

# Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

MARCH 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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  
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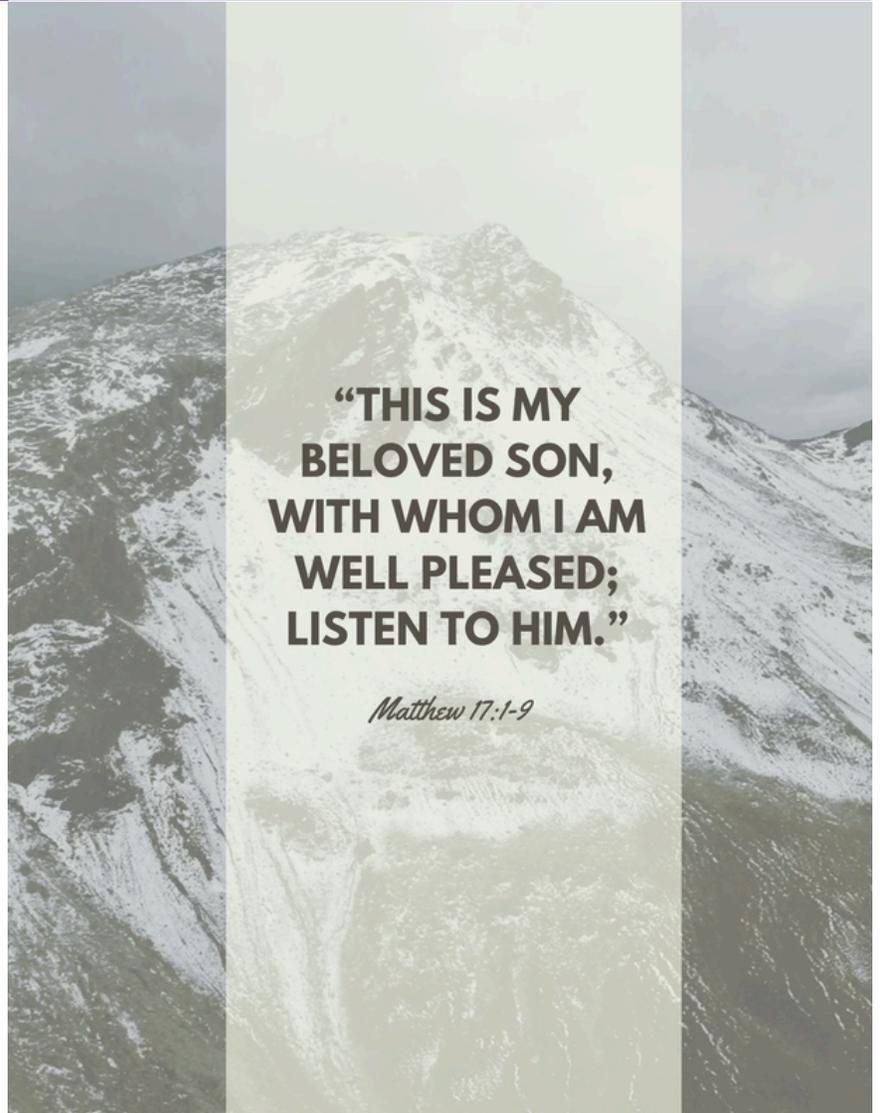
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## CONFESSION

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](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

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

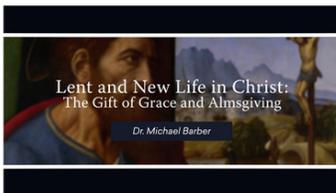
Counseling Services:

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](http://formed.org) and click sign up to see what they have to offer!



**formed**  
Forming Catholics for Life.  
**Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace**  
What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

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



**formed**  
Forming Catholics for Life.  
**Sts. Perpetua**  
Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.

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**formed**  
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**The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story | Trailer**  
Saint Katharine Drexel chose a life dedicated entirely to serving marginalized communities. Born into a wealthy Philadelphia family, Katharine Drexel used her fortune to challenge societal norms and dedicate her life to education and racial healing.

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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

## Holy Week SCHEDULE

### SAINT JUDE THADDEUS

Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

3:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM Easter Sunday Mass

Stations of the Cross Wednesday's during Lent 7:00PM

Confession

Wednesday 6:00PM and Sunday 8:30AM

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

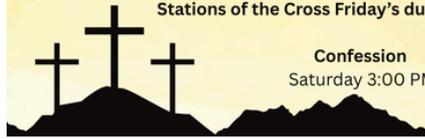
7:00AM Easter Sunday Mass

11:00AM Easter Sunday Mass

Stations of the Cross Friday's during Lent 7:00PM

Confession

Saturday 3:00 PM



This Lent...

## Fast for Vocations

Bishop Senior invites you to join him this Lent in fasting on Wednesdays for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Harrisburg. This fasting is the same as what we observe on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but whatever sacrifice you offer for vocations is greatly appreciated!

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

*Come and See*

This Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we observe the First Friday devotion with Eucharistic Adoration, continuing throughout the day and concluding with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. This sacred time invites us to pause and spend quiet moments in the presence of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, offering Him our prayers, gratitude, and trust.

The First Friday devotion flows from Christ's call to draw close to His Sacred Heart, revealed through St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Adoration gives us the chance to respond to that invitation, not by doing more, but simply by being present. In silence and stillness, the Lord meets us where we are and gently renews our hearts.

You do not need special prayers or long periods of time to take part. Whether you stop in for a few minutes during the day or spend a longer hour in prayer, every visit is a meaningful act of faith. Consider stepping away from the busyness of the day and offering the Lord a small portion of your time.

Family of Faith students and families are especially encouraged to attend together. This is a beautiful way for children to experience quiet prayer before Jesus and grow in love for the Eucharist. All are warmly invited to come and see how even a brief visit with the Lord can bring peace, strength, and grace.

## SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown*

Saturday, Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm   Joseph Porpotage
Sunday, Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 am   People of the Parish
Thursday, Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   Tom & Marge Connare
Friday, Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   Harry Schiech
Saturday, Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm   Joseph Tice Jr
Sunday, Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am   Rose Weyer

## STEWARDSHIP

February 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$13,136
Ash Wednesday:	\$849.00

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

**2026 Goal: \$**

# ST. JUDE PARISH

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

## JUNIATA COUNTY ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

### Community Lenten Tea

All ladies are warmly invited to attend this year's Ecumenical Lenten Tea gatherings. Join us for fellowship, light refreshments, and Bible study as we journey through the Lenten season together.

#### Schedule:

- March 4 – Trinity UMC  
Contact: Michelle Long
- March 11 – St. Jude Catholic  
Contact: Ginger Best
- March 18 – Westminster Presbyterian  
Contact: Marie McKnight
- March 25 – Messiah Lutheran  
Contact: Linda Leister

#### Time:

- Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments.
- Bible Study begins at 10:00 a.m.

Bible study books will be delivered to the hosting church several weeks in advance.

For questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Whitesel at 717-436-2401 or 717-363-6144.

We look forward to sharing this special Lenten season together!

## 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.

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, Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am	Intentions of Garry & Joyce Price
Monday, Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am	Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Harrisburg
Wednesday, Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Intentions of Addison Offenberger
Sunday, Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	People of the Parish

## STEWARDSHIP

February 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$3,020.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$565.00

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

**2026 Goal: \$**

# COMMUNITY CORNER

# DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

## UNAFRAID OUT OF THE UPPER ROOM

### DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Join young adults ages 18-39 for a weekend of reflection, formation, community, and rest. Celebrate Pentecost as we learn how to let the Holy Spirit dwell in us and move us out of our own Upper Rooms and into service of God's people, just as He did with the original disciples. The retreat includes spiritual talks, Mass, community prayer, Confession, small group discussions, fellowship, and fun!

 Friday, May 22 7:00PM -  
Sunday, May 24 12:00PM

 Christian Retreat Center  
East Waterford, PA

 **Early Bird (Ends April 5th)**  
\$80 Cabin/\$140 Lodge  
**NEW \$250 Married Couple (Lodge)**

**Standard (Closes May 8th)**  
\$100 Cabin/\$160 Lodge



**Register Now!**  
[www.hbgdiocese.org/lyaretreat](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/lyaretreat)

**Questions?**  
Contact [zhaney@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:zhaney@hbgdiocese.org)



Save the Date

March 7, 2026

Dauphin District Lenten Retreat

Hosted by Saint Joan of Arc CCW, Hershey

Beginning with Mass at 9:00 AM in SJA Church

Confession available starting at 8:00 AM

Retreat Speaker Father Kevin Key



Father Key is a son of Saint Patrick's Parish in Carlisle. He was formed to be a priest at home by his parents, at the University of Dallas in undergraduate studies, and then at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Harrisburg and is currently in his third year as a Parochial Vicar at St. Joan of Arc Parish and Bishop McDevitt High School.

Father Key will present on the ancient form of prayer called *Lectio Divina*, or divine reading also known as praying with Scripture. There are many ways to pray with Scripture. Father will go through a few styles focusing on Ignatian meditation.



This QR code links to the SJA Event page to download the Registration Form!

