

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)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 21 4:30 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent Niel Nielsen By Chris Owens & Family
Sunday, December 22 8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent The People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	John Cronin By Betty Cronin
Monday, December 23 8:00 a.m.	Late Advent Weekday Kenneth Sinkwitz By Gayle & Mark Brick
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas 10:00 a.m..
Thursday, December 26	St. Stephen No morning Mass
Friday, December 27	St. John Morning Mass
Saturday, December 28 4:30 p.m.	The Holy Family Lynda Kara & Miquel Carrasquillo Birthdays By Joan & Epi Carrasquillo
Sunday, December 29 8:00 a.m.	The Holy Family Michael Slowey By Frank Slowey
10:15 a.m.	Pamela Dombroski By Helen Stech



MORNING MASS & ADORATION

Please note there will be NO morning Mass on Tuesday, December 24th or Thursday, December 26th. There will be no Adoration on Tuesday evening

On Friday, December 27th. there will be Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by adoration until 11:00 a.m.



ADVENT AT SACRED HEART

We invite you to gather these last few days before Christmas on Sunday, December 22 for Evening prayer (Vespers). A wonderful time to stop for a moment, take a deep breath, pray together, and count our blessings. We begin at 6:00 p.m. Please come spend a special thirty minutes this Sunday evening.

This past Monday Fr. Roberto McCarthy reflected on hope, and many gathered after with Fr. Michael for a simple soup supper. We are grateful to Roseann Azarian, and Barbara Ann Perrone for the delicious soup. This Monday we will again begin at 5PM with Adoration until 6:30. Fr. Michael will hear confessions beginning at 5 after which he will offer reflections at 6PM. A simple soup supper will be available at 6:30. Come be a part of our Advent preparation.



DINNER CLUB

New Members wanted

We are still accepting members into the Sacred Heart Dinner Club. For \$180 per year you can be part of Sacred Heart's largest fundraiser. There are no meetings to attend. Monthly drawings and an end of the year banquet offer opportunities to win over \$3,000. Plus a free dinner! If you are interested in joining, please call or email the parish office for more information.



POPE FRANCIS ON X

In these days leading up to Christmas, I invite everyone to renew our supplication to the Lord, asking Him to grant the gift of peace to our world.



Words from Fr. Michael

We are now at the end of Advent. The time of preparation for Christmas is over, it is time to give yourself to the celebration of Christ's nearness to you.

As people, we are more prone to preparation than to celebration. The effort it takes to prepare for something often seems bigger than what we are preparing for.

For example, when one cooks a large meal that takes many hours to prepare, the preparation seems so much bigger than the feast. For the cook, the meal itself can almost be a letdown. All of those hours of preparation for a short time of eating.

As a musician, I have spent countless hours practicing by myself and very little time performing. My experience as a musician was formed by the time alone preparing.

Any great occasion requires great preparation. But, it can be easy to be so focused on the preparation that the occasion seems insignificant in comparison.

Christmas is here. Yes, we extend it for 12 days in the Church calendar, but in reality, Christmas is a day, maybe two, when we stop. Then, life continues and we are preparing for the next big event.

Heaven, which we are ultimately preparing for, is not a one-time event and then we get ready for the next thing. No, the vision of God face to face is something that will never end. All preparation leads to this eternal moment of communion.

Let's put this into practice on Christmas and the following days. How do you move from preparing for a feast to feasting? How do you take joy in the moment? Christ is here, rejoice in his presence.

TRIVIA NIGHT SAVE THE DATE!

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

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.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 3,953.00
On-Line:	\$ 610.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,563.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

Thank you!



COOKIE SWAP & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wow! What a wonderful turnout for our Christmas Party and Cookie Swap. Thanks to Daniela Ragusa and Doris Battle for organizing the event.

And to everyone who participated.... Thank you. Over 20 people brought cookies to swap and share. The assortment was amazing and delicious. Our Sacred Heart family gathered for food, crafts and together decorated the Christmas tree while candy and ornaments were handed out by Fr. Michael. So many smiles and so much joy filled the room.

Just a reminder... If Fr. Michael or the staff can be of assistance to you, or if you would like to register as a member of the parish, please call the office at 860 242-4142 or email sacredheartblct@gmail.com. Please remember to notify the parish office if you or someone you know is at home or in the hospital and in need of a visit.



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

A Christmas Prayer for our Christmas Dinner

Today is born our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord!
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.



Let us pray.
O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.