

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2010

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: for April 25, 2010	\$1533.00
Income for April 19, 2009	\$2588.00
Income for April 20, 2008	\$2339.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 108.00
Parish Debt	\$359,371.00
Next weeks tithe will be for Special Needs	

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 4th grader said, "I helped get ready for the yard sale." A 2nd grader said, "I cleaned out my toy box." A 5th grader said, "I carried all the groceries in and helped put them away."



Charity is apart and in addition to what is given by tithing The giving to any diocesan sponsored collection is part of charity, not of tithing. Those who can afford it should

minimally give an additional 10% of their income to a charity serving Christian goals of one's own choosing, that is, not in conflict with the interests of God. Direct acts of charity are to be preferred to institutional giving. Personal involvement in charity is greatly more meritorious than a hands off/indirect method of giving. Those who have substantial wealth should give 20% more to charity in addition to tithing.

Additional offerings in the form of Mass Stipends, prayer requests, and other offerings are given to priests or religious. The Church, priests, religious, and the poor are consumers of offerings made to God (God has no practical use for temporal offerings but values them as a witness to faith in Him). These offerings are given either as a corporal work of mercy or in the making of a special request to God. Offerings given to the poor, whether priests, religious, or laymen, are covered under the concept of charity as stated above. The worthiness of an offering to God is largely in the degree of sacrifice being made. NOTE: A dozen Masses said with minimal offering of stipends (non-sacrificial) is of less value than one Mass said as a result of real sacrifice made in faith.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

RITE OF THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Even though St. Jude did not have any candidates or catechumens this year, we share Sacred Heart Parish's joy in accepting five new people into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass, the night of April 3rd. They entered the faith, in part, as a result of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. (RCIA). Based on the ancient Church's conversion process, RCIA guides

candidates through various steps of initiation until baptism and/or full communion with the Catholic Church.

At Sacred Heart they have a 7 p.m., Thursday night RCIA classes beginning this fall for those interested in Catholicism. There is no obligation to become Catholic at any time during the process. Students attending who have been baptized in other faiths are called candidates. The non baptized are called catechumens and sometimes the entire process is simply referred to as the catechumenate.

An RCIA team of parishioners, led by Daniel Swigart, guides the process. Lay team members take turns teaching classes, along with Frs. Bill and Thoms. It is so inspiring to witness the dedication of these speakers, who come from all walks of life. Over the course of the year, team members, candidates and catechumens form together a true family of faith.

As part of the process, RCIA students from all over the diocese go to the cathedral for a special blessing of acceptance by the bishop. Then they are received into the faith at their respective parishes during the big Mass the night before Easter. Classes continue a few weeks more.

And so, if you are not Catholic and have been attending Mass for a while, we invite you to look deeper into our faith. Beginning in September, come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to know you. These Thursday night sessions also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions that you may have about the Church. Please call if you have any questions or would like further information at the parish office at 242-2781 or contact Dan Swigart, RCIA Coordinator at 899-6278.

Fr Bill
Daniel Swigart

MASS SCHEDULE



Monday: May 3 – 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-5; John 14:6-14

9:00 a.m. – **NO MASS**

Tuesday, May 4 – Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-13, 21; John 14:27-31

9:00 a.m. – Margaret McGarrity

Wednesday, May 5 – Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-5; John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 6 – Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-3, 10; John 15:9-11

Friday, May 7 – Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-10, 12; John 15:12-17

9:00 a.m. – Peter Boyadjian

Saturday, May 8 – Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1-3, 5; John 15:18-21

5:00 p.m.- Margaret Gies

6:30 p.m.- Francisca Correa

Sunday, May 9 – Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

9:15 a.m. – Mothers of the Parish

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Linsey Haas

George Hazard

Katherine Maldonado

Tobin Miller

MAY PROCESSION: St. Jude CCD children in grades 1-8 will participate in a May Crowning and Procession on May 9 at 9:15 A.M. Mass. Children of the parish who attend Sacred Heart School and those who are home schooled for religious education are welcome to participate. We will have a short practice next Sunday, May 2, beginning at 11:30 A.M. Children should wear their Sunday best for the May Procession. The front pews on the ambo side of the church will be reserved for the children and will be marked with bows.

MOTHER'S DAY PARTY: The Hispanic Community of St. Jude invites all parishioners to celebrate Mothers' Day with them at a covered-dish event in the social hall immediately following 6:30 P.M. Mass on Saturday, May 8, 2010. Please bring your favorite dish to share. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall.

The St. Jude's Youth Group is selling flower baskets and potted flowers for Mother's Day. This sale will take place in front of St. Jude's on Friday May 7th from 4-7pm. The Youth Group appreciates your support of this fundraiser.

Parish Council Elections: Would you like to take an active role in advising our pastors on parish issues? Would you like to share in fellowship and prayer with other parishioners? Would you be willing to offer two hours or less of your time each month to do this? Serving on parish council may be for you! We meet the first Monday of the month for two hours or less, and recently decided not to meet during the summer months. If elected, you would serve a three-year term from June 2010-June 2013. There is minimal work in between meetings. Current council members are asking around to see who might be interested in being nominated. However, we don't want to miss asking someone who is interested in serving. Please consider volunteering your services by notifying us of your willingness to be placed on the ballot in May. If you would like to ask questions before volunteering, please feel free to call Chairperson **Terri Kromel at 436-9552** or Vice-chair **Joe Boyd at 436-8793**. Thank you!

Monday Morning Masses transferred to Tuesday: May 17, 24, 31 and June 7. Father Thoms will be covering Father Palomino at Corpus Christi, Chambersburg, over this time period when he goes home to Peru to visit his family after a number of years. This transfer will allow Father Thoms to stay overnight Sunday into Monday to be with his parents. We will still have Friday, 9:00 AM Mass as usual.

"Clean the Kitchen" party organized by the Women's Guild is organizing. Anyone who would like to help is invited. The date is May 29th. We will start at 8:30 and finish when we are done. No sign-up is necessary - mark your calendar, show up and bring your rubber gloves.

Our fourth annual YARD SALE May 22, 2010 - - - As always, the proceeds from this yard sale go toward the school assessment. Please look at this as an opportunity to turn your time and

"treasures" to benefit the monetary needs of the parish. More information and sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.

Women's day of recollection June 5, 2010. . . Again, more information will be available as the plans are made. As always, our meetings are the last Tuesday of each month in the social hall. Meeting time is 6:30, but we try to meet at 6 to pray the rosary together. We hope you can join us.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Programs and Adventures in New England: The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, located one hour north of Boston, has an array of summer programs for students and adults alike. The Collegiate Program for High School Students offers a challenging introduction to the liberal arts, the history of New England and the Catholic tradition. Offering three college credits, The Catholic Leadership Institute examines inspirational leaders while also providing a means to develop your own leadership skills in the great outdoors and through a service project. Lastly, The Way of Beauty Atelier offers art programs for those of all ages in Iconography and Naturalistic Drawing. For more information, please visit: www.thomasmorecollege.edu/summer or contact Mark Schwerdt in the Admissions office at (800) 880-8308.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to register for the 2010-2011 school year AND receive scholarship monies! Thanks to the support of Sen. Jake Corman, Sacred Heart School has received a gift of \$12,500 from the Bravo Foundation for scholarships for the coming school year. We are still accepting registrations for grades K - 5. Please call the school to set up a visit!

The Auction Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the auction a success. The chairpersons, and their helpers, all the baskets donated by the parish and school. We thank all who donated money and the benefactors who donated items to be auctioned. It was a wonderful day of fun, food, games for the children and lots of wonderful auction items.

The approximate amount generated from the auction was: Raffle tickets sales **\$11,870**

Auction and food **\$16,130**

Approximate total is: \$28,000

The raffle winners were:

Cathy Searer: \$1,000

Mary Hayes: \$500

Chris Gearhart: \$250

Amy Davis: \$150

Milt Monde: \$100

The winners of the Fudge Contest were:

First prize: Mary Perry with her entry of Pineapple Fudge.

Second Prize: Will Perry with his entry of Rocky Road fudge balls

Third Prize: Patti Vogt with her entry of Mocha Fudge.

Thanks to all who participated. All the fudge entries were delicious, the judges had a hard time making a decision.

