

Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH 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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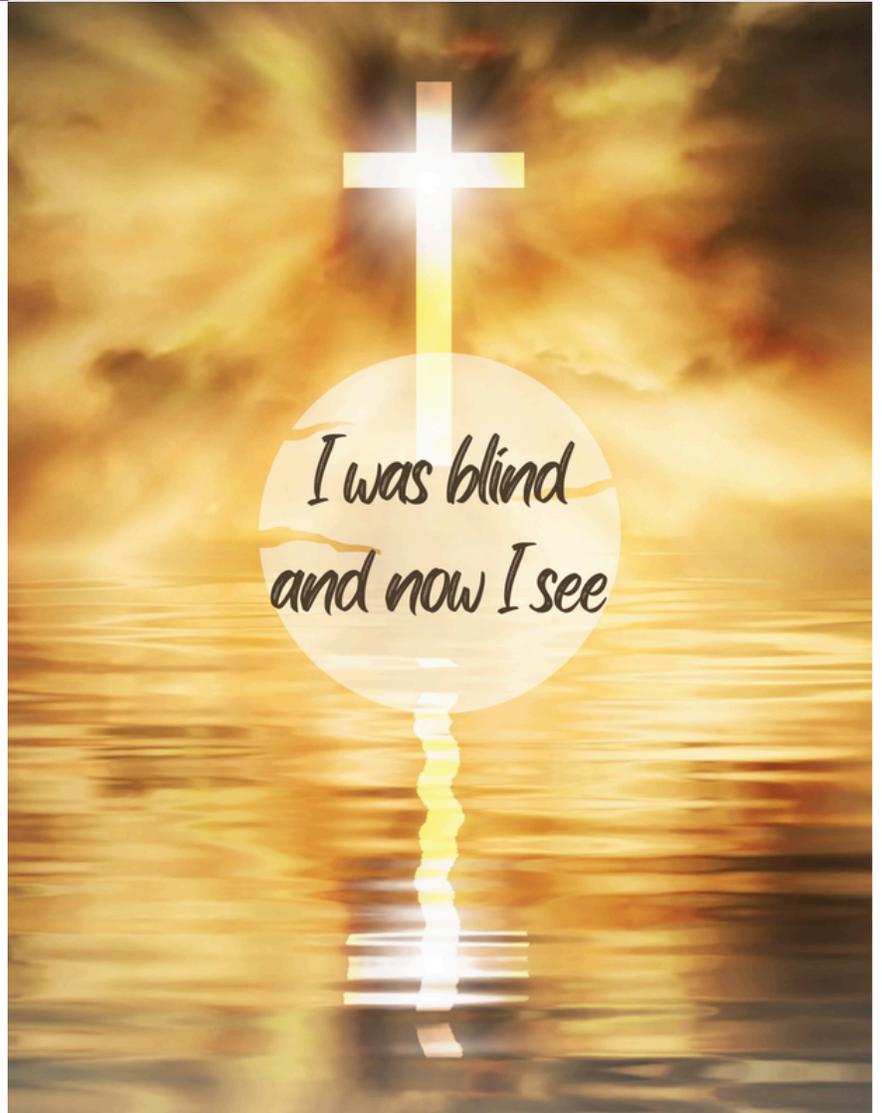
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CONFESSION

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 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 soul of Theresa McCardle who passed away on Tuesday, March 3. May she rest in peace.

Holy Week **SCHEDULE**

SAINT JUDE THADDEUS

Good Friday, April 3rd

3:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday, April 5th

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 2nd

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3rd

7:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 4th

8:00PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday, April 5th

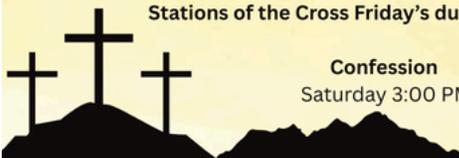
7:00AM Easter Sunday Mass

11:00AM Easter Sunday Mass

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

Confession

Saturday 3:00 PM



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

Catholics who are 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.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

SACRED HEART PARISH

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

LOOKING FOR MORE AT SACRED HEART?

You can make it happen

What ministries and programs would you like to see at Sacred Heart Parish?

Are you interested in leading a Bible Study? Would you be able to help facilitate a video series for adult faith formation? Might you be able to lead a prayer team? So many options...

