

## January 23, 2022 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Tithing income for the week of January 9, 2022:

Regular:	\$1,092.00
Christmas Offering:	\$100.00
Church in Eastern Europe:	\$50.00

Tithing income for the week of January 16, 2022:

Regular:	\$1,786.00
Christmas Offering:	\$30.00
Church in Eastern Europe:	\$20.00
Hispanic Offering:	\$166.00

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 30, 2022

"Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee and his reputation spread throughout the region... He came to Nazareth where he had been raised and on entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, as he was in the habit of doing, he stood up to do the reading... 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.'"

It is easy for us to picture the visiting rabbi assuming His teaching role. Surely people wondered what His statement meant as they paid close attention to His words. In our own parish church, as the lector proclaims the word, and the priest or deacon, the gospel, I remind myself that it is God's word. He is speaking to me, and I too give my full attention to the message. As I sit to hear the word, I listen. As I stand for the gospel, I ask that the word may be in my head, on my lips and in my heart.

The word takes root in my heart to direct my life. As Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah, He spoke of Himself, but also of we who have been touched by the Holy Spirit and like Him we are sent.

#### **First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

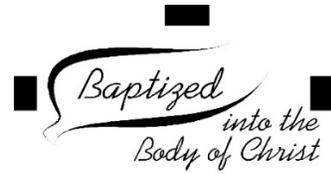
Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its' own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

#### **Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.



### LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week



*And Weekly Readings*

**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. from Alice Arnold

1:00 PM People of the Parish

**Monday, January 24: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)**

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 25: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle (Feast)**

Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16 or Acts of the Apostles 9:1-1-22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15-18

**Wednesday, January 26: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops (Memorial)**

2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mark 4:1-20 or Luke 10:1-9

**Thursday, January 27**

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29, 19:1-7; Psalm 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mark 4:21-25

**Friday, January 28: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)**

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mark 4:26-34

**Saturday, January 29**

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 30: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 (72C); Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13;

Luke 4:21-30

9:15 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM People of the Parish

## LENTEN SCHEDULE:

**Ash Wednesday**, March 2, 2022 9:00 AM Mass

**Stations of the Cross:** each Friday beginning  
March 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM

**Holy Thursday**, April 14, 2022 7:00 PM Mass  
8:00 – 10:00 PM Adoration  
10:00 PM Night Prayer

**Good Friday**, April 15, 2022 7:00 PM Mass

**Holy Saturday**, April 16, 2022 8:00 PM Mass  
\*No 5:30 PM Mass

**Easter Sunday**, April 17, 2022 9:15 AM Mass

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Armstrong Family who volunteered their time and energy this past Monday to clean the church. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

## Juniata County Food Pantry 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 300 families, almost 500 folks in need, with food and other supplies in 2021. 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 2021, the Food Pantry served 200 families - 475 of your neighbors! 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.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY:

**CANNED BEETS AND MIXED VEGETABLES,  
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**

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

Genevieve Gregos  
Steven Graham  
Nicholas Spak  
Mary Ann Truitt

John T. Kromel  
William Nash  
Roseanne Spak  
Mary Tonge



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.

## **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.

## **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.**



**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**

**Ministry Schedule: January 29-30**

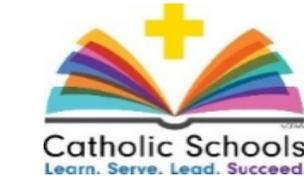
**Saturday, January 29, 2022 5:30 PM**

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

**Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:15 AM**

**Lector: J. Fitzgerald  
Cantor: C. Hostler & A. Arnold  
Altar Servers: C. Schall, D. Miller  
Ushers: S. Arnold, L. Bastian**

**FAITH MATTERS**  
*With Fr. Peter Rettig*



**SCHOOL NEWS**

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.

**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. 28<sup>th</sup> and **\$70** Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> thru Feb. 3<sup>st</sup>.

