

## MORE SACRED HEART ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DDF PARISH UPDATE:** *Here is our latest update for our parish DDF totals here at Sacred Heart. We have received \$39,482 pledges from 100 households! We are very close to our goals. Thank you all for your donations/pledges to DDF. Anyone who has not yet donated/pledged to DDF, please consider doing so, any amount. Help us meet our goals. We are 16 households away from our donor goal and \$3,563 away from our donation goal. Thank you!*

**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.

**DEANERY WOMENS MEETING HERE AT SACRED HEART:** All women of Sacred Heart and St. Catherine of Siena are invited to attend a daytime deanery meeting that will be hosted here at Sacred Heart on Thursday, September 4th. This is for the Council of Catholic Women (all women age 18 & up are automatically members). If you are interested in attending, please contact Barbara Ball at 515-480-3545.



**FALL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN SPRINGFIELD:** Registration is now open for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Women's Conference, which will be held on **Saturday, October 11, 2025**, at Holy Trinity Parish in Springfield. It will begin at 9am and conclude with Mass at 3:30 p.m. This year's theme, **Renewed in Hope**, is based on Romans 5:5 "Hope does not disappoint." All are welcome. Find the registration information on the bulletin board by the sacristy.

**CORNERSTONE SCRIPTURE STUDY:** Study. Connect. Transform. These words describe the mission of The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study. The Cornerstone is an in depth study of the scriptures involving daily study questions, small group sharing, spiritual reflection, and commentary readings. The Tuesday morning group will study the Book of Romans and will meet from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Nixa. A Visitor's Day is scheduled for September 9, 2025. For more information, phone Joy Steffes at (660) 651-5280. The Thursday morning group will study the Acts of the Apostles and will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Parish. A Visitor's Day is scheduled for September 11, 2025. For more information, phone Nicola at (417) 300-0840. The Tuesday evening group (zoom option available) will study the Acts of the Apostles and will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. A Visitor's Day is scheduled for September 16, 2025. For more information, phone Paula at (417) 894-4678 or Mary Ellen at (417) 849-1793. [www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org](http://www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org)



*St. Catherine of Siena Mission*

*Humansville, Missouri*

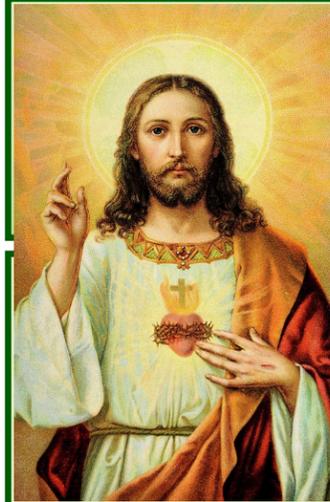
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We remember those in our mission who are sick or unable to be with us: Robert Agee, Myrna Bressner, Sienna Cortes, Carol Gorman, Paula Keller, Matthew Limbrick, Bobette & Phillip Owens, Annette Petrone, Tony Petrone, Henri Thibault, Logan Tillmon, Danny Vasquez. If you need 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

8/17/2025

Env/Cks:	\$ 122.00
Plate:	85.00
Maintenance:	3.00
Total:	\$ 210.00



## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

*Bolivar, Missouri*

**August 24, 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. Augustine of Hippo

*St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.*

*This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Antony, and he felt terrible ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"*

*"Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life.*

*He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. His feast day is August 28th.*

### PARISH INFORMATION

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church:** 1405 W. Fair Play, Bolivar, 65613  
417-326-5596 (office)

**website:** [www.sacredheartbolivar.org](http://www.sacredheartbolivar.org)

**email:** [sheartbolivar@gmail.com](mailto:sheartbolivar@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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

Dear Parishioners,

Attention parents of small children: THANK YOU for bringing your children to Mass!!! The sounds of children at Mass are the sounds of a growing church. Should you find that your child is in prolonged distress or extended fits of crying, please remember that our large vestibule/gathering space is well appointed to provide a comfortable space to take your child in these moments. I would ask all parishioners to be mindful of reserving this space during Mass time specifically for parents with small children in distress.

Please keep in your prayers the following parishioners preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation the end of September when Bishop Rice will be present to celebrate the sacrament: *Wyatt Fox, Madelyn Schick, Collin Carrel, Lucy Day, Daniel Day, Arwen Tyler, Domenic Realmuto.*

~A LOOK AT LEO~

Then Fr Leo received his Doctorate in Canon Law from The Angelicum University in Rome (where I also received my Theological Training and degree). He soon after became the Vocation Director of the Augustinian Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel based in Illinois.

“TO FORGIVE DOES NOT MEAN TO DENY EVIL, BUT TO PREVENT IT FROM GENERATING FURTHER EVIL.” Pope LeoXIV, August 20, 2025

Through the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,  
Fr. Scott

### *Did You Know?*

*What does the word AMEN mean? Amen is said at the end of prayers, in conversation when we get excited at what someone is saying and most especially when we receive Jesus at communion.*

*Do you really know and believe what the word Amen is all about?*

*When we are at Mass and are saying Amen at the end of prayers we are saying Yes, I believe! And when we are saying this we should be saying Amen with strength in our voice—Because we do believe.*

*More importantly when we are walking in the communion line and offering our reverence to our Lord for the sacrifice He gave for us, we are seeing in our faith that Jesus died on the cross for our sins because He loved us so much. When we come face to face before the priest or extraordinary minister of holy communion and see the white host raised before us and hear the words the Body of Christ, our eyes see the host, but our heart, mind and faith tell us YES!, I believe, this is the Body of Christ! And we should proclaim in our faith*

*AMEN! We need to be strong in our response. We have the love of Jesus entering into us.*

*May we be thankful for His sacrifice and believe completely.* Resource from St. Joseph's Corner



## **ADORATION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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

**Second & Third Wednesday-6:00 PM**

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

#### **Wednesday-August 27**

8:30a Mass Greg Foster & Amanada Foster  
Porter/SH

6:00p Parish Council meeting/SH

#### **Thursday-August 28**

8:30a Mass Becky Schonert+/SH

#### **Friday-August 29**

6:00p Mass Deceased Family Members of  
Fern Griggs/SH

#### **Saturday-August 30**

4:00p Mass Joe Hubbert+/StC

6:00-6:15p Confession/SH

6:30p Mass Helen Chappell+/SH

#### **Sunday-August 31**

7:30-7:45a Confession/SH

8:00a Mass Parish Family/SH

10:30a Mass Marcia Bowers+/SH

### **WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

#### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Sacred Heart Parish**

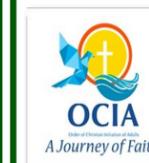
**8/17/2025**

Env/Cks:	\$2,145.00
Plate:	383.00
Maintenance:	30.00
Votive Candles:	164.77
Masses:	50.00
Total:	\$2,772.77

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND:** Kevin Breesawitz, Ron Dane, Ken Divin, Lisa Doyle, Jim Estes, Deacon Jim Farrar, Michael Lomax, Mary McGinnis, 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, and 2 Lt. Nick Yocom.

**FIRST RESPONDERS/EMERGENCY SERVICE ROSTER:** Kyle Hedges (fighting fires in Colorado).



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.

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN:** We are 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/>



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION SIGN UP:** It is time to be thinking of signing up for the monthly First Friday Adoration at Sacred Heart! Next weekend we will have the sign up sheet available. Please be looking at your calendar to see when you will have time available to spend some time in prayer with our Lord. We have thirty minutes times available to make it easier for everyone so that you can come before work; during your lunch; or after work. Please give this some thought.

### **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.