

Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

JULY 27TH, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF 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

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
sacredheartschool.com

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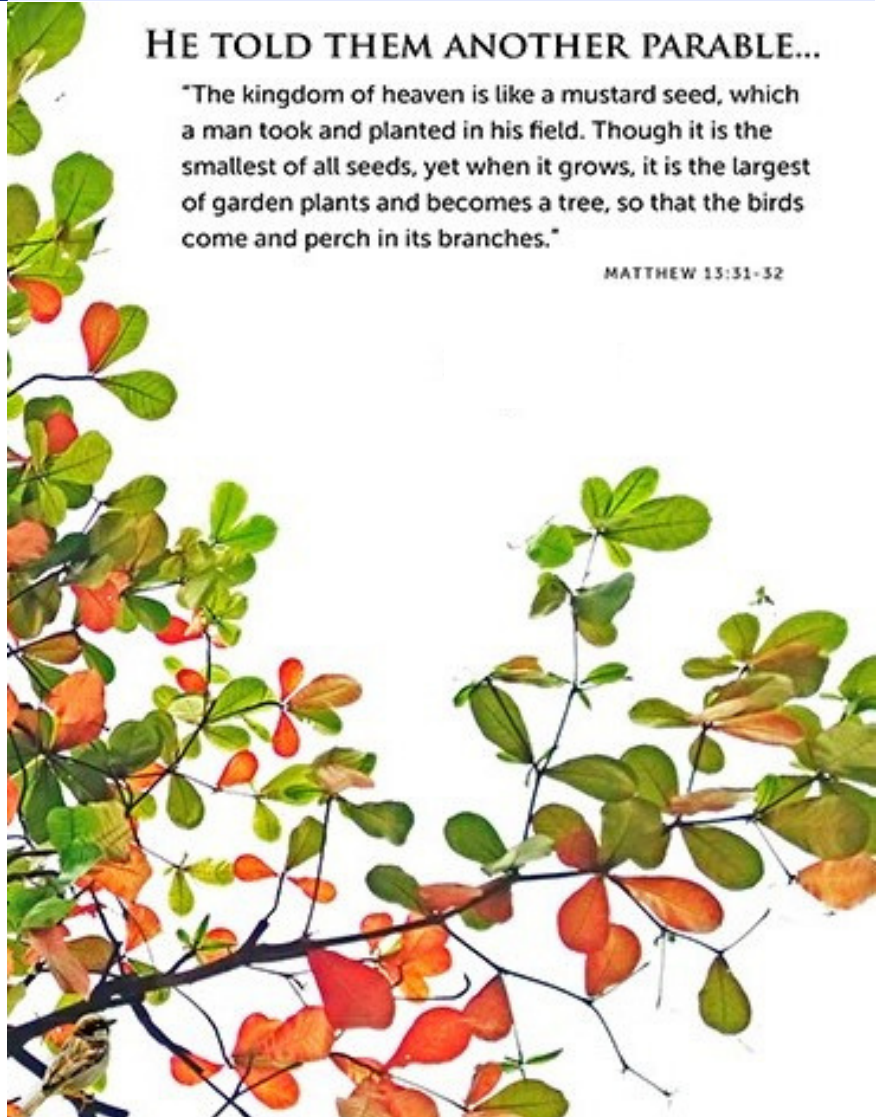
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HE TOLD THEM ANOTHER PARABLE...

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

MATTHEW 13:31-32



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 by Friday at 8:00am of the previous week for requested publication.



INFORMATION CENTER

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flower memorial dates are available. Call the office for available dates.

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.
- Bring your intentions to the office during office hours.

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



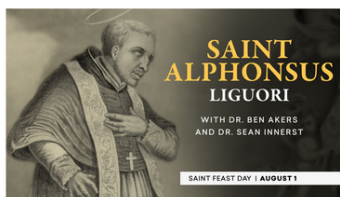
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

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
The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey | Based on a True Saint
The Violinist is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Featuring personal stories from the people who knew St. Solanus, the film showcases his remarkable ability to inspire others, sharing heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.

