

Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS, LEWISTOWN | SAINT JUDE THADDEUS, MIFFLINTOWN

JANUARY 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WELCOME

We're glad you're here! No matter who you are, where you come from, or where you are on your journey of faith, please know that you are welcome here.

Sacred Heart Parish, Lewistown, and Saint Jude Parish, Mifflintown, are two separate Catholic parish communities in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Our shared office space is located in Lewistown, PA.

PARISH

Sacred Heart & Saint Jude Parish Office
9 N. Brown St.
Lewistown, PA 17044
717-242-2781

Mon-Thurs: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Fri: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Office hours are available by phone or in person at our Lewistown office.

SCHOOL

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CONFESION

The Sacrament of Confession is offered at 3:00 pm on Saturdays at Sacred Heart, Lewistown, and at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays and 8:30 am on Sundays at St. Jude, Mifflintown. Appointments for confession can be made by calling the Parish Office.

BULLETIN REQUESTS

Please submit bulletin requests to Ashley Henry at development@sacredheartschool.com at least 8 days before the Sunday of publication. Submissions may be edited or abbreviated.



INFORMATION CENTER

ALTAR FLOWERS

We invite you to honor or remember a loved one by sponsoring altar flowers throughout the year. The Parish Office will coordinate all flower memorial orders with our local florists. If you would like to sponsor flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. Checks may be made payable to the Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Anyone may request a Mass to be said for a deceased family member or friend.
- Intentions are \$10 per Mass
- Intentions are printed weekly in the church bulletin.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Porpotage who entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, December 16th. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

HELP IS HERE FOR YOU

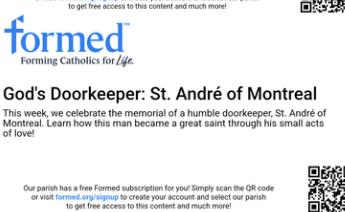
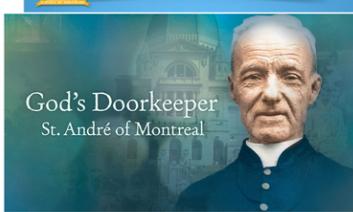
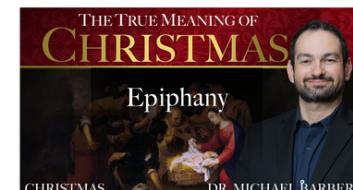
Counseling Services:

Diocese of Harrisburg Catholic Charities
Capital Region Counseling Office
Kelly Bolton, LSW
939 East Park Drive, Suite 101
717-233-7978
kbolton@cchbg.org



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Formed is free to all parishioners at both Sacred Heart and St. Jude. Simply visit formed.org and click sign up to see what they have to offer!



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptism workshops are offered for parents each month. To register for a workshop, please contact the Parish Office. Once you complete a workshop, we can schedule your child's baptism.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you still in need of a few sacraments? Are you an adult who would like to be baptized, confirmed, or receive Communion in the Church? Through preparation and formation, teens and adults are invited to discover the teachings of the Catholic faith and come to know Jesus in the Eucharist. Our Parish Office can help guide you in your next steps to become Catholic.

HOLY MATRIMONY & CONVALIDATION

If you would like to be married in the Catholic Church or if you are currently married civilly and would like your marriage to be convalidated (blessed by the church), contact the Parish Office to get started in a new engaging preparation program. We will need 9 months notice to schedule a Wedding Mass or Ceremony.

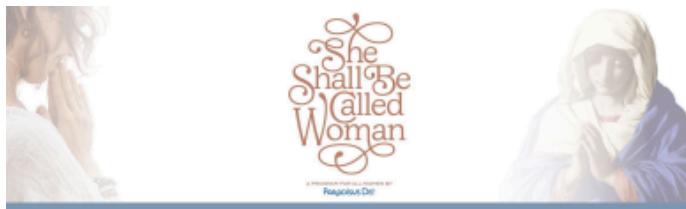
ANOINTING OF THE SICK & LAST RITES

Anyone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery may schedule a sacramental anointing by calling the Parish Office. If someone is in danger of death, please contact the Parish Office and choose the emergency option.



