

December 3, 2023, First Sunday of Advent

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of	
October 29, 2023	Not available
November 5, 2023	Not available
November 12, 2023	Not available
November 19, 2023	Not available
November 26, 2023	Not available

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

“Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him... Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands.”

The prophet Isaiah, one of the principal figures for advent, speaks for us, longing for the needed Messiah, not His first coming, but for today. Can I not see that our world needing His presence, desperate to make things better? The God who made us, the potter, needs to refashion us in His image as we live the days of this holy season. He will remake us in His image, by our prayer for all around us, beginning with His reworking who we are and what He wants us to become. ‘Come Lord Jesus.’

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that “We are all the work of your hands.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Saturday, December 2: Advent Weekday

Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87;
Luke 21:34-36

5:30 PM Justin Pfaltzgraff from Toni Parry

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

9:15 AM Dan Brown from Dave & Gale Treaster

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, December 4: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Matthew 8:5-11

9:00 AM Elsie Garcia from Ralph & Jill Perez

Tuesday, December 5: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7: Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 9: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

9:15 AM George & Lorraine Hazard
from Shane Armstrong

1:30 PM People of the Parish

ANGEL TREE



The Angel Tree in honor of Kathy Nash will be decorated this weekend, and will benefit Crossroad Pregnancy Center and the children of Head Start. Please take an Angel from the tree and return it with your gift by December 10th. Please wrap the Head Start gifts and tape your angel on the package.

You DO NOT need to wrap the gifts for Crossroads. If you have any questions, please ask Ginger Best. Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NATIVITY DISPLAY



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus thank everyone who responded by bringing in their nativities for this special blessing.

ADVENT VESPERS

In preparation for the Nativity of our Lord, this year, St. Jude Parish will be praying the Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours, the three Sundays prior to Christmas at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for one or more of the Sundays on December 3, 10, and 17 for this special Advent prayer service which will include special readings, songs, and the rosary.

SAINT JUDE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Parish Christmas/Epiphany party on Sunday, January 7th at 5:00 p.m. The dinner will be a covered dish with the parish providing the meat. Our evening will include a special children's program, caroling, and a visit from the Magi. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the back of the church in the next few weeks. Please plan to attend!

ST. JUDE YOUTH COOKIE BAKERS!

ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 4TH THROUGH 12TH are invited to participate in our cookie baking event to be held on **Tuesday, December 5th beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Kitchen of the Social Hall.** There will also be games, and hot cocoa! Looking forward to seeing you there! Questions? Please speak with Elizabeth Armstrong!

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



CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK & BAZAAR:

The Women's Guild will have its annual **Christmas Cookie Walk & Bazaar** in December on **Saturday, December 9, 2023**, in the church social hall **from 9 A.M. until supply last. Doors open at 8:00 A.M.**

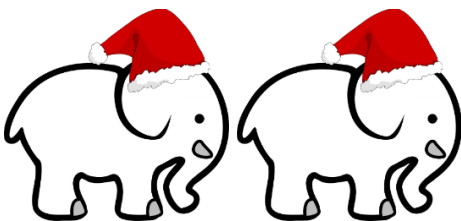
Cookies will still be homemade by our little old (and young) bakers. Please drop off cookies Friday (the day before) from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or **early** Saturday morning.

Price is \$12.00/container for 2 dozen plus (depending on size of cookies) per container. Homemade candies will also be on sale as well as a White Elephant table with unique Christmas gifts.

Come early to get the best selection and enjoy a **free** cup of hot coffee while you browse.

For more information, contact Joyce Price, 717-994-0209

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!



**Have you ever seen a
WHITE ELEPHANT?!?
WE HAVE!**

A White Elephant/Gift Sale will take place during the Cookie Walk on **December 9th!** **Christmas items to sell may be brought to the Social Hall before the Cookie Walk on December 9th or dropped off the day before from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.** **Please help make our Elephant sale the best one yet!**

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

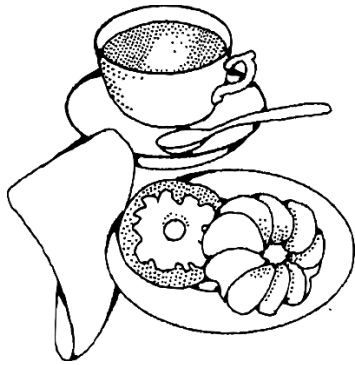
Requests for Mass Intentions are welcome for all Masses celebrated at St. Jude Thaddeus Parish. In order to make the request of Mass Intentions more convenient, we now have Mass Intention envelopes which can be completed and placed in the offering box found in the entrance of the church. To request a 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.

Rectory Open House Christmas Party

Father Weary's Rectory Open House Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 10th from 3-5 PM.** All are welcome to join us for this annual celebration. Snacks and drinks will be provided.



Mifflin County High School Cantare will perform at approximately 10:40 AM, prior to 11:00 AM Mass and after Communion on Sunday, December 10th. Come and enjoy!



COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

December 3 rd	JODI
December 10	MEGAN
December 17	LADIES
December 24	NONE



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.

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



SATURDAY, December 2, 2023

Lector: T. Kromel
Cantor:
Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski
Usher:

SUNDAY, December 3, 2023

Lector: C. Fitzgerald
Cantor: M. Miller
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auker

SATURDAY, December 9, 2023

Lector: T. Kromel
Cantor:
Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski
Usher:

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023

Lector: E. Armstrong
Cantor: R. Perez
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

SATURDAY, December 15, 2023

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

SUNDAY, December 16, 2023

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.

SHS Celebrates 75 Years of Catholic Education:



For those of you who weren't aware, Sacred Heart School of Lewistown is celebrating their 75th Year during the upcoming 2023-

24 school year. While many special things will be going on during the year to commemorate this great achievement, we would like to plan a celebration for the school in the spring.

If you would like to help in planning this event, please let us know. We will keep you updated on future planning meetings. We welcome participation in the planning from all groups associated with the school - families, alumni, faculty, school board, and both parishes.

Please consider participating in this endeavor with us as we celebrate our school. If you have any questions, or wish to help and aren't able to be at a meeting

please contact Megan Miller at 717-363-7319 or by email at mfitzy6@hotmail.com.



Formerly ShopWithScrip

RaiseRight, formerly **SCRIP**, is a wonderful fundraiser for our school. Families purchase gift cards for everyday expenses (i.e. groceries, gas, clothing, eating out) or gifts for holidays (i.e. Christmas, Birthdays, Mother's Day, and Father's Day) and HSA receives a percentage of each purchase. Percentages vary based on the company. The money HSA receives goes back to the school for assemblies, playground improvement, teacher expenses, etc. There are over 750 brands from which you can purchase gift cards.

You can purchase gift cards 3 different ways:

1. Fill out a form available in the Narthex. Send it into the school or the Parish Office with cash or a check made out to SHS-HSA.
2. Download the app or go to [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com) and order gift cards. You can choose to have the gift cards shipped to you or to the school. There is a small fee to have the gift cards shipped to you and there is a small fee to pay for your order through the website or app.
3. Download the app or go to [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com) and order e-gift cards or reloadable cards. These cards are made available to you immediately. There is a small fee to pay for orders through the website or app.

The RaiseRight enrollment code for SHS is:

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The order deadline is December 4th

Thank you for your support. Happy Shopping!