

Twentythird Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Aug. 30, 2009	\$1894.50
Income for Aug. 31, 2008	\$1446.50
Income for Sept 2, 2007	\$2531.50
Students	\$ 1.00

Next week's tithe will be for Peter's Pence. This collection allows the Holy Father to cast the light of Christ upon the world by providing emergency assistance to those who need it most around the globe. Please be generous in next week's Peter Pence Collection.

The tithe will be used for this collection

From a pastor: "Because we as a parish have adopted tithing as the way to return to God a portion of what He has given us, He continues to show me as your pastor that He will meet our needs and will not be outdone in generosity. Several of you have come forward in the last few weeks to volunteer to help me with the business of the parish and I am most appreciative. You are a sign to me that Jesus is in charge and is holding each of us in the palm of His hand."

Rev. Brian E. Jeffries

St. Augustine, Seymour, CT

Comments on Tithing from the pews: "I am 16 years old. I would like to know if I can have my own envelope system to tithe because I have a job and I feel thankful. I figure what is 5% or 10% to give to the church which really needs it to help others."

A (very special) parishioner!!!

Rev. William Cosgrove

St. Denis, Hopewell Junction, NY

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 7th grader said, "I helped get a decoy from the basement." A 3rd said, "I helped Dad with corn." A Pre-K said, "I helped clean the trash can."

Pastor's Column

IN THE FULLNESS OF THE FAITH FOR 2,000 YEARS – IN THE HEART OF JUNIATA COUNTY FOR 50 YEARS

Such was the big banner that greeted Bishop Kevin Rhoades – and all of us – when we pulled up to St. Jude's Church, Mifflintown, Saturday, August 29. How sweet it was. Those words stretched out across the main entrance, proclaiming the reality of the situation: we are the original church, founded by Christ over two millennia ago, now enjoying a half century presence in this exquisitely beautiful part of God's world. Much has been accomplished over that time, thanks to God's grace, and our parishioners' generosity.

Festivities began with a 5 p.m. Mass, celebrated by our bishop; with Father Bill Weary, the pastor; and Father Jeffrey Thoms, parochial vicar; concelebrating. About 200 lay people were in attendance. Former pastors John Bateman, Thomas Marickovic, and John Schmalhofer, all had sent congratulations and regrets that they could not attend. However, Fathers John Bednarick, Walter Sempko, and Steven Sheets (former parochial vicar here) concelebrated. Liturgical music was lively, enhanced by selections from the parish's Hispanic community. Knights of Columbus, from around the mid state area, graced the Mass with an honor guard.

In his homily, Bishop spoke of the sacrifices made by our forebearers to establish our faith community in the county and he referred to the anti-Catholic persecution and prejudice that they endured. He encouraged us all to continue our perseverance and enthusiasm for bringing others to Christ, despite obstacles along the way.

At the covered dish supper after Mass, Fr. Bill thanked Mary Zangrilli; and all who had made the day possible. Special mention was given to men of the parish who had put down the new tile floor in the social hall, just in time for the celebration. A wonderful power point slide show, created by parishioner Ralph Perez, ended the evening with its pictures of parish life throughout the years. Overlooking the banquet hall, hanging on the back wall, was a large and magnificent home-made quilt made by families of the parish, presented to the late Father Thomas Rush, last resident pastor, in the 1980s.

Preserving 2,000 years of the fullness of the faith and bringing it to bear through 50 years of local presence is not an easy task. Nobody ever said it would be. St. Jude's history proves that, with God's grace, it is possible. What's our job now? Simply this: Through prayer, perseverance, and persistence, to keep it up. In God's providence, and only with that, we can do it.

PARISH NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE



Sun. Sept 6 – (Isiah 35:4-7, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37)

9:15 a.m. – James McAvaney

Mon. Sept 7 – (Col 1:21-23, Luke 6:1-4)

9:00 am – Joseph Karpency

Tues. Sept. 8 – **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)**

(Micah 5:1-4a, Matt 1:1-23)

Wed. Sept 9 – **St. Peter Claver (Memorial)**

(Col 3L1-11, Luke 6L20-26)

Thurs. Sept 10 (Colo 3:12-17, Luke 6:27-38)

Fri. Sept 11 – (Tim 1:1-14, Luke 6:39-42)

9:00 am – Bud Frey

Sat. Sept 12 – (Tim 1:15-17, Luke 6:43-49)

5:00 pm (English) – Kathleen Quigly

6:30 pm (Spanish) – People of the Parish

Sun. Sept 13 – (Isaiah 50:4c-9a, James 2:14-18, Mark 8L27-35)

