

Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

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For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.

John 6:37-40



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



We invite you to memorialize a loved one by sponsoring Altar flowers throughout the year. The Parish Office will work with the local florists to place all flower memorial orders for the church. If you would like to sponsor flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office directly. Checks may be made payable to the Parish for your donation.

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 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!



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Forming Catholics for Life.
Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd
As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the impoverished life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

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Eternal Rest | Trailer
We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through *Eternal Rest*, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.

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Litany of the Faithful Departed
Join us in praying the Litany of the Faithful Departed, asking for God to have mercy on those who have gone before us. This is a great prayer to offer for your loved ones who have passed away or anyone who has passed away.

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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

CHOIR CHRISTMAS PRACTICE BEGINS!

Preparing hearts for Christmas through song

The first choir practice to prepare for Christmas will be held Tuesday, November 4, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the choir loft.

New members are warmly welcome — including our youth! No need to read music; just come ready to work together and make a joyful noise. “When you sing, you pray twice.” Let’s lift our prayers in song as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior!

RECTORY DEMOLITION

A quick update on the rectory

The Sacred Heart of Jesus parish finance council, parish pastoral council, and parish staff all recommend demolition and future planning for a new rectory. An electronic survey was sent to over 250 parishioner email addresses with 91% of respondents in agreement that this is the most responsible path forward for our parish.

At St. Jude, the parish council recommends renovating their rectory for long-term use.

Your recommendations will now be sent to the Diocese of Harrisburg, and we will await their guidance before taking next steps.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we plan for the future together.

Mass of Remembrance

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

6:30 pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church



Ceramic Christmas Tree Painting

Thursday, Nov. 20th
6:00 pm
St. Jude Parish Hall

\$45 per person

Pay at or mail to the Parish Office
(Checks to Sacred Heart)

Deadline to sign up: 11/6

We'll have snacks and beverages to enjoy!



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF MIFFLIN CO.

ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lewistown, PA proudly serves all of the faithful as the only Roman Catholic Church in Mifflin County. Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish remains in full communion and under the authority of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg. Currently, the Reverend Kevin J. Coyle is the only Catholic priest and clergy in Mifflin County. Questions and concerns about other church communities functioning outside of communion with Holy Mother Church may be directed to the Diocese of Harrisburg at 717-657-4804.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown

Saturday, Nov. 1 st	4:00 pm Souls of the Faithful Departed
Sunday, Nov. 2 nd	11:00 am Souls of the Faithful Departed
Thursday, Nov. 6 th	9:00 am Marla Burkholder
Friday, Nov. 7 th	9:00 am Special Intention
Saturday, Nov. 8 th	4:00 pm William & Florence Worstall
Sunday, Nov. 9 th	11:00 am Andrew Miriello

STEWARDSHIP

October 19th: \$10,484.25

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal:	\$36,246.43
Total Committed:	\$47,040.00
Donations Received:	\$45,403.00

ST. JUDE PARISH

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

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Share a smile, a donut, and a little joy after Mass!

Love coffee and donuts? We're looking for friendly faces to help provide snacks on Sunday mornings after Mass! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex on the Social Calendar. Depending on how many folks sign up, you'll be up about once every 2-3 months. It's an easy and fun way to serve, and a great excuse to share a little hospitality and maybe your favorite treat!

A contemplative youth retreat centered on discovering the Peace of Christ

Date: November 8th 2025 (8am-6pm)
Location: St. Joseph's East York
Cost: \$25 per person (chaperones free)
Open to all youth grades 8th – 12th

2025 Theme: "Where God Is"
Psalm 139:7-10

"Where can I go to hide from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I take my rest in the netherworld, you are also there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, and your right hand will hold me fast."

Keynote: "To Find or to Be Found"
Workshops:

1. The Heart
2. Creation
3. The Eucharist
4. Sent by the Spirit (a talk just for Confirmation)

<--REGISTER YOUR GROUP HERE

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WOMEN'S GUILD EVENTS

Join Us for Prayer & Friendship

Save the dates for upcoming events:

- Monday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Basket Assembly and distribution
 - Advent By Candlelight - Dec. 5
 - Cookie Walk - Saturday, December 13
- More information will follow soon.

The annual Ladies Night Out will be on Tuesday evening, October 28. 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.

A FAMILY OF FAITH

October Overview

In October, our Family of Faith children explored the meaning of faith, what it is and how we come to know and trust in God. They also learned that the Church beautifully summarizes the great mysteries of our Faith in the Apostles' Creed, helping us understand who God is, His divine attributes, and the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

As the month went on, students began to enter into the story of God's great plan by reflecting on His creation and how He reveals Himself to us.

For the Family Storybook activity, each family created their own "Book of Genesis" story, telling how their family is part of God's creation. Families were invited to share how God brought them together, the arrival of each child, the unique gifts each person brings, and how God's hand has guided their lives along His path.

ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown

Sunday, Nov. 2 nd	9:00 am Souls of the Faithful Departed
Monday, Nov. 3 rd	9:00 am J. Cletus Reinburg
Wednesday, Nov. 4 th	6:30 pm David Deets
Sunday, Nov. 9 th	9:00 am People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

October 26th: \$1,585.00

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal:	\$13,401.13
Total Committed:	\$15,955.00
Donations Received:	\$15,955.00

COMMUNITY CORNER



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS PRESENTS A BLUE JUNIATA FOODWAYS EVENT:

A World of Holiday Treats

First Friday
November 7, 2025
5 P.M. – while supplies last, up to 7:30 P.M.
The Crooked Shelf Bookshop
23 North Main Street Lewistown, PA 17044



Wine & Design: Mosaic

SATURDAY, NOV. 8 | 11:30AM
JUNIATA VALLEY WINERY

4 SEASONS & CENTERS IN MOTION

Farmhouse Breakfast

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
8:00am-10:00am • 4 Seasons Senior Center
56 Jam House Road, Mifflin

COST IS \$10, EAT IN OR TAKEOUT

PLEASE RSVP IF POSSIBLE BY NOVEMBER 10TH
Contact Beth at 717-320-8367 or Jody at 717-436-6847



DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

— NOVEMBER 5TH —

7:00pm

Bishop Timothy Senior, celebrant
Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg
With music from Mozart's Requiem Mass



CHRISTIAN INITIATION AUTUMN RETREAT

To Be His Disciples



NOVEMBER 8, 2025
8:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Diocesan Center
4800 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg

REGISTER TODAY

hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/christian_initiation_retreat



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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KINDERGARTEN'S "ADOPT A COW" *Meet Daisy*

Our kindergarten class is thrilled to share an exciting new project, we have adopted a real cow through the Adopt-A-Cow program! Our class's cow is named Daisy, and we will be receiving monthly updates about her throughout the school year, including photos and information about her life on the farm.

In addition to our real cow, students will also be spending time with our two classroom mascot stuffed cows named Moo-Moo and Gem. Each weekend, one student will take a stuffed cow home to share adventures and record their experiences in our class journals. These journals will help us document all the fun memories and learning throughout the year.



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.

SUPPORT SHS THROUGH GIFT CARDS *Holiday Shopping that Helps SHS!*

Did you know you can help support Sacred Heart School just by purchasing gift cards for your everyday shopping or holiday gifts? Through the RaiseRight Gift Card Program, a percentage of each purchase comes back to our school, helping provide tuition credit and financial aid for SHS families.

With more than 750 brands to choose from, RaiseRight makes it easy to give back:

1. Paper Form: Pick up an order form in the Narthex. Return it to the school or Parish Office with cash or a check made out to Sacred Heart School.
2. Online or App – Physical Cards: Visit RaiseRight.com or download the app to order gift cards shipped to your home or the school (small fees apply).
3. Online or App – E-Gift/Reloadable Cards: Order instantly available e-gift cards or reloadable cards (small fees apply).

Sacred Heart School Enrollment Code:

986DCAA961532

Paper Orders Due: November 4th

Your everyday shopping can help open doors for students, thank you for supporting Sacred Heart School!

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations!

10/23: \$25 Square Cafe Bakery - Kelly Priest
10/24: \$25 Harshbarger's Sub n' Malt - Annette Whistler
10/25: Tool Basket - Pam Rice
10/26: \$25 Giant - Christine Hall
10/27: \$25 Sheetz - Amanda Moeller
10/28: \$25 Shade Mountain - Joyce Havice
10/29: \$25 Hobby Lobby - Lindsey Anderson

Thank you to everyone who purchased a calendar and helped make this a successful HSA fundraiser.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Service with a smile

Sacred Heart School is looking for helping hands to serve breakfast and lunch. Volunteering is a wonderful way to be part of our school family and brighten our students' days! If you or someone you know would like to help, please contact the school office. Ashley Henry will gladly assist you with getting your clearances and setting up a time to volunteer.



DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

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October 22, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we look toward 2026, we prepare to celebrate an extraordinary milestone — the 60th anniversary of *The Catholic Witness*, the official publication of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Since its founding in 1966, *The Witness* has faithfully served as a means of communication, connection, and evangelization across our 15 counties. Through its stories, generations of the faithful have shared in the life of our parishes, schools, and ministries and, most importantly, in our shared witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The founding staff of *The Catholic Witness* described their mission simply: “to be an organ of information, instruction, opinion, and service in the diocese... simply doing our job as witnesses.” That commitment, to bear witness to the Good News, remains at the heart of this publication today. While the format, style, and technology have changed over the decades, its purpose has not: to inspire, inform, and connect us as one Diocesan family in faith.

In this anniversary year, we will honor that legacy by launching a new chapter — *The Catholic Witness Magazine*. This quarterly, printed publication will allow us to tell the story of our Diocese in an even more vibrant and engaging way. Through in-depth articles, beautiful photography, and thoughtful reflections, the magazine will highlight how Christ is alive and at work in our parishes, schools, and communities.

The Church’s mission of evangelization calls each of us to proclaim Christ’s love and mercy in every age and circumstance. As we resume our print history in the form of a magazine, while continuing our digital news focus online, we do so to carry the spirit of our history forward — embracing new ways to share the same timeless message of faith.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to *The Catholic Witness* over these six decades — its editors, writers, photographers, readers, and supporters. Your dedication has ensured that our Diocesan publication continues to fulfill its mission of being a true witness to Christ in our world.

The first issue of *The Catholic Witness Magazine* will arrive in homes in mid-March, 2026. May this new beginning for *The Catholic Witness Magazine* deepen our unity as the Body of Christ and renew our commitment to living and sharing the Gospel each day.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg