

Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM 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.

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Lewistown, PA 17044
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sacredheartschool.com

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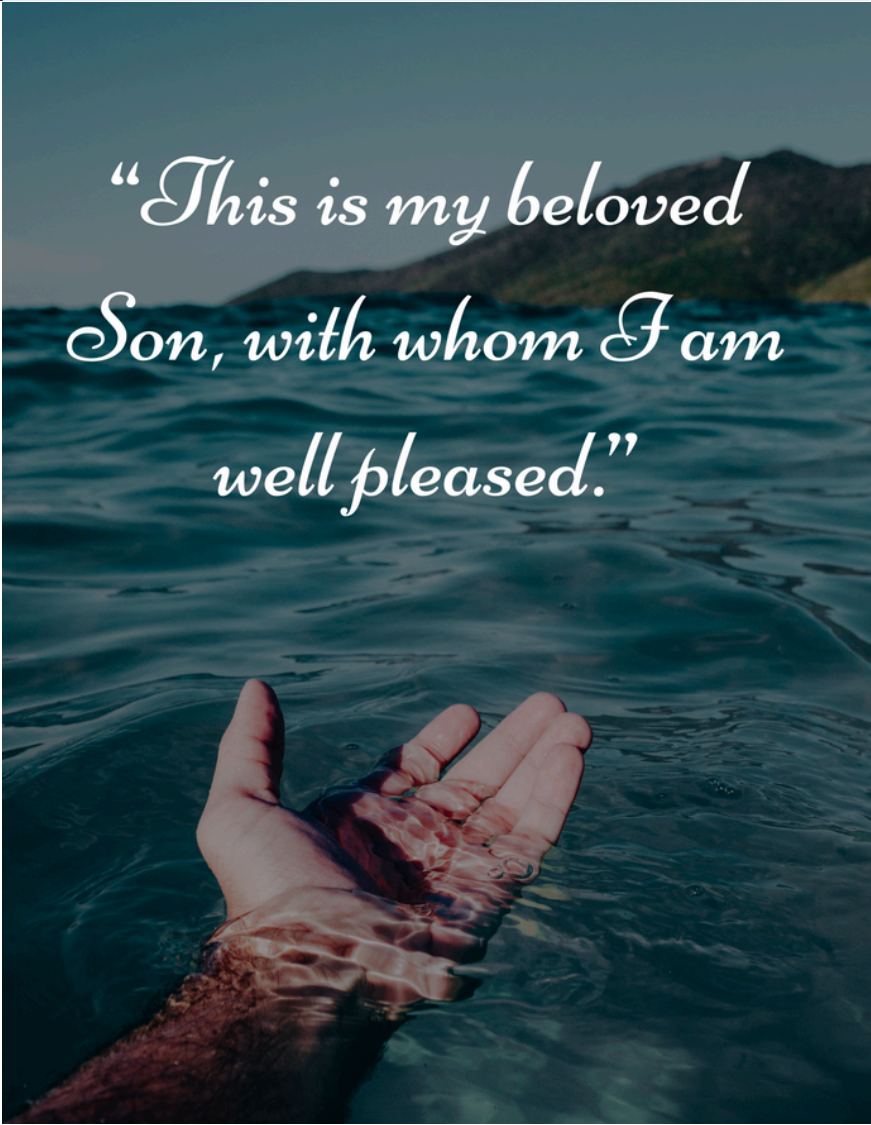
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*"This is my beloved
Son, with whom I am
well pleased."*

CONFESSION

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 Rose M. McGiffen who entered into eternal rest on Sunday, January 4th. 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!



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The Desert Fathers (Part 1) | Littlest Saints

In this special two-part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers—St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and St. John the Dwarf—as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.

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Reborn | Trailer

Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.

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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

SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN

Season Two: The Ten Virtues of Mary

All women of both parishes are warmly invited to join **Season Two of *She Shall Be Called Woman*** as we reflect on **The Ten Virtues of Mary**. The Blessed Mother is our perfect model of what it means to be a woman deeply in love with the Lord. St. Louis de Montfort identified ten virtues that shaped Mary's life, virtues that are challenging, yet attainable with God's grace.

This season will explore each virtue in a meaningful and practical way, offering a gentle roadmap to holiness. Each session provides tools to deepen your prayer life, strengthen your relationships, and enrich your family life, all while growing in faith alongside other women of the parish.

New night and time!

First session: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

6:30-8:00 PM

School Cafeteria

Whether you joined us before or this is your first time, you are welcome. **No prior attendance is needed.** Bring a friend, a sister, or a neighbor, and come as you are. Be encouraged, inspired, and renewed as we walk together with Mary toward a deeper love of Christ.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Flower Memorials

The altar flowers in our sanctuary this weekend are in memory of the wedding anniversary of Luther and Dorothy Rhodes on January 23rd.

OFFICE HOURS

Martin Luther King Jr Day

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day.

FAMILY OF FAITH

Your Catholic Home: Epiphany

Long after the rest of the world has packed Christmas away, Catholics celebrate the real meaning of the holiday well into the new year! An especially beautiful celebration takes place on the Feast of Epiphany. On this day we commemorate the Magi's visit to the Infant Jesus. A traditional way to mark the Epiphany is a blessing of your home. Pray: "The three Wise Men, Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and (say the last two digits of the year) years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen." Then use chalk to write above your front door "20 + C + M + B + 26." This example is for 2026- the first and last numbers are the first two digits and the second two digits of the year. The letters have two meanings. First, they are the initials of the three Magi: Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which is Latin for "May Christ bless the house."

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you, or someone you know, exploring the Catholic faith or feeling called to learn more about becoming Catholic? We warmly invite you to join us for a period of instruction and faith formation designed for individuals seeking to enter the Church or simply deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

For more information or to register, please contact Cathy Stout at the Parish Office.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown

Saturday, Jan. 10 th	4:00 pm Joseph H Tice Jr
Sunday, Jan. 11 th	11:00 am Tom and Marge Connare
Thursday, Jan. 15 th	9:00 am Joseph H Tice Jr
Friday, Jan. 16 th	9:00 am Joseph H Tice Jr
Saturday, Jan. 17 th	4:00 pm Dorothy Litzinger
Sunday, Jan. 18 th	11:00 am People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

December 21 st :	\$6,892.00
Christmas:	\$14,037.00
December 28 th :	\$4,731.05
Solemnity of Mary:	\$1,205.00
January 4 th :	\$8,436.00

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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Well done!**

ST. JUDE PARISH

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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. **We are especially in need of help the last 3 Saturdays.** 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!



Men of Sacred Heart and St. Jude, you are warmly invited to join us this spring for That Man Is You (TMIY)—a powerful men's program designed to strengthen faith, foster brotherhood, and inspire men to live as disciples of Christ in everyday life. TMIY offers rich Catholic content that leads to thoughtful, honest, and life-giving conversations. What began as a foundational message on leadership and the scriptural vision of man has grown into a dynamic program featuring 30+ world-class Catholic presenters from a variety of backgrounds. Through engaging talks and meaningful discussion, the truths of our faith are presented in a way that moves hearts and renews minds, bringing about deep and lasting transformation. Each program year is centered around a key theme, with sessions offered across the fall and spring. The program continues to grow and evolve, so there is always something new to discover, whether you are joining for the first time or returning for another season.

Spring sessions begin Saturday, January 24, from 6:30–8:00 AM

Location: St. Jude Thaddeus Parish Hall

All men of **both Sacred Heart and St. Jude** are encouraged to attend. Come as you are, bring a friend, and start your day grounded in faith, fellowship, and purpose. We would love to welcome you this spring!

ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown

Sunday, Jan. 11 th	9:00 am People of the Parish
Monday, Jan. 12 th	9:00 am Katherine Kozicki
Wednesday, Jan. 15 th	5:00 pm Sr. Mary Zavacky
Sunday, Jan. 18 th	9:00 am Sr. Clea Reineberg

STEWARDSHIP

<i>Immaculate Conception:</i>	\$413.00
<i>December 21st:</i>	\$2,774.00
<i>Christmas:</i>	\$5,369.00
<i>December 28th:</i>	\$2,341.00
<i>Solemnity of Mary:</i>	\$803.00
<i>January 4th:</i>	\$2,666.25

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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

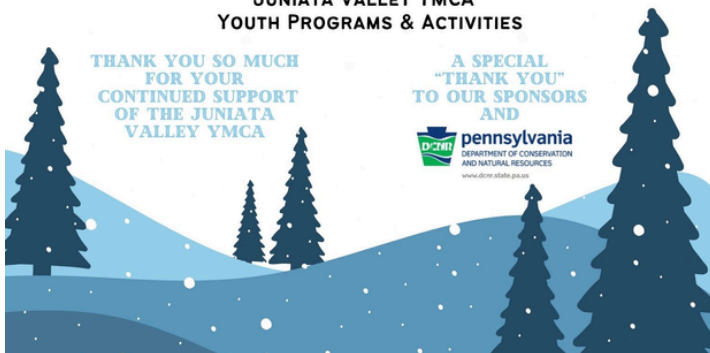
BIG DIPPERS DIVISION
13 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE A
MINIMUM DONATION OF \$50

LITTLE DIPPERS DIVISION
AGES 8-12
ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE A
MINIMUM DONATION OF \$25

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JUNIATA VALLEY YMCA
YOUTH PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

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AND



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

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG



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!

\$20 per person (includes lunch)

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

Registration Now Open: www.hbgdiocese.org/csts



2026 Men's Conference

Steadfast in Mercy



Featuring
Father Boniface Hicks,
OSB

Save the Date
April 18, 2026
Diocesan Center 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg, PA

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

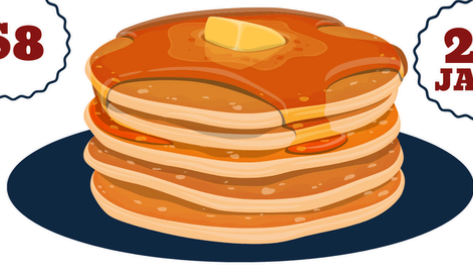
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**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**

Annual CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**PANCAKES & MORE
BREAKFAST**

\$8



**25
JAN**

**Sacred Heart School Cafeteria
110 N Dorcas St. Lewistown
9:00am-1:00pm**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
STUDENTS OF SACRED
HEART SCHOOL**



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS
A quick take on issues and statistics

Number of Schools

There are 5,852 Catholic schools in the United States;
4,683 are elementary/middle schools and
1,169 are secondary schools.



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2024-2025: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

Save the Date



HEART & HERITAGE FUND DAY OF GIVING January 27, 2026

Join us online for our Day of Giving in support of the Heart & Heritage Fund for Sacred Heart of Jesus School. Every gift, no matter the size, is an investment in our students and our mission. All donations are reinvested directly into the school to support exceptional academics, faith formation, and a nurturing Catholic environment where students are known, loved, and encouraged to grow.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP

Pick up one of our in-stock gift cards and support Sacred Heart School at the same time.
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Available now at the Parish Office – no shipping,
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- Sheetz – \$25
- Giant – \$25
- Weis – \$25
- Darden Restaurants (Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, etc.) – \$25
- TJ Maxx / HomeGoods / Marshalls – \$25 & \$100
- Walmart – \$50
- Bath & Body Works – \$25
- Amazon – \$25
- CVS – \$25





SACRED HEART
— of JESUS —
SCHOOL

New York, New York
Under the City Lights Gala

February 7, 2026
Lewistown Country Club
Cocktail Hour - 5:00pm

Tickets on Sale Now!
\$75 Through January 26
\$80 until February 5

