

March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

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

Tithing income for the week of February 25, 2024:

Regular: \$3,835.25
Loose: \$ 741.00
ONLINE GIVING: \$ 856.00
Tithing income February 25, 2024: \$5,432.25
Tithing income February 26, 2023: \$6,021.25

Mass Attendance for February 25, 2024 285
Mass Attendance for February 26, 2023 288

Tithe for February 25, 2024

Catholic Volunteer Network \$543

Tithe for March 3, 2024

St. Vincent DePaul Society
Diocesan Annual Campaign (envelope)

Tithe for March 10, 2024

Diocesan Disaster Relief Fund



Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish,
Thank you for your generous donation of **\$1,521** in 2023 to Food for the Poor. Whether you gave to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, provide access to water or gave in other important ways, your kindness reflects the glory of the Lord. There is still much work to be done in His vineyard. Thank you for helping families and communities in need in 2023 and please continue to be as generous as you can in 2024.

United in God's work,
Ed Raine
President & CEO

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.

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024

"In those days God delivered all these commandments: 'I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me...' 'But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.'"

Moses and the tablets of stone are known to us, yet we sometimes tend to just pass over what is demanded of us. They are neither recommendations or suggestions but commandments, rules for our living. We cannot choose just one or another; they are a complete package, telling us how to live. The first three deal with our relationship with God, the second seven with our relationship with others, two sides of the same coin. They are not prohibitions but can be summarized in the single word – RESPECT. Take a minute to see that we are not following other gods or idols, but each day as we live our Lenten lives, we are living the ten or the two Jesus gave us to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. 'A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE YOU, LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.'

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, March 2: Lenten Weekday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

4:00 PM Mary Earley from Helen Lodanosky

Sunday, March 3: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Frank & Marie Guerrini from Del & Rose Guerrini

Monday, March 4: Lenten Weekday

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Luke 4:24-30

8:00 AM Janice Kibler White from Marlyn & Pat Anna

Tuesday, March 5: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9;
Matthew 18:21-35

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

Wednesday, March 6: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Matthew 5:17-19

7:00 PM Special Intention from Anne Marie Showers

Thursday, March 7: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Luke 11:14-23

9:00 AM Special Intentions of Fr. Peter Rettig from the Companions of Pauline

In Memory/Honor of SHS Memorial Society Members

Friday, March 8: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mark 12:28-34

8:00 AM Robert Rosenberry, Sr. from Kathie Tice

Saturday, March 9: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab;
Luke 18:9-14

4:00 PM Rita Porpotage-Norbury from siblings, Mary Lou & Joe

Sunday, March 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Fr. John Schmalhofer from Mary Lou Sigler

Calendar of Events

Saturday 3/2/24

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

Sunday 3/3/24 – Third Sunday of Lent

Mass/7:30AM/Church

Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office

CCD/9:00AM/Church/ Confession Grades 3-5

Mass/11:00AM/Church

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

Lenten Penance Service/3:00PM/St. Jude

Lenten Penance Service/7:00 PM/Sacred Heart

THIRD SUNDAY IN
LENT

No Youth Group

Monday 3/4/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Catholic Information Night/6:30PM/Lumina Center

Tuesday 3/5/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Wednesday 3/6/24

Confessions/6:30PM/Church

Mass/7:00PM/Church

Adult Choir/7:30PM/Church

Thursday 3/7/24

Mass/ 9:00AM/Church

RCIA/7:00PM/Parish Office

Friday 3/8/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Stations of the Cross/7:00PM/Church

Saturday 3/9/24

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

Sunday 3/10/24 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass/7:30AM/Church

Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office

CCD/9:00AM/Church/Confession Grades 6-7

Mass/11:00AM/Church

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

No Youth Group



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of March 3rd
burns in loving memory of

Tom Zanylo

From his sister, Connie Mitchell



Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: March 17 and April 21 & 28.

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 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 25th 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, body wash etc. Also needed are Pull-Ups. For more info, call us at (717) 363-4812. Thank you.



