

## January 24, 2016 – The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship is a way of life.

### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

<b>Tithing Income: Jan. 17, 2016:</b>	
Regular:	\$ 5,513.00
Loose:	\$ 718.43
<b>Children's Offering:</b>	\$ -0-
<b>ONLINE GIVING:</b>	\$ 1,390.00
<b>Tithing Income TOTAL For Jan. 17, 2016:</b>	<b><u>\$7,621.43</u></b>
<b>Tithing Income: Jan. 18, 2015</b>	<b><u>\$ 7393.25</u></b>

### Mass Attendance:

**Weekend of January 17, 2016 - 449**

**Weekend of January 18, 2015 - 458**

**Pastor's tithing comments:** What would we do without God and without each other? We are all joined together in the Mystical Body of Christ, like leaves on the vine. Stewardship is the virtue that cultivates our unity and that shows God appreciation for the connections that community accords us. As our nation's Founding Fathers said "united we stand, divided we fall."

## PASTORS COLUMN

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JAN. 31 – FEB. 6

Sacred Heart and St. Jude are blessed to share a school that graces the Juniata Valley with a Catholic Christian presence, sending forth graduates into our world imbued with the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. Every year we celebrate that presence with seven days of festivities that bring fun to our students and a heightened awareness to the public of the gift that Catholic education is to, not only the Church, but to our community at large.

We kick things off Sunday, Jan. 31 with the 11 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Mass. School students will be altar servers, greeters, and bearers of the bread and wine. A student will give a short speech after communion speaking of the Catholic school experience. The student body, faculty and parish school board members will be present. A pancake breakfast courtesy of the Knights of Columbus and a school open house with tours available will be held 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 1, the mayor of Lewistown, Deb Bargo, will speak to the student body at a special assembly about civic virtue and responsibility. Tuesday, Feb. 2, the students will enjoy a special homemade spaghetti lunch and a skating party that evening at Carousel Skating Rink. Wednesday, Feb. 3, brings a special ethnic dinner 6 p.m. at the school for faculty and school families, with the next day, Thursday, Feb. 4, featuring a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade spelling bee. Friday, Feb. 5,

has a faculty/staff appreciation lunch and a 1:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> grade talent show.

Saturday, Feb. 6, those with tickets go to the Land of Oz at the Gala dinner dance, 5-11 p.m., when Rec Park Community Center turns into The Emerald City. Some interesting decorations are to be expected, plus live music, fabulous food and plenty of fun.

Even if you have no children or grandchildren in Sacred Heart School, every Catholic is called to support, in some way, our parish's kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade school. How? Well, prayer comes first and foremost, beseeching God's graces over our students, faculty and families.

Ask God for increased enrollment. Total student body now stands at 70, uncomfortably down from our usual 80, but we expect bigger numbers next year. Development efforts are always underway with recruitment and advertising strategies constantly discussed.

Talk up the school to others, every chance you get. If you have relatives or neighbors living in the area with preschooler's and toddlers, ask those parents to consider Sacred Heart School for their children. Remind people that about one third of the student body is non-Catholic (but they attend the Catholic religion classes).

Consider a financial contribution to the school and think of including the school in your last will and testament. Sacred Heart is currently benefitting from a large bequest left to it about 10 years ago, for which we are very grateful.

Remember that two great Pennsylvania saints were pioneers in this nation's early Catholic education efforts: St. John Neumann (1811-1860), bishop of Philadelphia, and St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955), foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Neumann founded many schools and parishes in his then-missionary status diocese, which included all of our state and parts of Ohio. Drexel, a wealthy Philadelphia heiress (her uncle founded Drexel University), established schools and orphanages for blacks and Native American Indians, mostly in the deep south and southwest (with one convent in Carlisle, Pa.) She also founded Xavier University in Louisiana.

Feel a part of that glorious legacy this upcoming week and always. We want to keep the tradition alive here in our Juniata Valley.

I am very grateful to the efforts of our principal, Dr. Joseph Maginnis and his staff and faculty for their self-sacrificial efforts for our children and for the Kingdom of God. He and a special committee are working hard now to renew our school's wonderful Middle States accreditation.

Thanks also to all of you parishioners for the prayers and financial support that you have directed toward your school. Keep it up and Happy Catholic Schools Week to one and all.

