January 21, 2024, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of

January 7, 2024 Not Available January 14, 2024 Not Available

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024

"Jonah had gone but a single day's walk announcing, 'Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed.' When the people of Nineveh believed God they proclaimed a fast... When God saw their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil he had threatened... Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God, 'This is the time of fulfillment, the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.'"

Two preachers, the same message. The people of Nineveh repented. Jesus called the Galileans to repentance. The message is the same for us today. Are we listening? Our world burdened by hate, war, promiscuity, family breakdown, is perhaps worse than was Nineveh and Galilee. If we all would respond by our own prayer and fasting things could be quite different. Our problem as we read the scriptures today is our own indifference.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become "fishers of men." They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass For the Intentions Week



<u>Saturday, January 20: Weekday</u> 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7; Mark 3:20-21

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 21: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

9:15 AM Daniel Devlin from Ralph & Jill Perez 1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mark 3:22-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 23: Weekday

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24: Saint Francis deSales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial) 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25: The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle (Feast)

Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15-18

Friday, January 26: Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops (Memorial)

2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27: Weekday

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17: Mark 4:35-41

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 28: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

9:15 AM Betty & Joseph Saia from Joni Eberts 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 Stewardship addition, the Office of Development at the Diocese will be happy to send, via email, a donor's record of giving if it is The Diocese will no longer requested. 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.

Easter and Birthday Cards Needed for a Rewarding Ministry



The greeting card outreach committee would like to thank all parishioners who donated Christmas cards. The recipients are especially grateful to be remembered during the holiday season.

We are now in need of Easter and birthday cards, especially male themed cards. These cards are sent each month to parishioners aged 65 years and over fortheir birthdays, as well as at Christmas and Easter. Cards, stamps, parishioner lists and labels are provided. Please contact Jean Mank at 717 437-2716 for more information. Cards can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Please support this important ministry toward our older parishioners, who are many times lonely and home bound.

WEIS GROCERY CARDS

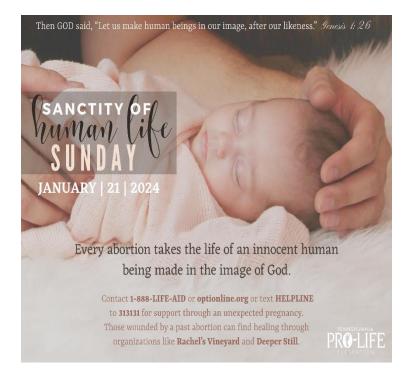
Saint Jude's Women's Guild will have Weis Grocery cards for sale in the Social Hall after Mass on Sundays. Please see Karen Thome to purchase your cards and support the Guild's charitable works!

ROSARY

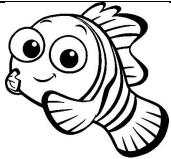


Please join us as we pray the Rosary each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. before the 9:15 a.m. Mass. "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."

- Pope Leo XIII



LENTEN FISH DINNERS ARE COMING!



Every Friday from
February 9th to March 22nd
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.

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

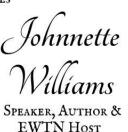
Hosted by Companions of Pauline More Info to Come!





Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Welcomes





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



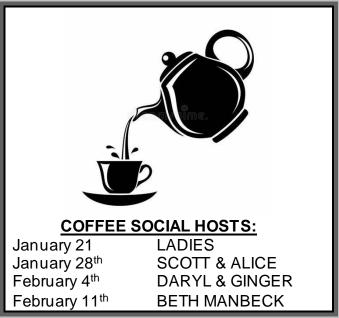
Please contact
Melanie Smith for details:
melanie.yonushonis@gmail.com
https://flbagwvh.paperform.co
or scan the QR code to register!
Walk-ins welcome!



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



Sacred Heart School Angel Fund

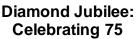
You will find nicely decorated apples in the Narthex. These apples were decorated by the students of SHS in hopes that you will make a gift to the SHS Angel Fund. The SHS Angel Fund provides scholarships and financial assistance to children who attend our school. If you would like to make a donation, 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!



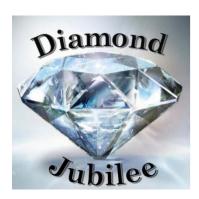
Save the Date

SHS Gala:



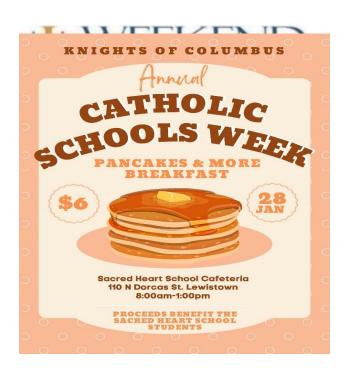


years of Catholic Education at SHS, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Lewistown Country Club. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office; prices are \$60 per person through Jan. 26th and \$70 Jan. 27th thru Feb. 1st.



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!



SATURDAY, January 20, 2024

Lector: C. Hazard Cantor: M. Kerchusky Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

SUNDAY, January 21, 2024

Lector: T. Kromel Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auker

SATURDAY, January 27, 2024

Lector: C. Hazard

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

SUNDAY, January 28, 2024

Lector: T. Ober Cantor: I. Armstrong Altar Servers: The Millers 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 Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auker

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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.

February Update

We are so grateful for the support of our local churches as we strive together to follow the Lord's commandment to "share our bread with the hungry" (Isaiah 58:7). With your help we have reached over 500 families, more than 1400 folks in need, with food and other supplies in 2023. Please continue to lift your voices in prayer and your hands in service as we share in this ministry to the Lord's beloved people.

In December 2023, the Food Pantry served 253 families - 711 of your neighbors! We were able to provide 316 households with a Christmas Meal. We thank River Church for sending volunteers for the month of December. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

<u>FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR</u> FEBRUARY:

CANNED BEETS, CEREAL, TOILET PAPER, OVER THE COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, PAPER TOWELS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ANY CLEANING ITEM

DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, 17059 717-436-9718

Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12