

Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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

DECEMBER 14, 2025

THIRD 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

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Joy



Rejoice in God's presence among us.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

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 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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christine Sulouff who entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, November 26th. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

HELP IS HERE FOR YOU

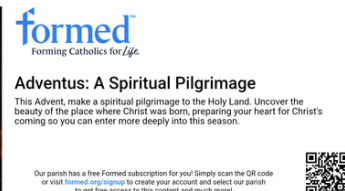
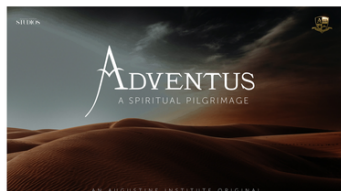
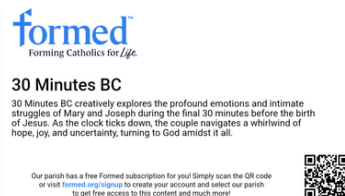
Counseling Services:

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!



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 youth 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



She Shall Be Called Woman
A PROGRAM PRESENTED BY **Regina Dei**

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 SHOFFORD Speaker & Facilitator Emmanuel Home Minister	 KATIE HARPELLE General Coordinator She Shall Be Called Woman	 JORDAN LANGDON CDO Facilitator of Character
 RACHEL HELMAN Author & Speaker	 ALICIA HERMON Co-founder Many Family Prayer	 SR. ALICIA ZALDIVAR Servant of the Poor & Hearts of Green and Mary
 MARY PARILLO Catholic Speaker & Evangelist	 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



CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24th

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

10:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY

Thursday, January, 1st, 2026 - 9:00 AM



DISCOVER FORMED

Catholic Faith on Demand

Sacred Heart and St. Jude Parishes are excited to offer all parishioners free access to FORMED, an online platform filled with inspiring Catholic content for all ages. Enjoy movies, audio talks, Bible studies, e-books, and children's programs, all designed to help you grow in your faith and deepen your relationship with Christ.

Visit [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) and search for Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish to sign up and start exploring today. FORMED, faith formation made simple, engaging, and accessible for the whole family.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown

Saturday, Dec. 13 th	4:00 pm Nancy Wills
Sunday, Dec. 14 th	11:00 am Rocco J Soccio
Thursday, Dec. 18 th	9:00 am Joseph Tice Jr
Friday, Dec. 19 th	9:00 am Victor Jesus Vazquez
Saturday, Dec. 20 th	4:00 pm Katherine Costa
Sunday, Dec. 21 st	11:00 am People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

December 7th: 7,688.40

Immaculate Conception: \$885.55

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal: \$36,246.43

Total Committed: \$47,040.00

Donations Received: \$46,242.00

ST. JUDE PARISH

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

SERVE WITH JOY THIS JANUARY

Volunteers Needed for the Food Pantry

Saint Jude Thaddeus Parish is seeking volunteers to help at the Food Pantry throughout the month of January. Your time and support make a meaningful difference for our neighbors in need.

Volunteer Days & Times:

Saturdays • 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

(Please arrive by 8:15 AM for a brief training and updates.)

Volunteer Duties Include:

- Assisting clients with shopping
- Stocking shelves
- Helping carry groceries to vehicles

Up to four volunteers are needed each Saturday, and teen volunteers are welcome. Please sign up by writing your name and phone number next to your preferred date(s) and time(s) in the narthex.

Location & Parking:

Volunteer parking is available behind the Food Pantry building on Front St.

Please enter through the basement door.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled time, please call Glenda Fultz at the Food Pantry (717-436-9718) at least one day in advance.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

A FAMILY OF FAITH

Car Conversations

What do you think Mary was thinking when the angel Gabriel told her that God had chosen her to be the mother of Jesus?

What can give the gift of our time and talent all year long. What are your special gifts and talents? How do you think you could use them to serve God and your neighbor?

CHRISTMAS SEASON
MASS SCHEDULE
St. Jude Thaddeus

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Wednesday, December 24th - 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 25th - 10:00 AM



MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY
Wednesday, December 31st - 5:00 PM

A white silhouette illustration of a nativity scene set against a dark blue background with white stars. The scene includes Mary kneeling, Joseph standing, the infant Jesus in a manger, two shepherds with staffs, and a donkey and ox standing to the right under a simple thatched roof.

**THE SOLEMN CLOSING
OF THE 2025
JUBILEE YEAR**

**DECEMBER 28, 2025
@ 9:30 AM**

CATHEDRAL PARISH OF SAINT PATRICK
HARRISBURG

A photograph of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Harrisburg, showing its large dome and classical architecture, set against a cityscape at dusk.A white logo featuring a stylized boat with a cross on its mast, sailing on waves. Below the boat, the text reads "JUBILAEUM A.D. MMXXV PEREGRINANTES IN SPEM".

ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown

Sunday, Dec. 14 th	9:00 am People of the Parish
Monday, Dec. 15 th	9:00 am George Reinburg
Wednesday, Dec. 17 ^h	6:30 pm Doris Reinburg
Sunday, Dec. 21 st	9:00 am Edward Bolger

STEWARDSHIP

December 7th: \$2,984.00

Immaculate Conception: \$200

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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

COMMUNITY CORNER



Quiet Christmas

soft sounds of the season presented by local musicians

Molly & Kelsey Bishop ● Rich Burns
Bruce & Laura Buffington ● Josh Hill
Jeff Kauffman ● Peter Marsh
Ethan McMonigal ● Sophie North

Patty Loudenslager

Jane Piper

Chris Prough

Ela Robertson

Chris Ruble

Kevin Zook

"Trillogy" Flute Trio

First United Methodist Church Choir



Friday, December 19, 7:00 pm
(Snow date: December 20)

First United Methodist Church
200 East 3rd Street, Lewistown

Donations benefit

THE THEIL & ANDREA KAUFFMAN
MEMORIAL BIBLE FUND



WOMEN OF GRACE STUDIES & EVENTS

Transforming the World one woman at a time

"Fight Like a Catholic", Spiritual Warfare in the Catholic Tradition, Book Study by Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, Director of Communications and New Age Research for the Women of Grace Apostolate.

Study begins Saturday, January 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Seven Sorrows Catholic Church in Middletown for Five Saturdays (also January 24, January 31, February 14, and February 21).

Study includes weekly video; cost of book \$15.95. All Catholic women encourage to attend!

Contact Chris Arnold, Regional Coordinator, at 717-379-6041 or carnold@womenofgrace.com.



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

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

CALLING ALL SOUP MAKERS!

The Saint Elizabeth Guild in support of Catholic Charities is looking for soup makers who are willing to share quarts of their best homemade soup for our 2026 "Souper Bowl Sunday Soup Sale."

The 2026 sale will take place on February 7-8 at various parishes throughout the diocese.

If you are willing to make soup for the event, please scan the QR code below or contact Tara Benkovic, at tbenkovic@cchbg.org or 717-657-4804 ext 284.

Empty one-quart containers will be supplied.



SIGN UP TODAY!



WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/9040C49ACAA29A5FE3-59630466-2026

Thank You!

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and community

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Pick up one of our in-stock gift cards and support Sacred Heart School at the same time.
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Available now at the Parish Office — no shipping, no waiting:

- Sheetz - \$25
- Giant - \$25
- Weis - \$25
- Darden Restaurants (Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, etc.) - \$25
- TJ Maxx / HomeGoods / Marshalls - \$25
- Walmart - \$50
- Bath & Body Works - \$25
- Amazon - \$25
- CVS - \$25



O CHRISTMAS TREE O CHRISTMAS TREE

Voices through the town square

Our students helped kick off the season in the most joyful way, filling Monument Square with music at the Festival of Ice Tree Lighting! Their voices brought warmth to a chilly night and smiles to the whole crowd.



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



WHO DOESN'T LOVE COOKIES!

Cookie Lovers Holiday

Blessed with a classroom full of bright minds and smart cookies in Kindergarten! Happy Belated National Cookie Day!