**Fr. Bill**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

**Sunday: 01/24/16:**

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church  
CCD/9am/Sacred Heart School

**Christian Unity Service/3pm/Church**  
*(Refreshments at the school after service)*

**Monday: 01/25/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Tuesday: 01/26/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Wednesday: 01/27/16:**

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

**Thursday: 01/28/16:**

SHS Mass/9am/Church  
RCIA/7pm/ Parish Office

**Friday: 01/29/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Saturday: 01/30/16:**

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

**Sunday: 01/31/16 Catholic School's week Beginings:**

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church (Catholic School week Mass)

**NO CCD**

**K of C Pancake Breakfast/8am-1pm/SHSCafeteria**

### February

**Monday: 02/01/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

SHS- Assembly with Mayor Bargo

**Tuesday: 02/02/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

SHS- Spaghetti Luncheon

**Wednesday: 02/03/16:**

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

**SHS- Ethnic Potluck Dinner – 6pm all welcome!**

**Thursday: 02/04/16:**

SHS Children's Mass/9am/Church

RCIA/7pm/Parish Office

**SHS- Spelling BEE -10:30 am**

**Friday: 02/05/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

**SHS- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Pep Rally!**

**Saturday: 02/06/16:**

Blessing of throats this weekend

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

**SHS GALA/5pm/Lewistown Rec Center**

**Sunday: 02/07/16:**

Blessing of Throats this weekend

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/Sacred Heart School



**February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Mass times: 12pm & 7pm –**

**Sacred Heart**

**7pm – St. Jude**

## LITURGICAL NOTES:

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



### And Weekly Readings

**Sunday, January 24**

Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19:8,9,10,15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27; Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

7:30 AM Sarah Stoicheff

11:00 AM Carol O'Brien

**Monday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul**

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

7:00 AM Bob Blakey

**Tuesday, January 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus**

2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8, 10; Mark 3:31-35

7:00 AM Oliver Brock

**Wednesday, January 27**

2 Samuel 7:4-17; Psalm 89:4-5,27-28,29-30; Mark 4:1-20

7:00 PM David Stundon

**Thursday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas**

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

9:00 AM Daniel Kennevan

**Friday, January 29**

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

7:00 AM Special Intentions for Joan Pacini

**Saturday, January 30**

2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Psalm 51:12-17; Mark 4:35-41

4:00 PM Special Intentions for Sister Virginia Zapotocky

**Sunday, January 31**

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4,5-6,15,17; 1

Corinthians 12:31-13:13

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Helen Berich

**Van Transportation to Mass:** The following is the **Van schedule:**

Jan 24 - Russell Krug

Jan 31 - Dave Kaniecki

Feb 07 - Mel Reed

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available:** Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, March 6.

**Memorialize Flowers:** If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. **The following dates are available:** April 9, 17, 24,

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
National Council of the United States  
Seeking Charity and Justice

ST. Vincent de Paul needs help! They are looking for donations for the small travel size toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant, and baby items, etc....

Due to the Budget impasse and increase in volume in providing help to those in need, St. Vincent de Paul is also in need of donations to keep on helping those who desperately need our help. **Thank you!!**

### Parish Photo Directory

By LaVerne Maginnis

It appears that the company doing our parish photo directory may be closing up shop. As coordinator of the directory, I have been in frequent communication with the company and expect to be receiving more information shortly. I will continue to follow up on the progress of our directory and to keep you informed. I have a contingency plan in place, and we will have a directory, even if we change the process a bit in mid-stream. Please contact the parish office to let me know if you have not yet received photo orders that you placed and paid for at your July or October photo session. Thank you!



**Altar Server Training... ATTENTION all kids in grades 3, 4, 5, and up... we are having a new training sessions please see Fr. Bill or**

call the parish office (717) 242-2781 to sign up.

#### Dates of Training will be as follows:

Saturday's from 8 am to 10 am;

March 12<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart, March 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Jude.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sacred Heart, April 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Jude.



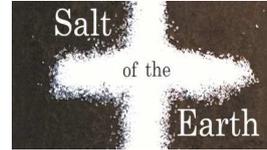
#### A New Year's Message from Sister Virginia:

Sending you wishes for a holy, happy, healthy year of mercy. You have been my special intentions during my prayers throughout the holiday season.