9:15 a.m. – Jerry and Emily Puma

HELP WANTED: 2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH CCD CLASSES: We desperately need two adults to teach our Catholic faith to CCD children in 3d and 5th grades. **Our need is**

urgent, as CCD classes begin September 13, 2009. If you think you are not qualified for this job, think again. This is an opportunity to evangelize your faith, and, at the same time, to grow in it. The lesson plans in our teachers' guides contain detailed, scripted instructions, Bible and Catechism references, and related activities for every lesson. The textbooks are well-written and inspiring, companion student workbooks have many excellent reinforcement activities, and pre-made quizzes make it easy to evaluate students' progress.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this most important mission of our parish. Contact Karen Thome for more information at 694-3607 or kkthome@wildblue.net.

REGISTRATION NOW FOR CCD: It is time to register your children for our 2009-2010 religious education classes, Pre-K through 8th grade. Classes begin September 13. Children who have been attending CCD classes at St. Jude will automatically be registered for this year's program. **All children who have not previously attended regular CCD classes at the parish are required to register.** The Pre-K class is for 4-year-olds who will be attending kindergarten in September 2009. To register, please contact Karen Thome by **Wednesday, August 27**, at 694-3607 or kkthome@wildblue.net.

Charismatic Renewal is a movement of joy and enthusiasm in the Catholic Church. Those interested in attending the Annual Diocesan Day of Charismatic Renewal at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg, should be in the St. Jude parking lot, at 7:30am on Saturday, Sept. 19th to carpool down. Be prepared for a day of joy, laughter and praise. We will return by 5:40pm.

Please note: The standing of the parish debt will be in next weeks bulletin.

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.

Football Frenzies 2009: Pennsylvania Knights Football Frenzy Tickets are now on sale. A small donation could win you a great cash prize. Please see any member of the St. Jude's Knights of Columbus or contact Bill Gerberich at 436-9545 for tickets or information.

K of C COAL (Chance of a Lifetime): COAL tickets are now on sale! A donation of just \$1 will get you a chance to win a great prize. Please see any member of the Knights of Columbus or contact Bill Gerberich at 436-9545 for tickets or information.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to have the altar flowers in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, please call Dave Treaster at 436-2968.

Anniversary Book: It is not too late to be a sponsor. If you would like to have a loved one remembered in the book, please call Mary at the office 436-6722 or 436-2936. The cost is \$10.00 per name.

Music: Marian Kerchusky is interested in working with someone who plays the guitar or piano in order to better serve the parish during the Liturgy of the Mass on Saturday nights, when she is scheduled to cantor. If you are interested please contact her at 994-0821.

Please remember: Mass's are offered, not only in memory of a deceased loved one, but may also be offered in honor of someone on their birthday, anniversary or any special occasion. The usual donation for a mass is \$10.00. If you would like to have a mass said, please contact Mary at 436-6722, or 363-0997.

Please note: There will be a parish calendar posted on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church, this will be in addition to the calendar on our web site. If your organization has anything you need posted, please, call Mary by the end of August. She will post the calendar for Sept. and Oct. As always you must contact the office to set aside a date, this does not apply to normal monthly meetings.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Mark Your Calendar 

Back to School Welcome Picnic for all school families – Sunday, September 13th at 4pm, Derry Park. The event will include time to meet and greet,

to hear about HSA activities for the year & games for the children. HSA will provide meat. Families are asked to bring a dish to share. More details to follow. We hope all families will be able to attend.

Back to School Night: Thursday, September 17th is an evening for parents to hear about school programs, to meet with individual teachers, and to listen to them explain goals and procedures for the year. At least one parent from each family is expected to attend. The evening will begin at 6:15pm with refreshments in the cafeteria, prayer at 6:45, followed by the parents-only meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is an evening for all parents to be knowledgeable about our school programs and to see how parents and teachers can work together to make this a good school year for our children.

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.

Volunteers still needed for help in the cafeteria / playground on school days...11:15am-12:15pm. Each volunteer will need security clearances but the school office can assist in obtaining them. Thank you to those who have volunteered. This work would fulfill the services hours required for school families.

Thursday: September 10th...opening of **School Mass** at 9AM. Parishoners and parents are welcome to join us for this Liturgy asking for God's blessing on our school year.

Food Pantry needs for september: Baby care items: wipes baby bath lotion, diaper rash ointment, diapers, pull-ups, Also shampoo, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, dish soap.

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