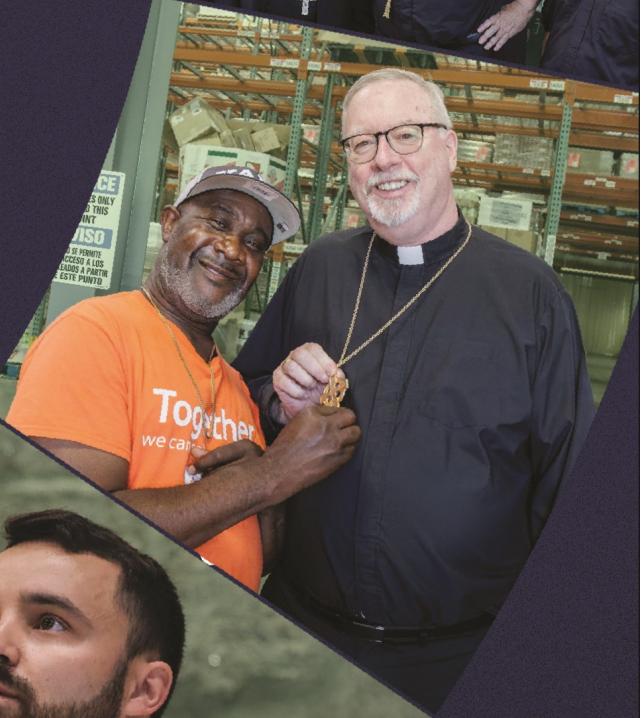


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**Kickoff Weekend:  
February 14 - 15, 2026**

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# Outreach opportunities

## The holy season of Lent is a special time of personal and spiritual growth.

It's a time to reflect deeply on ourselves and others. The spiritual pillars of **prayer**, **fasting** and **almsgiving** guide us as we strengthen our relationship with God and our neighbors.

Through **prayer**, we consider the challenges faced by the world's most vulnerable people and how God is calling us to respond. By **fasting**, we let go of our desire for material things, making room to understand the needs of others more deeply and allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us. When we **give alms**, we do it thoughtfully and with compassion toward our sisters and brothers.



*Please take a "Rice Bowl" home with you and return it on Palm Sunday with your alms giving to help feed the poor.*



**February 18th to March 1st**

**Bathroom towels/ any size**

**March 2nd to March 15th**

**Baby Diapers & Baby wipes**

**March 16th to March 29th**

**Bar Soap and Hand/Body Lotion**



## A Thought for the Day

Deacon Santos

ing to improve.

Maybe it wasn't a sport, maybe it was an intellectual quest that required us to focus with our mind beyond its limitations to grasp a difficult concept or pick up a skill or solve a problem or to allow us to perform our work at the highest level possible.

Maybe that effort was put into learning to play an instrument, sing, how to paint, produce beautiful pottery, make wine or beer, or bake or cook. Whatever it was, we have all had the experience of pushing ourselves to our limits and beyond, of striving for the "next level."

All this effort and time is well spent, as long as it doesn't end up becoming who we are. Sure, we can think of ourselves as an athlete, an intellectual, a musician, a brewer, a baker, or a chef, but that is not **WHO** we are. We are sons and daughters of the King!

Our heart is made for something very particular, the law of the New Covenant which is written on it. The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions flow. It is from our hearts that we either choose life or death, acceptance of God and His Way, or acceptance of our way and rejection of His love.

Our ability to pour our heart, ourselves into something is God's way of showing us what we can do when we devote our full self to accomplishing something. But that is only the appetizer. God is saying to us, "See how great that felt! See what you can achieve my son/daughter when you devote yourself to a worthwhile endeavor! Now step up your game and see what I have in store for you! Use that tenacity and drive to learn about me, to learn about my love for you, and the unimaginable glory I have in store for you! Put that drive into loving me and loving everyone of your brothers and sisters and experience how much more fulfilling that is for you.

All the effort and accomplishments we put into worldly things end up with our singing the song "Glory Days," as we consider how good we were "back in the day." All the accomplishments we achieve in striving to achieve the fullness of being a son or daughter of the King has us living in the true glory of God's love for all eternity. Now is the time to get to work!



### DINNER MINISTRY

Our final meal for this season was a resounding success.

The food was plentiful and the company was joyful. We want to thank everyone for their generous donation of time and delicious food. Sacred Heart never fails to support one another and our community. See you in the fall!

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 4,165.00
On-Line:	\$ 667.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,832.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

*Thank  
You*

*If you wish to start on-line giving go to our website: [sacredheartbloomfieldct.com](http://sacredheartbloomfieldct.com).*

We have all had the experience of "throwing ourselves at a thing" to become good, or even great at something. Maybe you were (or are) training in a sport putting in countless hours of grueling repetitive work. You focus mentally and physically for hours concentrating on a very small part of a skill you were looking to improve.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Please save Saturday, March 14th for a pot-luck supper at Sacred Heart's own Irish Pub. More information will be in next week's bulletin!



### BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Book Club will be on Wednesday, February 25th at 1:30 p.m. in room 3. This month's book is "The Elephant Whisperer" by Lawrence Anthony. **Come join the group!**



### SOUP DINNERS

On February 26th, March 12th and March 26th we will begin our discussion "Getting Closer to Christ" with a Soup and... dinner. Please consider joining us for dinner at 6:00 followed by the program at 6:30. *If you would be willing to make a soup for one of the evenings, please sign up in the back of the church!*

# Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield

*Stewardship: The Gift you have been given, give as a gift*

(Mt 10:8)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 14  
4:30 p.m.

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ralph Butch  
By Mary Ann Butch

Sunday, February 15  
8:00 a.m.

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
People of the Parish

10:15 a.m.

Jana Spacek  
By Vladimir Spacek

Monday, February 16  
9:00 a.m.

**Weekday**  
Jude Iloeje (Birthday)  
By Linda Iloeje

Tuesday, February 17  
8:00 a.m.

**Weekday**  
Linda Iloeje (Birthday)  
By her family

Wednesday, February 18  
8:00 a.m.  
12:0 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday**  
Mass with Ashes  
Mass with Ashes  
Prayer service with Ashes

Thursday, February 19  
8:00 a.m.

**Thursday after Ash Wednesday**  
Michael Zawada  
By Linda Zawada

Friday, February 20  
8:00 a.m.

**Friday after Ash Wednesday**  
No intention

Saturday, February 21  
4:30 p.m.

**First Sunday of Lent**  
Maria Gorzkowski  
By Kathy Britting

Sunday, February 22  
8:00 a.m.

**First Sunday of Lent**  
Katherine Santos  
By Rich & Renee Santos

10:15 a.m.

Tom Ciccarillo  
By Chris & Tom Owens

## Adoration

of the  
Blessed Sacrament



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, February 17th for Adoration and the Rosary. We will also have Adoration on Friday, February 20th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to 11:00a.m.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

*Wednesday, February 18th*

Ashes will be distributed during Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 12:10. There will also be a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. with ashes.

## PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 16th is a federal holiday celebrated as Presidents day. As is tradition, morning Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

## CHOCOLATE & WINE

*Saturday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.*

Tickets are available by calling the parish office for our chocolate and wine tasting event. Tickets are \$15 and will not be sold at the door.

## FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fasting rules allow Catholics to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals which, combined, would not equal a single normal meal. Additionally, Catholics may not eat meat on these two days—or on any Friday during Lent. Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

## COLLECTION FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN CHURCHES February 21, 22, 2026

Catholics in dioceses across the United States can express love for their sisters and brothers in war-torn Ukraine and in 27 other post-Communist countries by giving to the U.S. bishops' annual Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.