

MORE SACRED HEART ANNOUNCEMENTS

DDF PARISH UPDATE: *Here is our latest update for our parish DDF totals here at Sacred Heart. We have received \$40,582 pledges from 102 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 14 households away from our donor goal and \$2,463 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. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the main church.



FALL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN SPRINGFIELD: Registration is now open for the 4th 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



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.

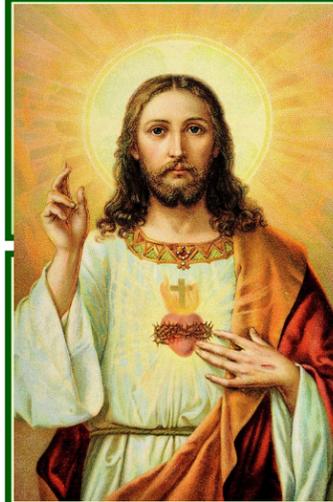
PCCW PRESIDENT: For information on meetings & projects contact Alice McIntosh, 417-754-8447.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MISSION OUR GIFTS TO GOD

8/24/2025

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Plate:	.00
Maintenance:	.00
Total:	\$.00

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bolivar, Missouri

August 31, 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. Gregory the Great

Pope Saint Gregory I, also known as the Great, was the Pope of the Catholic Church between 590 and 604 AD. Gregory was born around 540 in Rome. The exact date of his birth is unknown. Although the Western Roman Empire had collapsed long before his birth, many ancient Roman families still commanded great wealth and influence in the city. Gregory was born into one such family. His great-great-grandfather was Pope Felix III who reigned from 483 to 492. (Astute readers may suspect this to be a scandal, but this was at a time before the clergy took vows of celibacy.)

Pope Gregory was famous for the emphasis he put on missionary work. He sent many people out to bring many to Jesus and into the Church. Anglo-Saxon Britain was, at that time, still on the frontier of Christendom. It was Pope Gregory who dispatched St. Augustine (of Canterbury) to Kent in 597 (not to be confused with St. Augustine of Hippo).

Pope Gregory made many changes to the Mass, some of which remain today. The position of the Our Father in the Mass remains where Pope Gregory placed it.

Pope Gregory was well known for his alms to the poor, and he gave quite generously of the riches donated to the Church by the wealthy people of Rome. Everything from money to land was given to the poor in some fashion. He made clear to his subordinates that their duty was to relieve the distress faced by the poor.

Saint Gregory's relics remain in St. Peter's Basilica to this day.

He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers and his feast day is September 3rd.

(Catholic.org resource)

PARISH INFORMATION

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

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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.*

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

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Ryan Skopec, 515-414-9257

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: “God’s love is so great that Jesus does not even keep His own mother for Himself.” July 15, 2025

1988: Pope Leo lived in Trujillo, Peru, serving in the seminary, as a canon lawyer, and in parishes and missions.

Dear Parishioners,

This past Wednesday at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, Deacon Jim joined us and served as deacon at the altar for the first time since his surgery. Deacon plans to take the next couple of weeks easing back into his regular activities in the parish. We will see him at a Mass each weekend, but not all the Masses yet. He reports that his recovery is going well and he is managing the pain. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

For the immediate future our Sunday liturgy will look a little different or perhaps more pointed sound a little different. Carol Divin, our choir director and musical accompanist on the piano will be taking time off to manage some chronic back issues with the help of her doctor and surgeon. This means I will be counting on all parishioners to pick up the work of raising our voices in hymns and songs of praise. Our prayers go with Carol for a smooth surgery, recovery and a quick return.

Please continue to pray for the students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in a few weeks. They are: Arwyn Tyler, Domenic Realmuto, Wyatt Fox, Madelyn Schick, Daniel & Lucy Day, Collin Carrel

Thank you to our dedicated Parish Council members who came together this past Wednesday in our first meeting following summer break. At that time, we held the election of Officers. *The newly elected are as follows: Ryan Skopec, Chair of Parish Council; Michal Gabani, Vice-Chair; and Dana Landwehr, Secretary.* Thank you to each of them for accepting the call to serve. Sincere appreciation also goes to our *outgoing officers: Eric Shinault, Chair; Ryan Skopec, Vice-Chair, and Becky Briggs, Secretary.* There are no departing members from the council this year meaning there will be no new member elections from the pews.

