

# Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 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

### **Sacred Heart of Jesus School**

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

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# Hope



God's light can break into the darkest places.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

Isaiah 9:2

## 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) at least 8 days before the Sunday of publication. Submissions may be edited or abbreviated.



# INFORMATION CENTER

## ALTAR FLOWERS

We invite you to honor or remember a loved one by sponsoring altar flowers throughout the year. The Parish Office will coordinate all flower memorial orders with our local florists. If you would like to sponsor flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. Checks may be made payable to the Parish.

## 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



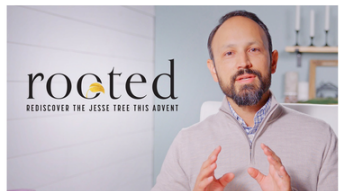
## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Formed is free to all parishioners at both Sacred Heart and St. Jude. Simply visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click sign up to see what they have to offer!



**formed**  
Forming Catholics for Life  
**Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns**  
Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



**formed**  
Forming Catholics for Life  
**Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer**

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging practical reflection.

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**Week One | Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym**

In week one, Heather speaks about the first reason for the Incarnation—Jesus saves us. Heather helps us to give our sorrows to Jesus, and open our hearts to the saving power of Christ.

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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

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Let the little voices ring*

All children of the parish are invited to help fill our church with joyful song at the **4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass!**

Come be part of the celebration as we praise the newborn King with music, faith, and fun!

### Rehearsals:

**Sundays, December 14, and 21**

**4:00-5:00 PM**

**Sacred Heart Church**

No experience needed, just a willing heart and a joyful voice!

### Calling Confirmation and High School Students!

We also welcome our Confirmation candidates and high-school parishioners to assist with rehearsals and help lead the children's choir at the Christmas Eve Mass. This is a wonderful way to serve the parish, earn service hours if needed, and help our younger singers grow in confidence.

Let the children come and sing for Jesus this Christmas!

## 1ST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

*A quiet hour with the Lord*

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held **Friday, December 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.

**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.



SEASON TWO  
**TEN VIRTUES of MARY**

The Blessed Mother is our perfect example of what it is to be a woman in love with the Lord. Saint Louis de Montfort defined ten virtues that Mary exhibited that define her life. These virtues are challenging, but they are not impossible. This season will shed light on each of these virtues while offering a roadmap to holiness. Each session provides a practical framework so you can deepen your prayer life, improve your relationships, and enrich your family life.

 SARAH SWAFFORD Speaker & Facilitator Eucharistic Adoration Minister	 KATIE HARTFIELD General Coordinator She Shall Be Called Woman	 JORDAN LANDRUM CEO Facilitator of Chalice
 ALICIA HICKSON Co-facilitator Music Ministry Director	 RACHEL BULMAN Author & Speaker	 MARTI PARILLO Catholic Speaker & Evangelist
 ALEXIA ZELENNAR Sister of the Precious Heart of Jesus and Mary	 LISA COTTER Catholic Speaker & Author	

**GROW IN VIRTUE**

**EACH SESSION OFFERS:**

- ENCOUNTER:** "Learning how I can relate to the life of Mary and practice the virtues she exhibited really helped me grow in my spiritual life."
- MESSAGE:** "The speakers are so genuine and presented concrete ideas that I could apply to my daily life. I learned so much!"
- FELLOWSHIP:** "I loved listening to other women share their faith, ideas, and insights on life. SHE has really helped me grow!"

**TWO NEW SEASONS AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR**

**PROGRAM INFORMATION:**  
9 Sessions on TUESDAY Evenings  
Begins January 13th, 2026  
Sacred Heart/St. Jude Parishes  
SHS School Cafeteria

**SCHEDULE:**  
6:30 PM Fellowship  
7:00 PM Video Presentation  
7:30 PM Small Group  
8:00 PM Dismissal

**REGISTRATION:**  
Scan the QR Code to register or reach out to Adrienne at the Parish Office to sign up!  
717-242-2781 or  
azannino@hbgdiocese.org

## SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown*

Saturday, Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Annie Hallinger
Sunday, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	Natalia May
Thursday, Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Becky M Sherry
Friday, Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Joseph Tice Jr
Saturday, Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Annie Hallinger
Sunday, Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	People of the Parish

## STEWARDSHIP

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: \$TBA

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal:	\$36,246.43
Total Committed:	\$47,040.00
Donations Received:	\$45,941.00



# ST. JUDE PARISH

3918 WILLIAM PENN HWY., MIFFLINTOWN, PA | [STJUDEMIFFLINTOWN.COM](http://STJUDEMIFFLINTOWN.COM)

## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

*For the Ladies of St. Jude and Sacred Heart*

You are warmly invited to join us for a beautiful evening of reflection and preparation for the Advent season.

