

November 19, 2023 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tithing income for the week of November 12, 2023:

Regular: \$3,940.00
Loose: \$1,296.00
ONLINE GIVING: \$1,710.00
Tithing income November 12, 2023: \$6,946.00
Tithing income November 13, 2022: \$5,857.25

Mass Attendance for November 12, 2023 301
Mass Attendance for November 13, 2022 254

Tithe for November 12, 2023

Cross Catholic Outreach \$695

Tithe for November 19, 2023

Expectations Women's Center, Samaritan's Purse
Matthew 25 (envelope)

Tithe for November 26, 2023

Life Outreach International
St. Mary's of the Angels Soup Kitchen

Matthew 25 Collection

Please be generous in your financial and spiritual support for the Matthew 25 Collection this weekend. Our parish retains 25% of your gift to provide immediate assistance to our brothers and sisters who need housing assistance, warm clothes for the winter months and a nutritious meal. Over the past five years, **more than \$1.04 million has been provided to local organizations in the Diocese of Harrisburg, with over \$329,230 returned to parishes** for their work in providing food, clothing, and shelter. Gifts can be made via cash, check or credit cards. Visit www.hbgdiocese.org/matthew25 to make an online gift and for more information.



The Parish Office will be closed
Thursday, November 23rd &
Friday, November 24th in
observance of Thanksgiving.
The office will reopen on Monday,
November 27th at 8:30 AM.

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

"Immediately the one who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole and buried his master's money. Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given... but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

God has endowed us with a variety of gifts or as the word of the gospel state, talents. Some have more, others less, but in the eyes of God He wants us to acknowledge them and use them well. Two words which come to mind, both for the church, its leaders and politicians as well are transparency and accountability. But these are words which apply to our own Christian lives. What gifts I have been given, and go unused? How many people are in need of my hands and heart asking, without knowing it, that I share my gift with them? It may be the virtue of kindness, compassion, material or physical needs, but they are mine to give as I make Jesus' love present to them. I do not want to bury the one thing someone else needs. What is it that I have to give to the Lord through them?

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

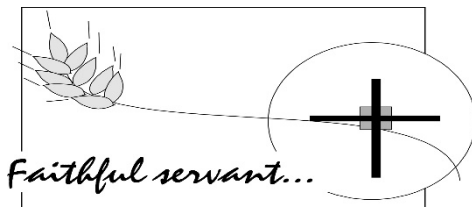
An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are "children of light."

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, November 18: Weekday

Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Luke 18:1-8

4:00 PM Mark Ryan from wife, Adelaide

Sunday, November 19: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

7:30 AM Ann H. Smith from Kathie Tice

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, November 20: Weekday

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;

Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Luke 18:35-43

8:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55; Matthew 12:46-50

8:00 AM Richard & Elizabeth Showers from Anne Marie Showers

Wednesday, November 22: Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

Hosea 2:16bc, 17cd, 21-22; Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Matthew 25:1-13

7:00 PM Albert & Justine Baronas from Alice Montgomery

Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Day

1 Kings 8:55-61; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Matthew 7:7-11

9:00 AM People of the Parish

In Memory/Honor of SHS Memorial Society Members

Friday, November 24: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Matthew 10:17-22

8:00 AM Helen Berich from her Daughter

Saturday, November 25: Weekday

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalm 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19; Luke 20:27-40

4:00 PM William & Florence Worstall from Del & Rose Guerrini

Sunday, November 26: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

7:30 AM Mary Esposito from Annie Hallinger

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Mass/11:00AM/Church

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

No Youth Group

Monday 11/20/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Tuesday 11/21/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Wednesday 11/22/23

Confessions/6:30PM/Church

Mass/7:00PM/Church

No Adult Choir

Thursday 11/23/23 – Thanksgiving Day

Mass/9:00AM/Church

SHS Closed

Parish Office Closed

No RCIA

Friday 11/24/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church

SHS Closed

Parish Office Closed

Saturday 11/25/23

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

Sunday 11/26/23 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass/7:30AM/Church

No Adult Sunday School

No CCD Class

Mass/11:00AM/Church

No Children's Choir Practice

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

No Youth Group





The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of November 19th
burns in Loving Memory of
Stella Dulack
From Daughter, Cathy Reifsteck



Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: January 21 and February 11, 18 and 25.



The Sanctuary Flowers for the week of November 19th are in loving memory of Doris Jordan From her Family



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: December 17 and January 7, 14, 21 & 28.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet on Sunday, November 26, due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Class will resume Sunday, December 3rd

Calendar of Events

Saturday 11/18/23

SVDP Community Meal/11:00AM/SHS Cafeteria

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

Sunday 11/19/23 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass/7:30AM/Church

Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office

CCD Class/9:00AM/Sacred Heart School





Ministry Schedule: November 18 – November 19

Sat. 4:00 PM

Greeter: Ken Johnson, Steven Lilley

Lector: Barbara Bratton

EMHC: Christina Stryker

Knights of the Holy Temple: Tristen Kline

Altar Server: Daniel McMonigal

Cantor: Unfilled

Sun. 7:30 AM

Greeter: Donath Korbich, Penny Nerhood

Lector: Don Spangler

EMHC: John Maroney

Knights of the Holy Temple: Unfilled

Altar Server: Unfilled

Cantor: Mary Smith

Sun. 11:00 AM

Greeter: Judy DeVecchis, Judith Stroup

Lector: Jean Mank

EMHC: Greg DeVecchis

Knights of the Holy Temple: Landon Mazur

Altar Server: Kenneth Shank

Cantor: Unfilled

Ministry Schedule: November 23

Thur. 9:00 AM –Thanksgiving Day

Greeter: Denny & Dottie Peiffer

Lector: Judy Sieber

Knight of the Holy Temple: Unfilled

Altar Server: Unfilled

EHMC: Joann Loht

Cantor: Unfilled



Ministry Schedule: November 25 – November 26

Sat. 4:00 PM

Greeter: Diane Bray, Al Specht

Lector: Pete O'Donnell

EMHC: Christina Stryker

Knights of the Holy Temple: Tristen Kline

Altar Server: Ethan McMonigal

Cantor: Gino Zannino

Sun. 7:30 AM

Greeter: Norma Andrie, Linda Treaster

Lector: Jean Mank

EMHC: Mario Andrie

Knights of the Holy Temple: Unfilled

Altar Server: Robert Aufer, Jr.

Cantor: Mary Smith

Sun. 11:00 AM

Greeter: Christine Fultz, Shannon Gingerich

Lector: Cathy Michaels

EMHC: Mike Leeper

Knights of the Holy Temple: Matthew Murray

Altar Server: Ellie Tressler

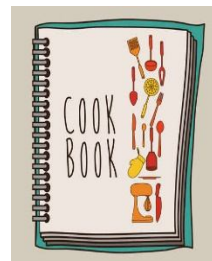
Cantor: Unfilled

Christmas Basket Collection

St. Vincent dePaul Society is collecting canned goods and other items for our Christmas Basket Giveaway. We will be distributing 100 baskets on Saturday, December 16th. Please be generous to help those less fortunate. We are in need of Turkeys, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Stuffing, Boxed Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Canned Pumpkin, Pie Shells, Corn, Green Beans, Cake Mix, Canned Frosting, Soups, Jell-O or Pudding mix, Canned or Bottled Gravy and Candy Canes or monetary donations. We would like the donations to be to us by **Monday, December 11th**. Contributions should be dropped off at the SVDP office at 3 W Monument Square, Suite 203 on Tuesdays or Fridays. Questions call (717) 363-4812 or email us at stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com



Thank you for your support and generosity!



We at St Vincent dePaul would like to thank all those parishioners who donated recipes and purchased cookbooks! They have been sent to the publisher and will be here mid-December. We will have extra to sell. A special thanks to Nan Yeater for her hard work in organizing and doing all the typing.



