

DEANERY 3 VOCATION DAY: Mark your calendars now for April 18th, 2026, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This will be a Deanery 3 wide Vocation Day held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Lebanon. Fr. Scott is working with pastors to prepare and plan for this day with representatives from all of our parishes in the deanery. As a reminder, Deanery 3 includes El Dorado Springs, Stockton, Bolivar, Humansville, Buffalo, Marshfield, Conway, and Lebanon. This event will be a first of its kind for us bringing together the deanery as a whole. It will include great guest speakers, a keynote presentation, breakout sessions, prayer and activities for all ages, lunch and a 4:00 p.m. Sunday vigil Mass. Each of us has a vocation to serve God as a priest or religious, a married man or woman, or a dedicated single person. To know God's plans for our vocation we must learn to pray and discern asking His will and listening for His voice. Once we have discerned His will, then we must live it and do so with generosity and joyful hearts. Plan to attend and don't say we didn't tell you, as this is five months early notice. This is for everybody, those currently living their vocation, those discerning their vocation, and those who want to learn more about how to discern.



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, Gary Kirkpatrick, Matthew Limbrick, Bobette & Phillip Owens, Annette Petrone, Tony Petrone, Dean Siemer, 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**

11/30/2025

Env/Cks:	\$	280.00
Plate:		31.00
Total:	\$	311.00



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bolivar, Missouri

December 7, 2025

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

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT—PEACE

This week is all about peace and prayer. One of the best ways to find peace is through prayer. Listed here are some ways we as Catholics can relish in peace this Advent season.

A beautiful Catholic prayer for Advent is the [Litany of Peace](#). One of the key themes of Advent is peace. This litany reminds us to turn to God in all things, rely on him entirely, and work toward finding peace in Him. This litany is one of the best Catholic prayers for Advent because it reminds us to calm down amid the busyness of the season. Find peace this Advent season!

The [Litany of the Holy Spirit](#) is a powerful Advent prayer for Catholics. It invokes the gifts and guidance of the Holy Spirit, making it especially meaningful during Advent. This season of preparation invites us to open our hearts to God's presence, and praying the litany helps us seek the Spirit's wisdom, courage, and inspiration. By asking for the Spirit's virtues—such as understanding, counsel, and piety—we invite God to shape our lives and prepare us for the coming of Christ. Saying this litany during Advent deepens our reflection and readiness, helping us enter Christmas with hearts renewed and filled with God's love.

The [Litany of Humility](#) is a profound Advent prayer for Catholics. This prayer asks for the grace to let go of pride, selfishness, and the desire for recognition, embracing instead a humble heart that reflects Christ. Praying this litany during Advent is especially meaningful as we prepare to welcome the humble birth of Jesus. This is a particularly appropriate Catholic prayer for Advent. In a season that invites us to reflect on God's self-giving love, the Litany of Humility helps us set aside our own desires to focus on the needs of others and grow in likeness to Christ. By praying it during Advent, we open ourselves to receive Jesus with simplicity and grace, just as Mary and Joseph did.

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PARISH INFORMATION

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FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

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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)

Dana Landwehr, President, 660-223-2969 *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: *“Prayer and the search for truth are not parallel journey’s, but rather a single path that leads to the Master.” Pope Leo XIV (the letter on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of San Carlo and San Marcelo)*

Dear Parishioners,

Please pick up any photographs that were placed at the shrine of St. Michael in the vestibule throughout the month of November. Any photos not picked up this weekend may be picked up in the office, Monday through Friday, 9:00a-3:00p. Thank you to all who shared these photo remembrances as we celebrated All Soul’s and continue to pray for those who have gone before us marked in the sign of faith.

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent, we light another candle in our Advent wreath reminding us of peace. It is sometimes referred to as the Bethlehem candle, calling to mind Mary and Joseph’s journey and how God led them in the midst of so many challenges.

We currently have five participants going through OCIA. Next weekend we will officially welcome them. Please continue to pray for these individuals as they grow in their love of God, their discernment of the Holy Spirit working in their lives, and their knowledge and understanding of the faith.

Please, if you have not already done so, mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 16. That day, as we have previously announced, our parish, along with St. Alban’s Episcopal Church family, will host the first Community Christmas dinner in association with COM and the events of Community Christmas (formerly known as Share Your Christmas in Bolivar). There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule to help. Assistance with kitchen support, set up, serving, bussing tables, hospitality, and clean-up are all needed. Please sign up this weekend if you are not already serving on a committee or in one of these areas. The dinner will be held in McKenna Hall. We have eighty attendees at this time with the possibility of more.

Looking ahead to our Christmas Masses, we would like to invite parishioners who serve in the various liturgical ministries to sign up to assist December 24/25. Please take a moment to look at the available openings and where you might minister at Mass. The sign up sheet will be on the desk in the gathering space outside the sacristy.

Through the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Scott



**ADORATION
TO THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

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

Second & Third Wednesday-6:00 PM

Fourth Sunday-between Masses

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Monday-Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

7:00a Mass Emil & Virginia Stanek+/SH

6:00p Mass Parish Family/SH

Wednesday-December 10

8:30a Mass Fr. Scott Sunnenberg/SH

Thursday-December 11

8:30a Mass Barbara Perry+/SH

Friday-December 12

6:00p Mass Fr. Sherman Wall+/SH

Saturday-December 13

4:00p Mass Fr. Peter Morcinic+/StC

6:00-6:15p Confession/SH

6:30p Mass JJ Bledsoe+/SH

Sunday-Dec. 14—Third Sunday of Advent

7:30-7:45a Confession/SH

8:00a Mass Steve Hubbert+/SH

9:15a Faith Formation

10:30a Mass Parish Family/SH

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Sacred Heart Parish

11/30/2025

Env/Cks:	\$5,478.68
Plate:	442.00
Maintenance:	220.00
CCSOMO:	20.00
Christmas Memorials:	45.00
Mass Offerings:	40.00
Votive Candles:	63.00
Total:	\$6,308.68

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Rick Bigler, Kevin Breesawitz, Becky Briggs, Ron Dane, Carol Divin, Ken Divin, Lisa Doyle, Deacon Jim Farrar, Jackie Lore, Mary McGinnis, Kathleen Ricke, Sandra Samek, David Sandgren, Sue Shields, Mark Stanek, Jerry Sukovaty, Bev & Sam Swihart, and Fr. Pat Wissman. Those in skilled care facilities: Carol Francka, Judy Gailey, Shirley Harris, Ann Kathka, Don Keiter, 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, Navy E3 Fireman Lucas Guynn, LCpl. Samuel Wick, and 2 Lt. Nick Yocom.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY FOR PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS: Do you have a need for a handyman at your home? The parish men’s Helping Hands ministry are willing to come do some light work for you. For information, call Dave at 509-230-3938 or John at 314-560-7771.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS: We are collecting for Christmas poinsettias. If you would like to donate to this to remember a loved one or for special blessings received, please complete this and return to the Parish Office by December 14.

Intention: _____

Donated by: _____

Amount: _____

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Here at Sacred Heart our Christmas Mass times will be the following: Christmas Eve—5:00p & 11:30p; Christmas Day—8:00a & 10:30a.

NEW YEAR’S: There will be Adoration & Benediction on New Year’s Eve from 11:30p-12:30a. Mass on the Holy Day of January 1, will be at 10:00a at Sacred Heart.

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.*