



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

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Keough Email: frjfk@aol.com

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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 31, 2023 Holy Family Sunday

Saturday, December 30

4:00 PM Cpl. Stephen Bixler
Ann Miller~10th Anniversary
Ecce Houenou(L)~Birthday Intentions

Sunday, December 31

8:00 AM For Vocations
9:30 AM Anthony & Doris Urgo
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 AM Fr. Ted Raczynski
Happy New Year~Office Closed
3 – 4 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

8:00 AM Father Keough

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, January 5, 2024

8:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:00 PM Thomas O'Connor

Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:00 AM Lise Roy
Wayne Maschi
9:30 AM Intentions of Ellen Lambert(L)
11:00 AM Frank Reynolds~7th Anniversary

Our Weekly Offertory

On **December 24**, **498** members and visitors
worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

December 24, 2023, Parish Support:

\$12,209.40	Offertory
\$1,347.80	Online Giving
\$13,557.20	Total

Thank you for your support!

New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. It is not a holy day of obligation this year since it falls on a Monday. Mass on New Year's Day will be at 9:00 AM. Holy Hour will be held from 3-4 PM

Christmas Offertory

On **December 24 & 25**, **1,187** members and visitors
Worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

\$9,721.75 – Offertory

\$4.70 – Online Giving

\$9,726.45 – Total

Thank you for your support!

Catholic Calendars for 2024 are available through the generosity of Heritage Funeral Home and Carmon Funeral Home as well as the Archdiocese of Hartford. Please pick one up for yourself and your friends as you exit the church this weekend. As always, we thank are friends at Carmon and Heritage funeral homes for these beautiful calendars.

PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

NAME/s:

*Baptized in Christ
Josie Lynn Jarvis*



ce will be closed

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.

2024 is the Year of the Eucharistic Revival in America! Make a new year's resolution to deepen your appreciation of the gift of Jesus Christ truly present to you in the Blessed Sacrament.

- Try to add a few minutes of time in prayer before the Mass to prepare well to receive Christ.
- Join us for Eucharistic Adoration Friday mornings from 7:30-8:00 or Mondays from 3-4 PM
- Visit some of the shrines and retreat centers in the area.
- Pick up your free copy of Beautiful Eucharist while supplies last.



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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.

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE RETURNS to regular hours this Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Classes resume next Sunday, January 7, 2024, for grades K-7 and 9. Grade 8 resumes Sunday, January 21, 2024. Happy New Year!



SAVE THESE SUNDAY DATES! 1) January 21, 2024, Youth Masses at 8am and 9:30am. Hope you can join us! 2) Our twelfth annual "Winter Carnival" from 12noon-2:00pm in Fr. Ted Hall on **Sunday, January 28, 2024!** Youngsters and the "young at heart" are invited! Food, fun and entertainment!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Advent and Christmas celebrations so special! Our staff, volunteers and everyone who prayed with us and for us, everyone who assisted with the Thanksgiving and Christmas food collections, the gift collection, cleaning and decorating the church, the Come Home for Christmas program, the social events, prayer service, Holy Hours and of course all of our Masses. Wonderful memories and a good foundation as we begin a new year.

2023 offered us an opportunity to return to some ministries that were set aside during COVID such as our ministry to the incarcerated, home bound and Communion Services at Suffield House. We have also seen an uptick in Mass attendance, both weekly and daily. There has been more participation in social events and the Dinner at Three Figs, and the Barn Dance has generated more conversation about future events to build (rebuild) our parish family.

As we saw so beautifully displayed at the Christmas Vigil Mass, we are blessed with many young families who are passing the faith on to our next generation. (I have a list of names I could read you!) The number of baptisms in 2023 again were on the rise. Young people are returning to devotions, religious education and most importantly, the Mass.

We continue to make progress on coming up to the 21st century in the field of technology to support and enhance our mission. Soon we will have the capability to stream our Masses for our homebound members as well as college students, military members away from home and our snowbirds and travelers who like to stay in contact with our parish family. Most of you noticed our electronic bulletin board in the church; another will follow soon in Fr. Ted Hall. Our website and Facebook page are also in constant renewal. All of this to supplement, not replace, our important time together as God's people.

There is no guarantee on how 2024 will turn out or where any of us will be at this time next year. We do know that when we open our hearts to God's plan, we will be where our true happiness lies. Thank you for a great year! Pray with me for an even better one for each of us as individuals and as our Sacred Heart Parish Family!

Have a blessed New Year!

Fr. Joe Keough frjfk@aol.com

*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

NOTE: There is no Bible Study this week due to the Christmas Break. We will resume next Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 6:30 in Fr. Ted Hall.
All are welcome to attend!