January 7, 2024, The Epiphany of the Lord

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week December 10, 2023 Loose: Votive: Immaculate Conception: Retirement for Religious: Christmas Flower offering: Capital Improvements	of \$2,447.00 \$524.00 \$29.00 \$198.00 \$95.00 \$350.00 \$20.00
Tithing income for the week of	
December 17, 2023 Loose: Votive: Immaculate Conception: Christmas Flower offering:	\$2,432.00 \$509.00 \$16.00 \$10.00 \$30.00
Tithing income for the week of	
December 24, 2023	\$1,615.00
Loose:	\$4,692.00
Christmas offering	\$2,295.00
Tithing income for the week of	
December 31, 2023	\$3,810.00
Loose:	\$744.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$20.00
Christmas Offering: Matthew 25:	\$130.00
	\$20.00 \$20.00
Retirement for Religious:	\$20.00

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

"You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit. It was not made known to people of other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

On this day when we commemorate the coming of the Magi, the Wise Men, with three gifts, and their discovery of Mary with the child, we ask what that means for me today. Saint Paul speaks of three things. We are coheirs' of the gift of grace and redemption. We are, as he states in his letters, 'members of the body of Christ', and copartners.

We have been gifted, but also become responsible to bring what has been given to others. This responsibility is an awesome task for which we are held accountable. We learned the three kings returned home, and have heard nothing more about their experience. That cannot be what is expected of us, who discover the presence of the Lord and the protection of His Mother.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass

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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 Sunday, January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 9:15 AM Dr. Bryan Oberheim from Colleen Hazard 1:30 PM People of the Parish Monday, January 8: The Baptism of the Lord (Feast) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11 9:00 AM People of the Parish Tuesday, January 9: Weekday 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mark 1:21-28 Wednesday, January 10: Weekday 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mark 1:29-39 Thursday, January 11: Weekday

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mark 1:40-45

 Friday, January 12: Weekday

 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19;

 Mark 2:1-12

 Saturday, January 13: Weekday

 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6

 7; Mark 2:13-17

 5:30 PM Catherine and Woodrow Montrey
From Colleen Hazard

 Sunday, January 14: Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;

 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

- 9:15 AM Tom Storm from Ruth Hower
- 1:30 PM People of the Parish



REMEMBER! The Parish

Christmas/Epiphany party is this 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. Come and enjoy! 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

SPECIAL INTENTION – ROSARY

The Rosary for Sunday, January 14th will be prayed for the intention of Justin Pfaltzgraff. Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will be painting the Confirmation Class CCD room on Saturday, January 20th beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you are able to help, please speak with Scott or Alice Arnold.

WEIS GROCERY CARDS

Saint Jude's Women's Guild will have Weis Grocery cards for sale in the Social Hall



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.

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.

The Power

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@stjudemifflintown.org



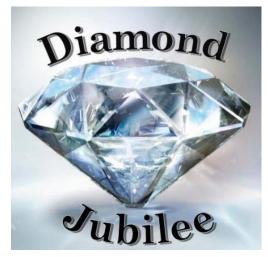


<u>Save the Date</u> SHS Gala: Diamond Jubilee:



PRAYER REQUEST

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.





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 <u>SUNDAY, January 14, 2024</u> Lector: J. Hazard Cantor: A. Arnold Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

SATURDAY, January 20, 2024

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

SUNDAY, January 21, 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.