

MORE SACRED HEART ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: We are now signing up for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation (Parish School of Religion). If you would like to register your children for our religious education classes, please scan the QR code or go to this link: <https://sacredheartbolivar.org/faith-formation-registration-form/>



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION/FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are actively seeking volunteers for our faith formation classes for the 2025-2026 year for 7th/8th (Confirmation program); and High School. We would love to have a few volunteers to help form a youth director team. If you are interested in these positions, please contact Darlene Arendt 417-298-6237 or Fr. Scott.

ATTENTION PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS: Do you have a need for a handyman at your home? We have a group of men in the parish that are willing to come do some light work for you. For information, call Dave at 509-230-3938 or John at 314-560-7771.

BUILDING THE CHURCH IN MISSION LAND, USA: Next weekend, Fr. Frank Ruff of the Glenmary Home Missioners will speak at our Masses, sharing about the Glenmary's missionary effort, which focus on serving the spiritual and material needs of people right here in the United States! Hundreds of counties in the US do not have a Catholic church or resident priest. This means no celebration of the Eucharist, no sacraments, or a parish community in which to find fellowship and support. Glenmary Home Missioners is working hard to fill that void—to bring the love of Jesus and His Church to the small towns and rural areas of our nation. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn more about Glenmary's missionary outreach in Appalachia and the rural South. We invite you to share your prayers and financial support for this important ministry, the weekend of August 2/3, 2025.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Friday: 6:30-6:50 p.m.

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart or by appointment.



St. Catherine of Siena Mission

Humansville, Missouri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We remember those in our mission who are sick or unable to be with us: Robert Agee, Myrna Bressner, Sienna Cortes, Carol Gorman, Paula Keller, Matthew Limbrick, Bobette & Phillip Owens, Annette Petrone, Tony Petrone, Henri Thibault, Logan Tillmon, Danny Vasquez. If you need prayers, please call Alice 754-8447, Paula 754-8067 or Fr. Scott 326-8764.

PCCW PRESIDENT: For information on meetings & projects contact Alice McIntosh, 417-399-8629.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MISSION OUR GIFTS TO GOD

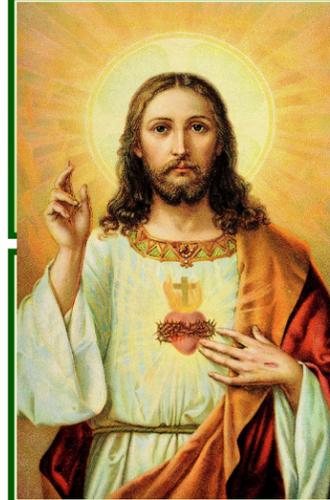
7/20/2025

Env/Cks:	\$ 118.00
Plate:	30.00
Maintenance:	4.00
Catholic Charities:	5.00
Total:	\$ 157.00

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bolivar, Missouri

July 27, 2025



“Our Catholic parish family welcomes all to share in Christ and the call to everlasting life through faith, prayer and fellowship.”

Saint of the Week—St. Alphonsus Liguori

Alphonsus was born on September 27, 1696, in Marianella, Italy. Ordained a priest in 1726, Alphonsus left a promising legal career to serve the poorest and most overlooked souls. He realized, in interacting with people living on the street or people struggling just to get by, that many people were so afraid of God that they didn't even try to pray. Others simply didn't know what to say, because their image of God was an angry judge.

Alphonsus made it his mission to teach these people how to pray to God with the openness, trust, and confidence they would have with a close friend. In 1732, he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, commonly known as the Redemptorists, to carry this message of personal and affectionate prayer to rural communities. He taught that prayer should flow from a heart that sees God as approachable and caring, urging his followers to speak with God about their joys, sorrows, and daily challenges. Saint Alphonsus Liguori changed people's lives because he changed the way they prayed.

Remember this next time you are struggling to pray because you don't know what to say. Just begin. It is much simpler than you suppose. Step into the silence, and in your heart, say to God, I don't know what to say, and already you will have begun to pray. Just talk to him. Simply open your heart to him in a gentle dialogue. Speak to him as you would a great friend, mentor, coach, or teacher.

When you leave your time of prayer, continue the dialogue with God in your heart throughout the moments of your day. Share with him your joys and your disappointments, your questions and your doubts. Speak to him about everything. (Resource from Dynamic Catholic)

Feast Day of St. Alphonsus is August 1st

PARISH INFORMATION

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St. Catherine of Siena Mission: P.O. Box 42, Humansville, 65674 417-754-8825

PASTOR: The Very Rev. Fr. Scott M. Sunnenberg, 417-326-8764

PERMANENT DEACON: Rev. Mr. James Farrar, 417-818-0600 jfarrar@dioscg.org

OFFICE MANAGER: Mary Rowley, 417-326-5596

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00a-4:00p

FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

Kindergarten-High School: Darlene Arendt, 417-298-6237

MUSIC MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Carol Divin, 417-326-6576

Practice for the Mass choirs are on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the choir practice room.

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW)

Barbara Ball, President, 515-480-3545 Meeting is the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference Room. We meet in the chapel at 5:30 p.m. for prayer. All women of the parish are invited.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR &

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Eric Shinault, 417-350-2686

ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CEMETERY

INFORMATION: Jim & Jane Otradovec, 417-327-5660

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism: Please contact the Pastor for a meeting/class.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding for marriage prep classes.

OCIA Classes: Inquiry classes for adults who are interested in joining the Catholic Church contact Fr. Scott or Deacon Jim.

HEART TO HEART.....by V. Rev. Scott M. Sunnenberg

A LOOK AT LEO: “I was chosen without any merritt of my own, and now, with fear and trembling. I desire(s) to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God’s love, for He wants us all to be united in one family.” -Homily from inauguration Mass

1981: Professed solemn vows and ordained as a deacon.

1982: Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union while teaching at Saint Rita of Cascia High School in Wrightwood, Illinois

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to Daniel Dunn, our summer seminarian intern, for his work coordinating and leading the *Moments of Grace*, kids summer reading sessions. The last session took place on Friday with Bishop Rice. Thank you to our parents and grandparents who brought their children and grandchildren to the sessions this month. It was a fun and faith-focused time for all. We ended the sessions with an ice-cream party to celebrate with Bishop Rice.

Thank you to Fr. Andrew Williams who will be assisting at Masses this Saturday. Fr. Andrew is the Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at MSU which also serves OTC and Drury students.

You may have noticed that we regularly include the names of the sick or those in care facilities in our bulletin and often mention them by name. The same is true for those from our parish family OR within our parish families serving in the military. If you have a name that should be added to either list, please be sure to call the Parish Office and let us know.

Our seminarian summer intern, Daniel Dunn, will be attending the Seminarian Gathering with Bishop Rice, Fr. Joseph Stoverink (Vocation Director) and his fellow seminarians from our diocese which takes place this week. Please keep them all in your prayers as they make ready to return to their various programs of study and continue their formation this coming year. Daniel’s last day with us will be Wednesday, August 6th. His last weekend Masses with us will be Saturday & Sunday, August 2nd/3rd.

Through the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Scott

Did You Know?

Liturgical Participation

The celebration of Mass is an act of the whole assembly gathered for worship. In the Mass, the Church is joined to the action of Christ. We are joined to this divine action through Baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at “the center of the whole of Christian life” (GIRM, no. 16) is initiated not by us but by God acting in and through the Church as the Body of the risen Christ. The Liturgy is designed to bring about in all those who make up the worshipping assembly a “participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind, a participation fervent with faith, hope, and charity (GIRM, no. 18). To the extent that we are able to participate in this way, the work of redemption becomes personally effective for each of us. By doing this, we make the actions and prayers of the Liturgy our own; we enter more fully into our personal communion with Christ’s redeeming act and perfect worship.

“In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people of God’s own possession and a royal Priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord’s table” (GIRM, nos. 95, 96). The participation of each person in the Liturgy is important. Each person needs to do his or her part.

Resource from the USCCB website



ADORATION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday-7:00 AM-5:30 PM

Second & Third Wednesday-6:00 PM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday-July 30

8:30a Mass Laura Simmons Voss+/SH

Thursday-July 31

8:30a Mass Jean Rabe+/SH

Friday-August 1

7:00a-5:30p All Day Adoration/SH

6:00p Mass Fr. Brad Berhorst/SH

6:30-6:50p Confession/SH

7:00p Benediction/SH

Saturday-August 2

4:00p Mass Parish Family/StC

6:00-6:15p Confession/SH

6:30p Mass Fr. Scott Sunnenberg/SH

Sunday-August 3

7:30-7:45a Confession/SH

8:00a Mass Cliff & Shawn Foster+/SH

10:30a Mass Parish Family/SH

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Sacred Heart Parish

7/20/2025

Env/Cks:	\$2,305.00
Plate:	518.00
Maintenance:	85.00
Total:	\$2,908.00

To donate online or to set up recurring online giving you can go to www.sacredheartbolivar.org and click on online giving.



THE SQUAWKING SEMINARIAN.....by Daniel Dunn

Hello again everyone! A big thank you to Bishop Rice for reading for our final “Moments of Grace” session for the Summer! In the book, “How The Angels God Their Wings”, we heard that there are two kinds of angels. There are those that followed the Will of God the Father, and there are those that followed Satan. Each day we have decisions to make that range from the difficult, to the easy. In every choice that we make, we use the gift of free will which God gave us. Do we use that free will to be open and receptive to what God asks of us, like the good angels did? Or do we use that free will to close ourselves off and reject God’s Will, like the bad angels did?

When I was growing up, anytime Dad tried to stop me from doing something risky—or insisted I do things a particular way which didn’t make sense to me—he’d say, “Just trust me, son.” He knew that I wouldn’t understand the reason for it at the time, and he asked me to have enough faith in him to know what was good for me and what was not. Thankfully, I had many good angels helping me to listen to Dad. Much like Dad, God the Father asks us to trust Him when he tells us to avoid something, or do something in a way that seems difficult.

The angels who follow God serve as our protectors and healers, and they guide us to be open to His Word and His Will. If you’re not sure which kind of angel that you’re hearing, try asking the Holy Spirit to help you. If the answer still remains unclear, then persevere in prayer and seek guidance.

At every Mass, all of the saints and angels are in attendance. So come and celebrate with the angels at Mass.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Kevin Breesawitz, Lisa Doyle, Jim Estes, Deacon Jim Farrar, Michael Lomax, Mary McGinnis, Randy Orrell, Rick Orrell, Kathleen Ricke, Sandra Samek, David Sandgren, Sue Shields, Larry Stanek, Mike Stanek, Bev & Sam Swihart and Fr. Pat Wissman. Those in skilled care facilities: Bud Corbin, Carol Francka, Judy Gailey, Shirley Harris, Ann Kathka, Mary E. McGinnis, and Barbara Wood.

MILITARY PRAYER ROSTER: Please remember those in our parish families serving in the military: Airman Alex Ball, Airman Blane Breth, Airman Blake Gitner, PFC Samuel Wick, 2 Lt. Nick Yocom, and Cpt. Sam Boehmer.

FIRST RESPONDER/EMERGENCY SERVICE ROSTER: Kyle Hedges (fighting fires in California)

THANK YOU: We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, acts of kindness and remembrance at Mass this weekend at the sickness and death of Stacy Sechler. It feels our hearts with your kindness and love. Thank you all, -Eric Sechler and Family (Rosemary Sechler parishioner)



Do you know someone wanting to learn more about the Catholic religion? Our classes will begin on the third Sunday in September after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Don’t wait to sign up. If you have been thinking about furthering your faith journey now is the time. Contact Deacon Jim at 417-818-0600 or Fr. Scott Sunnenberg at 417-326-5596.

WELCOME: Join us in welcoming Barbara Michael to Sacred Heart. Barbara just recently moved here with her husband Clark and registered from California. She is attending 8:00 a.m. Mass. Welcome Barbara!