



Sacred Heart Parish

The United Parish Family of Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph

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Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Office Closed on Friday

Mass Times:

Weekends: Saturdays: 4:00pm **Sundays:** 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am

Daily Mass: 8:00AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday (NO Thursday Mass)

Holy Day: Please consult the Bulletin.

Sacraments:

Confessions: Saturdays 2:30 - 3:30pm or by appointment.

Baptisms: Sundays at 12:00 Noon. Please call the Rectory to schedule a date.

Holy Matrimony: At least six months of notice should be given to arrange for weddings.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the office.

On going devotions:

Weekly Morning Rosary: Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 6 to 7 PM, Fridays 7:30 to 8 AM

Parish Staff

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***Please note that neither Fr. J Keough nor any staff member, volunteers, or members of Sacred Heart Parish will ever call or text requesting donations of gift cards online, bitcoin or electronic transfer of funds.**

Please report any suspicious activity to the parish office and/or Suffield Police.

To report an incident of sexual abuse in the Archdiocese, visit our website or the archdioceseofhartford.com

December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16

4:00 PM Helen & Charles DeGeorge

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM Gail & George Karanian

Ronald Duwell

9:30 AM Armand Dieli

11:00 AM Joseph Falkowski

Monday, December 18

8:00 AM Korona Family

Ann Quinn

3 – 4 PM Adoration

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 AM Father Keough

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 AM Marcella Galetta

Margaret & John Harten

Thursday, December 21

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, December 22

8:00 AM Charles Galetta

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM Jeffrey Mandirola

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM Trevor French

Richard & Frank Czajkowski

John & Marianna Bucior

10:00 AM Deceased members of the Bland
and Ducharme Families

Sandra, David, and Brenda Desmarais

4:00 PM For Our Parishioners

Frank Kulina

10:30 PM For Our Parishioners

Thomas O'Connor

Our Weekly Offertory

On **December 10**, **553** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

December 10, 2023, Parish Support:

\$6,804.00	Offertory
\$369.20	Online Giving
\$7,173.20	Total

Thank you for your support!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Dec. 23 & 24) MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday Morning 8:00 and 10:00 AM

Note: there is NO 9:30 or 11:00 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24

**Last call for Confessions before Christmas:
Saturday, Dec. 23, 2:30-3:30 PM.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

**Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Children's Mass with
Living Nativity before Mass**

10:00 PM Christmas Hymns with our choir

10:30 PM Christmas Mass at Night

Christmas Day 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM

**Please note Christmas Eve is a Sunday. The weekend schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be 4:00 Mass Saturday, Dec. 23 and 8:00 and 10:00 AM on Sunday Dec. 24.*

*Baptized in Christ
Mila Rae Borawski*



PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

NAME/s: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

New Registration Request Envelopes

Change Address, E-Mail, Phone Number

Moving out of parish.

STATUS: Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed (circle one)

Would you like to receive ENVELOPES: YES NO

You may leave it in the marked basket in the church lobby or drop it in the mailbox outside the rectory office.

Come home for Christmas! The Sacred Heart Parish Family is praying for our family and friends who for whatever reason(s) are not active members of our Sacred Heart Parish Family and the Catholic Faith. Please add their name or initials to a star, and they will be included in our Advent prayers. The stars will be hung on the Christmas trees in the sanctuary throughout the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Hopefully, some will join us for the Christmas Masses and maybe even stay with us throughout the new year.

An Advent Evening of Reflection: THIS MONDAY! You are invited to come together with our Parish Family to pray in a particular way for our fallen away family and friends. Beginning at 7:00 PM on Monday, Dec. 18th we will offer prayers and helpful insights into those necessary but sometimes awkward moments of guiding a lost sheep lovingly back to the Shepherd as we come to Bethlehem once again.

The Polish Christmas Oplatek (Oplatki) are available after all Masses this weekend. Please feel free to bring them home for your Christmas celebration!



The "Holiday Season" is not always joyful for everyone. If you or someone you know is struggling emotionally, please know the National Suicide Prevention Hotline is available by texting 988 or calling 1-800-273-8255. This free service is available in English and Spanish 24/7/365.



Knights of Columbus

Suffield Council # 6281

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Watch for January date to be announced for the local district (boys and girls ages 9 to 14) competition of the Connecticut Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, with winners eligible for the area competition scheduled for February 4, 2024, at St. Gabriel School in Windsor.
- National (Washington, DC) March for Life on January 19, 2024, and Connecticut (Hartford) March for Life on March 20, 2024.
- Next local council meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Father Ted Hall.

Messages or inquiries can be left with the Parish Office at 860.668.4246 and someone will get back to you ASAP.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Office hours: Tuesday 10am-12noon and by appointment only

Closed holidays and vacations.

Donna Swols, DRE : shc_dre@sbcglobal.net

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Please use voicemail, email, or our handy outdoor mailbox as necessary to conduct Religious Ed business.

"AWAY IN A MANGER" 1st, 2nd and 3rd GRADE CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION: A great big **thank you** to everyone who came to the "Away in a Manger" presentation last Sunday, December 10th by grades 1, 2 and 3. A very special thank you also goes out to all our students, our "nativity" volunteers, catechists and student volunteers who always make this such a wonderful event to keep "Christ" in Christmas! Blessed Christmas everyone!



BAKE SALE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023, GREAT SUCCESS!!! The students from Misses Gleeson/Comette's 4th grade class were able to raise over \$400.00 for the Paw Safe Animal Rescue. Outstanding job by teachers, students, and parents! Many thanks to all our parishioners and patrons who gave so generously and enjoyed the many tasty holiday treats!

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED through January 1, 2024, for the Christmas/New Year Holiday. Voicemail and email will be checked once a day during this period. **Classes resume on Sunday, January 7, 2024, for grades K-7 and 9. Grade 8 resumes Sunday, January 21, 2024.** To all our parish families, a holy, blessed, and safe Christmas/New Year's holiday.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing!” The message of St. Paul in our second reading this weekend opens the way for our “Pink Week” or “Gaudete Sunday,” this Third Sunday of Advent we rejoice at the coming of the Lord. Paul gives a hope filled message to draw closer to Christ this day. Take a break from the pressures of the “holiday crush” to spend some simple time with Christ and the ones you love.

Rejoice with the people who are in your life every day. The ones we often have to mention in Confession with whom we lost our temper, find ourselves impatient, or cause us to use curse words. (The people God put in our lives to love and honor). Turn off the devices and have a conversation in front of the fireplace or by the Christmas tree with some hot cocoa or favorite beverage. Take a walk with them and enjoy the Christmas lights in your neighborhood. Rejoice that God gave you this person, whether a family member or friend.

Pray without ceasing for that person and for how you might be able to love that person even more in the coming year. This is where being with Christ comes into the picture. Whether the other person is physically present or not, Christ is with you always. Pray for the grace to enter deeper into your relationship with Christ and you will find the way to enter more deeply into relationships with others.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Joe Keough fjfk@aol.com



BRINGING ADVENT HOME:

Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary as a family once a week.

Pray for the people to whom you are sending Christmas cards and gifts.

Pray a family blessing for your Christmas Tree:

*My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea: His birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds.
With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us.
May its lights guide us to the perfect light. Amen.*

Advent on **FORMED** check out Advent programs on FORMED by the Augustine Institute. They are offering our parish family members a variety of presentations for adults and children. Visit FORMED.org,

BIBLE STUDY
Fr. Ted Hall Tuesdays 6:30 PM.