- Youth & young adult ministries
- Choir group
- Men's schola (choir)
- Catechist/teacher for Religious Education
- Prayer companion for those interested in becoming Catholic
- Caring ministry
- Parish outreach
- Prison ministry
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Arimatheans (funeral prayer and support)
- Bereavement ministry
- Health and Wellness ministry
- Office volunteer
- That Man is You (TMIY)
- She Will be Called Woman
- New parishioner welcome
- Vacation Bible School volunteers
- Baptism prep
- Marriage prep
- Hospital ministry
- Food pantry
- Prayer shawl ministry
- Respect Life
- Special Needs
- Vocations ministry

Please help our parish grow so that we can all bring our hearts closer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

NEW RECTORY IN LEWISTOWN

125 E. Third Street

Father Coyle has moved into the new rectory in Lewistown and many thanks to parishioners from both parishes who helped and offered to help with the move. In the Spring, Father Coyle will begin hosting parishioners, so that we can better get to know one another and share in fellowship. Invitations to rectory gatherings will start going out after Easter. Please continue to direct all parish business to the Parish Office, the rectory will remain a private residence.

HATS OFF TO A JOB WELL DONE

Croisette Painting and Repair

Jeremy Croisette painted the interior of the new rectory, repaired walls, and gave the house a new face lift. Many thanks to Jeremy for doing such a great job and for exceeding expectations.



FAMILY OF FAITH

Car Conversations

What kind of man was St Peter? Why do you think Jesus chose someone like him to be the first pope?

Has there ever been a time when you felt the Holy Spirit guiding you? What happened?

As Christians, we are called not just to go to church on Sundays, but to be the Church every day of our lives. How can we do that as a family?

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown

Saturday, Mar. 14 th	4:00 pm Joseph Miriello
Sunday, Mar. 15 th	11:00 am People of the Parish
Thursday, Mar. 19 th	9:00 am Ignatius (Joe) Joseph Santinoceto
Friday, Mar. 20 ^h	9:00 am Donna Cavillaro*
Saturday, Mar. 21 st	4:00 pm Theresa McCardle
Sunday, Mar. 22 nd	11:00 am John Steenberge*

*Mass intention(s) from another parish

STEWARDSHIP

March 8th: \$6,810.00

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

2026 Goal: \$36,246.00

Received: \$9,638.00

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 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!

TREE OF CROSSES

Supporting the Mifflintown Food Pantry

The Tree of Crosses is now displayed in the Narthex. This initiative supports the Food Pantry in Mifflintown. We invite you to take one or two crosses, purchase the items listed, and return the donated items by March 29.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting this important project.

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. 15 th	9:00 am Elizabeth Saia
Monday, Mar. 16 th	9:00 am Sonia P Plower*
Wednesday, Mar. 18 th	6:30 pm Peg Chesser
Sunday, Mar. 22 nd	9:00 am People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

March 8th: \$2,628.00

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

2026 Goal: \$11,438.00

Received: \$4,411.00

*Mass intention(s) from another parish

COMMUNITY CORNER



Toy drive & packing event

You're Invited to the First Jared Box Packing Event! Saturday, March 21 at Noon at Juniata County Library.

Here's what to expect:

- Drop off new toy donations (ages 1-3)
- Help pack and decorate Jared Boxes
- Write encouraging notes to include inside
- Connect with others who care about supporting local families

Completed Jared Boxes will be donated to Geisinger Lewistown Hospital. Each box becomes a moment of comfort for a child during a hospital stay, something small that can make a big difference. Can't attend? You can still donate items or help spread the word. Let's fill as many boxes as possible!

Suggest Toy Donations include: Board Books, Stacking Blocks, bath toys, stuffed animals, small musical toys, plastic cars and trucks, puppets, coloring books, balls, picture flashcards, soft dolls, farm animal sets and more!

New items only. No food or choking hazards. No glass, bubbles, or holiday items. All items must fit inside a plastic shoe box.

Drop-Off Locations: Juniata County Library, CK Hair Designs, Juniata River Commons, Shrader UMC-Reedsville, & Harlings Hoagies

Any questions? Contact Kiersten Layton at 717-395-0795 or email her at kiersten98louis@gmail.com.

SAINTS & SAGAS WRITING CONTEST

Stories for Catholic Teens! Deadline: Easter 2026

Imagine ten stories you can't put down. Ten heroes who faced impossible odds and unusual dangers. Ten figures the Catholic Church points to as inspiration for our lives.

We're calling for epic stories of such saints written for teens by teens between the ages of 16-20. Stories to fire up teen faith, and find the courage to live the adventure of your life!

To enter or for more information visit: <https://legendhaven.com/contest>

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/yaretreast

Questions?

