

# Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

## 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

110 N. Dorcas St.  
Lewistown, PA 17044  
717-248-5351  
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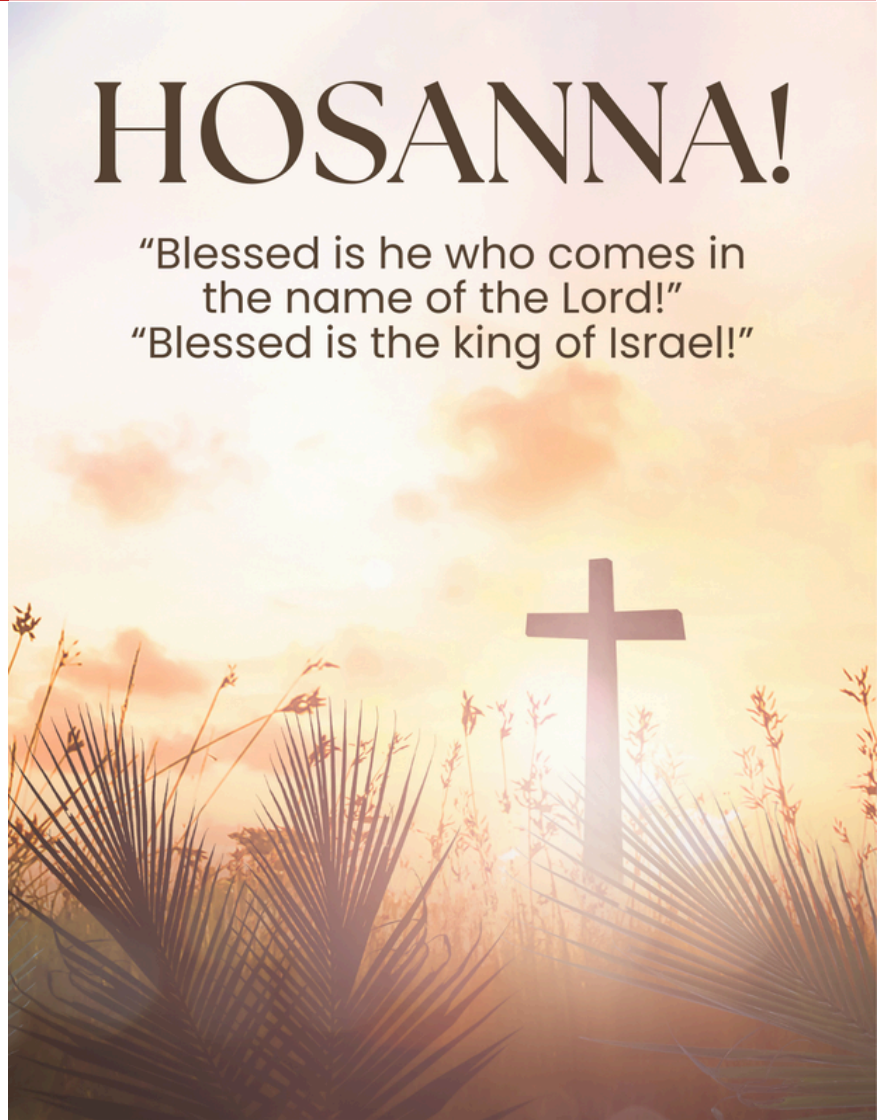
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# HOSANNA!

"Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"



## 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 soul of AnnMarie Showers who passed away on Wednesday, March 18. May she rest in peace.

### *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



# 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

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

*Holy Week & Easter*

The parish office will be closed on April 2-6 in observance of Holy Week and Easter. Normal Hours will resume on Tuesday, April 7.

## NOW HIRING

*Front Desk Support Position*

Our Parish Office is looking for someone to serve as a friendly face for the Parish Office. This position is not a parish secretary position, but focused on greeting office guests, answering and transferring calls, and helping with Mass intentions and Mass cards. The candidate for this position will be a Catholic in good standing, able to assist with basic clerical duties, good communication skills, and familiar with Catholic culture and traditions. This position will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am-2pm (15 hours a week). Those interested are invited to submit their resume or request an application directly to/from Adrienne Zannino (azannino@hbgdiocese.org).

## FAMILY OF FAITH

*March Saint of the Month: Saint Peter*

Saint Peter, one of Jesus' closest apostles and the first pope, was a humble fisherman called by Christ to lead His Church. Though he showed moments of weakness, most notably denying Jesus three times during the Passion, he repented and was forgiven, becoming a bold and faithful leader of the early Christian community. Jesus entrusted him with the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, calling him the "rock" upon which the Church would be built. Peter went on to preach the Gospel courageously, even in the face of persecution, and is believed to have been martyred in Rome. His life reminds us that God works through our imperfections and calls each of us to trust, repent, and follow Him with steadfast faith.



