

Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

AUGUST 24TH, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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
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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 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 Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints
A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

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The Confessions of Saint Augustine
Actor Leonardo DiCaprio captures the poetry and passion of Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) in a performance that is accessible and deeply moving. The play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a "new age" style cult. He inspired by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseverance of his faithful mother, Saint Monica.

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Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints
Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great 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

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Voices needed

Do you enjoy singing? Think you can't sing in a choir? Think again!!

If you have any interest in singing for the Christmas Eve Mass please let Cathy Stout know by emailing her at cstout@sacredheartlewistown.com or calling/texting to 814-360-4268.

If there is enough interest rehearsals will begin in mid-September. Stay tuned!

IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

Parish Census

Did you hear the news? It's time for a Parish Census. After much investigation, we have found that many of our parishioner's records are incorrect, incomplete or not recorded at all. Please take your envelope from church, complete, and return as soon as possible.

This will help us make sure we have your most up to date information, create new ministries & activities, visiting the homebound & nursing homes, and simply just getting to know each other better.

1ST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

A quiet hour with the Lord

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held **Friday, September 5**, from the **9:00am Mass until 6:00pm**. We especially need afternoon adorers to help ensure that Our Lord is never left alone during this sacred time.

If you are willing to commit to a specific time each First Friday to be an Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office. Having faithful adorers on the schedule is essential to keeping this beautiful opportunity for prayer available to our parish family.

All are welcome to come and spend time with Jesus, whether you are on the schedule or simply stop in for a visit. Your presence helps us keep our church doors open for prayer and adoration.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Instruction for those individuals who are interested in becoming Catholic will begin on Monday, September 15th. We will meet from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Parish Office. For more information or to register please contact the parish office or email Cathy Stout.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONING

The One who Serves

We are pleased to announce the commissioning of the newly formed Parish Councils at both Sacred Heart and St. Jude Parishes. On Sunday, August 31, during the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Jude and the 11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, our newly nominated and appointed parishioners will be formally installed as members of the Parish Council.

The commissioning will take place following the homily.

We extend our gratitude to all who accepted their nominations and answered the call to serve our parish communities in this important way.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown

Saturday, Aug. 23 rd	4:00 pm Intentions of Anne Marie Showers
Sunday, Aug. 24 th	11:00 am Nancy Tranquich
Thursday, Aug. 28 th	9:00 am Paulette Reed
Friday, Aug. 29 th	9:00 am Rose & John Tote
Saturday, Aug. 30 th	4:00 pm Sr. Joseph Spring
Sunday, Aug. 31 st	11:00 am People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

August 17th:	\$4,795.00
Assumption:	\$1,623.00

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal:	\$36,246.43
Total Committed:	\$46,750.00
Donations Received:	\$43,187.00

ST. JUDE PARISH

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WOMEN'S GUILD MEETINGS & EVENTS THIS FALL

Join Us for Prayer & Friendship

The women's guild is resuming their monthly meetings for August, September, October and November. The meetings are the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the social hall of the church. All women are invited to participate.

SAVE THE DATE:

The annual Ladies Night Out will be on Tuesday evening, September 23rd. We begin at 6:00 by praying the Rosary, followed by wine and cheese. Dinner will be about 7:00. Menu and sign-up sheet will be in the narthex the beginning of September.

Just a reminder, we pray the Rosary every Sunday morning at 8:30 before Mass. If you would be interested in leading, please see Cathy Fitzgerald.

NEW WELCOME DESK

Supporting Parish needs

We are excited to announce the addition of a Welcome Desk in the narthex! The desk will be available after Mass to help make parish life easier for everyone. At the Welcome Desk, parishioners can:

- Request Mass cards
- Pick up or return sponsorship forms
- Register with the parish

The desk will also serve as a helpful spot for new members to get connected and feel at home. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the desk for just 20 minutes after Mass. The more volunteers we have, the smoother this ministry will run! This is a wonderful way to welcome others and serve our parish family. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office.

A FAMILY OF FAITH

New Parish Religious Education Program

We're excited to announce a new direction in faith formation at Sacred Heart and St. Jude parishes: A Family of Faith. This family-based catechetical program helps parents grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith so they can pass it on to their children, bringing Christ into the heart of the home.

Program Highlights:

- **Monthly Parent Sessions (September-May):** Deepen your faith with guidance from our parish catechists.
- **Children's Classes:** Kids learn separately through engaging activities led by catechists.
- **At-Home Lessons:** Families reinforce learning together using the Parent's Guide and Activity Book.
- **Community Gatherings:** Monthly events for the whole family to build friendships and celebrate faith.

This flexible program is designed for children in **grades 1-8**, but **all parishioners are welcome** to participate! You can get involved by volunteering to lead a parent session, assist with children's classes, or help organize community events. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, catechist, or simply passionate about faith formation, there are opportunities for you to be part of our program. To register your child or to volunteer contact Adrienne Zannino at the Parish Office. Learn more about the vision and structure of A Family of Faith by visiting [Sophia Press Teachers' official page](#). Let's grow together in faith and make our churches true families of God.

ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown

Sunday, Aug. 24 th	9:00 am People of the Parish
Monday, Aug. 25 th	9:00 am No Mass
Wednesday, Aug. 27 th	6:30 pm Bill Boynton
Sunday, Aug. 31 st	9:00 am Mark Reed

STEWARDSHIP

August 17th:	\$1,728.01
Assumption:	\$637.26

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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

COMMUNITY CORNER



Join our Senior Day Health Expo at Senior Day of the Juniata County Fair!

Wednesday, September 3, 2025
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: 308 W 8th St, Port Royal, PA 17082

*Free giveaways, health screenings and information
that will keep you living healthy and safe.*

Questions? Call 717-363-9254

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR GAZA RELIEF

We are called to be the hands and heart of Christ

Our Church joins in mourning the suffering of innocent people, especially Christians, in Gaza, where violence and severe humanitarian conditions continue. Pope Leo has called for a ceasefire, noting with sorrow that "Gaza is starving."

In response, we will take up a special collection the weekend of August 31st to support relief efforts through Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). These trusted Catholic agencies are providing emergency food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support. Please give generously and keep those affected in your prayers.

DIOCESAN SCHOLA CANTORUM

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The Diocesan Schola Cantorum is pleased to announce vocal placement auditions for the 2025-2026 season. We are seeking experienced choral musicians from across the diocese to join our dedicated group of professional and volunteer singers.

The Schola Cantorum provides musical leadership for some of the most significant liturgical and concert events throughout the year.

All new members must complete a voice placement audition. Auditions will be held at the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111) on the following dates:

- Tuesday, August 26, 2026 • 6:00 - 9:00 PM

To schedule a time slot, please contact Dr. Richard Skirpan, Music Director, at scholahbg@gmail.com. If you are unable to attend these dates, you may email Dr. Skirpan to inquire about an alternate appointment. Following your audition, you will be invited to complete a form to indicate your availability for each event and corresponding rehearsals. Event assignments will be made based on your availability, physical space constraints, and the need for choral balance.

If you are an experienced choral singer interested in serving our diocese through the gift of music, we warmly encourage you to audition.



SPECIAL GUESTS

PLUS:

- Teens Track
- VBS-style Kids Track
- Breakouts for Men, Women, and Couples
- Relic of Blessed Stanley Rother
- Lunch Provided
- Food Truck Picnic

October 18, 2025

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Register now at: www.hbgdiocese.org/behold

Thanks to our Community Champions:



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Bishop Frank Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

FEATURED PRESENTERS



Damon & Melanie Owens
Founders, Joyful Ever After

CELEBRANT, VIGIL MASS



Bishop Timothy Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT



The Scally Brothers
Recording Artists



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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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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!



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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.



Rosé & The Rosary

On Thursday, August 14th, the women of our parishes gathered for the inaugural Rosé and the Rosary evening, a beautiful new opportunity for prayer and fellowship. The evening began with an opening prayer led by Lucas Bastian and Father Coyle, followed by the praying of the Rosary together as a community of faith.

Afterward, everyone enjoyed light snacks, drinks, and wonderful fellowship, making it a truly spirit-filled and joyful evening.

We are grateful to all who attended and helped make this first Rosé and the Rosary gathering a success. Stay tuned for more events like this in the near future, we look forward to welcoming even more women to join in prayer, conversation, and community!

