

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 14, 2010

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: for March 7, 2010	\$
Income for March 8, 2009	\$1981.08
Income for March 9, 2008	\$1683.40
Student	\$
Parish Debt	\$360,071.00

Next week's tithe:

From a Pastor:

My Good Deed for the Week:: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift:

Assistant Pastor's Column

Ecumenism

A buzzword that we here quite a bit in the church today is *ecumenism*. For some this is a bad word and for others, it makes them skip for joy! I doubt that either party knows what ecumenism really is. It would be good for us to understand just what *true* or *authentic* ecumenism is in the mind of the Catholic Church. I will look no further than Pope Paul VI's decree from Vatican II on Ecumenism, entitled: *Unitatis Redintegratio*. If you would like to view this entire document for yourself, you can @: http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_decree_19641121_unitatis-redintegratio_en.html.

When we talk about ecumenism, we are really talking about "the restoration of unity among all Christians." Ecumenism does not, therefore, include unity or relations with non-Christian faiths, like Jewish, Muslims, Hindu, Buddhist, etc. This we call *Inter Faith Relations*. Ecumenism deals strictly the reunification of all Christians.

Number one on the list of churches we should be seeking to reunite with would be the churches who share the true Faith with us, namely the Orthodox. They share with us the true priesthood of Jesus Christ (valid ordination) and therefore the rest of the seven sacraments that they celebrate are recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. They share a true veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of God, as well. The mutual excommunications that we imposed on each other (The Catholic and Orthodox churches respectively) in 1054 A.D. were lifted by Pope John Paul II and Demetrios I, Patriarch of Constantinople.

When it comes to our relationship with the Protestant churches or our *separated brethren* the Decree on Ecumenism affirms on one hand that "though we believe them to be deficient in some respects, have been by no means deprived of significance and importance in the mystery of salvation. For the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as means of salvation which derive their efficacy from the very fullness of grace and truth entrusted to the Church."

On the other hand the Decree continues: "Nevertheless, our separated brethren, whether considered as individuals or as Communities and Churches, are not blessed with that unity which Jesus Christ wished to bestow on all those who through Him were born again into one body, and with Him quickened to newness of life-that unity which the Holy Scriptures and the ancient Tradition of the Church proclaim. For it is only through Christ's Catholic

Church, which is "the all-embracing means of salvation," that they can benefit fully from the means of salvation."

It is with these basic principles in mind that we push forward in our ecumenical relations with other Christians and pray with Christ for the reunification of all Christians.

This week's Community Lenten Service will be held on Wednesday, March 17th, beginning at 7p.m, at Aldersgate Methodist Church.. The speaker will be Rev. Gary Irvin. Please make a special to attend this service.

MASS SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 14 – Joshua 5:9-12 (33C); Psalm 34:2-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

9:15am – Susan Waller

Monday, March 8 –

9:00am –

Tuesday, March 9 –

Wednesday, March 10 –

Thursday, March 11 –

Friday, March 12 –

9:00am –

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 13 –

5:00pm (English) –

6:30pm (Spanish) –

Sunday, March 14 –

9:15 –

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

HELP! HELP! HELP! We are in need of family's to help clean the church, if you would be willing to donate a Saturday morning, please sign up after mass at the Welcome Table or contact Dolly Marencic at 436-5909.

K of C membership drive : After all Masses the 1st and 2nd weekend of March, please stop by the social hall to learn more about the Knights of Columbus. For more information call Bill Gerberch at 436-9545.

Lenten Penance Service will be Sunday, March 21st at 7:00pm. We expect parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity to prepare themselves for Easter.

Envelopes for Easter Flowers: Don't forget to turn your memorial envelopes in for flowers.

Traditional Latin Mass retreat: Is on hold and will not take place on Saturday, March 27. TBA.

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

Jim Cowan, a Catholic recording artist, with several CDs to his credit, will give a sacred music concert at St. Jude's Church, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 26, with his wife Mary. Jim sings and plays keyboard, leading the congregation in praise and worship music, as he did for many years at the Franciscan University of Steubenville summer spiritual conferences. Go right from the Knights' fish fry dinner to praise and worship, adding an entirely new dimension to your Lenten spirituality.

St. Jude Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Dinner: St. Jude Knights' annual Lenten Friday fish dinners began and will run until **March 26, 2010** in the church social hall, 4-7 p.m. 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 and support the fundraising efforts of our Knights.

Help is still needed for the fish dinners. Cakes are always needed. Please give a few hours of your time, it is greatly appreciated!

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marriage Annulments: The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. This presentation will be helpful for divorced 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. This session will be held on March 3, at 7pm, in the Cardinal Keeler Center of the diocesan office building in Harrisburg. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, ext. 304 or email at: tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

New Registrations for SHS : Sacred Heart School is now taking registrations for the 2010-2011 school year, both for new and current students. A \$50 fee for new students and a \$25 fee for returning student families is required for registration. Forms are available at the school office or online at www.sacredheartschool.com.

Neumann Scholarship applications now available: SHS announces that Neumann Scholarship Foundation applications are now available for families whose children will attend SHS next year. A \$20 application fee is required. Applications must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN April 1, 2010**, but we recommend early application to avoid ineligibility. The Neumann Scholarship Foundation was established by the Diocese of Harrisburg to accept donations through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program for private school tuition assistance. For more information, call the school office or check our website at www.sacredheartschool.com.

SHS will be selling Gardner's candy for Easter. Enjoy the delicious items and support SHS. Forms are available at the back of church or at school office. Forms with payment are due March 10; delivery March 23; checks payable to SHS-HSA (no cash, please)

