# February 4, 2024, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of January 21, 2024 \$1,775.00

Tithing income for the week of January 28, 2024 \$2,089.00 Votive \$71.00 Propagation of the faith \$25.00

#### Society for the Propagation of the Faith Membership Sunday – February 4

By our baptism, we are called to share our faith with our family and friends, with our neighbors, indeed, with the whole world. Next Sunday, we are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, reaching out to the people of the world in more than 1,150 mission dioceses. In making this commitment, we pledge to...

**PRAY** daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve. **OFFER REGULAR FINANCIAL HELP** in support of those who bring the "**Good News**" of Jesus to our brothers and sisters in the missions. Please say "**yes**" to this special missionary call **next weekend**.

# FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon, and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, 'Everyone is looking for you'. He told them, 'let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come.'"

Following His visit to a synagogue, healing Peter's family member and many others, Jesus leaves to be alone in prayer. Did you ever think of the content of that prayer, perhaps gratitude for the healing, for those who responded to His teaching, for the needs which would confront Him in the future in the next village?

In a few brief verses we meet Jesus, as teacher, healer, prayer and with us today companion for others. Simon's statement, 'everyone is looking for you', is repeated for us today, although many do not know the Jesus we know and follow. Our task is to help them end their search and bring Jesus to them.

#### First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

#### **Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

Jesus cured Simon and Andrew's mother of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.



<u>Saturday, February 3: Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)</u>

1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mark 6:30-34

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 4: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

9:15 AM In Honor of Ralph & Jill Perez

From Jim & Cathy Fitzgerald

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, February 5: Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10; Mark 6:53-56

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 6: Weekday

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 & 10, 11;

Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7: Weekday

1 Kings 10:1-10; Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8: Weekday

1 Kings 11:4-13; Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40; Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 9: Weekday

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10: Saint Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial)

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mark 8:1-10

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1; Mark 1:40-45
9:15 AM In Honor of Dave & Gale Treaster
From Jim & Cathy Fitzgerald
1:30 PM People of the Parish

#### **Year-End Tax Statements**

Please contact the Parish Office at 717-436-6722 if you are in need of a year-end tax statement or see the Parish Secretary. In addition, the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Diocese will be happy to send, via email, a donor's record of giving if it is requested. The Diocese will no longer automatically send statements and their preference is to send statements electronically via email if is on file. If you need a statement, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at (717) 657-4804 ext. 336.

#### WEIS GROCERY CARDS

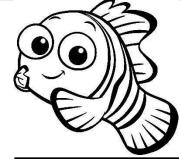
Saint Jude's Women's Guild will have Weis Grocery cards for sale in the Social Hall after Mass on Sundays. Please see Karen Thome to purchase your cards and support the Guild's charitable works!



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

## **LENTEN FISH DINNERS ARE COMING!**



Every Friday from
February 9<sup>th</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup>
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
At St. Jude Catholic Church
3918 William Penn Highway
Mifflintown PA 17059
\$15.00 Adults
\$6.00 Children 6 – 12 years of age
Children age 5 and under – FREE
Sponsored by:
St. Jude's Knights of Columbus



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.



Bring Your Palms!

Bring in last year's palm fronds by **February 11th** and place them in the container in the narthex of the church. We will burn them to be the

source of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Please remove all rubber bands or ties before placing the palms in the box as this makes the burning process more difficult.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th.

#### **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@stjudemifflintown.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.



A special Mass for Healing will be celebrated Friday, February 9th, 6 PM at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Lewistown. Anybody who wants prayers for healing or who even wants to

pray for someone else in need of healing is welcome to participate.

#### PRAYER REQUEST



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



# **SAVE THE DATE**

WOMEN'S RETREAT
SATURDAY, MARCH 2,
2024
10 AM - 3 PM

# Sacred Heart School Cafeteria

Speaker/Facilitator: Sr. Geralyn Schmidt, SSC (Sisters of Christian Charity)
Diocesan Wide Area Network Coordinator
Diocesan Director of Formation for the Wives of the Diaconate

**Topic: The Eucharist**Hosted by Companions of Pauline *More Info to Com* 





Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Welcomes



Johnnette Williams Speaker, Author & EWTN Host

Friday, Feb. 16, 2024
Parish-Wide Talk
7:00 - 8:00 pm
in the church
Following Stations of
the Cross at 6:30 pm
Free of charge

Saturday, Feb. 17th, 2024
Catholic Women's Conference
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Mass followed by Conference
Registration: \$30
Includes a light breakfast
& lunch

820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801



Please contact
Melanie Smith for details:
melanie.yonushonis@gmail.com
https://fleagwyh.paperform.co
or scan the QR code to register!
Walk-ins welcome!



If anyone has any questions or wants to travel together, please contact Mary L Smith at 717-994-1941.

#### **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@stjudemifflintown.org



February 4<sup>th</sup>
February 11<sup>th</sup>
February 18<sup>th</sup>
February 25<sup>th</sup>
DARYL & GINGER
BETH MANBECK
LADIES
COLLEEN & JAMES

#### 2024 Ladies Lenten Tea schedule

Feb. 14	St. Stephen's Lutheran
	Kathy Whitesel (363-6144)
Feb. 21	Messiah Lutheran
	Linda Leister (348-1248)
Feb. 28	St. Jude Catholic
	Ginger Best (734-3048)
March 6	Trinity UMC
	Linda Groninger (994-3226)
March 13	Westminster Presbyterian
	Connie Benner (436-2304)
March 29	Aldersgate UMC
	Pastor Mindy (513-7194)

\*Social time begins at 9:30 with light refreshments followed by Bible Study at 10:00. \*Bible Study books will be given to the hosting church several weeks ahead of time.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Kathy Whitesel at 717-436-2401 or 717-363-6144

#### FISH DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Lenten Fish Dinners. If you are able to volunteer for one or all, please contact Joe Zarnowski at 908-892-0271! Thank you!

# Sacred Heart School Angel Fund

You will find nicely decorated apples in the Narthex. These apples were decorated by the students of SHS in hopes that you will make a gift to the SHS Angel Fund. The SHS Angel Fund provides scholarships and financial assistance to children who attend our school. If you would like to make a donation, you can make checks payable to **Sacred Heart School with Angel Fund** in the memo and placing it in the collection basket, mailing it to the school or

#### you can go online

to <u>sacredheartschool.com</u> and make an online donation. Donations to the SHS Angel Fund are accepted at any time during the year; however, if you are able, we encourage you to participate at this time. Consider using your 5% tithe to other charitable organizations to participate, if possible. Thanks for your support of SHS!

## **FORMED – ON-LINE RESOURCES**

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To sign up for free visit: **signup.formed.org** Enter our parish zip code: **17059** 

Select: St. Jude and Sacred Heart and Next Enter your Name and your email address and select Sign Up After you sign up all the content is available through PC through FORMED.ORG, and Smart TVS, Roku, I-Phone or Android with the FORMED Ap

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Ralph Perez for installing the television and video in the CCD/Youth Group Room in the Rectory!

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auker

# SATURDAY, February 10, 2024

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

**Usher:** 

# SUNDAY, February 11, 2024

Lector: E. Armstrong Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

# SATURDAY, February 17, 2024

Lector: C. Hazard

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

# SUNDAY, February 18, 2024

Lector: J. Hazard Cantor: A. Arnold

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd



# SATURDAY, February 3, 2024

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

**Usher:** 

SUNDAY, February 4, 2024

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

# **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.

**MINISTRIES** 

We have been presented the opportunity

to hold a **NET Ministries** day retreat for youth on Saturday, February 17th at the St. Jude Parish Hall in Mifflintown, ALL middle schoolers and high schoolers from St. Jude and Sacred Heart Parishes are invited! The NET retreat challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. The retreat is led by fully qualified college-aged volunteers. They will provide a day of spiritual nourishment for our vouth. This year's retreat theme will be The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church. Please mark your calendars. Look for additional information in upcoming bulletins.

cookbook, celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the National Chapter. These cookbooks contain delicious recipes from fellow parishioners and friends. Extra copies are available to buy at \$20 each. Support our local SVDP society with your purchase. St. Vincent dePaul is currently facing a critical financial shortfall. Please consider a monetary donation or a donation of personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant etc. Also needed are hats and gloves. For more info, call us at (717) 363-4812. Thank you.



The St Vincent DePaul Society has published a commemorative, fundraising





APRIL 20, 2024 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM DIOCESAN CENTER

REGISTER TODAY: WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/MEN