Friday, December 5

6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

St. Jude's Social Hall, Mifflintown, PA

This special evening of reflection and preparation for the Advent season will include music, an inspiring speaker, and fellowship. Our speaker, Crystal Noel, will reflect on "I must decrease and He must increase" John 3:30. She will provide reflections on humility and selflessness as we watch and wait for our Lord's coming.

We are also seeking hostesses to decorate their tables and provide light refreshments for their guests.

If you would like to attend, serve as a hostess, or learn more, please contact Megan Miller at 717-363-7319.

Reserved seating: \$10 donation per person  
(All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School)

We look forward to sharing this beautiful evening of faith and friendship with you.



## ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

*St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown*

Sunday, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   People of the Parish
Monday, Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am   Sister Mary Zavacky
Wednesday, Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm   Katherine Kozicki
Sunday, Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am   Barbara K Soccio



## FAMILY OF FAITH

*Saint of the Month: The Old Testament Patriarchs*

This month, our Family of Faith program turns its attention to the great Patriarchs of the Old Testament, the founding fathers of God's chosen people and shining examples of faith, trust, and obedience. Though they lived centuries before the birth of Christ, the Patriarchs played a vital role in salvation history and continue to inspire us today.

In the Catholic tradition, the principal Patriarchs are Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God chose these men and their families to begin forming a people set apart for Him. Through their lives, we see the unfolding of God's promise, a promise ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

### Why Do the Patriarchs Matter Today?

Their stories invite us to trust more deeply in God's promises, to persevere through challenges, and to grow as disciples. The Patriarchs remind us that faith is a journey, and God walks with us every step of the way. As we honor the Patriarchs this month, may their example strengthen our own families in faith and inspire us to follow God with courage and hope.

## STEWARDSHIP

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: \$TBA

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## STUDIO 32 SCHOOL OF DANCE

PRESENTS

### "A SEASON OF JOY"



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:00 P.M.**

**AT EAST JUNIATA HIGH SCHOOL**

**TICKETS: \$5.00**

**CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ADMITTED FREE**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT**

**THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

3 W. Monument Square, Suite 203

Lewistown, PA | 717-363-4812

[stvincentdepaullewisstown@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewisstown@gmail.com)

*\*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Lewistown is an independent 501(c)(3) organization and operates separate from the local parish. Neither Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish nor St. Jude Parish share in governance or financial responsibility of the organization. Please direct all questions and concerns to their office and administration.*

### SVDP Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be at Sacred Heart Church November 21<sup>st</sup> - December 5<sup>th</sup>. Pick a tag and shop for the local needy. Please have unwrapped gifts returned to the SVDP office by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Baskets Distribution

We are in need of turkeys, boxed potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned corn, canned green beans, canned sweet potatoes, fruit cocktail, canned/bottled gravy, cake mix, frosting, and monetary donations. Please have all donations to the SVDP office on Tuesdays or Fridays before December 16th. Thank you for your generosity.

# DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG



**RETROUVAILLE**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES



## ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

**JANUARY 9, 2026**

**HAMPTON INN, MECHANICSBURG, PA**

### Not willing to let go of your marriage?

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT REGISTRATION TEAM: MIKE & DAWN

@ 717-356-2185 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [HELPOURMARRIAGE.COM](http://HELPOURMARRIAGE.COM)

**THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG**

## SAVE THE DATE

### JANUARY 31, 2026

Catholic Social Teaching Symposium



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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## SHS IN THE COMMUNITY

*Students singing at Ice Festival*

SHS students will be singing at the Ice Festival Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at the Christmas Tree Lighting on Monument Square. All are invited to attend as we kick off the Holiday Season in Downtown Lewistown!

## Save the Date



SACRED HEART  
— of JESUS —  
SCHOOL

*New York, New York*  
*Under the City Lights Gala*

February 7, 2026  
Lewistown Country Club  
Cocktail Hour - 5:00pm

Tickets on Sale December 1  
\$75 Through January 26  
\$80 until February 5

## 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](http://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

**We are submitting another bulk order Due: December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*Service with a smile*

Sacred Heart School is looking for a few extra helping hands to serve breakfast on Tuesdays and Fridays. 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.

## 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.

## Census Time in Bethlehem

December 12th

11 am & 7 pm

SHS Cafeteria



# CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

## Sacred Heart of Jesus

### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

10:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

### **MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY**

Thursday, January, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 - 9:00 AM

## St. Jude Thaddeus

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, December, 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 AM

### **MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY**

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00 PM

