

Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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Liturgical Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.

Daily Mass Schedule
8:00 A.M. (Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday)

Holy Days:
8 a.m., 12:10 & 7p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:45 P.M.- 4:15 P.M.
or anytime by appointment.

Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield

Stewardship: The Gift you have been given, give as a gift

(Mt 10:8)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 20 4:30 p.m.	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Beverly Nowakowski By Marion Nowakowski
Sunday, April 21 8:00 a.m.	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Daniel Nolan By Barbara Perrone
10:15 a.m.	John & Grace Murray By Mary Murray
Monday, April 22 8:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Janet Graves (Birthday) By Joan & Epi Carrasquillo
Tuesday, April 23 8:00 a.m.	<i>St. George, St. Adalbert</i> Elaine Huguley (Birthday)
Wednesday, April 24 .	<i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i> No Morning Mass
Thursday, April 25 8:00 a.m.	<i>St. Mark</i> People of the Parish
Friday, April 26 8:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Gary Paliwoda By Colleen Paliwoda
Saturday, April 27 4:30 p.m.	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Russ & Nina Williams By Sheri & Kevin Connelly
Sunday, April 28 8:00 a.m.	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Fred Valente By Joe & Mary Swetcky
10:15 a.m.	Michelle Renee Braam By Gayle & Mark Brick



TUESDAY ADORATION

Please join us for Adoration and the Rosary on Tuesday, April 23rd from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

There will also be Adoration and an opportunity to pray the weekly Novena after the 8:00 morning Mass on Friday, April 26th.



KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Tickets for our Kentucky Derby Party are on sale after Mass in the parish office. Get your tickets, Get your hats! See the back of the bulletin for more information.

FOOD DONATIONS

Every day there are hungry people, even in our small town of Bloomfield. We continue to collect food for the Bloomfield Food bank. Any donations can be left in the wooden box behind the last pew.

IN THE BEGINNING...

Join us as we study the beginning chapters of Genesis—Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Flood and the Tower of Babel. We will discuss how our Catholic faith has been formed by these accounts. This is an 11 session study. The first six sessions will be held Saturday mornings from 10:30 –12, May 4 through June 8. There is a \$22 textbook fee. Joan Carrasquillo will lead the study. To register, please contact the office. (860-242-4142)

LAST CLASS & FIRST COMMUNION

Next Sunday is our last class for religious education as well as First Communion for two of our young people: Hope Olivia JnPierre and Anthony Resto

We invite you to join in our celebration after the 10:15 Mass with a special reception in Fr. Picher Hall featuring donuts from “indulge by palazzo”. Come celebrate and have a donut!



SACRED HERT BOOK CLUB

This month's book is *The Killers of Flower Moon*, by David Grann an American Journalist. The book is a gripping true-crime narrative about greed, serial murder, and racial injustice directed toward the Osage people living on oil-rich Oklahoma land in the 1930s.



Words from Fr. Michael

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The image is taken from the Gospel reading which always comes from the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to John. In that

chapter, Jesus gives a discourse where he identifies himself as “the Good Shepherd.”

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is one of the most enduring images of Jesus. In the earliest Christian art, for example in the catacombs in Rome, Jesus is depicted as a shepherd who is carrying a lamb on his neck. This image of Jesus may well be the oldest and most continuously used form in religious art. Even here at Sacred Heart, our statue of Jesus near the confessional is a close imitation of the early Roman versions of the good shepherd.

We live in a culture that does not have a lot of shepherds. While shepherds are commonplace throughout much of the world, we do not see them very frequently in Connecticut. One reality of shepherds is the closeness they have with their flocks. In order to care for a flock well, you have to know all of the sheep, their personalities, the ones who are stubborn, the ones who are scared, and the ones who will run over a cliff. You have to look out for the ones who are mistreated by others. You have to be strict with the aggressive ones. It is not just sitting on a hill, reading a book, while enjoying pastoral peace. Shepherding requires personal investment, gentleness, and a firm will.

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we rejoice that Jesus is the good shepherd. He knows us, he leads us, and he directs our wandering hearts. We are not left to our own devices. We belong to him. God is not indifferent, in Jesus, God has come very close to us.



BEADS NEEDED!

The month of May is approaching, a time when the people of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary. Let’s do it together. We will once again, ask you to join us for an International Living Rosary and the crowing of Mary on **Monday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m.** To complete the rosary we need 60 people to represent each bead. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church. We invite you to lead a “Hail Mary” or an “Our Father” in English or a language of your choice. All ages are encouraged to attend.



SAVE THE DATE! Celebration Time

Mark your calendars for **May 19, 2024** as we celebrate Fr. Michael’s 10th Anniversary of Ordination from 4p.m to 6p.m. in Fr. Picher Hall More information will be in next week’s bulletin with a request to RSVP by May 13th.

PREVIOUS WEEK’S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 3,024.00
On-Line:	\$ 450.00
Total Received:	\$ 3,474.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00



NOVENA—Week 3

Join us on Friday, either at the 8 AM Mass, or at your own convenience and pray the Sacred Heart Novena included in this week’s bulletin. We are getting closer to our Sacred Heart Friends and Family Festival on June 7th, 8th, and 9th. Help us prepare the way by praying together.



Viewing Party...

The most exciting 2 minutes in sports!
Please join us...and bring your friends on:

Saturday, May 4, 2024

5:30 pm / Post Time: 6:57 pm

Fr. Picher Hall - \$20.00 pp

Bet on your lucky horse

Enjoy southern BBQ

Sip on a Mint Julep

Win a Raffle Prize

WEAR YOUR DERBY ATTIRE... AND DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT!

Office hours: 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Monday –Friday— phone: 860-242-4142
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