

## February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

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

Tithing income for the week of February 11, 2024:

Regular:	\$3,864.25
Loose:	\$1,434.00
ONLINE GIVING:	\$1,912.00
Tithing income February 11, 2024:	\$7,210.25
Tithing income February 12, 2023:	\$5,544.00

Mass Attendance for February 11, 2024	276
Mass Attendance for February 12, 2023	275

#### Tithe for February 11, 2024

Catholic Answers Radio	\$721
Black & Indian/Poor Missions (envelopes)	

#### Tithe for February 18, 2024

St. Vincent DePaul Society  
Catholic Medical Missions Board

#### Tithe for February 25, 2024

Catholic Volunteer Network



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous and caring gift of **\$197** received on January 22, 2024. This gift means so much and will help families, communities and individuals overcome great challenges. Your kindness helps to alleviate hunger and thirst, prevents disease, improves livelihoods and changes lives. You bring relief and hope to people living through their most trying times. Your gift puts you "on the ground" with CRS and our partners as we combat the global food crisis. You are supporting families affected by the conflict in the Holy Land and health crisis like anthrax and cholera outbreak in Zambia. May God bless you for your thoughtful and important donation – your spirit of love and compassion is a blessing to others.

Peace and light,  
Sean Callahan  
President & CEO



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Office and School will be closed Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day. The Parish Office and School will resume at regular hours on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

### FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and of every living creature with you. I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth... Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.'"

We heard the same words when the blessed ashes were signed in the form of a cross on our foreheads this past Wednesday. We begin this season of repentance and renewal, because we are the ones in need. The covenant of God, made with Abraham and Moses, was renewed through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. At the last supper Jesus told us that the content of the chalice was His blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant poured out for us for the forgiveness of sins. We embark on this period of prayer grateful for the opportunity to amend our lives, as this Lent is to be different than any other. As we observe our wayward world, we see the need for renewal, a renewal in our spiritual life, which begins with me. I will allow the kingdom of God to be truly present for me. By my prayer, sacrifice and good works that kingdom becomes real.

#### First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

#### Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

#### Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

*This is a*  
**SIGN**  
*for all ages to come*

## LITURGICAL NOTES

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Saturday, February 17: Saturday after Ash**

**Wednesday**

**Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 5:27-32**

4:00 PM Michael J. Porpotage from daughter, Mary Lou & son, Joe.

**Sunday, February 18: First Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;**

**1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15**

7:30 AM Catherine Thomas from the Litzinger Family

11:00 AM People of the Parish

**Monday, February 19: Lenten Weekday**

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15;**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

8:00 AM Sr. Mary Zavacky

**Tuesday, February 20: Lenten Weekday**

**Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;**

**Matthew 6:7-15**

8:00 AM Tom & Marge Connare from Tom Connare, Jr.

