

4th Sunday of Lent March 2, 2008

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: February 24, 2008	\$ 1936.00
Income for February 25, 2007	\$ 1934.00
Income for February 26, 2006	\$ 1908.05
Student Offerings	\$ 9.40

Next week's tithing will be for Catholic Relief Services. For information about CRS and their work, go to www.CRS.org.

From the pastor: Let's imagine we are sitting on the edge of a stream looking down at a round stone under the running water. For how many years has that stone been in the water - 10, a hundred years, or even more? The water cannot penetrate the stone and if we break in we would find that it is dry in-side. In the same way, we who are immersed in the presence of God still do not allow Him to penetrate our lives. God stays on the surface until we allow Him to penetrate and change our lives with His love. . . We must not forget to thank our good and loving Father for communicating to us His life, His love, the desire and ability to do good through the grace that empowers us. And thanks also to our faithful parishioners for their generous response to that grace.

Comments on Tithing from the pews: "In your Sunday sermon you spoke about preparing ourselves for the second coming of our Lord. Wouldn't Tithing be a great way to begin to do this? I don't think anyone would have a problem with it if they calculated the money we throw away on trivial material 'Things'. Tithing can only help my family in preparing to meet the Lord."

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several of our young people offered as their tithing, in addition to their financial gift. A 6th grader said, "I helped build a doggy pen." A 1st grader said, "I shared with my friends." A 9th grader said, "I took care of my sick mother."

Building Fund / Construction Update: As you see, ECI has worked VERY hard to get us back on schedule quickly. The workmen have continued construction even through cold weather and rain. We are working with a parishioner to connect our current septic system with the new sewer system. We've been having discussions to ensure that incense will not set off the fire alarm during our dedication Mass. The cupola has been installed and is certainly a prominent structure - it will be lighted and should make St. Jude Church a wonderful beacon of Christ's Light. Basic colors have been chosen for the walls and sanctuary tile, but we have many other colors yet to choose. In the week or so after Easter we'll be hosting a parish-wide meeting to talk about remaining colors (tile under the pews and carpet for the aisles and curtains) as well as a preferred pew configuration (2 or 4 sections of pews). Watch the bulletin for information about this meeting.

Personal note from Fr. Bateman: I offer my profound thanks to all those who have been so supportive in sending cards and notes and offering their prayers during my grandmother's illness and recent death. Many of the vestments which I own were personally sewn by my grandmother (including the one I wore for the funeral on Thursday). May God reward you for your goodness and kindness.

Weekly Reflection: Like the man born blind, in our baptism we are washed and can see anew. We are transformed from not seeing (sinners) to seeing; from darkness to being children of the light. And also like the man born blind, we are sent to bear the Good News and through our encounters with Jesus come to believe. Our being sent and witnessing to the Good News of Christ doesn't have to be in such extraordinary, controversial circumstances as the man born blind. Our witness unfolds in the everyday actions of our lives, when we "produce every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." Daily we awake to our destiny to be children of light. We, too, must meet life's obstacles not as daunting but as challenging us to deeper faith and more authentic worship.

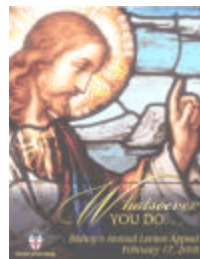
About Liturgy: Faith and Authentic Worship: Each Sunday at Mass (and on solemnities as well) we stand and profess together our faith, always using the words of the ancient Nicene Creed. Sometimes these kinds of memorized prayers can become so rote that we lose their real import. We pray them, but our minds are elsewhere. One challenge of authentic worship is to keep our minds on what we are saying and doing. One way to do this is to speak the words of the profession more slowly (obviously, everyone must do this or else there will be chaos). Another way is to remember to bow at the words "By the power of the Holy Spirit..."

Our profession of faith is much more than assent to doctrinal truths. Profession of faith sets us on a path of faithful living, whereby we hear the Good News and are sent to bring it to our homes and places of work and leisure. The connection between faith and authentic worship lies in this *living*, active expression of our faith. For worship to be authentic, we must carry forth our relationship to God, which we express at Mass in praise and thanksgiving, to inform all our everyday actions.



Lenten Penance Service: NEXT SUNDAY, March 9 at 3:30pm here at St. Jude (6pm at Sacred Heart in Lewistown). There will be several priests here to assist in the celebration of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. If you plan to celebrate the Sacrament before Easter, please use this opportunity. Thank you.

Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal: I again thank each of you for your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. We have already raised \$ 9,328, **over** our parish goal of \$ 8,600. I am absolutely overwhelmed at your generosity! We were concerned that, being in the midst of a capital campaign and the gas prices soaring, we might have a difficult time making our goal, but you have **OUTDONE** yourselves in your response. Thank you!



