

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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Liturgy Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

First Saturday 6:30 PM

Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY: 9:15 AM

MONDAY: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4 – 4:45 PM

Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 to 12:00

Wed. : 9:00 to 12:00

CLOSED HOLIDAYS



Registration – All parishioners should be properly registered in the parish. Please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage – Contact the parish office as soon as possible, before establishing a date for the wedding. The Diocese requires 12 months advance notice and preparation for Marriage.

Baptism, Sacrament of the Sick, Shut-ins – Please contact the parish office to register for Baptism. One sponsor (Godparent) should be a practicing Catholic (if married, married in the church; attending Mass every weekend; moral life; etc.). One sponsor may be a practicing Protestant (called a Christian witness). We strive to visit parishioners homebound and those in the hospital. Please call the parish office if you would like us to visit, or if you are preparing for surgery.

Mass Cards & Memorial contributions – Mass cards in memory of the deceased and for special intentions are available after masses at the Religious Articles Corner. To make a memorial contribution, please contact the parish office.

CCD – Religious instruction for children meets after the 9:15 Mass until 11:45 from September to May. These classes are necessary before children receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact the parish office for more information or registration.

Parish Pastoral Council – Meets the 3rd Monday of each month, from September to May. Please call the parish office for information.

Knight of Columbus – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Women's Guild – Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the social hall.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – These are classes for those desiring to join the Catholic Church. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

NFP (Natural Family Planning) – This is the only Catholic-approved means of regulating birth. Classes are offered frequently and are free to all who want to learn about this spiritual & effective way to plan a family. For information, call Martin & Mary Smith, 717-935-5256.

Prayer Chain – Prayers for all who are in need of prayers for whatever reason. Please contact the parish office for more information.

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent
STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE
TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

“Jesus said to His disciples: ‘Be constantly on watch, stay awake. You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge each with his own task, and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye. Look around you.’”

We begin a new season of grace, the wonderful time of preparing the way of the Lord, recalling His coming in history, His abiding presence among us now, and looking to discover the way He enters our lives. This year we have four full weeks to live advent.

Like the person in Mark’s gospel, the Lord has entrusted each of us with distinct, yet important tasks. My work is different from others, and if I fail to do it, it will remain undone. How am I going to begin this time of prayer?

I can make a resolution not to get caught up only with the material things in our consumer oriented society. My prayer with my family, my reflection on the scriptures, will certainly point me in the right direction. As I consider what I am going to do, I want to include others, the elderly, the sick and the poor, those alone or lonely, to make their lives better. They are part of God’s gift for me to take care of.

May the closing words of the Bible become my mantra each day, simply repeating three words prayerfully ‘Come Lord Jesus.’

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that “We are all the work of your hands.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God’s grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master’s house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:

Income for November 26, 2017	\$ 2,212.25
All Soul’s Day	\$ 5.00
Matthew 25	\$ 5.00
All Saint’s Day	\$ 5.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 80.00
Tithe for November 26, 2017	\$ 229.00
Paul W. DeLauter Youth Center	



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saint Jude Thaddeus- Friday, December 8 at 7:00 PM

Sacred Heart of Jesus-Lewistown

Thursday, December 7-Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM

Friday, December 8 at 12:00 Noon

Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers for this week were placed by Marie Dawson in memory of deceased family members and friends.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

*Mass for the
Intentions of the Week
And Weekly Reading*



Saturday, December 2: Weekday

Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Luke 21:34-36

5:00 PM People of the Parish

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Psalm 85:8

9:15 AM Shirley and Richard Baade

Monday, December 4: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 2:1:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 5: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patronal Feast day of the United States of America

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:28

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 9: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Luke 3:4, 6

9:15 AM Sally Bogash

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 12/02

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 12/03

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass

Monday: 12/04

Mass/9:00am/ Church

Tuesday: 12/05

Blessing of the Creche/7:00pm/Church

Wednesday: 12/06

No Event

Thursday: 12/07

Healing Mass/6:00pm/ Church

Friday: 12/08

Immaculate Conception Mass/7:00pm/ Church

Saturday: 12/09

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

COOKIE WALK/ 9:00AM-NOON/SOCIAL HALL

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 12/10

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

Choir Rehearsal after Mass/ Church

CCD /10:30 AM

Minister Schedule

December 9 & December 10, 2017

Saturday, December 9, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: G. Curdo

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, December 10, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Parson K. Graham

Lector: Z. Ames

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: Dave, Daryl, and Jim

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: R. Auker M.Eberts



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

National Council of the United States

Seeking Charity and Justice

If you are in need of some help or know of someone who is in need of assistance. Please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 242-2781. Requests for help are kept confidential

