

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)

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

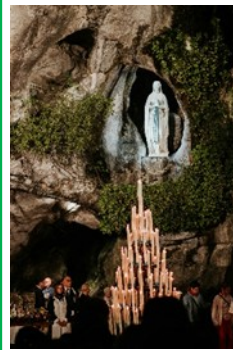
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 1. 4:30 p.m.	The Presentation of the Lord People of the Parish
Sunday, February 2 8:00 a.m.	The Presentation of the Lord Loretta & Tim Knight & Family Well-being By Bill and Delia Sanders
10:15 a.m.	Ronald Smith By Jane Thaller
Monday, February 3 8:00 a.m.	St. Blaise Amanda, Carmen, Jose & Conrado Carrasquillo (Birthdays) By Joan & Epi Carrasquillo
Tuesday, February 4 8:00 a.m.	Weekday No intention
Wednesday, February 5	St. Agatha No Morning Mass
Thursday, February 6 8:00 a.m.	St. Paul Miki Shirley & John Cooper (Good-health) By Bill & Delia Sanders
Friday, February 7 8:00 a.m.	Weekday Donald Devanney By Mary Murray
Saturday, February 8 4:30 p.m.	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Frank Ridolfo By Susan Craine
Sunday, February 9 8:00 a.m.	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	George Stech By Helene Stech



THE ROSARY & ADORATION

There will be the rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evening, February 4th from 6:00 to 7:30. On Friday, February 7th we invite you to morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Adoration until 11:00 a.m.



2026 Lourdes and Shrines of France Pilgrimage

The New England Catholic Biblical School invites you to join them on the Lourdes and Shrines of France Pilgrimage April 20 – May 1, 2026. Cost is \$6499. Our chaplain is Fr. Christopher Ford, President of Saint Thomas Seminary. For more information

and to register, please visit:

<https://www.catholicjourneys.com/cecbs/> using the password NECBS.



BLESSING OF THE THROATS

The Feast of St. Blaise, a physician who later became a bishop and died for the faith in 316 AD, will be observed on Monday, February 3, 2025. His feast is commemorated with the Blessing of Throats.

In honor of St. Blaise, the Blessing of Throats will occur at the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, February 3rd. This is an ancient custom of the Church to bless the sick, rooted in the ministry of Christ and his apostles.



SACRED HEART BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the book club will be held on Wednesday, February 26th at 1:30. This month's book selection is "*The Notebook*" by Nicholas Sparks.



Words from Fr. Michael

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which we celebrate this weekend, is a beautiful event in the Church year. It is uncommon for this Feast to occur on a Sunday, averaging around once a decade.

The liturgical year allows us annually to relive the life of Christ. From his birth in Bethlehem through the cross and resurrection ending with the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. As we commemorate the Presentation, we can see similarities to Palm Sunday. The Presentation is Jesus' entrance into the city of Jerusalem and the temple for the first time. It is an arrival to the holy city. Just as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and we commemorate his entrance in order to be sacrificed on the cross as the lamb of God, Jesus also arrives for the first time to the temple – the place of sacrifice of the Old Covenant.

His entrance into the temple, using the words we hear in the Gospel from Simeon, is the entrance of the light, or the glory of God, into the temple. Thus, the tradition begins of blessing candles as the sign of the light of Christ. This gives us the tradition of blessing the candles used on the altar for the next year on this day. For this reason, the medieval custom was to call the Presentation "Candlemas" or the Mass for blessing candles. In the same way we get "Christmas" or Christ's Mass – the Mass for Christ's birth. Until the calendar changes in 1969, the period of time between Christmas and Candlemas was considered the Christmas season and nativities and decorations were usually left on display until February second.

Therefore, we rejoice. Christ is the light of the world. He has shown his light upon our hearts and the light of his glory dwells with us in our Church. Whenever we come to worship, we have a taste of heavenly glory. May we continue to welcome and to live in his light.



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

On January 8th our Sacred Heart family came together to serve a special dinner to the residents of Interfaith Homes. Food was donated by several parishioners and others came that day and served the meal. It was a joyous time for all involved.



We will be going to Bestor Lane on Wednesday, **February 12th**. We are looking for Sacred Heart Chefs who could prepare **Chicken Parmesan, pasta with sauce, a green salad, rolls, and deserts**. Items can be dropped off anytime during the week. On Wednesday, February 12th we would love help heating up the Chicken and Pasta and preparing the food to be delivered. And we need folks to help serve. Please call or email the parish office if you can help in anyway. The food is delivered at 3:30 and the meal served by 4. Thank you!

*Thank
you!*

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 5,265.00
On-Line:	\$ 605.00
Total Received:	\$ 5,870.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

If you wish to start on-line giving go to our website: sacredheartbloomfieldct.com. and click "on-line giving."



DIAPERS PLEASE!

In addition to food, the St. Joseph Food pantry gives out a variety of items to those in need. At this time, there is a desperate need for diapers. Especially size 2 and up. During the month of February, we are asking for your help in replenishing the pantry with diapers and wipes. Please place your donation in either of our outreach boxes in the back of the church.

Tickets on sale now!



Please join us for...
Wine and Chocolate
Tasting

Saturday, February 15, 2025

7:00 PM

Fr. Picher Hall

\$15.00 PP

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