**SACRED HEART**  
of **JESUS**  
SCHOOL

# New Student Transfer Scholarship

## \$1,000

Father Coyle scholarship opportunity



**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God

**JULY 12-16, 2026**  
SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**SIGN UP HERE:**



## SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown*

Saturday, Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm   Intentions of Frances Obutte
Sunday, Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am   People of the Parish
Thursday, Apr. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm   Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday, Apr. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm   <b>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</b>
Saturday, Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm   Intentions of Our Catechumens and Candidates
Sunday, Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 am   Joh Steenberge
Sunday, Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am   Phillip R. P. DaCosta

## STEWARDSHIP

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: \$7,212.00

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

**2026 Goal: \$36,246.00**

**Received: \$14,183.00**

# ST. JUDE PARISH

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

## EGG HUNT

*Supporting the Mifflintown Food Pantry*

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 5, immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass and Sunday Social. All children are warmly invited to join in the fun! Families are encouraged to stay after Mass for treats and fellowship in the social hall. Following the social, children will gather for the egg hunt, always a joyful highlight for our parish community.

To help make this event special, we invite you to donate filled plastic eggs. Bags of empty eggs are available in the social hall. Please feel free to take some home, fill them with candy, and return them. Filled eggs can be left in the social hall or kitchen. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make this a fun and memorable celebration for our children!



## CALLING ALL YOUNG DISCIPLES!

*Altar server training*

Calling all young disciples in 3rd grade through age 17! St. Jude invites you to become an altar server. Training will take place on Wednesday, April 22, at 5:00 PM. Please call the parish office to sign up.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Volunteers Needed for 2026-2027*

As we begin planning for the 2026-2027 Religious Education program for both of our parishes, we are exploring the possibility of offering an in-person or hybrid option for our families. At this time, this is not yet certain and will depend on the support and availability of volunteers.

We are in need of dedicated catechists and classroom aides who are willing to share their faith and help guide our young parishioners. No prior teaching experience is necessary, just a willing heart and a desire to serve.

We also encourage parents to consider being part of this effort. Your involvement can make a meaningful difference and help ensure that in-person classes are an option for your children and others in our parish community.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact the parish office. Together, we can continue to nurture and grow the faith of our children.

## ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

*St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown*

Sunday, Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   People of the Parish
Monday, Mar. 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   <b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Monday, Mar. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00 pm   Chrism Mass (Cathedral)</b>
Wednesday, Apr. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm   <b>NO MASS</b>
Friday, Apr. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3:00 pm   <b>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</b>
Sunday, Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   People of the Parish

## STEWARDSHIP

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: \$2,046.00

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

**2026 Goal: \$11,438.00**

**Received: \$4,488.00**

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## 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



### Shippensburg PA Ride for Life Save the Date

Saturday, April 25, 2026 | 8:30 AM - Noon

Cumberland Valley Rail Trail  
Starting at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish  
305 N. Prince Street, Shippensburg

Join us in supporting moms and families served through local pregnancy resource centers and young adults committed to renewing a culture of life

*You can support Biking for Babies by participating in the ride, fundraising/donating, or by doing both!*

Contacts  
Greg Ernst - ernstg67@gmail.com  
Phil Moble - pmmobleb4b@gmail.com

Scan to Register Today or visit  
www.bikingforbabies.com/events



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

# DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG



**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**  
at Beth El Temple

The Freedom Seder is an interfaith event that commemorates the journey from slavery to freedom for Jews in ancient Egypt and for African Americans in the United States. We celebrate these emancipations while acknowledging the forms of hatred and oppression that persist today and committing to work against them together. We will sing, perform Passover rituals, and share a meal as we explore how we can stand together with our neighbors.

The cost to attend is **\$25 per person and \$15 per teen (includes dinner)**

Join us for interfaith discussion about accepting, understanding, and uplifting our neighbors in these difficult times. After the Passover Seder rituals, participants at each table will be invited to share the ways that our communities are experiencing discrimination and oppression, and suggest ways we can better support one another. These courageous conversations will help us to build stronger and more resilient communities for the days ahead.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/vFYPrPY28KM91LUH6>

RSVP by April 3. If you have any questions or problems registering, contact Amy at [amy@bethelhb.org](mailto:amy@bethelhb.org) or call 717-232-0556.