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Forming Catholics for Life
St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints
Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

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Forming Catholics for Life
Ignatius of Loyola
This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

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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



FOSTERING PARISH UNITY *Parish Council*

If you or someone you know has the gifts and desire to serve on Parish Council, please submit a nomination form by Monday, July 28th. More information and nomination forms are available at the back of the church, in the parish office, and on our website. Let us continue to build up our parish together in faith, service, and love!

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE *Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown*

Saturday, Jul. 26 th	4:00 pm Rita Rizzo
Sunday, Jul. 27 th	11:00 am Harry Carothers
Thursday, Jul. 31 st	9:00 am Tom and Marge Connare
Friday, Aug. 1 st	9:00 am Anthony and Rose Ianelli
Saturday, Aug. 2 nd	4:00 pm Donald Parson Sr
Sunday, Aug. 3 rd	11:00 am Meloni Family

WHY GO TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION *Deepen your love of Christ*

In the busyness of modern life, where distractions are constant and silence feels rare, many people search for peace, clarity, and deeper meaning. Eucharistic Adoration is about being with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration allows you to simply be in His presence. Like visiting a close friend or loved one, you don't have to have the right words; just showing up matters. Life is filled with noise: emails, notifications, traffic, conversations, stress. Adoration invites you into silence. Whether you're struggling with prayer or want to grow spiritually, Adoration is a great place to start. Difficult decisions, emotional burdens, and spiritual dryness are part of every Christian journey. In Adoration, many find clarity they didn't have before. It's a sacred space where you can lay down your worries, ask for help, and receive grace to face challenges with faith and courage. Eucharistic Adoration isn't about doing something extraordinary, it's about being with Someone extraordinary. You don't need to have perfect faith or perfect words—just a willing heart. In a world of constant motion, take the time to kneel, sit, or rest before the One who waits for you in the silence. You may be surprised by the peace, joy, and strength you find.

1ST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION *A quiet hour with the Lord*

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday, August 1 from 9am Mass until 6pm. If you are willing to set a time each Friday to be an Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament, please fill out the form included in this week's bulletin. Faithful are needed on our schedule in order for this opportunity of prayer to remain possible for our parish community. Please help us keep our church doors open for prayer and adoration by scheduling a time to sit with our Lord.

STEWARDSHIP

July 20th: \$9,392.87

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

<i>Parish Goal:</i>	\$36,246.43
<i>Total Committed:</i>	\$46,750.00
<i>Donations Received:</i>	\$42,199.00

ST. JUDE PARISH

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

NO MASS

July 28

The Monday, July 28th 9 am Mass will not be held.

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION
Summit
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH
9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg

Please join Father Brommer, Director of the Office for Divine Worship and all those involved in their parish's OCIA process from across the Diocese for a morning of fellowship and two insightful talks.

Register by scanning the QR code:
Registration Deadline: August 8th



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING

Answering God's Call

Have you served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in the past or are currently serving? Do you feel God calling you to help serve at the altar in an extraordinary way?

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to participate in a Diocesan training session to be held at St. Jude. This opportunity for ministry is open to registered parishioners at St. Jude Parish who are in good standing with the teachings of the Catholic Church.



ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown

Sunday, Jul. 27 th	9:00 am People of the Parish
Monday, Jul. 28 th	9:00 am No Mass
Wednesday, Jul. 30 th	6:30 pm Leroy Marino
Sunday, Aug. 3 rd	9:00 am Gaye Curdo

STEWARDSHIP

July 20th: \$2075

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal:	\$13,401.13
Total Committed:	\$15,902.00
Donations Received:	\$15,884.00

COMMUNITY CORNER

LUMINA CENTER NEWS



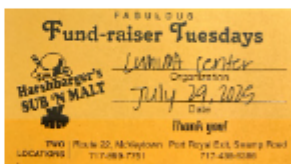
Focused opportunities for JULY
CONTACT: 717-247-8430 or execdirector@lumina-center.org

