

# *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)

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 7 4:30 p.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Peg & John Britting By Kathy Britting
Sunday, March 8 8:00 a.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Joseph Spacek By Vic Spacek
10:15 a.m.	Phil Carpenter By Anne Carpenter
Monday, March 9 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. Frances of Rome</b> Isaac & Sarah Sutar By Friends of Sacred Heart
Tuesday, March 10 8:00 a.m.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> People of the Parish
Wednesday, March 11 8:00 a.m.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Jack Morrison By Betsy Morrison
Thursday, March 12 8:00 a.m.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> No intention
Friday, March 13 8:00 a.m.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> No intention
Saturday, March 14 4:30 p.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Joyce Britting By Chris Britting
Sunday, March 15 8:00 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Kathleen & Gerard Boucher By Bob & Mary Ann Kalinowski
10:15 a.m.	John & Elinor Murray By Mary Murray

## Adoration

of the  
Blessed Sacrament



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, March 10th for Adoration and the Rosary. We will also have Adoration on Friday, March 13th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to 11:00 a.m.



## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Continuing through March 15th we will be collecting Baby Diapers and wipes 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.

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to those in our Breakfast ministry who once again provided a wonderful pancake breakfast for our Sacred Heart Family. Our next breakfast will be on May 3rd and sponsored by Jerry and Kathy Spitler. Please mark this date and join us as we say a special Thank you to Mary Lou and David Royce for their leadership these past few years. This will be their last Pancake Breakfast. If you would like to help coordinate next year's breakfasts, please stop by on the 3rd and speak with David and Mary Lou. Help is needed to continue this wonderful tradition.

## 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

## BLOOMFIELD FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to everyone who continually bring food for the Bloomfield Food pantry. Food insecurity is everywhere, including here in our own town. Please continue bringing your donations to the boxes in the back of the church.

## REFLECTIONS

*From Fr. Stu*

In one of my earlier pastorates, I was giving a tour to the Confirmation class, discussing the various parts of the church and how they help us to worship and grow as Catholic Christians in unique ways. When we walked up to the sanctuary area and encircled the altar, I pointed out that, when possible, in some churches there is a relic of a saint uniquely imbedded in the altar in a distinct place (we have one of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque on ours). When I asked them if they'd ever heard about relics most shook their heads back and forth. I said, "You know, like in the movie Raiders of the Lost Ark?" Again, they didn't know what I was talking about. It was at that point that I realized that I was really dating myself by quoting a movie that in their minds was ancient!

I mention the experience because the star of that movie – Harrison Ford – recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Screen Actor's Guild. Now, much older than he was when he played the swashbuckling archaeologist Indiana Jones, he shared some heartfelt memories of his career noted in a recent article by Vanity Fair. Acknowledging his challenges as a young actor before his successful roles in Star Wars and then Raiders, he recalled the fellowship and support of individuals doing plays after struggling with feelings of loneliness and isolation. With tears in his eyes, he shared with the audience how he found himself through acting, working with talented people, still fortunate to be doing so. He is very grateful.

This spirit of gratitude and connection, finding meaning through others as part of a community that embraces a common life and call, was so very evident last weekend at all our parish Masses. The attendance was wonderful as I looked around our worship space during Mass, greeting and saying goodbye to folks before and after and then at the tasty breakfast (thanks Pancake Team!). I felt blessed to be part of such a diverse community growing together in faith and gospel service. New folks are joining us, struck by our sense of welcome, outreach, joy and praise-filled worship made up of individuals, couples and families of all ages. Little ones are making their presence felt, praying to God loudly in their special way (yay!) while kiddos from our Religious Ed ministry actively help in different roles during Mass. One new young family just welcomed a baby boy to join his lively toddler brother each with wonderful biblical names (congrats you guys-we're with you!). It's all really promising.

In a time when more people echo Harrison Ford's experience of loneliness and a yearning to be connected, nurturing religious communities of faith is such a needed presence in our world. It helps people feel like they belong to something that is life-giving, particularly when violence and conflict are too often sought out as the answer to the many challenges around us. Instead, we disciples of Jesus strive to be about a different vision of life. It's one that is filled with kindness and compassion, challenging us to humbly listen for God's presence in each other while sensing his tender touch, hope-filled strength, his inner peace. Then we can join the woman at the well in this weekend's gospel, telling others about the one she spoke with in the noontime sun who met her longings, the Lord we follow who keeps showing us who we can be, quenching our thirst for the deep waters of life.

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 4,061.00
On-Line:	\$ 562.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,623.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

*Thank  
You*

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

### A SPECIAL COFFEE AND... Sunday, March 15th

We encourage everyone to drop by after the 8 and 10:15 Masses to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and learn more about a special organization called Nutmeg rides. It is a not for profit that uses a mix of staff and volunteer drivers to provide "door-through-door" rides in private cars 365 days a year for seniors (50 and older) and the visually impaired in ten towns in Central Connecticut. ***Come see if you can help provide rides or if you might need a ride your self, how you can get a ride!***

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# *Our Lenten Season* **Growing Closer to Christ**

**Thursday March 12th**

Join us for soup and... at 6:00 followed by a discussion on the refectio question at 6:30. We look forward to seeing you.

## *Question: Gathering #2*

How do you respond to the thought that Jesus was “transformed” by his Passion, beginning in the Garden of Gethsemane? What has it been like to surrender to God’s saving will in your own life?



### **IRISH SODA BREAD \$5.00 EACH**

Our Irish baker, Kathy Britting will be making her Irish Soda Bread for St. Patrick’s Day. If you would like to reserve one, please sign up in the back of the church. They will be available for pick up the week-end of March 14th and 15th.



### **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. “It’s a quiet story where it seems not much happens, but yet everything that is significant in life happens, slow moving and graceful - the beauty of friendship, of love, of family. The gorgeous writing took me back to Faha, the small village in Ireland”

*Come join us!*



SACRED HEART'S

**Irish Pub**

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 14TH  
5:30**

**Potluck supper  
BYOB**

**Tickets \$5.00**

**An evening of Surprises!**

*Please note there are only 13 tickets left!*