Community Partners

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community	Market Square Presbyterian Church (PC USA)
The Arc	New Branches Ministries
Baha'i Faith-Harrisburg Community	Saint Catherine Labouré Church
The Belong Collective	Saint Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral
Beth El Temple	Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church
Chisuk Emuna Congregation	Temple Beth Shalom
Christian Churches United	Temple Ohev Shalom
Episcopal Diocese of Central PA	Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
H.A.R.P.	World Affairs Council of Harrisburg
Interreligious Forum	
Life Streamz Ministries	



## BASIC EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

"As a Church, we are called to evangelize and bring the good news to the world. Each one of us has a story to tell about how Christ has changed our lives. Saint Paul Street Evangelization will give you the tools you need to articulate your relationship with Christ to a hungry, broken world."

— Jeff Cavins

**FREE**

\*Registration Required

**Saturday, May 2**  
**9:30AM – 3:30PM**

Assumption BVM Church  
119 South Prince Street  
Lancaster, PA

[www.hbgdiocese.org/spse](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/spse)



Hosted by the Secretariat for Catholic Life & Evangelization

## Hope for a Better Marriage

If your marriage feels distant, strained, stuck, or even in crisis – Retrouvaille can help.

Retrouvaille is a Catholic program that has helped thousands find new hope, better communication, and a deeper connection.

Our next program starts May 1st  
717-356-2185

HelpOurMarriage.org



**You can have a better marriage. Don't wait.**

# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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

## Now Hiring

### School Office Employment Opportunity

Sacred Heart School is currently seeking a part-time secretary to assist in the school office. This position plays an important role in supporting daily operations and helping ensure timely communication and assistance for our staff, students, and families.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the school office at 717-248-5351 or email [principal@sacredheartschool.com](mailto:principal@sacredheartschool.com) for more information about the position, responsibilities, and application process.

We appreciate your help in sharing this opportunity within our 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.

## Calendar Raffle Winners

### Congratulations!

- 3/1: \$50 Cracker Barrel - JoAnn Loht
- 3/2: \$25 Visa Gift Card - Amy Boozel
- 3/3: \$25 Cracker Barrel - Cheyenne Lauver
- 3/4: \$25 Square Cafe - Cindy Roycroft
- 3/5: \$25 East End - Cheyenne Crouse
- 3/6: Shamrock Charcuterie Board - Patty Minium
- 3/7: Lucky Green Basket - Diane Ward
- 3/8: \$50 Yoder Way Farm - Betty Ryan
- 3/9: \$25 Bread of Life - Cyndi English
- 3/10: \$25 Sheetz Gift Card - Allison Henry
- 3/11: \$25 Weis - Shirley Drewes
- 3/12: \$25 Jersey Mike' - Deb Spikler
- 3/13: Hershey Bears Tickets - Adrienne Zannino
- 3/14: Cozy Soup Basket - Tina Ryan
- 3/15: \$50 Logan's Tavern - Den Brittain
- 3/16: \$25 Sheetz - Madeline Tressler
- 3/17: \$25 Dunkin - Steve Hackenberry
- 3/18: \$25 Amazon - Ethan Shutika
- 3/19: \$25 NAPA - Jason Nace
- 3/20: \$25 Lowes - Beth Miller
- 3/21: Doggie Basket - Jodi Sadler
- 3/22: \$40 Shade Mountain - Lindsey Anderson

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  
5:00PM to 7:30PM  
St. Jude Parish Hall  
TICKETS ON SALE SOON

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

## Learning Chapel Fun

### Sunshine, smiles, and a little friendly trivia

Father Coyle took advantage of the beautiful spring weather and brought Learning Chapel outside to the playground! Students soaked up the sunshine while testing their knowledge with fun trivia, sharing laughs, and enjoying time together in the fresh air





# HEART & HERITAGE FUND

HONORING OUR PAST. INSPIRING THEIR FUTURE.

During this holy season of Lent, we are invited to reflect on renewal, generosity, and the ways we strengthen the ministries that shape our parish community. Sacred Heart of Jesus School is one of those vital ministries.

Thanks to the generosity of our parish and school community, we have surpassed our original Hearts and Heritage Fund goal of \$50,000 and have raised \$67,500 to date. This is a powerful testament to the faith and commitment of those who believe in Catholic education.

We are now reaching toward a stretch goal of \$75,000. These additional funds will allow us to enhance our brand new STEM Lab with expanded equipment, hands on learning tools, and enriched programming that prepares our students for the future while remaining rooted in faith. Your gift, at any level, helps strengthen tuition assistance, classroom resources, faith formation programs, and student enrichment opportunities.

We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Hearts and Heritage Fund during this Lenten season.

To make your gift, scan the QR code below or visit:

<https://sacredheartschool.com/annual-fund>



Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity in support of Sacred Heart of Jesus School. Together, we strengthen the future of our parish and our children.

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