

Sacred Heart Parish A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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Office hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



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)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 21 4:30 p.m.	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> Robert & Louise Melanson By Delia & Bill Sanders
Sunday, March 22 8:00 a.m.	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> Alan Collette By Sacred Heart Friends
10:15 a.m.	Betsy Morrison By Delia & Bill Sanders
Monday, March 23 8:00 a.m.	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Karen Commella (Good Health) By Dan Commella
Tuesday, March 24 8:00 a.m.	<i>St. Oscar Romero</i> Jack Morris By Larry & Mary Laureno
Wednesday, March 25 8:00 a.m.	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> Theresa & Anthony Ettienne-Modeste
Thursday, March 26 8:00 a.m.	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Tom Ciccarillo By Darlene Kennedy
Friday, March 27 8:00 a.m.	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> People of the Parish
Saturday, March 28 4:30 p.m.	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Pilar Quintana (Good Health) By Maribel Calderon
Sunday, March 29 8:00 a.m.	<i>Palm Sunday</i> No intention
10:15 a.m.	People of the Parish

Adoration

of the
Blessed Sacrament



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, March 24th for Adoration and the Rosary. We will also have Adoration on Friday, March 27th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to 11:00 a.m.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Continuing through March 29th we will be collecting Bar Soap and Hand or Body Lotion for the families served by the Cathedral of St. Joseph Pantry. Please drop your donations in any of the boxes in the back of the church.

BOOK CLUB!

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Book Club will be on Wednesday, March 25th at 1:30 p.m. in room 3. This month's book is "This is Happiness" by Niall Williams.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Anyone who knits or crochets (or wants to learn) is invited to gather on **Monday, March 23rd** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 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.

BECAUSE IT'S LENT:

- Confessions will be heard on Mondays from 5pm to 6pm.
- Daily Mass will be Monday through Friday including Wednesdays at 8am.
- Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7pm

HANDBAG BINGO-SOLD OUT

Many thanks to all who have purchased tickets for our April 24th event. We are still in need of donations for our raffle baskets and would welcome those who would like to be a sponsor for \$500. Call or email the parish office for more information.



A Note for the day

Deacon Bob

“This first weekend of spring feels especially meaningful after a long and arduous winter. There’s something about the change of season—the warming air, the softening ground, the first buds pushing through—that naturally stir hope within us. Spring rarely arrives all at once; it comes quietly, almost shyly, but when it does, it transforms everything. Trees that stood bare for

months begin to sprout new life, lawns shift from brown to vibrant green, and flowers once hidden beneath frozen soil begin to bloom again.

In many ways, this season mirrors this weekend’s Gospel of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. It is a story of deep grief, delayed expectations, and ultimately, overwhelming renewal. Mary and Martha had been waiting—much like we wait through winter—hoping Jesus would come sooner, hoping things would change before it felt too late. Yet Jesus arrives in His time, not theirs, and through that timing reveals something far greater: *He is the resurrection and the life*, even when everything seems dormant, lifeless, or beyond restoration. Just as spring overturns the barrenness of winter, Jesus overturns the finality of death.

Where decay seemed to have the last word, Jesus speaks life. Where despair had settled in like a long frost, Jesus brings the warmth of hope. Lazarus walking out of the tomb isn’t just a miracle, it’s a promise. It’s a reminder that God has power over all that feels lost, delayed, or beyond repair.

The natural world around us helps illuminate this truth. The trees that appeared dead were only waiting. The soil that seemed unyielding was quietly preparing. What we thought winter had stolen, spring restores with abundance. And in the same way, Jesus restores us—not only in grand, miraculous moments, but in the slow, steady renewal that happens when we choose to follow Him.

As we step into this spring season, we can carry with us the assurance that Jesus has everything under control. Even when we don’t understand the timing, even when our circumstances feel like a long winter, He is already working beneath the surface. All He asks is that we trust Him, walk with Him, and allow His presence to bring new life to the places inside us that have grown tired or dormant. Spring tells the story of life triumphing over what looked dead.

PREVIOUS WEEK’S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 3,555.00
On-Line:	\$ 655.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,210.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

Thank You

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

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

Join us Thursday, March 26th for a soup supper at 6:00 and the final discussion session at 6:30. This week’s reflection question is:

During the Last Supper in John’s Gospel, Jesus chose his disciples to be “friends” and bear fruit in their lives. When have you felt chosen by the Lord to be a friend to someone? When have you experienced his pruning love that helped you bear new fruit?

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We are very grateful to those who were our “special guests” last Saturday. Our “potluck supper” at Sacred Heart’s Irish Pub turned into a Shamrock Murder Mystery. Our guests played their parts with much enthusiasm. The audience soon believed their

every word. We would especially thank Iona Turnbull who kept everyone on the right track and kept the evening moving. She was amazing! In addition to Iona we would like to thank the following:

- Jesse Waith: Riverdance Performer**
- Sheila Rubitz: Irish Pop Star**
- Fred Carter: Rugby player and murderer**
- Kathy Britting: Weather Reporter and victim**
- Lenny Cossette: Video Editor**
- Renee Santos: Professional Billiards Player**
- Roger Rubitz: Television Cameraman**
- Sue Cossette: Receptionist**
- Rian Grimmer: Lead Singer of the Ginger Mohawks**
- Barbara Ann Perrone: Abstract Artist**
- Joe Swetcky: Professional Skateboarder**
- Jessie Lang: Homemaker**
- Fraser: Astrophysicist**
- Rich Santos: Wannabe Superhero**
- Jennie Garcia: Motorcycle Gang leader**

OUR SACRED HEART PLAYERS!



For those who attended.... Thank you so much for being so supportive of this surprise adventure. And the food!!! So much wonderful food.