

January 16, 2022 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of January 2, 2022:
Tithing Offering: \$4,728.09
Votive offering: \$79.90
Holy Day (Solemnity of Mary) \$440.00
Christmas Offering: \$50.00
Capital Improvements: \$95.00

Estate of William Nash donation: \$24,160.04

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service but the same Lord, there are different workings but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit... but one and the same Spirit produces all of them distributing them individually to each person as he wished."

Perhaps there is still an unopened Christmas gift in your home. Nicely wrapped, a fancy bow is pretty to look at, but still unopened. A kind giver wanted you to have it, yet it still remains untouched.

As St. Paul wrote to the Christians, he speaks to us. Are you filled with curiosity about what is in the box? Is it faith, healing, mighty deeds? What is it? If the Spirit has been given to me, for whose benefit did I accept it? It is mine to use for my benefit and for others.

Spend a moment to recognize the gifts you have and are not using or are underused. Take another moment to encourage someone else about their gifts. One day the Lord will ask us why we failed to let the Spirit to work through us.

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more

strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



And Weekly Readings

Saturday, January 15

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mark 2:13-17

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 16: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10;

1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

9:15 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot (Memorial)

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23;
Mark 2:18-22

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 18

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 27-28;
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 19

1 Samuel 17:32-33 37, 40-51; Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 20

1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Psalm 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 57:2, 3-4, 6 & 11;
Mark 3:13-19

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

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 23: Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69C); Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27;

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

9:15 AM Jack Marshall, Jr.

1:00 PM People of the Parish



Saturday, January 15, 2022 5:30 PM

Lector: M. Tonge
Cantor: M. Kerchusky
Altar Server: J. Zarnowski
Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, January 16, 2022 9:15 AM

Lector: T. Ober
Cantor: R. Perez
Altar Servers: C. Schall, D. Miller
Ushers: S. Arnold, L. Bastian

Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:30 PM

Lector: C. Fitzgerald
Cantor: M. Kerchusky
Altar Server: J. Zarnowski
Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:15 AM

Lector: G. Price
Cantor: M. Miller
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Ushers: D. Ames, P. Ames

A HUGE WOMEN'S GUILD THANK YOU!

Our 2021 COOKIE WALK was a success. The St. Jude Women's Guild would like to thank everyone who helped in any way towards the Cookie Walk. Everyone who helped with baking cookies, candy, giving white elephant items and the thoughtful donations helped the Guild. We hope to continue this event next year. Starting at 8:30 we quickly sold out with the prepackaged cookies by 10:30. Our profit was over \$1,800.00 which will go towards projects for our Parish and needy causes. Thank you again and Happy New Year!

Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of:

Genevieve Gregos	John T. Kromel
Steven Graham	William Nash
Nicholas Spak	Roseanne Spak
Mary Ann Truitt	Mary Tonge

WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER:

The Women's Guild Christmas dinner at the Wilson House is rescheduled to **Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** If you signed up before and you are still going, put a checkmark by your name. If you signed up and are not going, cross your name off the sign-up sheet. If you did not previously sign up and wish to attend, please add your name to the list.

ST. JUDE'S COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE!

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive on **Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.** in the multi-purpose room of the Church.

Year-End Tax Statements

Please contact the Parish Office at 717-436-6722 or email the rectory at rectory@stjudemifflintown.org if you are in need of a year-end tax statement. 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 requested. If you need a statement, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at (717) 657-4804 ext. 245.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Sacred Heart School will also be closed. The Parish Office and School will reopen on Tuesday, January 18th.

UPDATED COVID PREVENTION PRACTICES



With the current surge in COVID-19 positive cases and hospitalizations in our area, the following practices are suggested by the Diocese of Harrisburg for parishes as we enter the Christmas season and the month of January.

- Parishioners are encouraged to wear masks.
- All liturgical ministers (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters and Ushers should wear masks, except when proclaiming the Scripture readings and when receiving Holy Communion.
- Choirs and groups of singers should consider wearing masks when singing.
- The communal invitation to the Sign of Peace is suspended at this time.
- Sanitization of pews and other common spaces is strongly encouraged after large gatherings.
- Ventilation of spaces with fresh air is encouraged whenever possible.

We are further tweaking our Coronavirus prevention measures by having priests sanitize their hands, but only if they inadvertently touch someone's tongue when giving out communion. We hope this measure further advances the health and wellbeing of our congregation members. **Thank you for your patience during these difficult times. With much prayer and mutual charity, we will persevere and eventually prevail, but only through God's grace.**

ATTENTION YOUTH AND ADULTS: JOIN THE MARCH FOR LIFE ON JANUARY 21, 2022:

Please join us and thousands of other pro-life youth and adults for a one-day trip to the annual March for Life on the National Mall in Washington D.C., Friday, January 21, 2022. Yoder Tourways will load passengers at both Sacred Heart and St. Jude parishes early in the morning of the March. On the way, we will make an interesting side trip to one of three possible locations. We are in the beginning stages of planning for this event, so more details will follow in coming bulletins.

If you are Interested, youth and adults can register by signing up on the sheet available in the social hall or by emailing Karen Thome, kkthome@centurylink.net, **as soon as possible** so that we can finalize plans.

Once we know approximately how many will attend, we can estimate the cost/person. We try to keep it as low as possible by asking for donations. If you cannot attend but would like to sponsor a youth or make a donation to sponsor the trip, we would be most grateful.

More details to come, but, in the meantime, **please sign-up on the sheet in the social hall as soon as possible.**

Any questions or to make a donation contact Karen Thome, kkthome@centurylink.net, 717-348-8051.

FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig



Did you know that there are future priests and nuns sitting in the pews of St. Jude and Sacred Heart at every Sunday Mass? You can identify them by how they pray. If you notice a young person praying on their knees before or after Mass, often times it's them. You might think, "oh God bless them, it's so good to see young people embracing the Faith." That's nice, but would you ever have the guts to personally tell them, "You would make a good priest/nun, have you ever thought about the priesthood/convent?" Well, I'm telling you this – you MUST tell them if you think that. Otherwise, they may never hear it and they could miss their calling in life. The story of their potential journey to the priesthood/religious life begins with you saying something! It's your Catholic duty to help YOUR future priests and nuns. Many people have no idea how difficult it is to be a young person today discerning the priesthood/religious life. Take it from someone who just did – Fr. Peter. My family thought I was crazy, I was made fun of by my former friends, my ex-girlfriend was heartbroken. There was seemingly no consolation from my decision to enter the priesthood, other than Jesus' voice constantly saying, "Come, follow me." And, now I am so fulfilled. The world (the Devil) was working to destroy my vocation, and he is still hard at work against the future vocations at our parish. Some parents completely disown their children when they feel called to the priesthood/religious life! I remember praying about my vocation after Mass one Sunday and someone tapped me on the shoulder saying, "have you ever thought about the priesthood?" That comment confirmed months of questioning God, "am I called to the priesthood?" I knew that it was actually Jesus speaking to me through that person. Your simple comment could mean the answer to

a discerner's prayers. Otherwise, they may never hear the call. The concept is simple; if you see something, say something! They will thank you for it, and God will reward you for it in the end. What are some signs that a person in our parish is considering the priesthood or religious life?

Look for young people who:

- 1. Regularly attend Sunday Mass (especially if they go to daily Mass)**
- 2. Go to Confession**
- 3. Pray in the church**
- 4. Volunteer in the parish**

If you see a holy young person at your parish, don't think, "I don't have to ask them to consider the priesthood/religious life, their life is none of my business." Guess what... it IS your business, because you belong to the same Church and that person could be your future priest or religious sister. If you see something, say something! Allow God to make you an instrument for his Kingdom.



We have been presented the opportunity to hold a **NET Ministries** day retreat for youth on **Sunday, February 27** 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 youth. This year's retreat theme will be **One Church (The Catholic Church)**. **To help offset the cost of the event we are looking for parishioners to donate either food items or a monetary contribution. There are two sign-up sheets in the narthex, one is for youth to sign up for the event, the other for parents or parishioners to donate food.** Please mark your calendars. Look for additional information in upcoming bulletins.



SCHOOL NEWS

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**If assistance is needed outside of office hours, leave a message on the school answering machine at 717-248-5351 or contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781

SHS Gala, **RAISE THE STAKES**, will be held on Saturday, **Feb. 5, 2022 at the Lewistown Country Club**. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office; prices are **\$60** per person through Jan. 28th and **\$70** Jan. 29th thru Feb. 3st.