Lenten Ecumenical Services: Each Wednesday evening at 7pm. This week the service is at Trinity UCC with Pastor Chris Mathiason offering the Lenten message. **Next week, March 12, the ecumenical service will be here at St. Jude's at 7pm. Please plan to attend!**

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Due to scheduling issues with Fr. Bateman, the schedule for parish council meetings has been changed. We meet each 1st Monday of every other month. Our next meeting will be tomorrow, Monday, March 3 at 7pm. Remember that any and all members of the parish are always welcome to attend the meeting to share thoughts or discussion on

issues of importance to the parish. For more information, speak with Fr. Bateman or our council chairman, Shane Armstrong.

It's time for the Fish Dinners! The Knights of Columbus are looking for help with the upcoming fish dinners. They need: youth to help serve (a sign up sheet is in the back of the church); Knights or men to work set-up, clean-up and at the fryers; women to make your delicious deserts. Please speak to Joe Schilling.

MASS SCHEDULE



Sat. Mar 1 - (Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14)

6:30pm (bilingual) - William Marencic

Sun. Mar 2 - (1 Sam 16:1-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41)

9:15am - Joseph Saia

Mon. Mar 3 - (Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)

9:00am - Special Intention

Tues. Mar 4 - (Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16)

Wed. Mar 5 - (Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)

Thurs. Mar 6 - (Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47)

Fri. Mar 7 - (Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)

9:00am - Caroline Gubitose

Sat. Mar 8 - (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53)

6:30pm (bilingual) - People of the Parish

Sun. Mar 9 - (Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45)

9:15am - Madeline Brubaker

St. Jude Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Dinner: St. Jude Knights' fish dinners continue until March 14, 2008, in the church social hall. The meal is all you can eat and includes fried and baked fish, popcorn shrimp, fried clams, French fries, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, puddings, and a selection of homemade desserts. Pay at the door: \$9.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under are free. Please come and enjoy a delicious meal while supporting the fundraising efforts of our Knights.

Week at a Glance in our parish:

Sunday CCD/10:30am/parish house

Monday Parish Pastoral Council/7pm/parish house

Tuesday SHS Financial Aid Night/6:30/social hall

Friday Fish Fry/4-7pm/social hall

Stations of the Cross/7:30pm/church

Saturday Spanish Choir Practice/5:30pm/parish house

Confessions/5:45pm/church

Mass/6:30pm/church

The Chrism Mass: March 17, 2008 • 5:30

p.m. • Saint Patrick Cathedral,

Harrisburg: The Chrism Mass is celebrated

once a year and is one of the most solemn

liturgies of the Church. At this Mass, the

Bishop blesses the Oil of Catechumens, the

Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism. This

Mass also acknowledges the ministry of

priest by inviting them to renew their

commitment of service and to receive the

prayers and support of the people. All

are invited and encouraged to attend.

Career Opportunity: Due to the growth of

the Knights of Columbus we have a career opportunity

CHRISM MASS



gentleman. This full-time position offers complete benefits package including medical along with defined pension and a 401K. To qualify, one must already be a member or be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. To set up your interview contact Arthur Ardire, General Agent at 814-375-1205 or email resume to Arthur.Ardire@kofc.org

Annual Men's Discernment Retreat What is your vocation? Do you think Jesus may be calling you to be His priest? Join other men as we gather in prayer and fraternity to spend a weekend discerning our Lord's voice.

When: Friday March 28 - Sunday, March 30

Where: St. Clement Mission House - Ephrata, PA

Who: Men 18 and older Cost: \$50 Help available

Fr. Raymond LaVoie, Vocation Director, will be the chaplain. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Vocations 657-4804 Email: frlavoie@hbgdiocese.org

What have you done for YOUR marriage today?

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Juniata County Scholarship and Financial Aid Information Tuesday, March 4th! Families of preschool age children from St. Jude Thaddeus Parish and Juniata County are invited to talk with faculty, staff and parents about Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Lewistown on Tuesday, March 4 from 6:30-8pm at the church. As well as registration forms and scholarship applications.

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Neumann Scholarship Applications Available. Parents of children who may be attending Sacred Heart School for the 2008-09 school year are now able to apply for Neumann Scholarships. Any child registered at the school, regardless of faith, may apply. Eligibility requirements: Maximum household income is \$50,000, plus \$10,000 per dependent (a family of four can earn \$70,000 and still be eligible!) Application deadline is April 1, 2008! Applications are available by calling the school office at 248-5351, or at the information night March 4 at St. Jude in Mifflintown.

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass: The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass with you on May 18, 2008 at 2:00pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. A reception will follow in the social hall. If you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year, please contact your parish office with your names and address.

Food Pantry needs for February: With the number of families coming to the Food Pantry for help more than doubling this year, please consider donating!! Canned soup, Kleenex, paper towels, shampoo, lotion, shaving cream, razors, and toothbrushes. To Volunteer Contact: Kathy Queitzsch 436-9718