

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS REGISTRATION OPENING SOON: In case you haven't heard, August 15, 2026, in West Plains, MO at the civic center, our diocese will celebrate it's 70th year by having an all day Eucharistic Congress. There are special keynote speakers who will be here; special activities for youth to be involved with, Mass, breakout sessions and many things for all of us to take part in. Registration for this is \$10 per person or \$45 per household. Do not wait to get registered for this. You can go online to find out more information by going to: <https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress>

Throughout 2026 there will be lots of special resources and things to take part in that will be leading up to this Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. Please be sure and read, read, read the things that will be emailed to you and put in our parish bulletin so that you are aware and can be part of this exciting time. **Registration opens for this Diocesan Eucharist Congress on January 12, 2026.**

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. 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**

12/07/2025

Env/Cks:	\$	375.00
Plate:		50.00
CCSOMO:		3.00
Christmas Collection:		100.00
Total:	\$	528.00



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bolivar, Missouri

December 14, 2025

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

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT—JOY

The Advent theme of **joy** is celebrated during the third week, known as *Gaudete* Sunday, a Latin term meaning "rejoice." Joy is central to Advent, as it reflects the excitement and gratitude for the coming of Jesus, who brings salvation to the world. This joy isn't merely happiness—it's a profound, resilient gladness rooted in God's love and promises.

What is the importance of joy during Advent?

In **Luke 2:10**, the angel announces Jesus' birth to the shepherds, saying, *"I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."* This message captures the joy of Advent: God's promise fulfilled in the birth of Christ.

Lighting the rose candle for joy symbolizes a break from the season's penitential tone, inviting us to celebrate the blessings of Christ's coming. Advent joy calls us to pause and appreciate the presence of God in our lives, looking forward to the fullness of joy that Christmas brings. It's an invitation to reflect this joy through kindness, gratitude, and worship, radiating the light of Christ to those around us.

(resource: Ascension Press)

PARISH INFORMATION

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FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

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

MUSIC MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Carol Divin,
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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: *“Marian spirituality, which nourishes our faith, has Jesus as its center.”*
October 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Our Advent Penance Service will take place Friday, 19th of December from 5:00-6:00 p.m. with Mass following. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Please also remember that additional priests will be present to assist, so we don't want them to travel, in most cases an hour or more to only hear a few confessions. Joining us will be Fr. Jobi from Marshfield/Conway; Fr. Tuan from Stockton/El Dorado Springs; and Fr. Fergus Monaghan, retired priest of the diocese. Don't forget the confessions are also heard the second and third adorations during 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. At this time we light the Shephard's candle which differs in color (rose) from the other candles. Rose is a liturgical color for joy. The joy the world experienced at the birth of Jesus and that we have reached the mid-point of our Advent journey.

We currently have four participants going through OCIA. This weekend we will officially welcome them. They are: Barbara Michael, Tori Wiseman, Nathaniel Curtright, and Matthew Deatheridge. 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.

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

Wednesday-December 17

8:30a Mass Amy Hutchison+/SH
6:00p Adoration/SH

Thursday-December 18

8:30a Mass Deceased Members of the
Howard Family/SH

Friday-December 19

6:00p Mass Jim Estes+/SH

Saturday-December 20

4:00p Mass Jack McIntosh+/StC
6:00-6:15p Confession/SH
6:30p Mass Edith Francka+/SH

Sunday-Dec. 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30-7:45a Confession/SH
8:00a Mass Parish Family/SH
9:15a Faith Formation
10:30a Mass Fr. Scott Sunnenberg/SH

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Sacred Heart Parish

12/07/2025

Env/Cks:	\$5,768.00
Plate:	400.00
Maintenance:	845.00
Christmas Collection:	25.00
Total:	\$7,038.00

ONLINE DONATIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Regular:	1,538.16
Maintenance:	119.91
CCSOMO:	18.93
Memorial for Garden:	96.62
Total:	1,773.62

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.



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: Would you like to join others from our parish for a Christmas Day lunch? If your family is out of town, and you have no plans for Christmas Day, come join us at McKenna Hall for lunch following 10:30a Christmas Day Mass. This will be a potluck meal, so please bring a side dish if you can. RSVP by Friday, December 19, to Renee Schick, at 720-628-7067.

SACRED HEART SHARING GRACE READING PROGRAM: *FILL YOUR CHRISTMAS BREAK WITH READING!* Join us Monday, December 22nd, at 10:30 a.m. as we read "The Legend of St. Nicholas: A Story of Giving." A Christmas themed craft will follow. **What better way to start your Christmas break!!**

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.*