

December 31, 2023, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of

December 10, 2023	Not Available
December 17, 2023	Not Available
December 24, 2023	Not Available
Christmas offering	Not Available

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 31, 2023

"The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in a manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child... And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

As the year draws to a close, it is customary to review the events of the prior twelve months. Disasters like war, wild fires and political indictments jump from the headlines. The crowning of a king, the gathering of millions for World Youth Day, mark special positive celebrations. May we return to this past week when we celebrated the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus as our Savior and Redeemer as we begin a new year. Like Mary, we reflect prayerfully on the many sacred events of 2023, and take the gift of Jesus Christ into 2024. For many Christmas is over, but for believers the presence of God with us, Emmanuel, is so important.

As we greet others for the new year, may we be like the shepherds, and make known the message we have heard and experience, the love of the Holy Family in our own hearts and homes.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had

seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, December 30: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40

5:30 PM Justin Pfaltzgraff from his Family

Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

9:15 AM Guy Lanza from Karen Thome

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2: Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church (Memorial)

1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3: Christmas Weekday

1 John 2:29 - 3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (Memorial)

1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; John 1:35-42

John 1:29-34

Friday, January 5: Saint John Neumann, Bishop (Memorial)

1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mark 1:7-11

5:30 PM Jan Johnston Smith from Colleen Hazard

1:00 PM People of the Parish



Parish Office Holiday Hours



The Sacred Heart Parish office will be closed on **Monday, January 1st** in observance of New Years. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd at 8:30 AM.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God our Father, we thank you for protecting us and bringing us safely through another year. Help us to grow not only in body, but also in heart and mind. May we look upon each new day as another chance to follow you more closely. As the new year unfolds, may we be more merciful towards others and more generous in serving you. Amen.



SAINT JUDE CHRISTMAS PARTY



Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Parish Christmas/Epiphany party on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The dinner will be a covered dish with the parish providing the meat, beverages, and bread. Our evening will include a special children's program, caroling, and a visit from the Magi. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the podium at the entrance of the church. Come and enjoy!

Monday 1/1/24:
Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
Mass/10:00AM/St. Jude



WEIS GROCERY CARDS

Saint Jude's Women's Guild will have Weis Grocery cards for sale in the Social Hall after Mass on Sundays. Please see Karen Thome to purchase your cards and support the Guild's charitable works!

ROSARY



Please join us as we pray the Rosary each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. before the 9:15 a.m. Mass. "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."

- Pope Leo XIII



MEMORIALIZE FLOWERS:

If you wish to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Dave Treaster for information on availability of dates. (717) 436-2968.

Congratulations to Sacred Heart School Students **Molly Fornwalt, Grade 3** and **Hannah Russler,**

Grade 5 who were winners of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Billboard Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #1388. Each student received a \$50 gift card and their billboard design can be seen around Lewistown in two locations!

MASS INTENTIONS

Requests for Mass Intentions are welcome for all Masses celebrated at St. Jude Thaddeus Parish. In order to make the request of Mass Intentions more convenient, we now have Mass Intention envelopes which can be completed and placed in the offering box found in the entrance of the church. To request a Mass, please fill out the front of the envelope, indicate if you would like a Mass Card in the sheet provided and include the customary offering of \$10.00 for the Mass and place it in the box in the Narthex. You may also request a mass via email rectory@stjudemiffrintown.org or by making arrangements with the Parish Secretary on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or after the Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mass.

PRAYER REQUEST



Prayers are requested for Justin Pfaltzgraff who is experiencing serious medical issues at this time.

UPDATE REQUEST

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or have any other changes you would like made to your information at the parish office, please contact the office at 717-436-6722 on Thursdays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or email the office at rectory@stjudemiffrintown.org



COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

December 31	LYDIA
January 7	KAREN TORNAMBE
January 14	GARY
January 21	LADIES

Save the Date



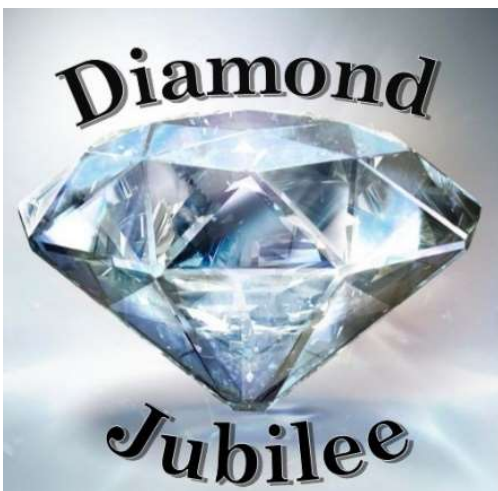
SHS Gala:



Diamond Jubilee:

Celebrating 75

years of Catholic Education at SHS, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Lewistown Country Club. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office; prices are \$60 per person through Jan. 26th and \$70 Jan. 27th thru Feb. 1st.



