



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 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2

4:00 PM Judy Laiuppa
Ninfa Laiuppa
Skip Chapman

Sunday, December 3

8:00 AM Lise Roy
Glenn Packard
Susan & Thomas McDermott
9:30 AM Eleanor Kulig
11:00 AM Donald Martinelli Jr.

Monday, December 4

8:00 AM Helen Leary
Michael Foy
3 – 4 PM Adoration

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 AM Jeanne Caron

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 AM Joan Cosgrove
Lillian Brechue

Thursday, December 7

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, December 8

8:00 AM Peter Beneski
Diane Mballa(L)~Birthday Intentions

Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM Margaret Matuck

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM Matthew & Richard Roy
Eileen V. (Fleming) Blodgett
Raymond E. Blodgett
9:30 AM Robert "Bob" Camion
James Wessling
11:00 AM Albert Helmke

Our Weekly Offertory

On **November 26, 581** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

November 26, 2023, Parish Support:

\$5,481.00	Offertory
\$708.80	Online Giving
\$6,189.80	Total

Thank you for your support!

**December 8th Holiday of Obligation:
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.
Masses will be at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM**

An Advent Evening of Reflection: Coming together 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 helpful insights into those necessary but sometimes awkward moments of guiding a lost sheep lovingly back to the Shepherd.

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
Benjamin Daniel Wellspeak*



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.

REMINDER Human Needs

Christmas Food and Gifts Collection

The postings for the food needs for Christmas Baskets will be posted this weekend Dec. 2 & 3, please take one or a few and return by Sun. Dec 17 at 12 Noon.

*Also, the Gifts are to be returned by Sunday, Dec 3. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Come home for Christmas! The Sacred Heart Parish Family will be 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. You can 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.

Free Concert! Kolyedy, Polish Christmas Carols
THIS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6 at 10:15 AM in Sacred Heart Church. Featuring some of the most popular Polish Christmas Carols performed by area musicians-June Ingram, Ed Zieminski, Eddie Forman, and Jim Turek. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the beautiful music of this Polish Christmas Tradition!



Book Club Meeting

Wed, Dec. 13, from 10:30-11:30 AM – Fr Ted Hall
The Masterpiece by Fiona Davis.

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Ted Hall Tuesdays 6:30 PM.



Knights of Columbus®

Suffield Council # 6281
Ed McAnaneny, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 12/3/23 all invited for light refreshments sponsored by the Knights, following tree lighting ceremony and Carol Sing (5:15 pm)
- 12/3/23 monthly Knight's meeting (7:00 pm)
- 3rd weekend of December Santa home visits (schedule in advance)

Your ideas are always welcome on how we might be able to better serve our parish family and/or Suffield community-at-large.

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

Limited space available for the Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona with Fr. Joe Keough and Fr. Stephen Sledesky June 23-July 2, 2024. Don't miss the opportunity to join the group book before Dec. 24 and save \$150.00 per person. For details or to register visit:

www.gateway.gocollette.com/link/1193638 or Fr. Joe at the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

Closed holidays and vacations

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY, for grades K-9. Hope everyone had a great holiday!



"PREPARING FOR JESUS": Don't forget! Whenever you do a good deed or act of kindness, write it on a special piece of paper "straw" and place it in the manger at Religious Education. **Everyone** is invited to place their "good deeds" in the manger to welcome Baby Jesus at Christmas. "Straw" paper is available near the manger at Religious Education classrooms. **WE LOVE BABY JESUS!**



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

Today we enter the beautiful season of hope, the Season of Advent. Find some quiet time for yourself to enjoy the promise of renewal, peace, and joy. Pull away for a moment or two each day to be in the presence of the Lord. Reflect on the past year, identify a few times when you felt truly close to Christ and make plans to have more of those experiences in the new year.

We can look around and see many reasons to feel lost, frustrated or even abandoned. The global news, local tragedies, and/or family issues often seem to squash our hopes and frustrate our prayers. Think about the shepherds in the fields having heard for generations of a promised Messiah but never expecting a sky full of angels telling them he arrived; the Magi searching for a king and baffled to find a baby in a manger. The long, dark winter nights giving way to a brilliant sunrise and eventually the warmth of spring.

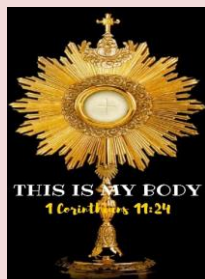
God is present. We need to rejoice in that. God is listening to our prayers. We need to hope in that. Allow yourself to be surprised by God, comforted by God and most of all loved by God in the Advent Season and throughout your life.

Have a blessed Advent Season!

Fr. Joe Keough frjfk@aol.com



Check out our website at www.SacredHeartCT.com we have recently begun to update the overall layout and design to provide a more user-friendly experience. The weekly bulletin with Mass intentions and parish events will be uploaded each week as well as links to helpful Catholic sites such as our parish Facebook page, FORMED and the Archdiocese of Hartford. Ministry heads have been asked to send updated photos and event information. Soon our livestream Masses will return!



NEW TIME FOR HOLY HOUR/EUCHARISTIC ADORATION BEGINS THIS WEEK!

After discussing with the people who attend our Monday evening Holy Hour, due to the dark, winter nights ahead, the Holy Hour will be held on Mondays in December through March from 3-4 PM and there will be no 6-7 PM Holy Hour until spring.

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,