## CALLING ALL CATHOLIC VETERANS Pizza party for Catholic Military Vets & Spouses

CWV Post 707 is accepting new members. If you are baptized Catholic and served, or serving now in the active, guard, or reserve is eligible to join us. Party is at 6 PM on March 10, 2026, and will start after a brief meeting at St Joseph Parish Center, 40 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, PA.

If attending RSVP by March 5, 2026 to:  
COL (ret) Bob DeSousa at [cptjag@yahoo.com](mailto:cptjag@yahoo.com) or text him at 717-648-8317.

SFC (USA Ret) Ron Quinn at [ronquinnjr@breezeline.net](mailto:ronquinnjr@breezeline.net) or text him at 814-280-6647

Pizza and beverages are provided. See our web site <https://cwvpost707.org/> (2/22; 3/1; 3/8)



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



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 SCHOOL

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## FISH SANDWICH FRIDAYS



### Every Friday During Lent

Starting February 20<sup>th</sup> - March 27<sup>th</sup>

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!



Last week, we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Crystal Noel, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools, to Sacred Heart School! She spent time with our first graders, sharing a story and bringing lots of smiles to the room. We are so grateful for her visit and for the joy of reading she shared with our students.

2026 Sacred Heart of Jesus School  
**FUNFEST!**  
Fundraising Auction & Street Fair!  
MAY 17, 2026  
St. Jude Thaddeus Church

**LIVE AUCTION & STREET FAIR!**  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Live Auction at 1:00 PM

Kids Games & Music! Exciting Live Auction! Basket Raffles & Prizes!

Funfest Preview Night is May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Spaghetti Dinner (Dine in or Take Out)  
Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
5:00 PM to 7:30 PM  
St. Jude Parish Hall  
TICKETS ON SALE SOON

Meal Includes: Salad, Spaghetti, Meatballs, Bread and Dessert for \$10.00

## 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

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Our students had an incredible time visiting the AgLab last week! From hands-on activities to learning where our food comes from, the experience brought agriculture to life in the best way possible. The kids explored farming, crops, livestock, and the important role agriculture plays in our everyday lives. It was amazing to see their curiosity grow as they asked questions, discovered new facts, and connected classroom learning to the real world. We are so grateful for opportunities like AgLab that inspire our students and broaden their understanding of God's creation and the hardworking people who help feed our communities.

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Our Pre-K students had a wonderful time celebrating Community Helper Week! We were excited to welcome special visitors from the local fire department, police department, and a local farmer. The children learned about fire safety, how police officers help keep our community safe, and how farmers grow the food we eat. It was a hands-on, engaging week that helped our students better understand and appreciate the many people who serve and support our community each day.

# Family Catechesis For Our Parishes

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



## FAMILY OF FAITH

**At our parishes, we use the Family of Faith program from Sophia Institute. It is a whole-family approach designed to help parents and children grow in faith together as a family.**

**Family of Faith recognizes a beautiful truth: parents are the first and most important teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Our monthly gatherings introduce the lesson and key teachings, and then families continue learning at home using clear, structured materials provided by the program. The lessons are approachable, faithful to the teachings of the Church, and designed to build strong Catholic foundations in both children and adults.**

**One of the greatest gifts of this program is that parents are not just assisting their children; they are deepening their own understanding of the faith. Many adults were never taught the “why” behind what we believe. Family of Faith creates space for parents to ask questions, grow in confidence, and model a living faith within the home. Our parish family also plays an important role. Parishioners support this program not only through prayer and encouragement, but also by helping at our monthly gatherings; welcoming families, assisting with hospitality, guiding small groups, helping with activities, and creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. These simple acts of service show our children that faith is lived in community.**

**Religious education is not only a program; it is a partnership between the parish and the domestic church (home). When families, catechists, volunteers, and parishioners work together, faith becomes something lived, shared, and strengthened across generations.**

**If you are curious about what a Family of Faith lesson looks like, sample materials are available to view in the narthex. We invite you to take a look and see how our families are learning and growing together.**

**Thank you for supporting our Family of Faith families as they grow closer to Christ and His Church.**

# Celebrate!

**St. Joseph**  
**MARCH 19**



Above all, let your love for one another be intense,  
because love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

## THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH:

- 1** The feast of St. Joseph is March 19. Make special cards for the fathers in your life and ask St. Joseph to pray for them.
- 2** Go as a family to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once during Lent.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

**JOHN 14:18**

I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come to you.

## REMEMBER!

Jesus founded the Church to be the visible sign of His Kingdom on earth and to govern, teach, and sanctify in His name.

## MEMORIZE!

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church...