

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.

November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third 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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her has an unfailing prize. She brings him good and not evil all the days of her life... She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.”

The teaching of the book of Proverbs is both profound and practical. It opens our eyes to appreciate the gifts we already possess, and often overlook.

We are reminded that the fundamental message of Jesus is love, and its expression is found in respect. When we work to make both part of our lived experience at home, with others, or even in a quiet moment of appreciation, then we begin to appreciate once again, how special we are with a good wife, a loving husband, faithful friends.

Unfortunately, we sometimes fail to recognize how important it is to improve our family life, to work at it as a primary goal, so that God's peace, presence and happiness are found behind our front door. They become a driving force in our lives. Now is the time to begin.

Is Christ part of our lived experience? Is prayer something I bring to my family on a daily basis? Do I reflect joy, ask for forgiveness, and show my concern and interest in what my children are doing?

I recall a picture hanging in a home with the face of Christ. Beneath it was written, 'Christ is the head of this house, the guest who becomes our host at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation.' Is this my experience? May we appreciate what Proverbs teaches us today.

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for November 12, 2017	\$ 2,079.25
Capital Improvements	\$ 65.00
Tithe for November 12, 2017	\$ 208.00
PA Pro-Life Federation	



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving morning at Saint Jude at 9:00 am. There will also be Mass at Sacred Heart in Lewistown at 9:00 am.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Penance Service- Sunday, December 10, 7:00PM

Sunday, December 24th is both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. There is an obligation to attend both 4th Sunday of Advent and one of the Christmas Masses.

You can fulfill the 4th Sunday of Advent obligation by attending the regular 5:00pm Saturday evening Mass December 23, or the regular 9:15am Mass Sunday, December 24.

Christmas may be fulfilled by attending one of these Masses. Christmas Eve, December 24 there will be a 6:00pm English Mass followed by a Spanish Mass at 7:30pm. On Christmas Day there will be a Mass at 9:15am.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



Saturday, November 18: Weekday

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43;
Luke 18:1-8

5:00 PM Ralph Hepner

Sunday, November 19: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1
Thessalonians 5:1-6; John 15:4a, 5b
9:15 AM Repose of All Souls

Monday, November 20: Weekday

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Psalm 119:53,
61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Luke 18:35-43

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 22: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15; Luke
19:11-28

Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Day

Sirach 50:22-24; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Corinthians
1:3-9; Luke 17:20-25

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday, November 24: St. Andrew Dung' Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc,
11d-12a, 12bcd; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 25: Weekday

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalm 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19; Luke
20:27-40

5:00 PM Eleanor Angstadt

Sunday, November 26: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1
Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Mark 11:9, 10

9:15 AM Fred Mitchell

Wednesday: 11/22

No Event

Thursday: 11/23

Thanksgiving Day Mass/9:00am/ Church

Friday: 11/24

No Event

Saturday: 11/25

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 11/26

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

Choir Rehearsal after Mass/ Church

Minister Schedule

November 25 & November 26, 2017

Saturday, November 25, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: G. Curdo

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, November 26, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: K. Graham D. Parson J. Fitzgerald

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: Dave, Mike, and Daryl

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Ginger and Gale

Ushers: R. Aufer M. Eberts

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 11/18

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 11/19

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD Classes/10:30am after Mass

Monday: 11/20

Mass/9:00am/ Church

Finance Committee/6:00pm/ Parish House

Parish Council/ 7:00pm/ Parish House

Tuesday: 11/21

No Event



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



March for Life 2018 – Youth Rally Tickets

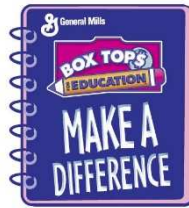
Please sign up now for the March for Life bus and Mass at the **Verizon Center, Washington,**

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**

Reminder

Again this year Sacred Heart School will be collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education. You may drop your box tops and labels off at the parish office. **Thank you**

for supporting our school!



Goodbye Campbell Soup Labels

Campbell's Soup has **discontinued** their label program. They are in the process of coming up with a new program. **No labels will be collected after November 30th.** Thanks for your continued support with your donation of labels throughout the years.



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.

Items Needed

The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or gently used items to auctioned off at our **Benefit Auction on April 29th.** If you would like to donated an item, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office.



CEMETERY OF INNOCENTS

Dear church family,
We would like to thank everyone for your support and assistance in our Cemetery of Innocents project. During the first year we were able to place 525 crosses on the lawn and we donated \$550 towards Rachel's Vineyard. We already have some additional crosses ordered for next year so we are excited to see how we can make this display grow in the future. In the meantime, we are extremely grateful for the financial support and volunteers, youth and adults alike, who helped us to build the cemetery. Megan and Colleen.



SCRIP Gift Cards

The SCRIP gift card sale is continuing through **November 8th.** There will be one more SCRIP sale prior to Christmas, beginning November 21st. Cards ordered through this sale will be delivered before Christmas. Contact Sharon Whitesel, SCRIP coordinator, at 717-348-7070 with any questions.

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.



Attention Cookie Bakers

St. Jude Women's Guild is in need of as many bakers as possible for our **Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on December 9, 2017**. Mary Tonge has been 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 our bakers to bake 12 dozen of their best cookie recipe. **The 12 dozen should be all the same kind.** The social hall will be open for cookie drop off on Friday, December 8, 2017 from 9:00am to 6:30pm. Cookies can also be dropped off on 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, 717-994-0209. She will arrange for someone to pick your cookies up. Thanks to all our expert cookie Bakers.



PARISH YOUTH EVENT

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



Our Parish's Annual Stewardship Renewal will take place during Sunday masses on **November 18 and 19.**

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.

discovering Christ- 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, St. Jude's parish will be hosting in the social hall, a seven week course., Discovering Christ. The course includes a day retreat to be held during Lent 2018. At each of the sessions dinner will be served beginning at 5:00pm immediately prior to the course. Registration and more information coming soon.