You may have noticed recently additional cameras popping up around the premises. These cameras are part of a comprehensive security and safety project that has been taking place over the last several months. With the installation of these new cameras, all exterior entry ways not previously covered are now monitored. Additional monitoring is also in place in the common areas and the church. All vehicle approaches to the church grounds are now monitored as well. Additional door security is being installed along with a church security team who has been voluntarily assisting me in these and additional matters of safety and security. Over the summer I took five members to Springfield for a church safety in-service training where we received expert instruction and direction in the formation and implementation of church security teams and emergency protocol. It is my intention that this will continue to develop going forward and I will keep you aware of our progress in the wake of the tragic events which took place this week in the Arch-Diocese of Minneapolis/St Paul at Annunciation Parish Church. These concerns unfortunately are more necessary than ever. Our hearts and prayers go out to Arch Bishop Hebda and his flock at this difficult time of pain and loss. Thank you to the members of our parish who responded to my invitation to assist us in these areas.

It is likely you have noticed that our street side LED sign has NOT been functioning over the past weeks (more than a month). We have been in discussions with our sign provider in order to negotiate its repair. These negotiations and this repair have been painfully slow in coming to a resolution. While progress has been made, the sign is currently STILL not functioning at 100%. Thank you to Parish Leadership Team member, John Enderle, for taking point in this matter and to Mary for not retiring following her extensive work on getting the sign to full function.

Next weekend will be the canonization Mass in Rome of our first millennial saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Man of the Beatitudes, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The parish has prepared a special commemorative gift for all youth in honor of these two new saints and their love for Jesus and His church. These gifts will be distributed at the conclusion of all Masses next weekend (September 6/7). Be sure not to miss out.

Through the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Scott



Did You Know? *The first millennial saint will be canonized next Sunday, September 7? His name is Carlo Acutis. He died in 2006 from leukemia at the age of 15. Acutis, nicknamed God’s influencer, developed a strong following among young Catholics and beyond. The Italian teenager, who loved video-gaming, is often depicted wearing jeans and trainers, making him a relatable figure to a new generation of Catholics. Acutis was beatified (declared “blessed”) in 2020 after his first miracle, when he reportedly healed a Brazilian boy with a birth defect that left him unable to eat normally. The boy was reportedly healed after his mother said she prayed to Acutis to intercede and help heal her son. The second miracle attributed to Acutis relates to the reported healing of a girl from Costa Rica who had suffered a head trauma after falling from her bicycle in Florence, Italy, where she was studying. Her mother said she prayed for her daughter’s recovery at the tomb of Acutis in Assisi. Acutis’ mother, Antonia Salzano, said that her son spent time helping the homeless in Milan and giving his pocket money to those sleeping on the street. Carlo was known for teaching everyone about the importance of going to Mass and spending time in prayer with Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.*



ADORATION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Second & Third Wednesday-6:00 PM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday-September 3

8:30a Mass Curtis Day+/SH

Thursday-September 4

8:30a Mass Joe Hubbert+/SH

Friday-September 5

6:00p Mass Dana Landwehr, in
Thanksgiving/SH

Saturday-September 6

4:00p Mass Parish Family/StC
6:00-6:15p Confession/SH
6:30p Mass Mary Lou Francka+/SH

Sunday-September 7

7:30-7:45a Confession/SH
8:00a Mass Fr. Scott Sunnenberg/SH
10:30a Mass Parish Family/SH

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Sacred Heart Parish

8/24/2025

Env/Cks:	\$2,422.00
Plate:	277.00
Maintenance:	95.00
Peter’s Pence:	157.00
Total:	\$2,951.00

AUGUST ONLINE DONATIONS

Regular donations:	\$1,388.13
Maintenance:	71.85
Total:	\$1,459.98
Grand Total Donations:	\$4,410.98

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Kevin Breesawitz, Becky Briggs (pulmonary issues), Ron Dane, Carol Divin, Ken Divin, Lisa Doyle, Jim Estes, Michael Lomax, Mary McGinnis, Kathleen Ricke, Sandra Samek, David Sandgren, Sue Shields, Charles Stanek, Larry 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: You still have time to sign up your kids or grandkids for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation (Parish School of Religion). Please scan the QR code or go to this link: <https://sacredheartbolivar.org/faith-formation-registration-form/>



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION SIGN UP: Please sign up for the **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**. 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. The sign up sheet is on the table by the statue of St. Wenceslaus in the gathering space.

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.