

# 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.

## SCHOOL

**Sacred Heart of Jesus School**  
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Lewistown, PA 17044  
717-248-5351  
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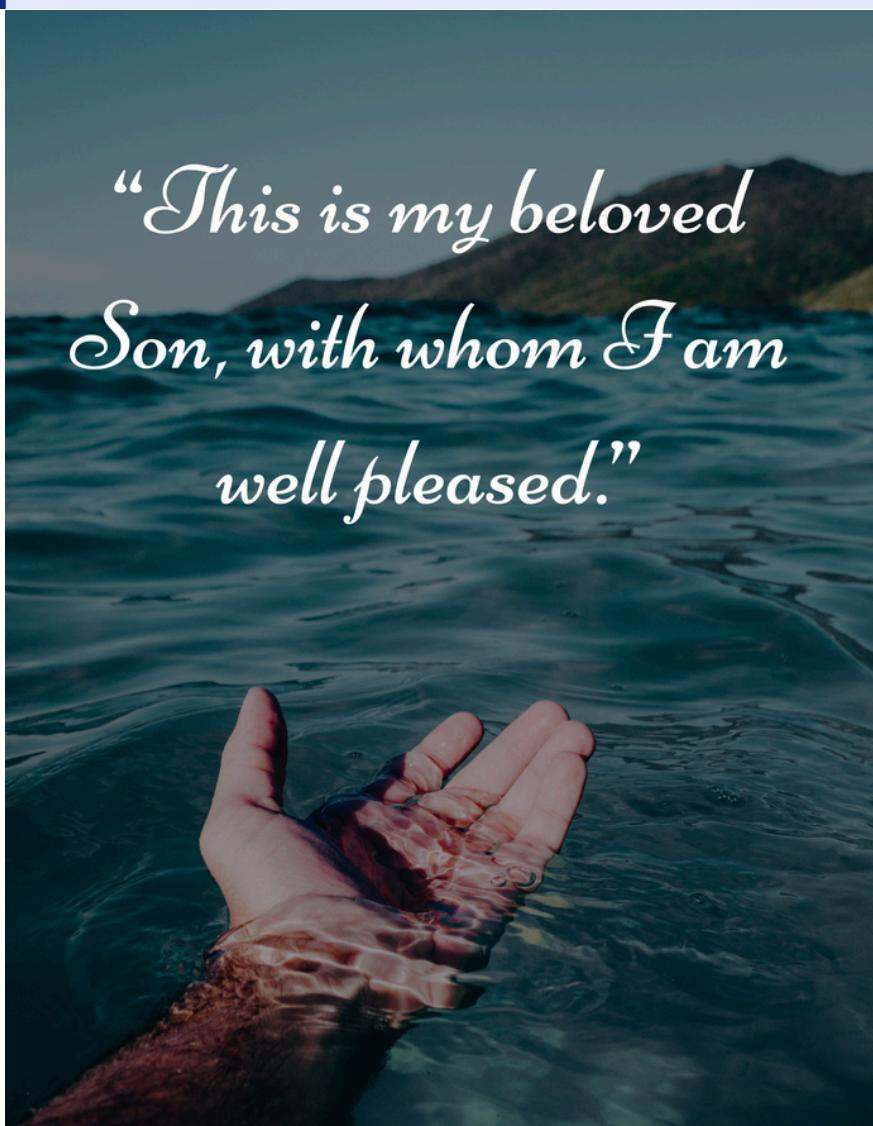
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## CONFESION

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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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](https://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 reborn. Reborn with a cinematic quality that is both a classic and a landmark of the Augustinian Institute's 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.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!

# 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

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

## STEWARDSHIP

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

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

***Thank you for helping us exceed our goal.  
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!



## ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

### *St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown*

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



### THAT MAN IS YOU!™

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!

## STEWARDSHIP

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

#### PROCEEDS BENEFIT

JUNIATA VALLEY YMCA  
YOUTH PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

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FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT  
OF THE JUNIATA  
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[www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://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

# DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

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**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



**SCAN TO  
REGISTER!**

Registration Now Open: [www.hbgdiocese.org/csts](http://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

# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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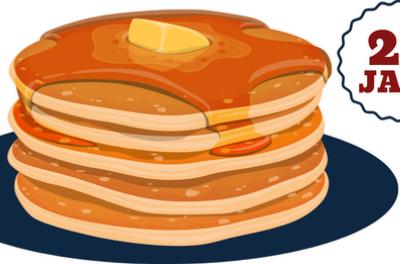
KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS

## 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

## 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.

NCEA

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).

## 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
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- 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