Advent Penance Service will be on **Sunday, December 10th** at 3:00 PM for Sacred Heart and 7:00 PM for St. Jude



March for Life 2018 – Youth Rally Tickets

Please sign up now for the March for Life bus and Mass at the **Verizon Center, Washington, D.C., for Monday, January 22, 2018.** To reserve our places at the Verizon Center Mass and Rally we need commitments now! **Please sign up in the social hall on the sign-up**

choir practice

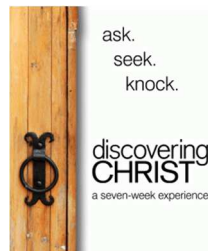


Choir rehearsal for the 6:00pm English Mass on Christmas Eve will be held after the 9:15 Mass on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals will begin on November 12. Any questions, please see Alice Arnold.

Attn: EMHC- Time to Re-Certify

Re-training for extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will be **9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Saturday, January 20, 2018** in Sacred Heart Church for those in need of re-certification.

ASK, SEEK and KNOCK –
Looking for answers? Why are we here? What is the meaning of life? Is God real? Who is Jesus? Starting **Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 5:00 PM,**



St. Jude's parish will be hosting in their social hall, a seven week course titled **Discovering Christ.** The course will include a day retreat to be held on February 25th. At each of the sessions dinner will be served beginning at 5:00 PM, continuing with a video and small group discussion. Please call the St. Jude office at 717-436-6722 and leave your name and phone number to register.

St. Jude Women's Guild

Cookie Walk and Bazaar

SAVE THIS DATE: This year's walk is on **Saturday, December 9, 2017,** in the church social hall from 9:00am to Noon(or while supply lasts). Doors open at 8am sharp.

Purchase an empty container for \$10.00 and fill it with your choice from a wide variety of homemade Christmas cookies. Each container will hold 3-4 dozen cookies, depending on the size and shape of the cookies selected. Homemade candies will also be on sale. You can also shop for unique Christmas gifts from a selection of homemade candies, hand crafted items and needlework, and a White Elephant table.

Come early to get the best selection and enjoy a **free** cup of coffee while you browse. For more information, contact Joyce Price at 717-994-0209.

PARISH YOUTH EVENT

All Parish Youth are invited to a bonfire and picnic on the farm of Julie Jarabek. The event will be held on December 3 from 1:30-4:00PM. There is a signup sheet in the social hall.

WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Women's Guild Christmas Dinner will be held at the Juniata Valley Winery on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00pm. Cost is \$25.00 plus gratuity for the servers. Seating is limited. Sign up sheet is in the social hall. Please pay when signing up.



Rectory Open House Christmas Party

Father Weary's Rectory Open House Christmas Party will be held on **Thursday, December 28th from 6-8 PM**. All are welcome to join us for this annual celebration. Snacks and drinks will be provided.



Gala Tickets

Sacred Heart School's Annual Gala tickets will go on sale **December 1, 2017**. This year's gala, **Uptown Hoedown**, will be held on **Saturday, February 3rd** at the Lewistown Country Club from 5:00 PM until Midnight. Ticket prices are \$50 until 1/14/18 and \$60 from 1/15/18 till sold out. Tickets will be available at the Parish Office.



MAKING OUR GOAL

As we reach the end of this calendar year, we want to remind those who have not completed their pledge to this year's Lenten Appeal, that they must be made by December 31. As of this date, we are short by \$ 517.00 of reaching our assessment. Any shortfall must be paid out of our general fund. We thank everyone for their generosity to the annual Lenten Appeal.



Blessing of the Creche

The Knight's of Columbus will be blessing the creche at the front of the Church on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00pm. All are welcome. Light refreshments will follow.



Healing Mass

A Healing Mass will be held on Thursday, December 7 at 6:00pm. Attending this Mass will fulfill your obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. All are welcome.



Hoss's Community Day

Help support St. Vincent DePaul Society today, Dec. 3, by visiting Hoss's. **Enjoy a Hoss's lunch or dinner today and 20% of your total check paid will be donated back to St. Vincent DePaul!** Our group must have a minimum of \$300 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales to qualify. The purchase of gift cards is **not** included in our fundraising totals. Take your bulletin insert and **present it at Hoss's when ordering**. Eat heartily and help support St. Vincent DePaul!!



Items Needed

Do you have a unique talent like woodworking, painting, cross-stitching, quilting etc? If so, we would love to have your handmade donation as part of our growing list of items to be auctioned off at this year's Benefit Auction event, scheduled for Sunday, April 29th. Each year, these items have proven to be the most sought after and cherished by our generous bidders. If you are willing to share your talent with us, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24-Christmas Eve
English Mass 6:00pm
Spanish Mass 7:30pm
December 25-Christmas Day
Mass- 9:15am