

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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Liturgy Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:30 PM

First Saturday 6:45 PM

Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY: 9:15 AM

MONDAY: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:30-5:15 PM

Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 to 12:00

Wed. : 9:00 to 12:00

CLOSED HOLIDAYS



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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.

Knights of Columbus – Meets the 1st Wednesday 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 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent
STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE
TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

Everything written before our time was written for our instruction, that we might derive hope from the lessons of patience and the words of encouragement in the Scriptures...the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding. A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord..."

How special are the words of scripture helping us to really live the advent season. The promises and prophecies of the first testament direct our attention to the coming messiah and ask two things of us: patience and encouragement. These are gifts already packaged to be wrapped during this holy season. What are the gifts? Because of Jesus' coming we refer to them as gifts of the Holy Spirit offered to us at our Confirmation.

During this week, unwrap each one, opening your heart to a different gift each day. May wisdom direct you, understanding guide you to see the need of the Savior, counsel in giving care and support for someone in need, strength to focus on what really matters and respect for the Lord who comes to save us. These are steps to be taken this second week of advent.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:	
Income for December 1, 2019	\$2,660.48
Matthew 25 Collection	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 270.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 230.00
Tithe for December 1, 2019	\$ 264.00
Juniata Co. Food Pantry	




ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week were placed by Marie Dawson in memory of her granddaughter, Veronica Ewing.

Advent Penance Service will be Sunday, **December 8th** at 7:00 PM. Confessions will be heard that afternoon at 3:00PM at Sacred Heart in Lewistown.



Retirement Fund for Religious	Please give to those who have given a lifetime.	
<p>Support aging religious. Our envelope today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.</p>		



This year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday. This holy day cannot supersede a Sunday mass (The Second Sunday of Advent), so the feast day will be celebrated on 12/9/19 instead. However, it is NOT a holy day of obligation, so it will be celebrated at the 9:00 am mass only.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*
And Weekly Readings



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

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

5:30 PM Joseph Fitzgerald

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

9:15 AM Kevin Andres

Monday, December 9: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patronal Feastday 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 1:26-38

9:00 AM Joy Prescott

Tuesday, December 10: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96: 1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:39-47

Friday, December 13: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Sirach 18:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

9:15 AM Dorothy Meoli

Tuesday: 12/10

No Event

Wednesday: 12/11

No Event

Thursday: 12/12

No Event

Friday: 12/13

No Event

Saturday: 12/14

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 12/15

Mass/9:15am/Church

CCD/10:30 AM

Minister Schedule

December 14 & December 15, 2019

Saturday, December 14, 2019: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, December 15, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: G. Best J. Price J. Fitzgerald

Lector: J. Kelly

Cantor; M. Miller

Altar Servers: T. Kelly S. Kelly C. Murphy

Ushers: A. Thawley T. Newcamp

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 12/07

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Cookie Walk/9:00AM/ Social Hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:45PM/Church

Sunday: 12/08

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD/10:30am

Penance Service/7:00pm/Church

Monday: 12/09

Mass/9:00am/Church



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*



Upcoming Events:

Hawaiian Paradise

The torches are lit; the theme is set! We're having a Luau you'll never forget! The 11th Annual Sacred Heart School Gala, **Hawaiian Paradise**, will be held on



Saturday, **Feb. 1, 2020** at the **Lewistown Country Club**. Tickets will go on sale Dec. 2, 2019 at the parish office. Ticket prices are \$60 per person through Jan. 24th and \$70 Jan. 25th thru Feb. 1st.

Auction Time

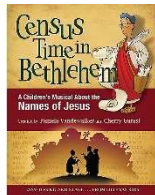
The **22nd Annual SHS Benefit Auction** will be held on **Sunday, April 26, 2020**, with an Auction Preview and Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 25. The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or gently used items to be auctioned off. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 and don't forget to mark your calendars now, and keep an eye out for more details regarding planning, volunteering, and the event activities!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

St Jude Women's Guild will be holding their annual Christmas Dinner at the Juniata Valley Winery on **Monday, December 9, 2019** at **6:00pm**. Space is limited and **\$ 25.00** is due at sign-up. The menu is on the sign-up sheet, located in the narthex and the social hall.

Sacred Heart School Christmas Musical

The students of Sacred Heart School invite you to their Annual Christmas Musical! They will be performing **Census Time in Bethlehem** on **Friday, Dec. 13th at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM**, with a cookie social to follow the evening performance at the school. In case of inclement weather, the musical will be held on Monday, Dec. 16th.



CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The St. Jude Tree Farm, operated by John and Heather Kelly, is donating proceeds from their tree sales this season to St. Jude Church. Contact John Kelly @717-810-7720 for all the details or see the flyer in this bulletin. There are extra flyers available in the narthex.