

Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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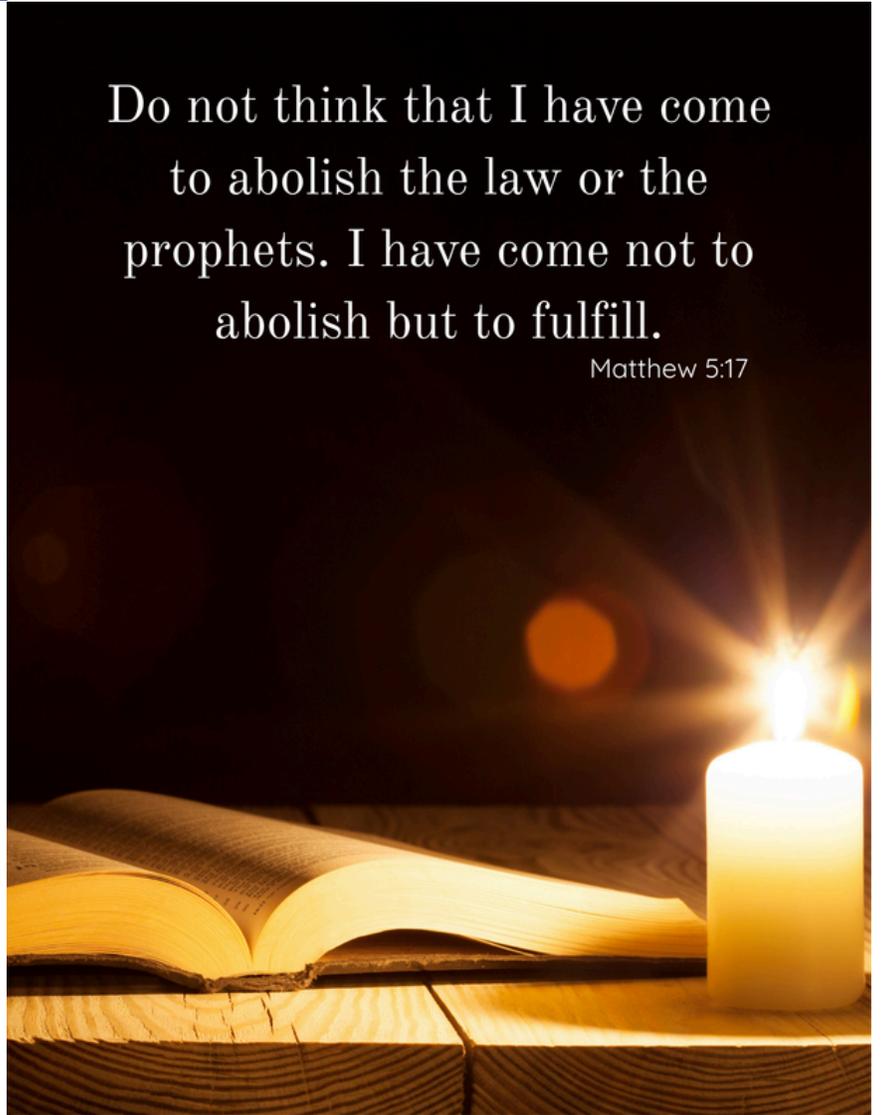
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Do not think that I have come
to abolish the law or the
prophets. I have come not to
abolish but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17



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

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who passed away this week. May they 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!



formed
Forming Catholics for Life
What Catholics Believe About Lent: Fasting, Ashes, and 40 Days Explained
Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

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Forming Catholics for Life
Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent
Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

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Trailer | Heart of Prayer
Heart of Prayer invites participants into an intimate and peaceful retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens. Set in the beautiful Chateau on the Augustine Institute Campus, Heart of Prayer reveals the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life, as Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to offer guidance that is practical and down-to-earth.

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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.

Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026

Sacred Heart of Jesus
9am - Mass with Distribution of Ashes
12pm - Distribution of Ashes

St. Jude Thaddeus
6:30pm - Mass with Distribution of Ashes

SACRED HEART PARISH

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

President's Day

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day.

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

Make a Joyful Sound

Adult Choir practice for Easter will begin on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30 pm in the choir loft. New members are welcome, including any student who has made their confirmation. Please contact Cathy Stout if you have any questions.

JOIN THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM

Have You Ever Thought About Being Part of VBS?

Vacation Bible School is returning in 2026, and we are inviting a few adults to join our VBS leadership team. This is a great opportunity, especially for parents and parishioners who enjoy being involved in children's faith formation and parish life.

Dates: July 12–16, 2026

Theme: Rainforest Falls

This is not a “do-it-all-yourself” role. VBS is very much a team effort, and volunteers will share responsibilities. Leadership team members will have smaller, manageable roles during the week rather than being fully in charge of everything. Tasks are divided, support is constant, and no one is left on their own.

You also won't be starting from scratch. Planning materials, schedules, and guidance are already available, and you'll have ongoing support every step of the way. Our goal is simply to build a friendly team of people who want to help make this joyful week possible.

If this sounds like something you might enjoy, or if you'd like to join with a friend, please contact the parish office or Adrienne to learn more.

Sometimes all it takes is a simple “yes”... especially when you don't have to say it alone.



 2026 Men's Conference

Steadfast *in Mercy*



REGISTER NOW

Featuring
Father Boniface Hicks, OSB

April 18, 2026

Diocesan Center 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg, PA

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown

Saturday, Feb. 14 th	4:00 pm John and Frances Vandeven
Sunday, Feb. 15 th	11:00 am People of the Parish
Wednesday, Feb. 18 th	9:00 am Joseph Tice, Jr.
Thursday, Feb. 19 th	9:00 am Intentions of George Buchanan
Friday, Feb. 20 th	9:00 am Michael J & Kathryn Porpotage
Saturday, Feb. 21 st	4:00 pm Catherine Thomas
Sunday, Feb. 22 nd	11:00 am Annie Hallinger

STEWARDSHIP

February 8 th :	\$6,184.32
Propagation of Faith:	\$525.00
Black & Indian Mission:	\$285.00

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for helping us exceed our goal. Well done!

ST. JUDE PARISH

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



**Holy Hour
for Peace**



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
9:30AM
SAINT JUDE THADDEUS
PARISH

CALLING ALL YOUNG DISCIPLES! *Altar server training*

All young disciples in 3rd grade-18 years are invited to become altar servers at St. Jude! Flexible training opportunities are available.

Please call the parish office to let us know you're interested.

The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association
and
St. Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania
invite all Catholic physicians, lawyers, judges, healthcare workers,
mental health professionals, medical students and law students to a

Lenten Day of Reflection

Fellowship
Penance Service with Confession
Reflection by Father John Hutta, Diocese of Allentown
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



Saturday, February 21, 2026
8:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

Diocesan Center
4800 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111

 For planning purposes RSVP by February 13th to: Bestrem-eragray@hb-gdiocese.org
Free will offering will be accepted.

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**+ LENTEN +
FISH DINNER**

Every Friday During Lent

February 20 – March 27
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM



ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH
— 3918 William Penn Highway —
Mifflintown, Pennsylvania

DINNER PRICING

Adults: \$15
Kids (Ages 6-12): \$6
Kids Under 5: FREE

 Sponsored by
St. Jude's Knights of Columbus

All are welcome.

Proceeds from the Fish Fry support the Knights of Columbus and our local community. Money collected in the donation jar benefits Special Olympics.

ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown

Sunday, Feb. 15 th	9:00 am Gale Treaster
Monday, Feb. 16 th	9:00 am Richard Wimbrough
Wednesday, Feb. 18 th	6:30 pm Martha C Lock
Sunday, Feb. 22 nd	9:00 am People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

February 8 th :	\$2,109.00
Propagation of Faith:	\$170.00
Black & Indian Mission:	\$123.00

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Well done!**

COMMUNITY CORNER



Send a Postcard to the FUTURE!
Share a **Memory**, send a **Prediction** or just say **"Hello"** to the future. Write your thoughts on this official time capsule postcard and send it to the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau! We will carefully package all of the submissions into a time capsule that will be placed under the **America250PA** liberty bell and will remain untouched until the year **2051**, **See You There!**

Submissions are limited to this postcard format only. You may attach photos, drawings or other printed pieces as long as it does not exceed the measurements of this card (6"x4"). Please drop off or mail your postcard to the future to: Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau, Historic Courthouse, 1 W. Market St., Lewistown, PA 17044.

The Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau reserves the right to exclude any inappropriate, profane or otherwise unsuitable submissions. All submissions become property of the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau and will not be acknowledged or returned. Submissions must be received at the Visitors Bureau by 4:30 p.m. Dec 31, 2025 to be placed in the time capsule.

www.jrvvisitors.com    Check us out on social media

Saturday, March 7 | 11:30am | Juniata Valley Winery

WINE & DESIGN: COOKIE DECORATING



Save the Date!

Star Spangled



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Saturday, March 28
The Manor at Juniata Valley Winery

SAVE THE DATE!

JUNIATA RIVER VALLEY CHAMBER MEN'S CONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 | Hungry Run Distillery



DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN Scholarship Available

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is pleased to announce a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be awarded to a high-school senior Catholic girl for the freshman year 2026-2027 at an accredited college, university or trade school. The applicant must meet all conditions established by the Scholarship Committee as set forth in its Rules and Regulations included in the application packet on the HDCCW Website (<https://www.harrisburgdiocesanccw.com>). Please complete the application and submit all material no later than May 1, 2026.



HARRISBURG
FEBRUARY 19TH
6:30PM – 8:30PM

NEW TIME!

THE DOGHOUSE
6791 LINGLESTOWN RD
LINGLESTOWN, PA 17112

FEATURING
FATHER DON BENDER

COURAGE INTERNATIONAL: THE CHURCH & THE LGBT COMMUNITY



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, March 14, 2026, 8am - 12pm

Mujeres a los Pies de la Cruz (Women at the Foot of the Cross)

Spanish-speaking *Sisters in Christ* are invited to attend a morning of prayer, reflection, and fellowship!

Harrisburg Diocesan Center
4800 Union Deposit Road Harrisburg, PA

- Presentation with Deacon Gregory Amarante, Secretary for the Secretariat of Catholic Life & Evangelization
- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- Rosary with Eucharistic Adoration
- Fellowship and Refreshments

For more information contact Chris Arnold,
Women of Grace Regional Coordinator
carnold@womenofgrace.com or 717-379-6041

Women of Grace Study materials will be available.

Event hosted by the Office for Culture & Outreach, Diocese of Harrisburg




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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

110 N. DORCAS ST., LEWISTOWN, PA | SACREDHEARTSCHOOL.COM

FISH SANDWICH FRIDAYS



Every Friday During Lent
Starting February 20th - March 27th

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA
TAKE OUT OR DINE IN
\$5 - FISH SANDWICH
\$8 - FISH SANDWICH + MAC & CHEESE

PRE-ORDERS ARE ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED.
PRE-ORDER BY CALLING 717-248-5351

Support our school and enjoy a great meal!

CALENDAR RAFFLE

SHS HSA Fundraiser

The SHS Home and School Association will be holding a Calendar Raffle for the month of March. Calendars will be sold during the month of February at the School and Parish Offices for \$10 each. Students will draw a winner each day for a chance to win a gift card, gift basket or item with a minimum value of \$25

2026 MARCH

Small Games of Chance # 1920

\$10 Each Due 2/25/26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 \$50 Cracker Barrel Gift Card	02 \$25 Visa Gift Card	03 \$25 Hungry Ron Bistro Gift Card	04 \$25 Square Cafe Gift Card	05 \$25 East End Coffee Gift Card	06 Shamrock Chorcolerie Board	07 "Lucky Green" Basket
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15 \$50 Yoder Way Farm Certificate	16 \$25 Bread of Life Gift Card	17 \$25 Sheetz Gift Card	18 \$25 Weis Gift Card	19 \$25 Jersey Mikes Gift Card	20 Hershey Bears Tickets (April 19th @3PM)	21 Cory Soap Basket
22 \$50 Legans Tavern Gift Card	23 \$25 Sheetz Gift Card	24 \$25 Dunkin Gift Card	25 \$25 Amazon Gift Card	26 \$25 NAPA Gift Card	27 \$25 Lowes Gift Card	28 Amanda Moeller State Farm Doggie Basket
29 \$40 Shade Mountain Gift Card	30 \$25 The Crooked Shelf Bookshop Gift Card	31 \$25 Red Robin Gift Card	01 \$25 Sheetz Gift Card	02 \$25 The Square Cafe Gift Card	03 \$25 Jersey Mikes Gift Card	04 "For the Birds" Basket
05 \$30 KFC Gift Card	06 \$25 TJ Maxx Gift Card	07 \$25 Dominion Gift Card				

THANK YOU

Our hearts are full

Thank you to all who made our Gala a success, our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and guests. Your generosity directly supports our mission and the students we serve every day. We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and belief in Sacred Heart School.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP

Pick up one of our in-stock gift cards and support Sacred Heart School at the same time.
Fast. Practical. Always appreciated.

Available now at the Parish Office – no shipping, no waiting:

- 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 IN ACTION

READERS, LEADERS, AND MEME MAKERS!

Sacred Heart students earn top honors at the TIU Reading Competition.

Congratulations to our TIU Reading Competition second-place winners Amelia and David!

Students also showed off their creativity in a reading-themed meme contest, with Jameson taking home the win.

A special shout-out to Lilly, who won the prize for participating and suggesting a book for next year's challenge.



SUPER BOWL LEARNING IN KINDERGARTEN

Hands-on fun, football-themed learning, and real NFL teams cheering on our students!

If you ever wonder what learning looks like in our kindergarten... it looks like THIS!

We wrapped up our Kindergarten Football Draft with a Super Bowl-style celebration (thanks to our Patriots fan!), but the learning never stopped.

From football-themed math and letter sounds to writing, reading, and lots of laughter, our classroom was full of hands-on, high-energy fun. That's how we do it, making learning exciting so kids LOVE coming to school.

Huge thank you to the Rams, Cardinals, Packers, Raiders, Steelers, Ravens, Titans, and Colts for writing back and sending surprises. Our students were beyond excited to see real teams respond to their hard work!





February 12, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter once more into the sacred season of Lent, the Church invites us to a profound journey of spiritual renewal, prayer, and reflection. This holy time calls us to draw closer to Christ by conforming our lives ever more faithfully according to His Gospel. The traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving remain exercises throughout these forty days, guiding us toward deeper conversion.

Often, fasting is associated simply with giving up favorite foods or drinks. Such disciplines provide a practical way to make more room in our lives for God; to center our lives a bit more on our relationship with Jesus Christ. Even so, the Prophet Isaiah reveals an even richer meaning: “This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly; untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed; breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own” (58:6-7). True fasting, then, is not only abstaining from food and drink, it is also opening our hearts to those in need, making room for others through acts of mercy.

This year, I especially encourage you to meditate on the Corporal Works of Mercy, practical expressions of love for our neighbor that Christ Himself modeled for us. Among these, “welcoming the stranger” stands out as a most urgent and profound witness in our times. Many among us, whether immigrants and refugees – regardless of their legal status – or those who simply feel isolated or afraid, all yearn for a word of kindness, an open door, a gesture of genuine hospitality, a sense of belonging. The Lord Himself teaches us, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25:35).

Pope Leo wrote in his recent Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, that “The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome. And she knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community (*Dilexi Te*, n.75).” In welcoming the stranger, we welcome Christ Himself into our midst.

Let this Lent be a season when, as a Diocesan family, we embody mercy in tangible ways: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prisons, comforting those who are bereaved, and, most especially, welcoming the stranger with compassion and joy. Let us be mindful of the challenges faced by migrant families. I urge you to consider advocating with our elected officials for comprehensive immigration reform, which will provide pathways to regularize the status of those who have been in our country for many years, many of whom hold jobs and contribute to our communities, and whose children are being educated in our schools. In doing so, we renew not only ourselves, but also our entire community in the love of Christ.

May these days of Lent lead us to Easter with hearts transformed by mercy and hospitality. Be assured of my prayers for you during this holy season; please remember me in yours. May our Blessed Mother accompany us in our Lenten reflections and guide us to celebrate the glorious victory of Her Son at Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Timothy C. Senior". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg