

# *Sacred Heart Parish* 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 3:30 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)

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 19 4:30 p.m.	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Katherine Nielsen By Chris Owens & Family
Sunday, October 20 8:00 a.m.	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Eddie & Dolorez Duenez (Well-being) By The family
10:15 a.m.	Marion & John Collins By Betty Cronin
Monday, October 21 8:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Caroline DiLeone By the Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tuesday, October 22 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. John Paul II</b> Mary Schwartz (Special Intention) By Laurie & Peter Schwartz
Wednesday, October 23 .	<b>St. John of Capistrano</b> No Morning Mass
Thursday, October 24 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. Anthony Mary Claret</b> Conrado & Helena Carrasquillo Birthdays By Joan & Epi Carrasquillo
Friday, October 25 8:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Michael & Geraldine Lauren, Jr. By Larry & Mary Lauren
Saturday, October 26 4:30 p.m.	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Helen Venora By Dan Venora
Sunday, October 27 8:00 a.m.	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Eddie & Dolorez Duenez (Well-being) By The family



Please join us for Adoration and the Rosary on Tuesday, October 22nd from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adoration will also be available on Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11 a.m.



## LECTOR WORKSHOP

Monday, October 28th  
7:00 p.m.

Have you ever thought about being a lector here at Sacred Heart? Would you like more information on what's involved? Fr. Michael will be holding a workshop for all new and current lectors. Come check it out!

## INTERESTED?!

Classes will begin to help form men and women interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith – perhaps, someone interested in coming into full communion with the Church, or perhaps receiving the sacraments of first communion or confirmation. Do you know anyone who may want to receive the sacraments? Please have them call or email the parish office for more information.

## BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will be Wednesday, October 30th at 1:30 p.m. in Room 3. The selected book is the **The Last Lifeboat**. Inspired by a remarkable true story, a young teacher evacuates children to safety across perilous waters, in a moving and triumphant new novel from *New York Times* bestselling author Hazel Gaynor.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAS BEGUN!

Parents! We are gathering for religious education classes on Sundays at 8:55 a.m. All youth in grades 1 through 8 are encouraged to attend. Please spread the word! The next Confirmation class is this Sunday, October 13th at 6:00.





## Words from Fr. Michael

When we pray, often we are asking God to do something. Heal this person, help this situation, restore this relationship, or assist with this project. It is an important part of prayer, asking – interceding – for others. God, though, is not an automated dispenser of personal favors.

It is not a matter of just having the right words, the right formula, and then God will do what you want him to do.

We often do not understand what we are asking for. We oftentimes think we do, but the human mind sees and understands things partially, not fully. We see this in the Gospel this weekend. James and John come up to Jesus and say, “We want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” It’s a bold request. Jesus doesn’t turn them away, but asks a question, “What do you wish me to do for you?” Then, we see the broken understanding of James and John, they ask for themselves to be promoted, exalted, and glorified by Jesus as the “best” disciples. Jesus promptly tells them, “You do not know what you are asking.” They are very sure of themselves, but they are asking without understanding. They do not know the meaning or the consequences of their request.

Even so, Jesus takes their request seriously. But he tells them how they must be changed in order to know God’s glory. Service and humility, not power and praise, are the road to become like Christ. They must be changed by their request. God remains the same loving Father, but the disciples by participating in the “chalice” of Christ’s passion will not be the same.

The same is true for us. If we pray in order to change God, we will be disappointed. If we pray knowing that God will change us, then a whole new world opens up for us. Persistently, patiently, praying for a person or a situation will bring dramatic change. The change begins first in the one who prays. God also works in the hearts of those we pray for. However, there is no “easy” grace which comes to us without changing us. That is because we do not fully understand what we are asking for, even when we think we do. And, God is not interested in giving us what we want, but rather to make us holy and whole.



### JOIN TOGETHER AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY

Come gather and pray the rosary this Monday, **October 21st at 7:00 p.m.** The living rosary is one where each person represents a bead on the rosary. As each Hail Mary or Our Father is prayed, a candle is lit. This Monday’s rosary will be a Scriptural Rosary, a version once prayed throughout Western Christendom in the late Middle Ages. A different little thought is assigned to each bead, so that the story of each Mystery unfolds. We will be following the Joyful mysteries with thoughts that are direct quotations from the scriptures. **We need 60 people to complete the rosary.** Everyone is encouraged to pray in

their own language. Please come experience this beautiful time with people of all ages gathered together in prayer.

### BRINGING UP THE GIFTS

For each Mass, our hospitality ministers have been asked to ensure that there are two people who will present the bread and the wine. We ask that you help make their jobs easier by letting them know that you would be willing to bring up the gifts if needed. If you have requested a Mass for someone and would like to bring up the gifts, PLEASE let the ministers know. We would love to have everyone participate at one time or another. Don’t be shy!

### PREVIOUS WEEK’S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 5,186.00
On-Line:	\$ 590.00
Total Received:	\$ 5,776.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00



# Thanksgiving Meal in a Bag



Can you help provide a Thanksgiving meal for a Hartford area family?

Sacred Heart is hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive to help over 300 families receiving turkeys this year from the Cathedral of St. Joseph Food Pantry and we would love your help! If you are able, **please take home a pre-labeled bag at the church exits beginning this week, October 19th/20th.** Each bag will have a list of the non-perishable food items needed to complete a Thanksgiving dinner. Return your filled bag(s) on or before Sunday, November 10th.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for being a blessing to our community and the people experiencing food insecurity in the Hartford area.



**LOVE TO SING?** Come join the Sacred Heart choir! We are very excited to make our home in the newly renovated choir gallery to make more beautiful music for all of you. If you're interested in serving your faith community while making a joyful noise unto the Lord, we hope you will consider joining our musical family! No auditions required, rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 4. As St. Augustine said, "Those who sing pray twice." Come join us!

**Office hours: 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Monday –Friday— phone: 860-242-4142**  
**Please leave a message on the answering machine when the office is closed.**  
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