I send gratitude, love and prayers your way. I am also glad you enjoy my "Words of

Wisdom" in the bulletin. My sight has diminished

somewhat now and I am called to see with my heart. This is a difficult lesson. But with God's help I will do well. All of your prayer requests are being brought before the Lord every day. I still miss you all very dearly, let us be united in prayer for each other. *With much love Sister Virginia*



**A Week of prayer for Christian Unity Service will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Parish. **Pastor Bill Mangrum, of Bethel AME Church will be our guest preacher.** For over 100 years, this week in late January, celebrates Christian Unity throughout the United States. Refreshments will follow the Service. **ALL** are Welcome to attend.



The **adult choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:35 P.M.** following the 7:00 P.M. Mass. A schedule for spring rehearsals will be distributed then. **New members are welcome!**

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Encountering a Person with Hearing Loss

A person with hearing loss is limited in their ability to acquire or use spoken language. They may wear a hearing aid or cochlear implant. They may speak differently or use sign language.

To welcome persons with hearing loss:

- speak in a normal volume without exaggerated lip movements
- Offer to write a message
- Face the person and speak at eye level allowing the person to see your face
- Do not assume lip-reading ability or that a person with a hearing aid hears normally
- Ask them if they understand what you are saying
- If an interpreter is present, speak to the deaf person, not the interpreter
- Be aware of background noises and any glare behind the speaker that may interfere with communication

**Welcoming People With Disabilities So All May Encounter Christ, A Guide for Parishes.** Diocese of Harrisburg, **Tina Stryker, The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**



Tune in for live and complete coverage of the biggest pro-life event in the United States: the 2016 March for Life in Washington, D.C! Doug

Keck and Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe will host from the EWTN studios, with on-the-ground interviews by Teresa Tomeo, Damon Owens and more! We'll take you to the rally stage and along the entire march route. Live coverage begins at 9 a.m.



Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy - Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year has been quite active so far. However, Saint Joseph's is still accepting applications for each of the classes in grades 9 – 12. Families may choose the online "Inquiry" method to contact the Admissions Department, or they may call the school office (814-808-6118) to make an appointment, schedule a tour, or simply discuss the options. Please also visit our website: [www.stjoeacad.org](http://www.stjoeacad.org). Happy New Year!

SJCA Board of Trustees Membership - Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy seeks dedicated women and men to answer the call to serve our faith community on the Board of Trustees. If you have a passion for Catholic education and spreading the Good News, please submit a letter of interest and resume for consideration to Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, 901 Boalsburg Pike, and Boalsburg PA 16827. ATTN: Chris Chirieleison.



**From the Desk of Dr. Joe Maginnis:**

During the past few months, surveys by parents and staff were reviewed by our Middle States Steering Committee and three goals have been formulated. Over the next few months, subcommittees will be developing action plans to address the goals. In general, the three goals are focused on: 1) Improving the ITBS scores (achievement tests) in Math Reading and Language Arts. 2) Increasing enrollment, and 3) Improving communication and outreach to all

stakeholders. Our students do quite well on ITBS scores generally scoring nationally over the 65 percentile. With a little focus these scores can be raised even higher. Increasing enrollment and improving outreach will better help our community see the good works of this wonderful school.



**Help us kick off** Catholic Schools week with the **Annual Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 31st from 8:00 am-1:00 pm** in the School Cafeteria. \$5 for Adults and

Children 3 and up \$3



**Gala tickets on sale now!** Join us Over the Rainbow for an Enchanted Evening in the Emerald City.

**Saturday, February 6, 2016**

5:00 PM- 11:00 PM

Lewistown Community Center @ Rec. Park

**Tickets:** \$60 after Jan. 17, 2016

Purchase a table of 8 to receive reserved seating & a complimentary bottle of wine! Door Prizes every hour plus Grab Bags, 50/50's & Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase. **Get your tickets at the school or parish office today!**

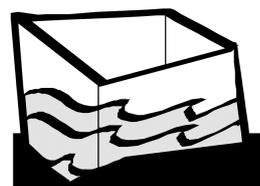


**Wendy Vogt is looking to get a group of ladies together to make a quilt for the auction.** She is looking for all

quilters and sewers to help put this together. She wants to get started as soon as possible so please contact her if interested at [wvogt336@comcast.net](mailto:wvogt336@comcast.net) or better yet contact her at 717-348-0931.



**Please join us for an Ethnic Potluck Supper on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016** in the SHS Cafeteria to celebrate Catholic Schools Week: Celebrate the Nations Day" Please bring a covered dish to honor your heritage and **RSVP to the church office by Monday, February 1st.**



**BAPTIZED INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST**