

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

2/02 Mon	9:00 AM	Bob & Monica Sargent By Jim & Bonnie Weibel
2/03 Tues	9:00 AM	Thomas Mackey By The Rosary Society
2/04 Wed	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
2/05 Thurs	9:00 AM	Thomas Mackey By Morning Mass Group
2/06 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
2/07 Sat	4:00 PM	Thomas Mackey By Vic & Pat Tartaglia
2/08 Sun	10:30 AM	Sharon Smith By Morning Mass Group

**One Step Forward**

Lenten Family Gathering  
Sunday February 16, 2026  
1:46 PM – Parish Center

Just us in experiencing a simple Camino with stops that include prayer, reflection, crafts, and activities. This event will be engaging, family-friendly, and meaningful. The perfect way to take one step closer to Jesus this Lent. Please invite grandparents, family members, and friends. We don't want anyone to miss out.

Bring Your Entire Family!

**RSVP to Faith Formation Office (607-563-7066)**

**A Gentle Appeal for Increase in Offering**

As many of you know, two weekend's in a row severe weather kept a number of parishioners home, and as a result our weekly offering was significantly lower than usual. We completely understand – your safety always comes first, and we're grateful for the prayers and support you offer in so many ways. If you are able, we kindly ask you to be a bit more generous in today's collection to help us make up the shortfall. Your continued support allows Sacred Heart parish to meet its regular expenses, sustain our ministries, and remain a place of welcome, worship, and service for all. Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and the love you show our parish family. May God bless you abundantly!  
Fr. Dr. Ben

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Walking the Way of the Beatitudes**

Every human heart yearns for happiness, and we pursue this precious gift in countless ways. We seek it in accomplishments, possessions, and fleeting moments of pleasure, yet none of these can fully satisfy the deepest desire within us. As Christians, we know that lasting joy comes from God Himself, the source of all goodness, peace, and blessing.

The readings for this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to cultivate the virtues that lead us to this enduring joy. They call us to embrace the attitudes and values of God's kingdom.

In the first reading, the prophet Zephaniah urges us to be people of integrity-humble, upright, and committed to what is right and just.

In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds us that God chooses the weak, the lowly, and the seemingly insignificant to reveal His power and wisdom. God delights working through the humble and shows His strength through those who rely on Him rather than on themselves.

The Gospel presents the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes. In these eight profound teachings, He offers a concrete path to genuine happiness and reveals the heart of Christian discipleship.

The Beatitudes call us to be poor in spirit, pure of heart, merciful, peacemakers, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, and willing to endure suffering for the sake of the Gospel. Each beatitude invites us to depend not on our own strength, wealth, or possessions, but on God alone.

To walk this path is to choose peace over violence, mercy over vengeance, humility over pride, and integrity over self-interest. These choices are not always easy, but they lead us to the freedom and joy that only God can give.

God desires our eternal happiness and invites us into a life that reflects His kingdom. Through, Christ, He draws us into His own wisdom, holiness, and salvation, giving us the grace to live as His people.

Let us pray for the strength to reflect the goodness and beauty of God's kingdom-acting with justice, loving with tenderness, and walking humbly with Him and with one another.

Fr. Dr. Ben, Pastor.

**Palms**

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, please bring your old palms in and place in the barrel in the vestibule.

**Weekend of February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

First Reading- Isaiah 58:7-10

Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Celebrant:**

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

Father Ben

**Lector**

Ginni Brandt

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Carole Ostrander, Bill Babbage, Jane Artis

**Altar Servers**

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Father Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Paula Ciborowski, Pat Smith, Kathy Saludo

Garrett & Anderson Callender, Ayla Gronwall

Offerings from Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Regular \$1415.00; Fuel \$ 75.00; Repairs \$140.00; Evangelist \$25.00; Initial Offering \$5.00; Solemnity of Mary \$25.00; Votives \$73.00



**Religious Education 2026-2027**

Classes for Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup> grade

2/8 9:00-10:15 AM

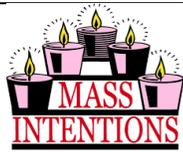
2/15 ~ No classes -

*Recognition of Washington & Lincoln Birthdays*

2/22 9:00-10:15 AM ~ 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Lent

**2026 Calendars**

Calendars are available to be picked up at each of the exits after Mass. Thank you to C.H. Landers and Mirabito Energy Products for generously sponsoring our 2026 calendars.



**Mass Intentions**

The 2026 Mass Intention book has arrived. If you have Masses that you would like scheduled for 2026 please call or stop by the office or send your requests in writing to the Parish Office.

**Question of the Week**

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 4:23)

Adults: Ehen you heard the Beatitudes announced today, which one struck you most strongly?

Kids: Who is welcome in the reign of God? Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?

**Old Church Repairs**

Since the pipe break during Columbus Day weekend, the damaged materials have been removed, the areas have been dried out, contractors and suppliers have submitted their bids. We met with the insurance adjuster 12/16 Tuesday, and all repairs have been approved and scheduling will soon begin to sign contracts. We are hoping for completion between February and March 2026.

**January Bulletin Quotes**

“Through the incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him...Each of us is made in the Image and likeness of the God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”

**Diocesan Appeal 2026 - Update**

If you have not received your Diocesan Appeal mailing at home, there are envelopes at each of the exits for you to use to make your pledge/donation. Our assessment increased \$8,658.00 this year to \$19,152.00. We have collected as of 1/15/26 \$14,452.00. Please prayerfully consider how you can support Sacred Heart in meeting our assessment. Please be aware that all donations to the Diocesan Appeal should be mailed Directly to Albany. Donations are no longer processed through individual parishes.

**Ash Wednesday Soup Supper**

We will be holding our annual soup supper on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 5:30PM Mass. There are sign-up sheets at each of the exits for helpers with set-up, serving and clean-up. We also need people to bring in meatless soups, macaroni and cheese and Jell-O. Thank you for your support of this event!

**Votives**

Please take caution when lighting candles & votives as we have found a tipped over candle and wax drippings. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

**Wisdom of the Saints**

Aspire not to have more, but to be more.

~ St. Oscar Romero

**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett,

Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams,

Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Mary Munetz, Jazmyn Moore, Bruce Allen,

Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckisen, Maria LaBar,

Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Moratwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel,

Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Starzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock,

Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, James Jennings,

Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll,

Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, a dear friend,

Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker,

Stephanie Soldingier, Bonnie Tabone, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld

Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West,

Dawn Cronin, Stephen, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naple, Ruling Family,

Cumming Family, Danielle Spry, Ellen Hogan, Bradley Lathan

*Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual*