the parish pastoral council and Bishop Rhoades, I've decided to make a change to the Saturday evening Mass. This change is, I believe, the best pastoral approach to a difficult situation. Effective Saturday, August 2, the 6:30pm Mass will be celebrated completely in Spanish and we will try adding a 5pm Mass in English. Confessions will be heard from 4:45pm on Saturday afternoons. Just as there are English speakers who will not attend the Bilingual Mass because it is bilingual, there are Spanish speakers who will not attend. However, there are other churches who are "stealing" the Hispanics to their communities by telling them that it's the same as Mass (which it is not) and by offering them a service completely in Spanish. Special celebrations (Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Eucharistic Devotions, the dedication of the new church) will continue to be bilingual. While we want to be able to provide a Saturday evening Mass in both languages, there is great concern that we may not be able to staff a 5pm Mass (lectors, ushers, servers, EMHC's, etc). There is also a concern about how many people would actually attend this Mass. During the first few months, we'll be evaluating this new 5pm Mass to see how many people are attending and if we can staff it to determine if we will make the change permanent. We do want to provide for everyone's spiritual needs. We hope that this change in schedule will do just this.

What you should know about Advanced Health Care Directives: (continued) Do I need an attorney? Does this document need to be notarized? Will this cost me anything?

No. It is not necessary to have an attorney to complete a form. However, you should contact an attorney if you have legal questions regarding advance health care planning. This form does not need to be notarized under Pennsylvania law, but notarizing this form may make it more likely to be accepted under laws in other states. Advance directive forms are available from a number of sources for no charge, including the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. The form and this question and answer booklet are not intended to take the place of specific legal or medical advice. **Should I appoint a health care agent or just write down my wishes?** By appointing a health care agent, you can make sure that someone who cares about you will apply your wishes and personal beliefs to health care choices – just as you would. Even if you appoint a health care agent, you can still give written health care instructions to direct, guide, and even limit the actions of your agent and, in this way, you can express the importance of your Catholic faith and how it applies to your health care decisions. Having both a health care agent as well as a written document is preferable to a written document alone because the agent you designate will interpret and apply your directions to your particular health care situation. A written document alone may have to be subject to another individual's interpretation in your particular circumstance. **What should I do with my health care directive?** Give a copy of your health care directive to your agent, your doctor and any other health care providers such as your hospital, nursing facility, hospice, or home health agency. In addition, you may want to give copies to others, such as close family members, your priest, and your attorney, if you have one. The form is available on the parish website. *To be continued...*

VBS Sign-up, Dates & Times: We are now "officially" signing up children to pick up their flight plan and meet their very own guardian angel and other exciting Biblical characters whose lives were transformed by angels at St. Jude's summer VBS. Our program, *Parachute with the Angels and St. Catherine Laboure*,

will be held Monday through Friday, August 4-8, from 6:15 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The program is for children who have completed pre-K through 6th grade. You can get more information and register your children immediately after Mass from now until June 30 at the VBS table in the back of the church. If you want a registration form mailed to you call Karen Thome, 694-3607. *Please complete a registration form to confirm your interest even if you previously signed the pre-planning sheet, so that we know how many are still committed now that we have firm dates.* **Helpers Still Needed for VBS:** We have teachers and leaders for most areas, but we are still in need of helpers for our VBS. If you are able to help us out or if you have questions, please contact Karen Thome.

Dinner by Father: Once again Fr. Bateman has agreed to prepare and serve a delicious gourmet dinner for 6. Three tickets will be drawn for the dinner with an additional prize of a gourmet basket for 2. Tickets are \$20 each and are on sale at the back table. The date for the dinner will be decided by the winners and Father. The drawing will take place, during our Eucharistic Dinner on July 27 (note change in date). The Guild appreciates your support!

Week at a Glance in our parish

Saturday Spanish Choir Practice / 5:30pm / parish house
Confessions / 5:30-6:15pm / church
Bilingual Mass / 6:30pm / church

Retreat Opportunity: The annual retreat sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish will be held on the campus of Mt. St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD August 1-3. If you've never gone on retreat or it's been a while since your last one, "treat" yourself this year! Fr. David Hereshko will be our retreat master. A reservation deposit of \$60 will hold your room. For information call Fred Gers: 248-9504 or 250-0086.

SHS Enrollment for 2008-2009 School Year: We continue to accept registrations for the next school year. So far there are 16 new kindergarten registrants. We continue to welcome new registrations. To make an appointment to see the school, please call Sr. Marie, SCC in the school office (248-5351).

Sacred Heart School Board of Education meets Monday, June 9 at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

Positions Available to SHS: Sacred Heart School is seeking 2 full-time teachers and various part-time positions. For information, contact Sr. Marie Luu, at Sacred Heart School.

Junior/Senior High Catholic Homeschool Educational Co-Op Proposal: Dianne Settino & Karen Thome are interested in starting a Catholic homeschool co-op for 6-12th graders. St. Jude's new social hall would be a great space for once a week educational co-op classes. Homeschooling allows you to continue the loving, rigorous and orthodox Catholic education for your children that you choose. There are challenging, educational opportunities that only homeschool can make possible for your child in our rural area. Many colleges are actively recruiting Catholic homeschoolers that have a faith based, rich and varied education. As a homeschooling parent you are only limited by your imagination and determination. Your child can earn an accredited diploma recognized by the state of PA. Karen and I have over 25 years of homeschool education between the two of us. We also have a combination of public school, Montessori school, University and Senior education experience. We'd love to answer your questions about homeschooling. If you'd like to find out more sign up at the back of the church or email me(Dianne) at spiderdance@pa.net.