Contact zhaney@hbgdiocese.org



HERSHEYPARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

Family fun

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish for significant savings.

Gate admission for Regular is \$90.80; our price is \$42.95 (ALL ages 3+) valid until 1/1/27.

*ADD-ON Hersheypark Single Use Meal Deal Tickets for \$21.19 each and

*ADD-ON Parking Pass - \$27.50 pre-ordered or pay \$35.00 onsite

Tickets purchased in 2026 are valid for any 1 public operating day throughout the 2026 calendar year but will not be valid past their expiration date. Orders must be received at the parish by Friday, April 17, 2026.

Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of May 18, 2026. We must sell a minimum of 15 tickets to be able to submit an order and completed forms and payments can be returned in the collection basket



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



Students had a wonderful time celebrating Read Across America Week with a special “Drop Everything and Read” day. Classrooms paused their regular lessons as students and teachers took time to dive into their favorite books and share in the joy of reading together. It was a simple but meaningful way to celebrate the power of stories and encourage a lifelong love of reading throughout our school community.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Excellence in faith filled education

Sacred Heart School is in need of substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested or know of anyone that would be interested, please call the school office.

EASTER SHOPPING THAT GIVES BACK

Shop for Your Family. Support Ours.

As you prepare for Easter meals and spring gatherings, consider purchasing grocery or gift cards through RaiseRight. A percentage of every purchase supports SHS families through tuition assistance.

Order forms are included in this weeks bulletin and orders are due to the parish office by March 24.



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

\$10-FISH SANDWICH + MAC & CHEESE + COLE SLAW

PRE-ORDERS ARE ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED.

PRE-ORDER BY CALLING 717-248-5351

Support our school and enjoy a great meal!

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 16th, 2026
from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Spaghetti Dinner (Dine in or Take Out)
Saturday May 16th, 2026
5:00PM to 7:30PM
St. Jude Parish Hall

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

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



March 13, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach Saint Patrick's Day, I invite you to reflect on the words of Saint Patrick, "If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God." These words, written in a letter to soldiers, are words that we, as Catholics and people of good will, can reflect on in our everyday lives for they remind us of our profound calling to serve with humility and courage.

Saint Patrick's journey — from being kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland as a teenager, to escaping and returning home to England, and then choosing to return as a missionary to the very people who once enslaved him — teaches us the power of forgiveness and unwavering trust in Christ. He returned to those who once enslaved him, not with resentment, but with a heart open to reconciliation and a message of hope. His sacrifices and perseverance transformed lives and brought many to the faith.

Pope Leo, in his message for World Mission Day, reminds us, "In many situations, we encounter conflicts, polarization, misunderstandings and a lack of mutual trust. When this occurs even within our communities, it undermines our witness. The evangelizing mission that Christ entrusted to his disciples requires, above all, hearts that are reconciled and eager for communion."¹

Today, we face our own challenges: wars wounding the human family, political differences straining relationships, many families carrying quiet burdens of hurt and division, and misunderstandings even among fellow believers. In these moments, Saint Patrick's witness calls us not to deepen divisions, but to heal them. We are called to be builders of communion, instruments of reconciliation, and servants of peace. He listened for the voice of God, even when it led him beyond what was familiar and comfortable. He heard the cry of a people and returned to them with the hope of the Gospel. Like Saint Patrick, we are invited to listen for God's voice, to step beyond what is comfortable, and to respond to the quiet cries for hope, for mercy, and healing in our midst. The Lord sends us as He sent Saint Patrick — not always across oceans, but into our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our parishes, and even our own homes — to bring the peace of Christ where it is most needed.

This is a moment to live our faith boldly and joyfully, with greater conviction, and without fear. Together, may we be recognized as followers of Jesus, confident that He walks with us — men and women whose words, actions, and attitudes reflect His presence, bringing hope, mercy, and healing wherever it is needed. I encourage you to join me in renewing our commitment to the Gospel: to open our hearts more fully to the Holy Spirit, who rekindles within us the gift of faith; to allow that gift to shape how we live and love; and to carry, with quiet confidence and joyful hope, the unifying message of Christ into our divided world. May Saint Patrick's example strengthen us to share the Good News, welcome the stranger, and care for the most vulnerable among us. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

Saint Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Harrisburg, pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

¹ Leo XIV, "Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for the 100th World Mission Day 2026," *The Holy See*, <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/mission/documents/20260125-giornata-missionaria.html> (accessed February 12, 2026).