**Wednesday, February 21: Lenten Weekday**

**Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;**

**Luke 11:29-32**

7:00 PM Dennis & Rosalie Sieber from Del & Rose Guerrini

**Thursday, February 22: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (Feast)**

**1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6;**

**Matthew 16:13-19**

9:00 AM Marlene Burkholder from Larry Sutusky

In Memory/Honor of SHS Memorial Society Members

**Friday, February 23: Lenten Weekday**

**Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;**

**Matthew 5:20-26**

8:00 AM Katherine Kozicki

**Saturday, February 24: Lenten Weekday**

**Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;**

**Matthew 5:43-48**

4:00 PM Joe & Esther Berich from Rick & Mary Jo Berich

**Sunday, February 25: Second Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15,**

**16-17, 18-19; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Jeffrey A. Ferguson from Anne Marie Showers

## Calendar of Events

**Saturday 2/17/24**

**NET Ministries/9:00AM/St Jude-Cancelled**

**SVDP Community Meal/11:00AM/SHS Cafeteria**

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

**Sunday 2/18/24 – First Sunday of Lent**

Mass/7:30AM/Church

**Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office**

**CCD/9:00AM/Church**

Mass/11:00AM/Church

**Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude**

**No Youth Group**

**Monday 2/19/24**

Mass/8:00AM/Church

**Tuesday 2/20/24**

Mass/8:00AM/Church

**Wednesday 2/21/24**

**Confessions/6:30PM/Church**

Mass/7:00PM/Church

**Adult Choir/7:30PM/Church**

**Thursday 2/22/24**

Mass/ 9:00AM/Church

**RCIA/7:00PM/Parish Office**

**Friday 2/23/24**

Mass/8:00AM/Church

**Stations of the Cross/7:00PM/Church**

**Saturday 2/24/24**

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

**Sunday 2/25/24 – Second Sunday of Lent**

Mass/7:30AM/Church

**Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office**

**CCD/9:00AM/Church**

Mass/11:00AM/Church

**Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude**

**No Youth Group**



**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
for the week of February 18th  
burns in loving memory of

**Charles & Anna Zanylo**

**From their daughter, Connie Mitchell**



**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: February 25 and March 17.**

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

**April 14, 21 & 28 and May 12, 19 & 26.**

### Supplemental Flower Fund



The Supplemental Flower Committee has provided flowers for the altar numerous times this past year. Thank you to this dedicated committee and to the generous parishioners who continue to contribute funds to ensure we have beautiful flowers on the altar. Contributions are always appreciated.



The St Vincent DePaul Society has published a commemorative, fundraising cookbook, celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the National Chapter. These cookbooks contain delicious recipes from fellow parishioners and friends. **Extra copies are available to buy at \$20 each. Support our local SVDP society with your purchase. St. Vincent dePaul is currently facing a critical financial shortfall.** Please consider a monetary donation or a donation of personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant etc. Also needed are hats and gloves. For more info, call us at (717) 363-4812. Thank you.



### Ministry Schedule: February 17 – February 18

**Sat. 4:00 PM**

**Greeter:** Ken Johnson, Steven Lilley

**Lector:** Pete O'Donnell

**EMHC:** Christina Stryker

**Knight of the Holy Temple:** Tristen Kline

**Altar Server:** Kenneth Swartzell

**Cantor:** Katie Swartzell

**Sun. 7:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Norma Andrie, Kim Napikoski

**Lector:** Don Spangler

**EMHC:** Bill Napikoski

**Knight of the Holy Temple: Unfilled**

**Altar Server:** Robert Auker, Jr.

**Cantor:** Mary Smith

**Sun. 11:00 AM**

**Greeter:** Keith & Kathy Duff

**Lector:** Cathy Michaels

**EMHC:** Greg DeVecchis

**Knight of the Holy Temple:** Landon Mazur

**Altar Server:** Kenneth Shank

**Cantor:** Sacred Heart Choir

### Ministry Schedule: February 24 – February 25

**Sat. 4:00 PM**

**Greeter:** Diane Bray, Al Specht

**Lector:** Barbara Bratton

**EMHC:** John Maroney

**Knight of the Holy Temple:** Tristen Kline

**Altar Server:** Ethan McMonigal

**Cantor:** Cathy Stout

**Sun. 7:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Donath Korbich, Penny Nerhood

**Lector:** Dan Palopoli

**EMHC:** Kim Napikoski

**Knight of the Holy Temple: Unfilled**

**Altar Server:** Anthony Palopoli

**Cantor:** Mary Smith

**Sun. 11:00 AM**

**Greeter:** Ruth Allison, Del Guerrini

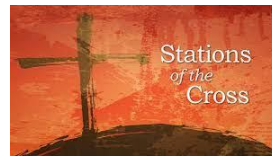
**Lector:** Judy Sieber

**EMHC:** Mike Leeper

**Knight of the Holy Temple:** Matthew Murray

**Altar Server:** Ellie Tressler

**Cantor:** Dr. Michael Murray



**Beginning Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Stations of the Cross** will be held at **7 PM every Friday during Lent**, at Sacred Heart. Journey with Jesus and Mary as they follow the Way of the Cross.



In 2023, Crossroads gave out 918 packs of diapers—that is around 30,000 diapers! And we need your help in 2024 to keep supplying our clients with diapers to ease their burden.

**Crossroads is collecting Size 3-7 diapers, Pull-Ups, & wipes in February. Drop off your contribution during our office hours.** Please ring the doorbell to be let inside, as we've added this security measure to our offices the doors are locked even when we are open. Please don't leave donations outside if we are closed.



### WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

10 AM – 1:30 PM

Sacred Heart School Cafeteria

Speaker/Facilitator: Sr. Geralyn Schmidt, SCC

**Topic: The Eucharist**

Cost to Attend: \$14.00 (Pay at Door)

Hosted by the Companions of Pauline

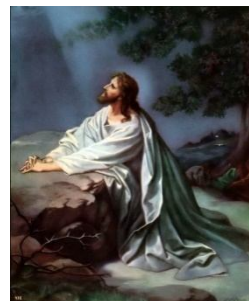
*For Reservations please contact:*

*Dottie Peiffer – 717 994-1927*

*Wendy Vogt – 717 348-0931*

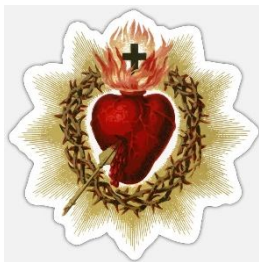
*Pat Czerniakowski – 717 437-6773*

**Registration Deadline is February 23<sup>rd</sup>**



Sacred Heart will be holding a short 5-Week Lenten Bible Study on the **"The Sorrowful Mysteries"** each Sunday from 9 AM - 10 AM in the Parish Office beginning **February 18<sup>th</sup> through March 17<sup>th</sup>**. No need to sign up, just join us when you can. Questions? Contact Sue Parzanese at 717 250-6044.





### Catholic Information Night

Those curious about the Catholic Church can attend an information night, Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, at the Lumina Center, 18 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lewistown, PA. Fr. William Weary and Fr.

Richard Groff, priests at Sacred Heart Church, Lewistown, will give brief presentations, followed by a question-and-answer session. All are invited. Please call the Sacred Heart Church office at 717-242-2781 to register, although walk-ins are welcome.

### Lenten Fish Dinner



Available every Friday February 9<sup>th</sup> through

March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4 PM - 7 PM  
at Saint Jude Catholic Church

\$15 for Adults,

\$6 for Kids 6-12 years old.

Kid 5 and under eat FREE.

Sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus

### New Lenten Materials Are Available

A limited supply of the new edition of **The Word Among Us for Lent** is available in the Narthex.



## NET MINISTRIES

The **NET Ministries** day retreat for youth on **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** at St. Jude Parish Hall in Mifflintown has been **cancelled** and will be rescheduled at a later date.

### 2024 Diocesan Annual Campaign

The 2024 Diocesan Annual Campaign, **Nourished by Faith**, has begun. Because of the generosity of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg, our 2023 effort was remarkable with 75 parishes reaching and exceeding their goals. As we come together in the faith, the combined gifts of the faithful in our Diocese provide the needed financial support for the more than 90 ministries and programs offered throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg. These programs which received funding are humbled by the interest in and support of their efforts. From Evangelization efforts, to the many social service programs offered by Catholic Charities, to ongoing education and formation for our seminarians, clergy and ordained deacons, to support for Catholic education, your gift does make a difference. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year to ensure that the mission of the Church is fulfilled.

### Lenten Penance Service will be held **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**



at **7:00 PM** at Sacred Heart. St. Jude will hold theirs at 3 PM. What a wonderful way to begin your Lenten journey by receiving the special graces only forgiveness can bring!

### Synod on Synodality-Ongoing Engagement



THE DIOCESE  
OF HARRISBURG

Participate in a follow up discussion to contribute to the October Assembly in Rome. Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM via Zoom

Registration: [www.hbgdiocese.org/synod](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/synod)



### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday – Friday 7:30 AM- 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



### **CALENDAR RAFFLE**

SHS/HSA will be holding a Calendar Raffle for the month of March. **Calendars will be sold at the school office for \$10 each.** Gift cards or items worth \$25 or more are donated. Each date has a particular item associated with it and we will have a student draw a name for each day.

SAVE THE DATE

## MEN'S CONFERENCE

ST. JOSEPH: THE CARPENTER'S TABLE

FEATURING

JON LEONETTI CATHOLIC SPEAKER, BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, RADIO HOST  KEYNOTE	REVEREND JOSHUA CAVENDER BREAKOUT  DEACON ARMANDO TORRES BREAKOUT
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APRIL 20, 2024  
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM | DIOCESAN CENTER  
REGISTER TODAY: [WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/MEN](http://WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/MEN)



Small text: "The required minimum number of attendees is 100. If you are unable to attend, please let us know." and "Small text: 'I am a member of the Diocese of Harrisburg and I am proud to be a part of it.'" data-bbox="68 875 95 955"/>