

## January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Tithing income for the week of December 24, 2023:

Regular: \$5,089.00

Loose: \$4,409.32

ONLINE GIVING: \$2,316.00

Tithing income December 24, 2023: \$11,814.32

Tithing income December 25, 2022: \$7,745.00

Tithing income Christmas Nativity 2023: \$8,881.00

Tithing income Christmas Nativity 2022: \$7,797.00

Mass Attendance for December 24, 2023 240

Mass Attendance for December 24<sup>th</sup>- 4 PM 190

Mass Attendance for December 24<sup>th</sup>- 10 PM 145

Mass Attendance for December 25, 2023 72

Mass Attendance for December 25, 2022 74

Tithing income for the week of December 31, 2023:

Regular: \$2,971.25

Loose: \$ 639.00

ONLINE GIVING: \$1,294.00

Tithing income December 31, 2023: \$4,904.25

Tithing income January 1, 2023: \$5,204.38

Mass Attendance for December 31, 2023 274

Mass Attendance for January 1, 2023 294

#### Tithe for December 24, 2023

St. Vincent dePaul Society \$590.50

United Way Energy Bank \$590.50

#### Tithe for December 25, 2023 (Christmas) \$888.00

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (1/3), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), Catholic Near East (CNEWA) (2/3)

#### Tithe for December 31, 2023

Salvation Army \$490.00

#### Tithe for January 1, 2024 (Solemnity of Mary)

Habitat for Humanity \$ 87.00

#### Tithe for January 7, 2024

Lumina Center

#### Tithe for January 14, 2024

Hand to Hand Mission to Haiti

Aid to Catholic Church in Europe, Latin America, Africa

### FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

**"You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit. It was not made known to people of other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."**

On this day when we commemorate the coming of the Magi, the Wise Men, with three gifts, and their discovery of Mary with the child, we ask what that means for me today. Saint Paul speaks of three things. We are coheirs' of the gift of grace and redemption. We are, as he states in his letters, 'members of the body of Christ', and copartners.

We have been gifted, but also become responsible to bring what has been given to others. This responsibility is an awesome task for which we are held accountable. We learned the three kings returned home, and have heard nothing more about their experience. That cannot be what is expected of us, who discover the presence of the Lord and the protection of His Mother.

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.



## LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the  
Intentions  the Week



### Saturday, January 6: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;  
Mark 1:7-11

4:00 PM Thomas Bell from K of C #1338

### Sunday, January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Ann Smith from Bob & Judy Peters

### Monday, January 8: The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10;

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11

8:00 AM Anna Santora from Annie Hallinger

### Tuesday, January 9: Weekday

1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;  
Mark 1:21-28

8:00 AM Sr. Mary Zavacky

### Wednesday, January 10: Weekday

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9,  
10; Mark 1:29-39

7:00 PM Kenneth Swartzell from Del & Rose Guerrini

### Thursday, January 11: Weekday

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
Mark 1:40-45

9:00 AM Special Intentions of Jeanne Connors

In Memory/Honor of SHS Memorial Society Members

### Friday, January 12: Weekday

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19;  
Mark 2:1-12

8:00 AM Raymond Showers from Anne Marie Showers

### Saturday, January 13: Weekday

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

4:00 PM Carrie, John & Jan Banik from Denny & Jane  
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### Sunday, January 14: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

7:30 AM Elizabeth Litzinger from the Litzinger Family

11:00 AM People of the Parish



## Calendar of Events

### Saturday 1/6/24

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

### Sunday 1/7/24 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Youth Group/6:00PM/Church Basement

### Monday 1/8/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church



### Tuesday 1/9/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church

### Wednesday 1/10/24

Confessions/6:30PM/Church

Mass/7:00PM/Church

### Thursday 1/11/24

Mass/ 9:00AM/Church

RCIA/7:00PM/Parish Office

### Friday 1/12/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church

### Saturday 1/13/24

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

### Sunday 1/14/24 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass/7:30AM/Church

Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office

CCD/9:00AM/Church

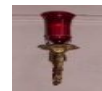
Mass/11:00AM/Church

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

No Youth Group



The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of January 7th  
burns in loving memory of  
Sister Agnes Peiffer, OCD  
From Denny & Dottie Peiffer



**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates  
are available: February 11, 18 & 25 and March 3 & 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:  
**January 14, & 21 and February 4, 11, 18 & 25.**

### **Year-End Tax Statements**

Please contact the Parish Office at  
717-242-2781 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.



**MARCH for LIFE**

There is a bus trip being  
planned to attend the  
March for Life in  
Washington DC on  
January 19, 2024. A

sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Deadline to sign-up  
is January 12, 2024 and seating is limited. Meet at St.  
Jude's Social Hall before 6:30 AM. We will also be  
visiting Mount St. Mary's Grotto. March for Life is 1-3  
PM. Estimated arrival back is 9 PM. Bring money for  
dinner on way home. Lunch is provided.



### Ministry Schedule: January 6 – January 7

**Sat. 4:00 PM**

**Greeter:** Diane Bray, Al Specht

**Lector:** Pete O'Donnell

**EMHC:** Nora Torquato

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

**Altar Server:** Daniel McMonigal

**Cantor:** Rose Guerrini

**Sun. 7:30 AM Epiphany of the Lord**

**Greeter:** Donath Korbich, Penny Nerhood

**Lector:** Bill Napikoski

**EMHC:** Mike Leeper

**Knight of the Holy Temple: Unfilled**

**Altar Server:** Anthony Palopoli

**Cantor:** Mary Smith

**Sun. 11:00 AM Epiphany of the Lord**

**Greeter:** Keith & Kathy Duff

**Lector:** Jean Mank

**EMHC:** Wendy Vogt

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

**Altar Server:** Kenneth Shank

**Cantor:** Dr. Michael Murray

**Ministry Schedule: January 13 – January 14**

**Sat. 4:00 PM**

**Greeter:** Ken Johnson, Steven Lilley

**Lector:** Barbara Bratton

**EMHC:** Joann Loht

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

**Altar Server:** Kenneth Swartzell

**Cantor:** Katie Swartzell

**Sun. 7:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Kim Napikoski, Linda Treaster

**Lector:** Don Spangler

**EMHC:** Bill Napikoski

**Knight of the Holy Temple: Unfilled**

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

**Cantor:** Cathy Stout

**Sun. 11:00 AM**

**Greeter:** Del Guerrini, Donna Sheaffer

**Lector:** Cathy Michaels

**EMHC:** Christina Stryker

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

**Altar Server:** Kenneth Shank

**Cantor:** Rose Guerrini



Epiphany



### PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God our Father, we thank you for protecting us and bringing us safely through another year. Help us to grow not only in body, but also in heart and mind. May we look upon each new day as another chance to follow you more closely. As the new year unfolds, may we be more merciful towards others and more generous in serving you. Amen.

We are still in need of personal care items such as **shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, as well as diapers size two and three.** Donations can be dropped off at the St. Vincent DePaul office or placed in the basket in the narthex.

### Youth Group News



The Youth Group Meetings will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the church basement.



Epiphany



### CATECHISM in a YEAR -- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School Class will resume Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the Parish Office.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who volunteered their time and talent during this year's Christmas Masses at Sacred Heart. Thank you to our Sacristans, Adult and Children's Choir Directors, Choir Members,

Organists, EMHC's, Altar Servers, Knights of the Holy Temple, St. Michael's Guardsman, Lectors, Greeters, Cantors and Ushers for your willingness to serve at Sacred Heart. Thank you also to those who helped to decorate the Church and Rectory, made and served food for the Cantare Singers, Rectory Open House and the Youth Group Caroling. Our church family would not be a family without all of these dedicated members. We pray that throughout 2024 our parish continues to thrive with the love of Jesus.



Help is needed to take down the Church Christmas decorations on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, following the 8 AM Mass. Any help, especially those able to use ladders and lift heavier items would be greatly appreciated.



# Epiphany House Blessings for 2024 are available in the Narthex.



## 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



### Sacred Heart School Angel Fund

You will find nicely decorated apples in the Narthex. These apples were decorated by the students of SHS in hopes that you will make a gift to the SHS Angel Fund. The SHS Angel Fund provides scholarships and financial assistance to children who attend our school. If you would like to make a donation, you can make checks payable to **Sacred Heart School with Angel Fund** in the memo and placing it in the collection basket, mailing it to the school or you can go online to [sacredheartschool.com](https://sacredheartschool.com) and make an online donation. Donations to the SHS Angel Fund are accepted at any time during the year; however, if you are able, we encourage you to participate at this time. **Consider using your 5% tithe to other charitable organizations to participate, if possible. Thanks for your support of SHS!**

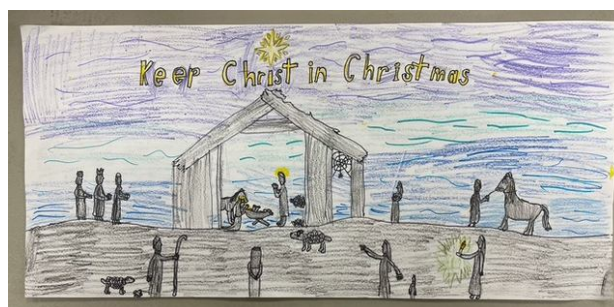


**Update:** Please contact the school office if you are interested in ordering any gift cards in January. This is a year round fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

**Congratulations** to Sacred Heart School Students **Molly Fornwalt, Grade 3** and **Hannah Russler, Grade 5** who were winners of the “Keep Christ in Christmas” Billboard Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #1388. Each student received a \$50 gift card and their billboard design can be seen around Lewistown in two locations!



**Molly Fornwalt**



**Hannah Russler**



### Save the Date

**SHS Gala:**

**Diamond Jubilee:**

**Celebrating 75 years of Catholic Education at SHS, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Lewistown Country Club. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office; prices are \$60 per person through Jan. 26th and \$70 Jan. 27th thru Feb. 1st.**

