

# *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)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 16 4:30 p.m.	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Kathleen Dunn By Ellen & Donald Buda
Sunday, November 17 8:00 a.m.	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> The People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	Rose & Daniel Milbocker By The Spacek Family
Monday, November 18 8:00 a.m.	<b>Dedication of the Basilica of Saints. Peter and Paul</b> John J. Cooper (Well-being) By Shirley Cooper
Tuesday, November 19 8:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Ena Sybil Edwards By Theresa Ettienne-Modeste
Wednesday, November 20	<b>Weekday</b> No Morning Mass
Thursday, November 21 8:00 a.m.	<b>The Presentation Of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mary Schwartz (Special Intention) By Laurie & Peter Schwartz
Friday, November 22 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. Cecilia</b> Ruby Sutherland By Jeff & Marlene Sutherland
Saturday, November 23 4:30 p.m.	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> The Brick Family By Gayle & Mark Brick
Sunday, November 24 8:00 a.m.	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> The People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	Tom Durie By Betty Cronin



Please join us for Adoration and the Rosary on Tuesday, November 19th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All are invited to join adoration on Friday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

IN  LOVING  
MEMORY

## MASS FOR THE DECEASED

On Saturday, November 23rd we will remember all those who have died this past year with a special Mass. We invite everyone to come remember those in your family who have died and support those who have lost a loved one. The Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. and be followed by a luncheon in Fr. Picher Hall. If you would like to remember someone who died this past year, please call or email the parish office with their names and we will add it to our list to be read that morning. In addition, we encourage you to bring a picture to be added to our display on either side of the church. We will keep the pictures up until the end of November.

## FREE COATS FOR KIDS

On November 29th, the Knights of Columbus will be handing out free coats to children in need. If you would like to help this effort, please consider donating \$20 towards the purchase of a new coat. Checks should be made out to Cathedral of St. Joseph Knights of Columbus #11405. You can drop your donation in the collection basket next weekend or in the parish office. Thank you.



**LOVE TO SING?** Come join the Sacred Heart choir! We are very excited to make our home in the newly renovated choir gallery. 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!



## Words from Fr. Michael

We are at the very end of the liturgical year. Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. After that, Advent begins with the preparation for Christmas.

The readings in this final “Green” Sunday always point to the end of the universe as we know it. We are reminded that history will eventually end, that all that is before our eyes will pass away. The natural world is not eternal – even natural death itself is not eternal.

This passing is both a source of comfort and anxiety. It is a source of anxiety because it is painful when things that we hold dear decay and depart from us. Our bodies, our possessions, our loved ones; they cannot be preserved from the passage of time. This is often painful and a source of grief. On the other hand, it is a source of comfort because the difficulties, injustices, and conflicts that exist in our lives also will pass away. Evil will eventually be judged, and God’s justice will prevail in the end.

Knowing that all things come to an end, there is always a fascination with the end. Knowing when it will come, preparing for it, perhaps the hope of being able to “master” the end of time. If I know when my end is coming, I can make sure that I am ready for it.

This weekend we are told two things: the end is coming, and we will not know when the end is coming. It is a reminder for us to live lightly for all things are passing but at the same time to not obsess about the end. Rather, each day should call us to be ready to meet God. We should be at peace with ourselves by resolving conflicts, forgiving, and going to confession regularly. We should not allow “unfinished” business to stay unfinished. If we commit an injustice, we should right it now. If we have harmed, we should repair. If we are resentful, we should forgive now. We should live at this present moment the life that gives glory to God.

The end is coming, when it does come for each of us, we do not know. But, we should not be surprised or shocked that all things in this world will pass away – only God is eternal and is the giver of eternal life.



### BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will be Wednesday, November 20th at 1:30 p.m. in Room 3. The selected book is **The Travels with Charley** by John Steinbeck. A classic travel memoir by the Nobel Prize-winning author of *The Grapes of Wrath*. Steinbeck and his poodle Charley explore the country, meet people, and reflect on the American character and changes over the years.



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Anyone who knits or crochets (or wants to learn) is invited to gather on **Monday, November 18th** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The group makes prayer shawls for various groups of people including veterans, babies, and those who are ill. If you know someone who would like a prayer shawl or more information on the group, please contact Mary Lou Royce at 860-242-5266.

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 6,187.00
On-Line:	\$ 655.00
Total Received:	\$ 6,842.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00



### THANKSGIVING MASS

Let us gather together on Thanksgiving morning (**Thursday November 28th**) to give thanks with a grateful heart. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to bring a food item you will be serving at Thanksgiving for a special blessing.

# HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

On Wednesday, December 4th we will be serving a meal to the residents of Bestor Lane. On January 8th we will be at Mountain View. This special Interfaith housing complex serves seniors and those disabled in affordable housing. We would like to reach out and bring food and joy to members of our Bloomfield Community. We invite you to help.

***Here is how you can help:***

- serving food from 3:30 to 5:30
- ***Donating food:***
  - Ham
  - Potatoes
  - Vegetable
  - Cookies
  - Rolls



Please fill out the form below and drop it off in the collection basket or the parish office. Please let's share our gifts with those in our community.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I can help	December 4	January 8
serve from 3:30 to 5:30	_____	_____
donate a ham	_____	_____
make potatoes	_____	_____
make vegetables	_____	_____
donate rolls	_____	_____
make cookies	_____	_____

**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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