



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

April 7, 2024 Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday, April 6

4:00 PM Ruth Z. Decozio

Sunday, April 7

8:00 AM Lise Roy

9:30 AM Joanna Van Ostrand

11:00 AM Thomas & Rose Modzelesky

Monday, April 8

8:00 AM Chesley Douglas Jr.

6 – 7 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 AM Intentions of Dorota Maliszewski(L)
Billy Carney

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 AM Healing for Elizabeth Vallepa

Thursday, April 11

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, April 12

8:00 AM Michael Patnaud

Raye Mandirola(D)~*Birthdays Blessings*

Justin Waterman(L)~*Birthdays Intentions*

Saturday, April 13

4:00 PM Matt Reynolds(L)~*Birthdays Intentions*

Lawrence Ridel Jr.(D)

Sunday, April 14

8:00 AM Matthew & Richard Roy

Therese & Ronald Duwell

Trevor French

Alexander Ehongo

Raymond Stearns

9:30 AM For Our Parishioners

11:00 AM Healing for Jerry O'Connor

Our Weekly Offertory

On **March 31**, **1,054** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

March 31, 2024, Parish Support:

\$10,762.81	Offertory
\$688.90	Online Giving
\$11,451.71	Total

Thank you for your support!

Fair Trade

Fair Trade items will be available after all Masses this weekend, April 6th and 7th. Please stop by the table and support the Fair Wage workers and Farmers ♥

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Our numbers are historically lower between June and September due to summer travel and vacations. Beginning the weekend of **June 1 & 2 through August 31/Sept.1** the weekend Mass schedule will be **Sat. 4 PM, Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM**. If you have a Sunday Mass intention scheduled for 9:30AM those months, you will be contacted to reschedule the intention. If your intention is for 8:00AM it will be scheduled for 8:30AM and 11:00AM for 10:30AM.

Baptized in Christ Juliette Marian White



Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2024 Appeal literature! Organizations such as **Suffield Community Aid**, right here in our own town, received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY–TODAY-APRIL 7 AT 3PM

Join us for a celebration of scripture, prayer and the Divine Mercy chaplet at Sacred Heart Church TODAY, Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 3PM.

*Jesus, we trust in you.
Have mercy on us and on the whole world!*

Suffield Community Aid Pantry Needs

Lunch Box Snacks, Crackers, Dish Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Cooking Oil, Mayo.

Items will be collected April 20th & 21st.

*Thank you,
Sacred Heart Human Needs Ministry*

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.

Help wanted: Saint Therese Parish in Granby

is in need of a Parish Secretary. If you or someone you know would be interested in filling this position, please call the Parish Office at 860-653-3371

RETREAT INFORMATION for Women and Men of the parish

WOMEN'S RETREAT APRIL 19-21

MEN'S RETREAT JUNE 7-9

Both are at: Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford.

The retreat theme for both programs this year is *Only Say the Word*. When Jesus encounters the centurion in the Gospel of Matthew (8:5-13), he meets a person of deep faith and humility who knows that healing comes from God alone. The centurion proclaims, **"Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed."** During this retreat, we will explore where healing is needed in us and in the world.

For more information visit: www.holyfamilyretreat.org



CONGRATULATIONS! to our grade 2 students who received the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, April 6, 2024! Many thanks to their catechists, Mrs. Chelsea Viets, Mrs. Paige Barber and Mrs. Jessica DeMars and to all our parents for preparing them this year! God bless them and keep them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY Sunday, April 7, 2024 for grades K-7. Group Learning presentations for grades 4-7 will take place today at 9:45am and 11:15 respectively. All are welcome to attend.

REMINDERS: All community service should be submitted on completed/signed forms. Forms may be downloaded from our website and are located on the rack outside the Religious Ed office. Thank you! **All overdue make up work should be completed and submitted by Sunday, April 7, 2024!** Email reminders have been sent.

DATES TO NOTE: 1st Holy Communion Retreat, Saturday, April 27, 2024; 1st Holy Communion Mass, Saturday, May 4, 2024; Grade 3 Youth Mass and Crowning of Mary, Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 8am.

LOST AND FOUND: Don't forget to check our "Lost and Found" basket at Religious Education. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the year. Thank you.



Knights of Columbus®

Suffield Council # 6281

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Next Suffield Council # 6281 Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m.** in Father Ted Hall.
- Spring clean-up at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Hill Street has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 27th at 8:00 a.m.** Please have all personal items cleared from the cemetery grounds prior to this date. All members wishing to help on this day are welcome.
- Graduating seniors who are a practicing Catholic from Suffield or a surrounding community, are urged to consider applying for a Knight of Columbus scholarship. Please contact the Parish Office for an application which must be completed and **submitted by no later than May 1, 2024.**
- Local council members will again participate in HomeFront on **Saturday, May 4th**, when volunteers will report to a local residential property for a day of doing repairs or maintenance for a low-income homeowner. All tools and expertise will be provided, just arrive ready to work!
- A **Friday, May 17th** trip to a Connecticut Suns basketball game with the Washington Mystics is being offered. The ticket price will be \$30 with the local council providing and paying for bus transportation. Pick up a flyer in the church vestibule or contact the Parish Office for more information or details.

The 20th Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament at the Suffield Country Club is scheduled for **Saturday, June 1st**. Net profits for this event will be used to support scholarships to graduating seniors. Parties interested in registering to play (\$150 individual), funding a corporate sponsorship at the level of \$100, \$200, or \$500, or volunteering to help out on the day of the tournament, please contact Craig Tini at (860)888-6697 for more information.

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Lent and Holy Week so special this year! Special thanks to the younger members of the parish who really stepped up and gave witness to the call to prayer and service.

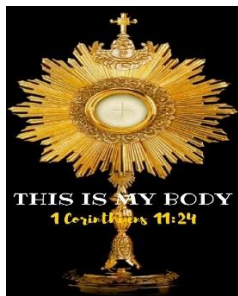
I was happy to see the young people with the presentation of the Living Stations do such a fine job again this year. The readers and the actors lead us to a prayerful experience of one of the greatest events in our faith. I also have to thank our altar servers, though few in numbers, they did exactly what needed to be done, from Palm Sunday through the Sacred Triduum and Easter morning. I was telling them before the Mass of the Lord's Supper, not to worry about making a mistake since at these unique liturgies, nobody knows what they are supposed to be doing anyway. These kids didn't have to worry because they didn't make any mistakes!

Behind the scenes, several young people assisted with moving furniture in the sanctuary, helping to stuff Easter Eggs and most importantly, sharing in the prayer of the community. People often say that the children are the future of the Church. That is only partly correct because they are also the "now of the church." From newborn on up, help me help them and their parents feel welcomed and supported!

Also, a note of thanks to the more senior members of the parish who assisted as readers, ministers of Holy Communion, musicians, ushers, flower committee, and of course the parish staff for bringing it all together. Thank you for being part of all of it! I always get in trouble for leaving someone off the list (not intentional) if you aren't specifically mentioned, know you are part of the "all" and "everyone." Your prayers and support enable us to support our mission of spreading and living the gospel.

Have a blessed Easter Season!

Fr. Joe Keough frjfk@aol.com



HOLY HOUR to pray for VOCATIONS

Please join us on Monday, April 8th from 6-7 PM for a Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations the priesthood and religious life.

NOTE: there will be NO Holy Hour on Mondays from 3-4 PM during the summertime. We will resume our 6-7 PM weekly Holy Hour beginning April 8th.

Please join us!

Please keep the members of our Confirmation Class in your prayers this weekend as they will participate in their retreat this Sunday. May God bless them as they prepare to receive the fullness of the Spirit!

Pray for the members of our First Reconciliation Class as they prepare to celebrate their First Confession this coming Saturday. May they always know and understand the mercy and love of Jesus in their lives!

OPERATION RICE BOWL You may return your "rice bowl" to the container in the vestibule anytime between now and April 14th. Thank you for your support!

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, Fr. Ted Hall, 6:30 PM. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, April 8 – 6-7PM Holy Hour for Vocations

April 17-19 – Women's Retreat Weekend

Saturday, April 27 – 8AM St Joseph Cemetery Annual Clean Up

April 27 & 28 – Spring Clothing Drive

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications are now available for the 2024 Sacred Heart Parish Scholarship. This scholarship is open to any high school senior who is a member of the parish and will be attending an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall of this year. Applicants MUST be registered members of the parish, Confirmed and actively involved in living out their faith. Applications and instructions are available in the entrance hall or at the rectory.