SACRED HEART PARISH

106 N. DORCAS ST., LEWISTOWN, PA | SACREDHEARTLEWISTOWN.COM



SEASON TWO TEN VIRTUES of MARY

The Blessed Mother is our perfect example of what it is to be a woman in love with the Lord. Saint Louis de Montfort defined ten virtues that Mary exhibited that define her life. These virtues are challenging, but they are not impossible. This season will shed light on each of these virtues while offering a roadmap to holiness. Each session provides a practical framework so you can deepen your prayer life, improve your relationships, and enrich your family life.



SARAH SWAFFORD
Speaker & Founder
Unshakable Virtue Ministries



ALICIA BENSON
Culinary Mom Family Prayer



KATIE HARTFIELD
Content Coordinator
She Shall Be Called Woman



Sr. ALEXANDRA ZALDIVAR
Review of the Pierced Hearts
of Jesus and Mary



JORDAN LAVOIE
CEO
Families in Guidance



ELISA CROTTER
Catholic Speaker & Author

GROW IN VIRTUE

EACH SESSION OFFERS:

ENCOUNTER: "Learning how I can relate to the life of Mary and practice the virtues she exhibited really helped me grow in my spiritual life."

MESSAGE: "The speakers are so genuine and presented concrete ideas that I could apply to my daily life. I learned so much!"

FELLOWSHIP: "I loved listening to other women share their faith, ideas, and insights on life. SHE has really helped me grow!"

TWO NEW SEASONS
AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

9 Sessions on TUESDAY Evenings
Begins January 13th, 2026
Sacred Heart/St Jude Parishes
SHS School Cafeteria

SCHEDULE:

6:30 PM Fellowship
7:00 PM Video Presentation
7:30 PM Small Group
8:00 PM Dismissal

REGISTRATION:

Scan the QR Code to register
or reach out to Adrienne at
the Parish Office to sign up!
717-242-2781 or
azannino@hbgdiocese.org



DISCOVER FORMED *Catholic Faith on Demand*

Sacred Heart and St. Jude Parishes are excited to offer all parishioners free access to FORMED, an online platform filled with inspiring Catholic content for all ages. Enjoy movies, audio talks, Bible studies, e-books, and children's programs, all designed to help you grow in your faith and deepen your relationship with Christ.

You can watch at home, on your phone, or anywhere you go!

Visit formed.org and search for Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish to sign up and start exploring today. FORMED, faith formation made simple, engaging, and accessible for the whole family.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE NEED SOUP MAKERS!



VISIT THE WEBSITE TO
SIGN UP TO HELP



SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown

Saturday, Jan. 3 rd	4:00 pm Charles, Margaret, & Thomas Bell
Sunday, Jan. 4 th	11:00 am People of the Parish
Thursday, Jan. 8 th	9:00 am Bernie Miklos Sr.
Friday, Jan. 9 th	9:00 am Delores Wagner
Saturday, Jan. 3 rd	4:00 pm Joseph Tice Jr.
Sunday, Jan. 4 th	11:00 am Tom & Marge Connare

STEWARDSHIP

December 21st: TBA

December 28th: TBA

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal: \$36,246.43

Total Committed: \$47,040.00

Donations Received: \$46,242.00

ST. JUDE PARISH

3918 WILLIAM PENN HWY., MIFFLINTOWN, PA | STJUDEMIFFLINTOWN.COM

SERVE WITH JOY THIS JANUARY

Volunteers Needed for the Food Pantry

Saint Jude Thaddeus Parish is seeking volunteers to help at the Food Pantry throughout the month of January. Your time and support make a meaningful difference for our neighbors in need.

Volunteer Days & Times:

Saturdays • 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

(Please arrive by 8:15 AM for a brief training and updates.)

Volunteer Duties Include:

- Assisting clients with shopping
- Stocking shelves
- Helping carry groceries to vehicles

Up to four volunteers are needed each Saturday, and teen volunteers are welcome. Please sign up by writing your name and phone number next to your preferred date(s) and time(s) in the narthex.

Location & Parking:

Volunteer parking is available behind the Food Pantry building on Front St.

Please enter through the basement door.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled time, please call Glenda Fultz at the Food Pantry (717-436-9718) at least one day in advance.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED!

Thinking about Foster Care?

Attend orientation with us!

There are children in our community who need a safe, loving place to call home. If you feel called to open your heart and home to a foster child, Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care is here to walk with you every step of the way.

If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support you need - training, guidance, and ongoing care to help you and the child thrive.

 **Virtual Information/Orientation Session**

 **January 7, 2026**

 **5:30 PM**

 **Call: (717) 564-7115**

 **Email: gpfeifer@cchbg.org**

Your "yes" can make a lasting difference. Learn more and take the first step today.

ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown

Sunday, Jan. 4 th	9:00 am Charles Ames
Monday, Jan. 5 th	9:00 am Sr. Cleta Reinberg
Wednesday, Jan. 7 th	5:00 pm Katherine Kozicki
Sunday, Jan. 11 th	9:00 am People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

December 21st: TBA

December 28th: TBA

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal: \$13,401.13

Total Committed: \$15,955.00

Donations Received: \$15,955.00

COMMUNITY CORNER

WINTER SOWING WORKSHOP

Grow Native Plants This Winter

Penn State Master Gardeners of the Juniata Valley will hold a hands-on winter sowing workshop on January 24 from 10AM to Noon. Learn how to start native plant seeds outdoors using recycled containers in this hands-on winter sowing workshop with Master Gardeners. This event is open to the public, but pre-registration is required by visiting: <https://extension.psu.edu/winter-sowing>

JUNIATA VALLEY YMCA 15TH ANNUAL

POLAR PLUNGE

& GREENWOOD FURNACE WINTER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 2026

WINTER FEST BEGINS @ 11:00AM

5 MILE TRAIL RACE 1:00PM

POLAR PLUNGE @ 2:30PM

*** THOSE WISHING TO RACE AND PLUNGE MUST REGISTER FOR BOTH EVENTS. REGISTRATION FOR THE TRAIL RACE IS AVAILABLE AT [ULTRASIGNUP.COM](https://ultrasignup.com)

PLUNGE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FORM ON BACK

BIG DIPPERS DIVISION

13 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE A
MINIMUM DONATION OF \$50

LITTLE DIPPERS DIVISION

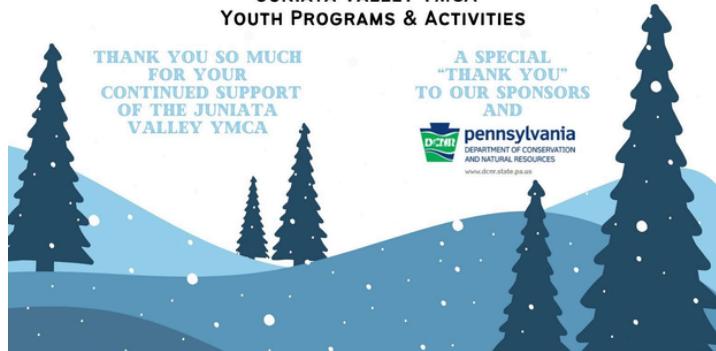
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ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE A
MINIMUM DONATION OF \$25

PROCEEDS BENEFIT

JUNIATA VALLEY YMCA
YOUTH PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT
OF THE JUNIATA
VALLEY YMCA

A SPECIAL
"THANK YOU"
TO OUR SPONSORS AND
 www.dcnr.state.pa.us



COAT DRIVE

Helping Keep Our Community Warm

PA Central FCU Burnham Branch (and all 4 of their other branches) are accepting donations of new or gently used coats through January 15th. Coats collected at the Burnham Branch will be donated to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for distribution in the community.



To report suspected child abuse, call:
PA Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-932-0313
Diocese of Harrisburg 1-800-626-1608

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Catholic Social Teaching Symposium

January 31, 2026 | Diocesan Center

Sponsored by the Office for Life & Dignity

Rooted in the dignity of every human person, the Diocese of Harrisburg's inaugural Catholic Social Teaching Symposium is a day dedicated to exploring the Church's response to some of the most urgent issues of our time. Through panels, breakout sessions, and practical discussions, participants will deepen their understanding of human dignity, solidarity, and our call to serve the common good. Together, we will reflect, learn, and discern how we can bring Christ's love into our communities through action, advocacy, and encounter.
All are welcome to register & attend!

Featured Topics:

- Human Dignity & CST
- Options for the Poor and Vulnerable
- Multicultural Welcoming
- Prison Ministry
- Working Lunch: Advocacy
- Human Trafficking
- Care for Creation
- Faithful Citizenship
- Healthcare Panel
- Immigration Panel

\$20 per person (includes lunch)



**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**

Registration Now Open: www.hbgdiocese.org/csts



2026 Men's Conference

Steadfast *in Mercy*



The Return of the Prodigal Son, Bartolome Esteban Murillo

Featuring

Father Boniface Hicks,
OSB

*Save
the
Date*

April 18, 2026

Diocesan Center 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg, PA