

Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

AUGUST 31ST, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND 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

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For every one who
exalts himself will be
humbled,
but the one who
humbles himself will
be exalted.

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

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.

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.

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 correct and return your paperwork by dropping off or mailing it to the Parish Office.

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Labor Day

The Parish office will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 1.

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.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown

Saturday, Aug. 30 th	4:00 pm Intentions of Sr. Joseph Spring
Sunday, Aug. 31 st	11:00 am People of the Parish
Thursday, Sept. 4 th	9:00 am Intentions of Matthew Obutte
Friday, Sept. 5 th	9:00 am Intentions of Christine Suloff
Saturday, Sept. 6 th	4:00 pm Intentions of Joseph and Mandy Tice
Sunday, Sept. 7 th	11:00 am Gary Sanges

STEWARDSHIP

August 24th: \$7,242.50

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal: \$36,246.43

Total Committed: \$46,780.00

Donations Received: \$43,697.00

ST. JUDE PARISH

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

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.



We'd love for you to join us, sign up in the narthex! Childcare will be available.

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.



Interested? Just add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex!

ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown

Sunday, Aug. 31 st	9:00 am Mark Reed
Monday, Sept. 1 st	9:00 am Gaye Curdo
Wednesday, Sept. 3 rd	6:30 pm Carol Ann Jones
Sunday, Sept. 7 th	9:00 am People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

August 24th: \$1,568.00

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN


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

COMMUNITY CORNER

CELEBRATING 40th Years
1985-2025

You Are Invited To

Grossroads Pregnancy Center's
Annual Fundraising Banquet
40th Birthday Celebration

 **DOORS OPEN AT 5PM**
At **6** PM *****RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!*****

3 GREAT LOCATIONS
with the same time, guest speaker, and program for your convenience.


Mon, Sept 15th, 2025 - Lewistown, Pa- Calvary Bible Church
Tues, Sept 16th, 2025 - Altoona, Pa- Blair Co. Convention Center
Wed, Sept 17th, 2025 - Huntingdon, Pa- Oasis of Love Church

*****RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. NO FEE.** Be sure to reserve your seat today since seats fill up fast! (We love your children, but this is an adult-only event.) To RSVP, please be sure to use the RSVP QR code, mail in your fully completed RSVP, or visit our website (CPCforLife.org/banquet).

*****Thanks to our sponsors, your meal and attendance is complimentary! Come and enjoy our Annual Fundraising Banquet with us!**

*****If you're church or business is interested in sponsoring, please visit our website:**
CPCforLife.org/banquet-sponsor

Guest Speaker: Wendy Burpee "Abortion, domestic abuse, shame and hopelessness could have been the end of Wendy's story, but God had a different plan for her life. He rescued her and gave her a passion for the unborn. Her past experiences have uniquely gifted her with the ability to speak to women facing unplanned pregnancy and allow them to see the truth about the precious life they carry. Her story allows you to see the wreckage abortion causes and the mercy of our loving heavenly Father. Wendy Burpee is the Executive Director for Genesis Women's Clinic in Pottstown and Phoenixville, PA. She is certified as a Biblical counselor specializing in pro-life counseling and domestic abuse and the author of *Running Toward Abortion*."



ONLY IN Beautiful DOWNTOWN LEWISTOWN

Lucky FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 26

GOOSE DAY for the JUNIATA RIVER VALLEY



GOOSE DAY
Drone Light Show

September 26, 2025 @ 9:30 p.m.
Downtown Lewistown



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.

A CONFERENCE FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD
BEHOLD!

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

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:

HIGHMARK  **KOCH**  **First National Bank** 



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



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BUILDING A WEIS FUTURE

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your Weis Rewards™ card online at weis4school.com

2 SCAN
your Weis Rewards™ card each time you shop

3 EARN
cash for your school based on your qualifying purchases

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!

SHS SCHOOL BOARD

With Gratitude to Our School Board

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our School Board for their dedication, guidance, and commitment to Sacred Heart School. Your leadership and support help ensure that our students, staff, and families continue to grow and thrive in faith and education. We are truly grateful for all you do for our school community!

School Board Members:

- Michael Leeper - President
- Marcie Ciota
- Julie Hannon
- Dani Miklos
- Megan Miller
- Sarah Petroski
- Jessica Shutika
- Kristy Thierwechter
- Bonnie Zannino



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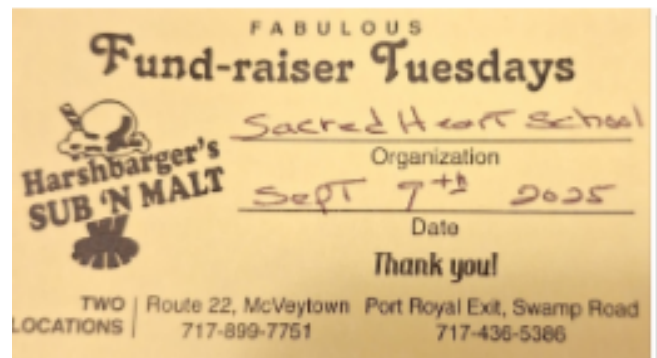
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GO TO OUR WEBSITE
<https://sacredheartschool.com/staff>

CLICK THE GLOBE BESIDE THE TEACHERS NAME

DINNER AND A DONATION

Supporting SHS in the community



FABULOUS
Fund-raiser Tuesdays

Harshbarger's SUB 'N MALT

Sacred Heart School
Organization

Sept 7th 2025
Date

Thank you!

TWO LOCATIONS | Route 22, McVeytown | Port Royal Exit, Swamp Road
717-899-7751 | 717-436-5386



SACRED HEART
— of JESUS —
SCHOOL

at Bread of Life

Enjoy a meal and support SHS! 20% of your total bill will be donated to the SHS Home & School Association. Dine in or take out, just present this ticket!

September 20



DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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

August 28, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On September 1, our Church will observe the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This is a time when we are invited to reflect deeply on our sacred responsibility toward the Earth, the precious gift entrusted to us by our Creator. This year's theme, "Seeds of Peace and Hope," calls us to nurture a future where harmony between humanity and creation flourishes.

Catholic social teaching reminds us that caring for creation is not optional; it is a moral imperative rooted in the dignity of every person and the interconnectedness of all life. Pope Francis, in his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, powerfully calls us to recognize the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" as one. We cannot separate the health of our planet from the well-being of the most vulnerable among us.

In early June, Pope Leo authorized a new "Mass for the Care of Creation," saying during his first celebration of this Mass in early July that "...we should pray for the conversion of the many people, inside and outside of the Church, who do not yet recognize the urgent need to care for our common home."¹ The Holy Father added in a message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation that, "Environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed. In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity."²

In our daily lives, we are the sowers of these seeds of peace and hope that demonstrate a visible expression of our faith. Each act of care, respect, and stewardship for creation, and especially for our brothers and sisters most in need, nurtures peace and hope in a world often tainted by division and despair. We are entrusted as stewards of creation, not its owners, called to protect this sacred home for present and future generations.

May this day renew our commitment to care for creation with love and courage. Let us take concrete steps, such as reducing waste, conserving energy, and advocating for policies that protect our environment. May the seeds we plant today blossom into a world abundantly filled with peace, justice, and hope.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

¹ McLellan, Justin, "Pope prays for conversion of those resisting climate action at new Mass," *Catholic News Service*, <https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/pope-prays-conversion-those-resisting-climate-action-new-mass> (accessed July 10, 2025).

² Leo, "Message of the Holy Father for the tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation," *Vatican*, <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2025/07/02/250702e.html> (accessed July 10, 2025).