

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)

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 14 4:30 p.m.	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> The People of the Parish
Sunday, December 15 8:00 a.m.	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Mary & David Lockyer By Glynis Georgie
10:15 a.m.	Sr. Joanne Fahey C.P. By Kelsey Meczywor
Monday, December 16 8:00 a.m.	<i>Advent Weekday</i> Deacon Ronald Biamonte By Gayle & Mark Brick
Tuesday, December 17 8:00 a.m.	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i> Janet Smith By Mary & Larry Lauren
Wednesday, December 18	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i> No Morning Mass
Thursday, December 19 8:00 a.m.	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i> Deceased & Living members of the Brick Family By Gayle & Mark Brick
Friday, December 20	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i> Vic Spacek (90th Birthday) & Jana Spacek By Joan & Epi Carrasquillo
Saturday, December 21 4:30 p.m.	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Niel Nielsen By Chris Owens & Family
Sunday, December 22 8:00 a.m.	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> The People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	John Cronin By Betty Cronin



Please join us for Adoration and the Rosary on Tuesday, December 17th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will also be adoration on Friday morning December 20th.



ADVENT AT SACRED HEART SOUP NEEDED!

(And folks to eat it!)

This past Monday many gathered with Fr. Michael and Madeline Smith for a simple soup supper. We are grateful to Ann Marie Brimmer, Chris Britting, and Renee Santos for the delicious soup. Monday we welcome Fr. Roberto McCarthy to offer reflections at 6PM and to join us at 6:30 for soup. Please consider attending our Advent series beginning at 5PM with adoration and confessions. And, for those soup makers, please consider bringing a soup this Monday or the following Monday. A sign up sheet is at the entrance to the church or contact the parish office.



THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to the many families who provided many people with food for Thanksgiving. Over 400 families were given a Thanksgiving meal. Sacred Heart alone filled 100 bags of food. We would also like to thank everyone who donated clothing and household items. The need is great, as is the generosity of so many here at Sacred Heart. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Over these past months, women in our parish have been making beautiful prayer shawls. If you know someone who would like the comfort of a prayer shawl, please call or email the parish office. It's a wonderful way to reach out to someone. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please come gather with the group on Monday, December 16th from 10 to 11:30 in room 3.



WINTER WEATHER

During the winter season, we rely on WFSB (Channel 3) to notify our parishioners on the status of Masses office closings, and event cancellations. Please check their website (WFSB.com). **We will**

NOT be following the Bloomfield Schools.



Words from Fr. Michael

The third Sunday of Advent is the turning point of this short season leading up to Christmas. It is the reminder that the time for preparation is quickly drawing to a close. Yet, the reminder is not one that is meant to make us anxious, but rather it is a call to rejoice.

Watchfulness and joy. These two things do not always go together in our minds. Much of the time, watchfulness accompanies anxiety. When something is troubling you, it is hard to sleep. You stay awake and think and ponder things. It isn't usually a happy thing, but stressful. If you are expecting to greet someone and they do not show up on time, you become watchful. But it isn't usually joyful, but nerve-wracking. Staring at the phone and hoping to get a call saying that everything is fine. Or calling and texting someone over and over again and getting no response. This is often us at our most watchful, but it is not joyful.

Advent, though, calls for watchfulness *and* joy. The Lord is coming, we need not be stressed wondering if Jesus is okay, if he got in a car accident, or got lost on the way. We are watchful for his coming because we want to be ready, not drowsy or distracted.

The watchfulness of Advent is more like the childlike inability to sleep on Christmas Eve because you cannot wait for the morning to come. It is hard to sleep because the anticipation is too great. You're not worried that something is wrong, rather the wonder of it keeps your eyes open.

Advent and December are a beautiful time with much anticipation and many reasons for joy. Yet, it can be tiring. There is the need to prepare gifts, to decorate, to write cards, to throw parties, to go to parties, and, I hope, find time to pray. We can tire ourselves out "preparing" and find ourselves neither watchful nor joyful.

If you are tired, or anxious, or overwhelmed with everything, try watching for God with quietness. Whether it is some quiet time in the morning or a moment of silence in the night, watchfulness, attentiveness, for God, God who promises to make his home with you, will bring the joy.

TRIVIA SAVE THE DATE! NIGHT

Saturday, January 25th - Get your teams together. Tickets on sale January 4th. \$10.00 per person. The event sells out quickly.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly: \$ 2,360.00
On-Line: \$ 655.00
Total Received: \$ 3,015.00
Budgeted: \$ 5,000.00

*Thank
you!*



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.

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 PM Fr. Roberto McCarthy will offer reflections on Hope. After Benediction at 6:30 we invite everyone to join together for a Simple Soup supper.

ANNUAL COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our annual collection. For those who would like to give, donation cards are at the entrance of the church. Through your generosity we are able to accomplish much.



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

December 24th

4:00 & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

December 25th

10:00 a.m.

We invite you to join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ and we celebrate together this blessed Christmas season here at Sacred Heart Parish.

Fr. Michael

You are invited To a free Sacred Heart family

Christmas Brunch

Christmas Day at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Picher Hall

Let's celebrate together!

Reservations required



Christmas Brunch reservations (Please return by December 20)

Family Name _____

Number attending _____

Phone # _____



Call (860-242-4142), email (sacredheartblct@gmail.com)

or drop this sheet in the Collection basket to reserve your spot!