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. They can be dropped off at the office or placed in the basket in the narthex.

Advent by Candlelight

The Women's Guild of St. Jude Parish would like to cordially invite the ladies of St. Jude Parish, Sacred Heart Parish, and Sacred Heart School to attend the 2nd Annual Advent by Candlelight on Friday, December 1st, for an evening of preparation for the Advent Season. The event's keynote speaker is Melissa Maleski. Her talk is entitled: "Pour Forth Into the Silence: An Advent Reflection on the Holy Spirit's Gifts to Mary and Joseph".



There will be music, socializing and confession. The event will begin at 6 pm (Doors open at 5:30) and will conclude at 9 pm.

Proceeds from the event will go in support of Sacred Heart School so we ask for a \$10 donation from participants. There will also be gift basket raffles and door prizes. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Megan Miller at mfitzzy6@hotmail.com or 717-363-7319. If you are interested in hosting a table, please contact Megan. ****To ensure that we have seats for everyone please RSVP by November 22, 2023.****



Children's Choir practices for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will be held from 12:30 -1:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft on the following dates:

Sunday, November 19

Sunday, December 3

Sunday, December 10

Sunday, December 17

All children in grades 1-8 are invited to join. The children's choir will sing at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

For questions, please contact Cathy Stout at 814-360-4268.



St Vincent dePaul will be placing a Christmas Giving Tree in the church beginning **November 18th through December 4th**. Pick a tag and shop for the local needy. **We will need the gifts returned to the St. Vincent dePaul Office at 3 W. Monument Square, Suite**

203. We are under a strict guideline this year and will need the gifts by Wednesday, December 6th! If you have any questions, please contact our Chairperson, Sue Reinke at 717 437-6742 or call the SVDP office at 717 363-4812. Help us to help others have a Merry and Bright Christmas.



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

This weekend 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 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!**

SHS Celebrates 75 Years of Catholic Education:



For those of you who weren't aware, Sacred Heart School of Lewistown is celebrating their 75th Year during the upcoming 2023-24 school year. While many special things will be going on during the year to commemorate this

great achievement, we would like to plan a celebration for the school in the spring.

If you would like to help in planning this event, please let us know. We will keep you updated on future planning meetings. We welcome participation in the planning from all groups associated with the school - families, alumni, faculty, school board, and both parishes.

Please consider participating in this endeavor with us as we celebrate our school. If you have any questions, or wish to help and aren't able to be at a meeting please contact Megan Miller at 717-363-7319 or by email at mfitzy6@hotmail.com.



RaiseRight

Formerly ShopWithScrip

RaiseRight, formerly SCRIP, is a wonderful fundraiser for our school. Families purchase gift cards for everyday expenses (i.e. groceries, gas, clothing, eating out) or gifts for holidays (i.e. Christmas, Birthdays, Mother's Day, and Father's Day) and HSA receives a percentage of each purchase. Percentages vary based on the company. The money HSA receives goes back to the school for assemblies, playground improvement, teacher expenses, etc. There are over 750 brands from which you can purchase gift cards. You can purchase gift cards 3 different ways:

1. Fill out a form available in the Narthex. Send it into the school or the Parish Office with cash or a check made out to SHS-HSA.
2. Download the app or go to RaiseRight.com and order gift cards. You can choose to have the gift cards shipped to you or to the school. There is a small fee to have the gift cards shipped to you and there is a small fee to pay for your order through the website or app.
3. Download the app or go to RaiseRight.com and order e-gift cards or reloadable cards. These cards are made available to you immediately. There is a small fee to pay for orders through the website or app.

The RaiseRight enrollment code for SHS is:

986DCAA961532

The order deadline is December 4th

Thank you for your support. Happy Shopping!



Sacred Heart School will have an early dismissal on Wednesday November 22nd and will be closed through

Tuesday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving. School will resume on Wednesday, November 29th.