

# *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)

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 30 4:30 p.m.	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Kelson & Dexter Ettienne-Modeste Birthdays By Theresa Ettienne-Modeste
Sunday, December 1 8:00 a.m.	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> The People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	Roger & Julianne Roberge By Nancy Roberge
Monday, December 2 8:00 a.m.	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Leonard & Carmen Cossette By Barbara & Barbara Ann Perrone
Tuesday, December 3 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> Carolyn Barz By Rudy Barz
Wednesday, December 4	<b>St. John Damascene</b> No Morning Mass
Thursday, December 5 8:00 a.m.	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Billy Lockyear By Peter & Laurie Schwartz
Friday, December 6	<b>St. Nicholas</b> Natasha Ettienne-Modeste Birthday By Theresa Ettienne-Modeste
Saturday, December 7 4:30 p.m.	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Elizabeth & Michael Slowey By Frank Slowey
Sunday, December 8 8:00 a.m.	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Fr. Robert Vargo Gayle & Mark Brick
10:15 a.m.	Margaret Cunnane By Jane Thaller



Please join us for Adoration and the Rosary on Tuesday, December 3rd from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will also be adoration on Friday morning December 6th.



## SOUP NEEDED

(And folks to eat it!)

Each Monday in Advent, beginning December 2nd the Parish Council will host a Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. in Fr. Picher Hall. If you could bring a soup, please sign up at the entrance to the church or contact the parish office. It is our hope that we can all gather for food and friendship each Monday during Advent.

## PARTY TIME!

Christmas is just around the corner and we ask you to mark your calendars for a special Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15th after the 10:15 Mass. There will be food of course, but also an opportunity to decorate a Christmas tree, sing some carols, do a craft and there will be a special gift for all who attend.

In addition, we would like to invite all our bakers to participate in a **cookie swap**. We will be asking for 4 dozen cookies (some of which will be enjoyed at the party). Cookies will be swapped at 11:30 on the 15th. We will even make arrangements for those who can't be present on the 15th. See the back of the bulletin.



## PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 3,748.00
On-Line:	\$ 485.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,233.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

*Thank  
you!*

**CONFIRMATION CLASS  
FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 AT  
6:00 PM UNTIL 7:30 PM**





## Words from Fr. Michael

Advent is a season that calls us to silence ourselves in order to encounter Christ with joy at Christmas. Our culture jumps right over Advent and makes December into a flurry of activity, parties, gifts, decorations, and constant music that there is hardly a chance for many to even pause and think.

This is the reason why we are offering several opportunities for prayer and reflection each week at the parish during Advent. Even if you come to one or two during the month, it will be a time for you to stop and prepare yourself to encounter Christ.

We will hold a wonderful event at the parish on the evening of Wednesday, December 11. This evening will be an evening of extended worship with beautiful music, healing prayer, and adoration. It is modeled after the sessions of the National Eucharistic Congress from this past summer.

Starting at 6:30 pm, there will be some contemporary worship music. At around 7:00 pm, we will have an inspiring reflection given by Sr. Fiat Marie Fusco, FSE. She is a religious sister of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and she will share how encountering Christ changed her. Following the reflection, we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament accompanied by worship music until 9:00 pm. During adoration there will be two special opportunities: I am inviting a number of priests to come and help hear confessions, and we will have prayer teams to pray with anyone who would like prayer. If you have never heard of a prayer team, they are two people who are committed to praying for others who will listen to what is on your heart, to share your joy or your sorrows, and then to pray with and for you. The gift of someone intensely praying for you is a powerful gift.

The evening will be one of worship, healing, seeking Jesus, and community. If you come to only one thing this Advent, this is the event to attend. Although, I hope you are able to pray Sunday Vespers and come on Monday evenings as well.

Do not let the busyness of December take away the joy of encountering the healing presence of God. Stop, pray, worship, adore, and meet the one who loves you.



### GIVING TREE

Our Giving tree is up this year towards the back of the church. We are once again asking for your generosity to help various organizations with Christmas presents. The groups are: Red—Early Childhood Program for 3 to 5 year olds (asking for gift cards) Yellow: Bloomfield Social Services foster children (various toys) Purple: Retired Sisters of St. Joseph (Gift cards). Orange: CRT—Meals for Seniors (Cash or Check) and Green: Retired La Salette Priests (Towels and Blankets). Thank you for your help. Gifts need to be returned by December 15th. If you are unable to shop, but would like to participate, we will accept monetary donations and Santa's helpers will do the shopping. Please make all checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. Any questions? Call the parish office.



### ADVENT AT SACRED HEART!

Join us on **Sunday** for Vespers (also known as evening prayer) From 6:00PM to 6:30PM we will join together with the people of God to give thanks for the day just past and make an evening sacrifice of praise to God.

On Monday, Confessions will be available from 5PM to 6PM. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5PM to 6:30PM At 6:00, Msgr. Joe DiSciaccia will provide reflections on Hope. After Benediction at 6:30 we invite everyone to join together for a Simple Soup supper, sponsored by the Parish Council.

If you are able to make a soup for any of the four Mondays in Lent, please call or email the parish office.

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

**You are invited to our Sacred Heart  
Christmas Party  
And Cookie Swap!**



Christmas Cookie Swap

**Sunday,  
December 15th  
(after the 10:15 Mass)**

*Please drop this form in the collection basket or return to the parish office!*

## **COOKIE SWAP!**

**I will participate in the Cookie Swap and bring 4 dozen cookies!  
(take home containers will be provided)**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will bring my cookies to the hall after:**

**The 4:30 Mass \_\_\_\_\_ The 8:00 Mass \_\_\_\_\_ The 10:15 Mass \_\_\_\_\_**

*Cookies can be picked up after 11:30 on Sunday or during the day on Monday.*