A Christmas greeting to all of the parishioners at St. Jude Parish from Rita Schilling!



SATURDAY, December 30, 2023

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

SUNDAY, December 31, 2023

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor: I. Armstrong

Altar Servers: The Millers

Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

NEW YEARS DAY 10:00 AM

JANUARY 1ST

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Server: D. Treaster

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

SATURDAY, January 6, 2024

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

SUNDAY, January 7, 2024

Lector: E. Armstrong

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

SATURDAY, January 13, 2024

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

SUNDAY, January 14, 2024

Lector: J. Hazard

Cantor: A. Arnold

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

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EMERGENCY EXITS

Designated emergency exits are found in the front of the church to the left and right of the altar, and in the back of the church through the main entrance and the hallway by the restrooms.

We request in case of emergency you select the closest exit to your seat.

Those sitting in the front half of the church should exit using exits found on their respective side. Those sitting back half of the church should exit through the center doors and the doors to the right of the main entry door of the church.

Those in the cry room or the restrooms.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
IN MEMORY OF:**

FITZGERALD FAMILY FROM MR. & MRS. JAMES FITZGERALD
MONTREY FAMILY FROM MR. & MRS. JAMES FITZGERALD
FRANK & EDNA ZALAR FROM CHRYSAN CHERAN
DANIEL & ANTOINETTE CHUBERKO FROM CHRYSAN CHERAN
DANIEL CHUBERKO FROM CHRYSAN CHERAN
SANORA MANWILLER FROM CHRYSAN CHERAN
ELIZABETH & JOSEPH SAIA FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERT AUKER
MARIAN & LAVON AUKER FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERT AUKER
ROSE SAIA FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERET AUKER
MARGARET WARSING FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERT AUKER
STANLEY AUKER FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERT AUKER
BETTY & JOE SAIA FROM MR. & MRS. MICHAEL EBERTS
MARIAN & LAVON AUKER FROM MR. & MRS. MICHAEL EBERTS
VANCE & RUTH EBERTS FROM MR. & MRS. MICHAEL EBERTS
ROBERT & EMILY SELOSKY FROM MR. & MRS. MICHAEL EBERTS
FAMILY & FRIENDS FROM MARIE DAWSON



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
IN MEMORY OF:**

RALPH HEPNER FROM ROSE HEPNER
HEPNER FAMILY FROM ROSE HEPNER
RUMFOLA FAMILY FROM ROSE HEPNER
FATHER CAMPION FROM MR. & MRS. DARYL BEST
OUR LOVED ONES FROM MR & MRS. DARLY BEST
DON PARSON, SR. FROM MR. & MRS. DONALD PARSON
NORMAN & MARY ANN SEVERT FROM MR. & MRS. DONALD PARSON
JEROME & MARIE BOYD FROM MR. & MRS. JOSEPH BOYD
JOHN & HELEN RENZ FROM MR. & MRS. JOSEPH BOYD
MR. & MRS. LOUIS BERRENZA FROM ROBERT MCCLESKEY
THOMAS BRENNAN FROM BETH MANBECK
DOTTIE DRESSLER FROM BETH MANBECK
KATHY & BILL NASH FROM SCOTT & ALICE ARNOLD
RICHARD KEPLER FROM MRS. DORIS KEPLER
STEVE GRAHAM FROM MRS. DORIS KEPLER



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
IN HONOR OF:**

OUR PRIESTS FROM RUTH HOWER
CHUBERKO & CHERAN FAMILY FROM CHRYSAN CHERAN
MARY ANN PARSON FROM MR. & MRS. DONALD PARSON
MARIAN & TONY KERCUSKY FROM SCOTT & ALICE ARNOLD