

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.

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.

January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019

“There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding...the mother of Jesus told him ‘they have no wine.’ His mother said to the servers, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’...and his disciples began to believe in him.”

It is easy to remember the first miracle as told by John. Like all weddings there was an invitation, and they were present. A near crisis caused Mary to intervene. She directed the difficult moment to be converted into a miracle, instructing the waiters what to do. Using what was at hand, water and jars enabled Jesus to transform the situation. The result was a newfound belief for those who accompanied Him to the wedding.

We too are invited to be with Jesus at the Eucharistic banquet. Jesus directs us ‘do this in memory of me’ and our own faith is strengthened and renewed by His presence. Mary knows the crises in our lives, of family, injustice, illness. Although the words spoken by Mary in the scriptures are the last we read, she too speaks to us ‘do whatever he tells you.’ Her presence and intervention or intercession in our behalf still has meaning ‘pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.’

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

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| Income for January 13, 2019 | \$ 1,958.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$ 110.00 |
| Tithe for January 20, 2019 | \$ 207.00 |
| Saint Vincent de Paul Society | |

I would like to thank everyone who so graciously gave me gifts and cards of appreciation at Christmas. I offer my prayers for each of you by name and all of the parishioners at Sacred Heart and St. Jude. I will be offering a mass on Tuesday, Jan. 15th for your intentions.

-Father Jay

Mifflin-Juniata Cursillo Group's January Ultreya will be held on **Thurs., Jan. 17th at 5:00 PM** in the Sacred Heart Parish Office.



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's Cursillo Weekend will be **January 24-27, 2019** at the Christian Retreat Center, East Waterford, PA. The Women's Cursillo Weekend will be **February 21-24, 2019** at the Mariawald Renewal Center, Reading, PA.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



Saturday, January 19: Weekday

Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mark 2:13-17
5:00 PM Edwin A. Sander

Sunday, January 20: Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Corinthians
12:4-11; John 2:1-11

9:15 AM Louise Treaster

Monday, January 21: St. Agnes, Virgin and

Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 2:18-22

9:00 AM Karen Thome and Family

Tuesday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the

Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 & 10c; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 23: Weekday

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Psalm 40:7-81, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul

the Apostle (Feast)

Acts of the apostles 22:3-16; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark
16:15-18

Saturday, January 26: Sts. Timothy and Titus,

Bishops (Memorial)

2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mark 3:20-
21

5:00 PM Donald Thome

Sunday, January 27: Third Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1
Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

9:15 AM Ted Kalinoski

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 1/19

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall
Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Sunday: 1/20

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church
CCD after Mass/10:30 am
Wild Goose Series/5:30pm/ Social Hall

Monday: 1/21

Mass/9:00 am/ Church
Finance Committee/6:00pm/Parish House
Parish Council/7:00pm/ Parish House

Tuesday: 1/22

No Event

Wednesday: 1/23

No Event

Thursday: 1/24

No Event

Friday: 1/25

No Event

Saturday: 1/26

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 1/27

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30am

Wild Goose Series/5:30pm/Social Hall

Minister Schedule

January 26 & January 27, 2019

Saturday, Jan 26, 2019: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: K. Graham G. Best J. Price

Lector: G. Treaster

Altar Servers: D. Treaster D. Best J. Fitzgerald

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: D. Ames Z. Ames



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*

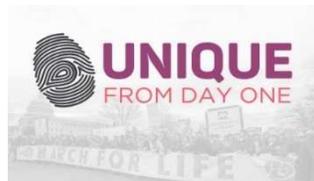
Wild Goose Series-Part 2

Please mark your calendars and join us **Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM, January 20th-February 24th at St. Jude Thaddeus** for the second half of this beautiful series on the Holy Spirit.



Please join us even if you did not attend the prior sessions. Each session begins with a pot-luck dinner followed by a video, reflection and discussion. Our next segment on January 20th is Fruits of the Holy Spirit. While there is no cost for the sessions, we ask that you register for the materials. **A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule** for those planning to attend the January 20th session in order that we may prepare materials and to let us know of your contribution for the "pot luck" meal. Please contact Ralph Perez at 717-543-1905 with any questions.

Mifflin/Juniata Citizens Concerned for Human Life will host the **Annual Lewistown March for Life on Sunday, January 20, 2019 beginning at 1:00 PM.**



All are invited to walk with us from Sacred Heart Church, 3rd and Dorcas Streets, Lewistown, to Bethel AME Fellowship Hall, 23 N. Juniata St., Lewistown. Speakers, music, and prayer will be offered by local pastors with light refreshments to follow, until approximately 2:30 PM. Those unable to walk may meet us at the Bethel AME Fellowship Hall for the program. Help us celebrate the gift of all stages of life, from conception to natural death. For more information, contact Mary Smith at 717-994-1941.

