

# 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



**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1, 2019

First 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

## First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

**“Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob. That he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths.’ They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.”**

The great season of hope and expectation, Advent, is our invitation to walk with the Lord. It takes effort to climb a mountain, with challenges, avoiding crags and barriers, holes and obstacles. But climb we must. Would that Isaiah’s vision be our goal, not making weapons of destruction, but striving for peace. The swords and spears of his time are now missiles, bombs, drones capable of erasing humankind.

The Isaiah vision has been rewritten by the American Bishops’ statement ‘the Challenge of Peace.’ May we train for peace and not for war in all its ugly forms. This is the season of hope.

### First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, “One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.”

### Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

### Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah’s time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. “You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect.”

Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:	
Income for November 24, 2019	\$2,690.97
Matthew 25 Collection	\$ 455.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 135.00
Tithe for November 24, 2019	\$ 270.00
Shelter Services	

## Rectory Open House Christmas Party



Father Weary and Father Jay’s Rectory Open House Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 1st from 3-5 PM.** All are welcome to join us for this annual celebration. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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



**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, November 30: St Andrew, Apostle (Feast)

Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18-22  
5:30 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 1: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Romans  
13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

9:15 AM Repose of all Souls

### Monday, December 2: Advent Weekday

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

9:00 AM Carl Prescott

### Tuesday, December 3: St Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)

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

### Wednesday, December 4: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 24:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-  
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### Thursday, December 5: Advent Weekday

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

### Friday, December 6: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### 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

### 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

9:15AM Kevin Andres

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 11/30

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

### Sunday: 12/01

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

No CCD/Thanksgiving Break

### Monday: 12/02

Mass/9:00am/Church

### Tuesday: 12/03

No Event

### Wednesday: 12/04

K of C Meeting/7:00pm/Social Hall

### Thursday: 12/05

No Event

### Friday: 12/06

No Event

### Saturday: 12/07

Cookie Walk/9:00am/Social Hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

### Sunday: 12/08

Mass/9:15am/Church

CCD/10:30 AM

## **Minister Schedule**

### **December 7 & December 8, 2019**

Saturday, December 7, 2019: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, December 8, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster D. Swigart T. Ober

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor; A. Arnold

Altar Servers: E. & D. Zeigler C. Murphy

Ushers: R. Auker M. Eberts



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**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*



## ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS

### Christmas Around the World

All youth ages 13-18 (individuals with a parent/guardian and youth groups with their chaperones) are extended a warm invitation to attend Christmas **Around the World at the Diocesan Center**, Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 AM. Wear your Christmas sweater and bring your friends for a day of Christmas fun! There will be a sharing of World Christmas Traditions, Games & Trivia, Stocking Decorating, Gift Exchange Games (please bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped gift) and a Hot Cocoa Bar! **Please bring Christmas Cookies to share.** Please RSVP or send any questions to Jaclyn Curran at 717-657-4804 ext. 313 or email to [jcurran@hbgiocese.org](mailto:jcurran@hbgiocese.org).



St. Jude Women's Guild is in need of as many bakers as possible for our **Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on December 7**. Ruth Hower will be making phone calls, but in the event we missed you on our list, please consider helping us out by baking cookies for our fundraiser. We ask bakers to bake 12 dozen of their best cookie recipe. **The twelve dozen should be all the same kind.** The social hall will be open for cookie drop off on Friday, December 6 from 9:00am to 6:30pm. Cookies can also be dropped off Saturday morning between 7:00am and 8:00am. If you have any questions or if you are unable to deliver your cookies, please call Joyce Price at 717-994-0209. She will arrange for someone to pick your cookies up. Thanks to all our expert cookie bakers.



## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

**A White Elephant and gift sale will be set up during the Cookie Walk. If you have any Christmas items to sell bring them to the social hall before the Cookie Walk on December 7, 2019.**

### Hawaiian Paradise

The torches are lit; the theme is set! We're having a Luau you'll never forget! The 11<sup>th</sup> 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. 24<sup>th</sup> and \$70 Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> thru Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Welcome Back Cantare

Mifflin County High School's choral group 'Cantare' will be singing at the **11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 8th**. The group will present a prelude concert beginning at 10:45, and also will sing a communion meditation. Please plan on attending to support these talented teens as their voices have enhanced our worship for many years.





## 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.

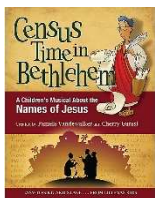
## Upcoming Events:

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lewistown Ice Festival is coming soon! SHS students will be walking in the "Crazy Parade" on Thur., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Immediately after the parade the SHS Choir will sing inside at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on N. Main/Water St. Visit the UCP of Central PA building on Monument Square on Thur., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> & Fri. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 PM and make a Christmas craft courtesy of SHS. Come help us share the light Sacred Heart School with our community during the Ice Festival.



### 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. 13<sup>th</sup> 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. 16<sup>th</sup>.



Beginning Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> and running thru December 14<sup>th</sup>, the St Vincent dePaul Society will be collecting grocery items for the church's Christmas Baskets to be given out to those in need in our parish and community. Distribution of the baskets will be on **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** at the church from 9 am to 12 pm. **The following is a list of items needed by December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

- Canned Corn, Peas and Green Beans
- Cranberry Sauce
- Cream of Celery or Mushroom Soup
- Turkey or Chicken Broth
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxes of Stuffing Mix or Bread Cubes
- Cake Mixes and Frosting
- Canned Pumpkin, Canned Sweet Potatoes and Canned Fruit (for making pies)
- Pie Shells or mixes
- Canned Sweetened Condensed Milk

We are also in need of various size turkeys. If you have one to donate, please bring it to the Sacred Heart parish office. Canned goods and non-perishables can be placed in the boxes in the Narthex of the church or brought to the parish office at 9 N. Brown St. **We must have your donations no later than December 14<sup>th</sup>.** We will also be accepting monetary donations to purchase turkeys and any other food items necessary to fill our food baskets. Many thanks for your help and generosity to make the holidays a little merrier and brighter for those in need! Any questions may be made to us at [stvincentdepaullewisstown@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewisstown@gmail.com).



### 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.