Ministry Schedule: March 2 – March 3

Sat. 4:00 PM

Greeter: Ken Johnson, Steven Lilley

Lector: Bernie Howard

EMHC: Christina Stryker

Knight of the Holy Temple: Tristen Kline

Altar Server: Daniel McMonigal

Cantor: Rose Guerrini

Sun. 7:30 AM

Greeter: Norma Andrie, Linda Treaster

Lector: Bill Napikoski

EMHC: Mario Andrie

Knight of the Holy Temple: Unfilled

Altar Server: Caroline Palopoli

Cantor: Mary Smith

Sun. 11:00 AM

Greeter: Denny & Dottie Peiffer

Lector: Jean Mank

EMHC: Joann Loht

Knight of the Holy Temple: Landon Mazur

Altar Server: Kenneth Shank

Cantor: Sacred Heart Choir

Ministry Schedule: March 9 – March 10

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: Gino Zannino

Sun. 7:30 AM

Greeter: Kim Napikoski, Penny Nerhood

Lector: Don Spangler

EMHC: Bill Napikoski

Knight of the Holy Temple: Unfilled

Altar Server: Robert Auker Jr.

Cantor: Dave Smeal

Sun. 11:00 AM

Greeter: Keith & Kathy Duff

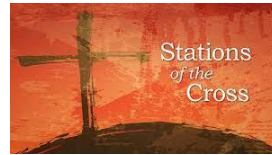
Lector: Jeff Michaels

EMHC: Greg DeVecchis

Knight of the Holy Temple: Matthew Murray

Altar Server: Ellie Tressler

Cantor: Dr. Michael Murray



Beginning Friday, February 16th, 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.

Lenten Penance Service will be held **Sunday, March 3rd 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!

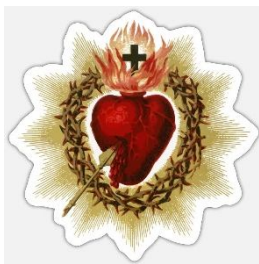


Good Friday Cross Walk – March 29th

Stations of the Cross Worship Service 11 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Community Cross Walk at 12 Noon. Meet outside Sacred Heart Church.

Good Friday, March 29th is a day of fast and abstinence, meaning only 1 full meal for that day, and no meat eaten at all. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Lenten resolutions are optional but highly recommended as sacrifices, promoting spiritual health and generosity. One should ask God in prayer as to what God wants the resolution to be. Lenten resolutions are personal, in consultation with God. Christians fasting and sacrificing should strive to maintain charity and cheerfulness toward all during Lenten resolutions.





Catholic Information Night

Those curious about the Catholic Church can attend an information night, Monday, March 4th, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, at the Lumina Center, 18 E. 3rd 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



LENTEN DINNERS

Available every Friday,
February 9th through
March 22nd 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



Sacred Heart School

Interested in joining the SHS Family?

Enrolling now
for the
2024-2025
school year

Visit us at one of the following:

Open Houses:

Wed. March 13 - 10am-6pm

or

Thurs. March 21 - 5:30 -7pm

Unable to join us or interested in a
private tour?

Call 717-248-5351 or

E-Mail:

development@sacredheartschool.com



Youth Protection Program

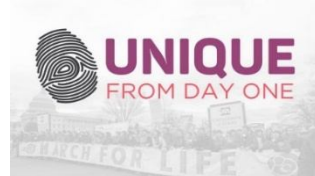
Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313. To report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer, also please call the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection toll free number: 1-800-626-1608 or email: ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org.

Mifflin and Juniata Citizens Concerned for Human Life will host the **Annual Lewistown March for Life on Sunday, March 17, 2024 beginning at 1:00 PM.** All

are invited to walk with us from Sacred Heart Church, 3rd and Dorcas Streets, Lewistown, to Bethel AME H.O.P.E. Center, 23 Juniata Street., Lewistown.

More information to follow as details become available. Help us celebrate the gift of all stages of life, from conception to natural death. For more information, contact Mary Smith at 717-994-1941.



Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

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

Register NOW for the 2024-25 Academic Year!

Sacred Heart School is now accepting registrations for grades K-5 for the 2024-2025 school year! Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2024. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available.** To schedule a visit or to learn more please call SHS at 717-248-5351 or email development@sacredheartschool.com.

All faiths are welcome.



CALENDAR RAFFLE

SHS/HSA will be holding a Calendar Raffle for the month of March. 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. **Good Luck!!**