"Women of the Diocese are warmly invited to the **8th Prayer Shawl Retreat**, hosted by The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. It is **Saturday, February 23, 2019, at Good Shepherd Parish, 3435 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA.**



The day begins with Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by knitting / crocheting, praying the Rosary, fellowship and lunch. The Retreat will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome to this day of sharing and fellowship in this special ministry. The cost of \$10 includes lunch, advance registration is required. Please call Kathy Kokoski at 717-448-8899 or Debbie Black 717-514-8815.



Join Us

It is time to start planning the **21st Annual SHS Benefit Auction.** This year's auction will be held on **Sunday, April 28, 2019** at the Mifflin County Youth Park. A Spaghetti Dinner will be held the night before on Saturday, April 27th.

Tickets Are Now on Sale!!

Puttin' on the Glitz, the 10th Annual Sacred Heart School Gala, will be held on February 2, 2019 at the Lewistown Country Club. **Tickets are NOW available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office, \$60** until January 20th and \$70 from January 21st till sold out. Tickets will be available after Masses in January. Join us for a night of great food, music and dancing, door prizes and special games of chance!!



Sacred Heart School will hold an Open House on Thursday, January 24th from 6:00-7:30 PM. All are invited to attend. There will be activities on every floor for the children, tours of the school, faculty & staff will be on hand to answer questions, and a bake sale to benefit the missions will be held. Enrollment is now open for the 2019-2020 school year.

Kick Off Catholic Schools Week!

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Annual Catholic Schools Week Pancakes & More Breakfast on **Sunday, January 27th from 8:00-1:00 PM.** Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12 Yrs. of age. Ages 2 and under are free. Come join us in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria for a great breakfast as we kick off Catholic Schools Week.



Items Needed

The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or gently used items to be auctioned off at our **Benefit Auction on April 28, 2019.** If you would like to donate an item, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.



THE DECLARATION OF LIFE

The inalienable right to life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception to natural death. From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person by a civil society and political authority. The "Right to Life" is inherent in a person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took their origin.

The moment a law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to accord them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular the more vulnerable, the very foundation of a state based on law is undermined. Legislators that oppose the protection of human life are complicit in every act and unworthy to hold office.

Let these facts be submitted to a candid world:

1. Abortion is the intentional and direct killing of innocent human life and therefore is a form of homicide. The child is always an innocent human life and no law may permit the taking of this life.

2. Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible. Direct euthanasia consists of putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons is morally unacceptable. Choosing euthanasia over life does not change the nature of killing an innocent person.

3. A human embryo is human life. Respect for the dignity of the human being excludes all experimental manipulation or exploitation of the human embryo as disposable biological material. Recent scientific advances show that any medical cure that might arise from experimentation on fetal stem cells can be developed by using umbilical cords and adult stem cells. There is no longer a medical argument in favor of using fetal stem cell s.

4. Cloning is in moral opposition to the dignity both of human procreation and of the conjugal union. Any form of creating human life without a connection with sexuality is contrary to the moral law.

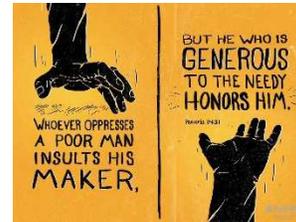
5. True marriage is the union of one man and one woman. Any other definition of marriage

undermines true marriage and is opposed to God's natural law.

All believing Christians and legislators should endorse the above which promotes God's natural and moral laws and are for the common good of all the people.

Whoever oppresses the poor show contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. –Proverbs

14:31. As we enter into this new year, let us remember that the needy are here all year around! Many like to help at Christmas, which is a blessing, but the needs continue with the cold winter season. We continue to see a rise in the number of



parishioners and community members who have needs. Many are working and trying so hard to make ends meet. Some have no heat, others no food. Some have to

decide between paying for their medication or their food. Some can't pay their electric. We need to remember

"whoever is kind to the needy honors God". Christmas time allowed for the distribution of **87** food boxes. We also adopted a family of 6 who had just moved and the rent and security deposit took every penny they had. So we helped with food, Christmas gifts and gas for their car to get to work. This was done with our parishioners' generous help, the donations from Career Link, Overhead Door, the Barnabas Brothers Charity from St. John's Lutheran Church, the Sacred Heart School Children, our CCD classes, St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, as well as anonymous donations, all working together to meet the needs of many. So if you feel the calling to work with us and be kind to



the needy, we are in need of blankets, sheets (full and twin), hats, scarves, gloves and personal care items. Please remember the needs of others continue throughout the year. Please be giving, be humble, be compassionate, and be kind to the needy to honor God. Hoping you and your families feel the presence of God in your lives as we move into the New Year.

Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping! stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com.