

September 27, 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tithing income for the week of September 20, 2020:
Regular: \$929.00

Mass Attendance for September 19, 2020 20

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The tithing for this Weekend of September 19 and 20 was designated for those impacted by Hurricane Laura and other natural disasters. The funds collected were in support of the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. **"The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts; and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. I realize the pandemic has impacted our families and parishes but I know the generosity of our Catholic faithful and trust that our sacrifices will not go unrewarded. Please be generous"**.
Bishop Gainer

First Friday Adoration

Eucharistic



Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be held on Oct. 2nd at 9:00 a.m. and is open for all parishioners, based on space available. All guidelines for Sunday Mass must still be observed.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020

"If there is any encouragement in Christ, and solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory, rather humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interest but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus."

In almost every letter of Saint Paul, we find a series of teachings, like a litany to instruct his communities. Colossians, Corinthians offer us his clear insights. In Philippians today we find great virtues equals encouragement, solace, compassion and mercy. When these are present he experiences joy. Notice these are

directed outward, quite distinct from selfishness and self-satisfaction.

Often people state 'you have an attitude' and it is considered in a negative way. Paul teaches us to have a 'Christ attitude', one which encompasses the litany he offers us. Paul teaches, Christ models, we follow.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week

And Weekly Readings



Saturday, September 26: Weekday

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17;
Luke 9:43b-45

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 27: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Philippians 2:1-11;
Matthew 21:28-32

9:15 AM Curtis Gutshall

Monday, September 28: Weekday

Job 1:6-22; Psalm 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; John 1:47-51

Wednesday, September 30: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Psalm 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 1: St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Job 19:21-27; Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Psalm 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Saturday, October 3: Weekday

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130;

Luke 10:17-24

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, October 4: 27th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Philippians

4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

9:15 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Responsorial Psalm

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and

invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(For those who are watching from home)

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the

heavenly hosts, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

WOMEN'S GUILD will meet on September 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.

Juniata County Food Pantry News: This year the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and YOU to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. Working as a team and pooling our resources, we can reach more families. A donation of \$20.00 will purchase one complete meal. Please consider giving. Juniata Food Pantry, PO Box 44, 114 North Main Street, Mifflintown PA 17059.

Job Opportunity at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is looking to fill the position of **Parish Finance Manager** for an expected hire date of Dec. 1, 2020. This is a part-time (28 hours/week) year-round position. Duties include Accounts Payable/Receivable; reviewing, interpreting and analyzing financial statements; preparing and monitoring the Annual Parish Budget; reconciling checking and savings accounts; observing guidelines and deadlines of the Diocesan Accounting System; HR duties, such as completing time reports and payroll and benefits information; advising the Pastor on all financial matters; tuition management and scholarship/financial aid management for the school; reporting to parish committees and the Finance Council; other tasks as assigned. Candidate should have in-depth understanding of business and accounting principles, as well as strong managerial skills. A professional demeanor is essential, as well as a working background in word processing and spreadsheet applications. A BS in Accounting or Business Administration is desired and/or several years of experience in a related field. Please contact Fr. Bill if interested. Send letters of interest, resume, and clearances (PSP, Child Abuse, FBI) to 9 N Brown St, Lewistown PA 17044 or shparishoffice@sacredheartlewisstown.com.



Diocese of Harrisburg 6th Annual (Virtual) Women's Conference

The sixth annual Diocesan Women's Conference will be held virtually on **Saturday, October 17, 2020**, from 9 AM – 12:15 PM. The theme for this year's virtual conference is **Catholic Women: Our Place at the Table**. Emily Stimpson Chapman, a nationally known Catholic author, speaker and blogger will deliver her keynote address; **Tasting the Love of God: Finding Healing and Joy at the Catholic Table**. Cost is just \$10 per person. **Registration this year is online only.** Registration,

schedule and other information is available at www.hbgdiocese.org/women.

Homebound Communion Visits

Fr. Bill and Fr. Jay would like to once again begin to visit our homebound parishioners. If you would like to receive a visit from Fr. Bill or Fr. Jay, please call the Parish Office at your convenience at 717-242-2781 to arrange a visitation time.



2020 Diocesan Annual Campaign Update as of 09/2020

The 2020 Diocesan Annual Campaign will conclude on January 31, 2021. There is still time for donors to make a pledge and pay it off over the next 4 ½ months.

2020 Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Goal - \$36,740

Total amount paid - \$38,511.42

Over Goal amount - \$1,771.42

Total pledged amount - \$14,515

Outstanding pledges to date - \$4,948.58



The Diocese of Harrisburg is forming a new class of permanent Deacons. This is a 4 year program of studies. Men interested should contact Fr. Weary at the parish office as soon as possible.



ATTENTION: SCAM Alert Still Ongoing

Please be advised that there is still a SCAM being run in the form of text messages to Sacred Heart parishioners and their family members supposedly from Fr. Weary asking for gift cards. **THESE MESSAGES ARE NOT FROM FR. WEARY!!** He would never text or email parishioners saying he needs your help and ask you to please purchase gift cards, Amazon cards, I-Tunes cards etc. for him or anyone else! Thank you to those who have reported to us that you have received these messages. Please be wary and if in doubt, call the parish office immediately for clarification. Do not respond back, simply delete the message.

Guidelines For Mass

- ❖ Masks **must** be worn at all times.
- ❖ Remain 6 ft. apart.
- ❖ Ushers will seat you at the beginning of Mass and dismiss you at the end of Mass.
- ❖ Confessions are heard in the rectory garage on Wed., 6:30-6:45 PM & Sat., 3:00-3:45 PM
- ❖ Only permitted to fill the church to approx. 1/3 capacity. Space is limited; please come early. Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended. You may want to consider attending a weekly Mass in place of Sunday.
- ❖ Doors are locked during Mass for your safety.
- ❖ The restroom is available but **must be sanitized after each use**. Please clean the restroom after use according to the directions posted inside. Children must be accompanied by an adult & the

adult must clean the restroom after the child is finished

- ❖ Crying room is closed.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in 1 of the 2 locked collection boxes provided. Collection boxes are located in the Vestibule area or at the front of the church by the handicap door.
- ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time. If you would like a candle lit, call the parish office and they will have a sacristan light a candle for you. Your donation may be put in the collection box.
- ❖ Father will distribute Communion at the end of Mass from the altar area.
- ❖ Take all belongings with you and go single file up to the altar area. Right before receiving Communion drop one side of your mask and immediately put it back on after the Eucharist is in your mouth. Put one hand on top of the other palm side up. Father will try not to touch your hand. After receiving Communion proceed out the handicap door. If you are not receiving Communion just follow the flow of people as they proceed out the door.

These guidelines are an act of charity and out of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal rights. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **These guidelines are not optional.**

Parishioners and friends of SHS! We are pleased to announce that both the air conditioning and update to the Internet infrastructure projects have been almost completed! We have encountered a few unexpected glitches with our electrical system due to the added load from the AC units, so we are now addressing those issues and will be upgrading two of our aging breaker boxes in the near future. We are also waiting for Comcast, our Internet provider, to move their equipment to a different location in the school, and our new information highway will be ready to zoom! The total cost of the project was approximated to be \$25,000, a goal that we have almost reached! **Thanks so much for those of you who have already graciously supported these efforts!** Due to the additional costs to upgrade the electrical system, we may need additional funds (we are still processing invoices, so we don't have an exact total yet), so please continue to give if you were planning to! If you are willing to contribute, please send donations to the parish office, and write "**SHS Improvement Project**" in the memo line. If you have any questions, please email Ashley Henry, Advancement Director, at development@sacredheartschool.com.



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.

