

# Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

SEPTEMBER 07, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD 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

110 N. Dorcas St.  
Lewistown, PA 17044  
717-248-5351  
[sacredheartschool.com](http://sacredheartschool.com)

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**Whoever does not  
carry his own  
cross and come  
after me cannot  
be my disciple.**

## 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) 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](http://formed.org) and click sign up to see what they have to offer!



**formed**  
Forming Catholics for Life

### The Boy from Milan | Trailer

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

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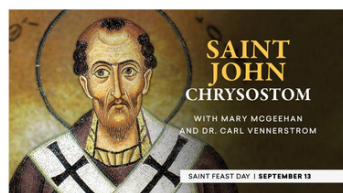


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### Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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### St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.

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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](http://SACREDHEARTLEWISTOWN.COM)

## 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.



## IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

### *Parish Census*

Thank you to all of the families who have returned their census information. To date, we have received a response from 120 households. We kindly ask that all parishioners would please correct and return your paperwork by dropping off or mailing it to the Parish Office. Or you may also drop off your completed form in the white collection box in the foyer of the church.

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.

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

### *Interested in Becoming Catholic?*

Meetings for Christian Initiation will begin for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic. We will meet weekly on Monday evenings beginning September 15th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. The year will be divided into two parts; the first focusing on What One is Seeking, Why One Seeks God, and Why a Church, among other topics. The second part of the year will focus specifically on the Creed, the Sacraments, the Theological Virtues, Prayers, Discipleship and Mission. These programs are developed by the Augustine Institute and are among the best in the country. If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact the Parish Office or Cathy Stout at [cstout@sacredheartlewistown.com](mailto:cstout@sacredheartlewistown.com)

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### *Flower Memorials*

The altar flowers in our sanctuary are in loving memory of Nancy Wills.

## SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

### *Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown*

Saturday, Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm   Intentions of Joseph and Mandy Tice
Sunday, Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am   Gary Sanges
Thursday, Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   Marla Burkholder
Friday, Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   Tom & Marge Connare
Saturday, Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm   Nancy Wills
Sunday, Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am   People of the Parish

## STEWARDSHIP

August 31st: \$7,160.25

## 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](http://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.

## WOMEN'S GUILD EVENTS

### *Join Us for Prayer & Friendship*

Save the dates for upcoming events:

- Sunday, October 26 - St. Jude Breakfast following the 9am Mass
  - Monday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Basket Assembly and distribution
  - Advent By Candlelight - not sure of the date yet
  - Cookie Walk - Saturday, December 13
- More information will follow soon.

The menu and sign-up sheet for Ladies Nite Out is in the narthex.

The Women's Guild provides for the Sunday Social on the third Sunday each month. We would like to have some more volunteers to help with this. The more help, the less often you need to help and any help is greatly appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

A group of women are planning to car pool to the "She Shall Be Called Woman" program at Sacred Heart. If you are interested, see Karen Tornambe or Ginger Best.



### *Charity*

Charity is at the heart of our work and our faith - and it always has been. For the Knights of Columbus, charity means supporting a virtually bondless variety of projects.

### *Faith*

Our commitment to charitable service is just one of the many ways that we express our Catholic faith. We're here to build a daily bridge back to what matters, for our members and fellow Catholics.

### *Membership*

With 2.1 million members around the world, we have been investing our time, effort, and resources into our values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism since 1882.



## STEWARDSHIP

August 31st: \$2,775.50

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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

## ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

### *St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown*


Sunday, Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   People of the Parish
Monday, Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   Jessie Mitchell
Wednesday, Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm   Katherine Kozicki
Sunday, Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   Daniel P. Cherry III

# COMMUNITY CORNER

**CELEBRATING 40<sup>th</sup> Years**  
1983-2023

You Are Invited To

**Grossroads Pregnancy Center's  
Annual Fundraising Banquet**  
*40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://CPCforLife.org/banquet)).

**\*\*\*Thanks to our sponsors, your meal and attendance is complementary! 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](http://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



**KEEP  
MARCHING**  
*for life!*

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

## Adoration

2:00 pm\* - 9:00 am  
\*Begins Sunday afternoon

## Holy Mass

Opening Mass: 9:30 am  
Closing Mass: 1:30 pm



**A CONFERENCE FOR  
BEHOLD!  
THE FAMILY OF GOD**

**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](http://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

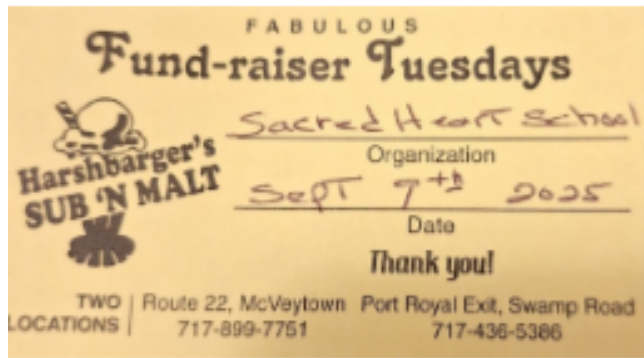


# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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

## DINNER AND A DONATION

Supporting SHS in the community



## 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

## 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!



## WELCOME TO SHS

### New Pre-K Teacher

Sacred Heart School is thrilled to welcome Mrs. Kaitlynn Martin, lovingly known as "Ms. Kate," as our new Pre-K teacher. Working with children is one of her greatest passions. Over the years, she has led youth programs, planned creative lessons, and provided hands-on learning experiences that help children discover their talents and build confidence. Ms. Kate believes in creating a warm, welcoming environment where every child feels seen, valued, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Outside the classroom, Ms. Kate is blessed to be a mom to three wonderful children; Ezra, Olivia, and Oliver, who fill her life with laughter, energy, and inspiration. They remind her every day of the importance of nurturing curiosity, kindness, and a love for learning in the next generation.

In addition to teaching, Ms. Kate operates a horse rescue and serves as the County Coordinator for the Juniata County Animal Response Team. In this role, she leads responses to animal-related emergencies, from large-scale rescues to urgent situations. Most recently, she assisted in responding to the pig truck accident in Juniata County, an experience that reinforced her belief in compassion, teamwork, and community service, values she strives to pass on to her students.





# BACK TO SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School is excited to welcome back our students, teachers, and families for the 2025–2026 school year! The first day of school always brings fresh energy, new opportunities, and joyful anticipation for the months ahead.

This year, our students will be starting off not only with bright smiles and eager hearts, but also with brand-new uniforms that show our school pride. We are grateful to our parents, faculty, and parish community for the love and support that make Catholic education possible here at SHS.

Please join us in praying for a safe, faith-filled, and successful school year for our children. May God bless them with curiosity in learning, kindness in friendship, and strength in growing closer to Christ each day. Thank you for being a vital part of our school and parish family, we couldn't do it without you!





# SACRED HEART PARISH & SCHOOL'S



# TRUNK or TREAT



## CAR SIGN-UP REGISTRATION FORM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH | 6:00-8:00PM

Old Bon-Ton Parking Lot –  
North Plaza Drive, Lewistown



## EVENT RULES & GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING VEHICLES

- Please arrive by 5:00pm to get parked and decorate your trunk.
- Vehicles must be decorated and ready to hand out candy by 6:00pm.
- Vehicles must remain parked until the event is over at 8:00pm.
- Decorations and costumes should be family-friendly / non-scary.  
\*No demons, weapons, or caldrons\*
- Each vehicle must sign up individually by October 13th.

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781



Please fill out and return to the Parish or School Office  
by October 13, 2025

- Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_
- Vehicle Make/Color & License Plate: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_