ENTIRE MONTH OF JULY

LUMINA CENTER IS 'ROUND UP' CHARITY
RECIPIENT AT REEDSVILLE CREAMERY

*JULY 29: HARSHBARGER FUNDRAISER TUES

Dine-In/Take-out/Gift
Certificates
Show ticket to cashier: 20% of
purchase goes to LUMINA
Building Fund



IN NEED OF:

- RAINBOW SUMMER SPONSORSHIPS:
 - STUDENTS: 2 weeks of summer camp = \$180
 - TEENS: \$ donation, gift cards, gas cards, etc
(approximately 9 teens per week: camp = 6 weeks total)
- VOLUNTEERS
- VAN DRIVERS FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR
Projected timeline: 2:30p -3:15p –Afterschool is Mon-Thurs
You pick which day(s)

FARMER'S MARKET

Juniata Valley Winery

Join Juniata Valley Winery for a day of stunning vineyard views, local sips, and the very best of Juniata County's small businesses! Their Farmer's Market is held the first Wednesday of every month, May-November from 10AM to 2PM.

Shop fresh produce, meats, eggs, baked goods, handmade crafts, and more from our amazing local makers and bakers! Sip a glass of local wine—or treat yourself to a mimosa—while you browse and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Stop by the tasting room for a signature Mimosa—fresh, bubbly, and the perfect market-day treat! The tasting room will be open—stock up on your favorite bottles while you're here!

Bring your friends, bring your family — and experience the true heart of local living! Support Local. Sip Local. Love Local.

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

Saint Joan of Arc Council of Catholic Women

Annual Flea Market

Save the Dates for Great Bargains!

Thursday, July 31st 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Friday, August 1st, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday, August 2nd, 8:00 AM to Noon

Parish Social Hall
Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church
359 West Areba Ave
Hershey, PA

Save the Date

THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG
Invites you to the
*Annual Hispanic Catholic
Encounter*
WALKING IN OUR FAITH
SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
4800 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, PA
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Culminating with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Senior.

COST: \$20
Includes morning refreshments and lunch.

Keynote Speakers
Congregación Misionera
San Juan Evangelista
Hermanos Cheos, Puerto Rico

Deacon Armando Torres ☎ 717-657-4804 ext. 221 ✉ DATorres@hbgdiocese.org
Register at hbgdiocese.org/hispanic-catholic-conference-registration



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](https://sacredheartschool.com)

It's Christmas in July!

Help share the gift of Catholic Education!

While it may be warm outside, the spirit of giving never goes out of season! Join us for Christmas in July as we raise funds for the Sacred Heart of Jesus School Angel Fund: a scholarship program that helps make catholic education possible for families in need.

Your generosity can be the answer to a prayer, providing tuition assistance to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend Sacred Heart School. Every gift, no matter the size, helps bring the light of Christ to a child's life through faith-filled learning.

Ways to Give:

- Make a special donation marked "Angel Fund: Christmas in July"
- Sponsor a student in part or full
- Spread the word to friends, family, and alumni

Donations accepted through 7/31
Drop off at the parish office or donate online by visiting <https://sacredheartschool.com/angel-fund>

Let's come together in this season of mid-year generosity and share the true spirit of Christmas - The gift of hope, faith, and education.

Thank you for your support and prayers!



SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Change in hours

The SHS Office will be closed the week of July 28 - August 1.

If assistance is needed outside of office hours, leave a message on the school answering machine at 717-248- 5351 and we will return your call as soon as possible.



SACRED STEPS PRE-K

OPENING FALL, 2025



ENROLLING NOW! PRE-K 3 & 4 YEAR PROGRAMS

Kindergarten Readiness Individualized Attention
Limited Class Sizes Building Social and Emotional Skills
Moral Values Safe & Nurturing Environment

Strong Christian & Academic Curriculum

717-248-5351
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HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

SHS Yard Signs

Do you have a front yard or visible location at your home or business? Please consider placing a Sacred Heart School yard sign to help us raise awareness and invite new families to our school.

Signs are available in the back of church and on the school porch. Just grab one on your way out and proudly display it! Let's work together to share the gift of Sacred Heart School with our neighbors!



CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Service with a smile

Sacred Heart School is in need of breakfast and lunch volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested or know of anyone that would be interested, please call the school office and Ashley Henry would be more than happy to schedule a time to help you get your clearances.

ENROLLING NOW... K - 6TH GRADE

2025-2026 Academic Year!

Sacred Heart School is now accepting registrations for **grades K - 6th** for the 2025-2026 school year! Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2025. Scholarships and Financial Aid are available for Grades K - 6. To schedule a visit or to learn more please call the school office or email Ashley Henry. People of all faith traditions are welcome to join our school family.



DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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bishopsoffice@hbgdiocese.org | (717) 657-4804 ext. 354 | www.hbgdiocese.org

July 23, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always."¹ Our Holy Father, Pope Leo, spoke these words during Mass for the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents, and the Elderly. When reflecting on his message, I am drawn to the often-overlooked treasure within our families and society: our grandparents and the elderly.

Today, we celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. To celebrate this day in 2024, our late Pope Francis reflected on the Biblical story of Ruth, who, after the death of her husband and breaking with customs, chose to stay with her elderly mother-in-law, Naomi. Ruth was "then blessed with a happy marriage, a family, a new home. This is always the case: by remaining close to the elderly and acknowledging their unique role in the family, in society and in the Church, we will ourselves receive many gifts, many graces, many blessings!"²

I was fortunate to spend extended amounts of time growing up with my paternal grandmother, Florence Griffith Senior, whom we called "Meme." Her strong faith and deep devotion to Our Blessed Mother inspired my own devotion to Mary, and especially to the Rosary. Meme's resilience in facing the challenges of her youth growing up in the Manayunk section of Philadelphia, and after marrying my grandfather, in Germantown, through the years of the Great Depression and World War II, was the fruit of her fervent Catholic faith. She also inspired my lifelong interest and appreciation for our family history long before Ancestry.com became fashionable!

As we give thanks for the gift of the elderly, we also acknowledge the challenges they often still face. Many of our elderly are isolated, face serious health issues, and sadly feel undervalued. While these challenges also impact families and caregivers, it remains our duty to ensure that our elderly are not ever cast aside. We are called then to embrace them as integral members of our communities.

As we celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, remember that hope is a gift that transcends age. Our grandparents are not just the past; they are the bridge to our future. By honoring them, we pay tribute to their lives and nurture the hope that sustains us all. Together, may we commit ourselves to continue creating a world where every grandparent and elderly individual feels valued, cherished, and full of hope.

May Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

¹ Leo, "Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly Homily of the Holy Father Leo XIV," *Vatican*, <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2025/documents/20250601-omelia-giubileo-famiglie.html> (accessed June 11, 2025).

² Francis, "Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly," *Vatican*, <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20240425-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html> (accessed June 11, 2025).

INVITATION TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Yes, I am willing to spend 30 minutes to 1 hour, once a month with Jesus, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please fill out this form and bring to the Parish Office or drop in the collection basket at Mass. You will be contacted by Adrienne Zannino with further instructions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Place a 1 for your first preference and a 2 for your second preference. **Eucharistic Adoration is the First Friday of every month.**

_____ 9:30-10:00	_____ 12:30-1:00	_____ 3:30-4:00
_____ 10:00-10:30	_____ 1:00-1:30	_____ 4:00-4:30
_____ 10:30-11:00	_____ 1:30-2:00	_____ 4:30-5:00
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_____ 12:00-12:30	_____ 3:00-3:30	_____ Substitute

“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?” Matthew 26:40