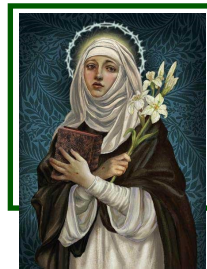


DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS REGISTRATION OPENING SOON: In case you haven’t heard, August 15, 2026, in West Plains, MO at the civic center, our diocese will celebrate it’s 70th year by having an all day Eucharistic Congress. There are special keynote speakers who will be here; special activities for 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

12/14/2025

Env/Cks:	\$	122.00
Plate:		60.00
Maintenance:		3.00
Christmas Collection:		5.00
Total:	\$	190.00



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bolivar, Missouri

December 21, 2025

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

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT—LOVE

What does the fourth candle of Advent represent?

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, known as the "Angel's Candle" or the "Candle of Love," is lit. This candle symbolizes the love that God has for humanity and the love that Christians are called to share with others. This is the final Sunday of Advent, just a few days before Christmas, and it focuses on the theme of love and the preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. What is a Nativity Scene?

A Nativity scene, also known as a manger scene, is a depiction of the birth of Jesus Christ, illustrating key figures from the biblical account of his birth. Typically, it includes figures of the Holy Family—Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus(once Christmas is here)—as well as other important characters such as the shepherds, the Wise Men (at Epiphany), angels, and animals present at the manger in Bethlehem.

Nativity scenes can be displayed in various forms, including statues, paintings, or dioramas, and are often set up during the Advent and Christmas seasons. They serve as a visual reminder of the humble beginnings of Jesus' life and the significance of his birth.

(resource: Ascension Press)

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PERMANENT DEACON: Rev. Mr. James Farrar, 417-818-0600
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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)

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

Dear Parishioners,

Best wishes to all parishioners and families for a blessed conclusion of Advent and a joy-filled Christmas on behalf of your Sacred Heart Church and St. Catherine Mission Pastoral Staff, Parish Council and PLT.

This week I was saddened to learn of the passing of our neighbor, Jerry Holmes. Jerry lived across the street on Fair Play and was a good friend and neighbor who kept an eye out on our parish grounds and was always ready to share a wave as he sat on his porch with passers-by. Jerry is survived by his wife, Denise and son, Jacob. Please keep the family in your prayers and remember to pray for the eternal repose of Jerry’s soul.

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way to make last week’s Tuesday evening Community Christmas dinner hosted here such a blessing to all who attended. Many of you, our parishioners, joined with the St. Alban’s Church members to serve a wonderful meal and provide welcome and fellowship. I look forward to this event becoming an annual tradition as we continue to take part and reach out through the events of Community Christmas.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Christmas flowers this year in honor and memoriam. Let us remember all of those commemorated in our prayers. Thank you also who contributed to our Angel Tree helping to make Christmas brighter for those who benefit from your generosity.

Please let us know if you plan to be in the hospital OR find yourself unexpectedly hospitalized so that we can provide prayer and pastoral care to you or your loved one. Due to restrictions, if you don’t tell us we won’t know you are there. Call the Parish Office, email or let myself/Deacon Jim know.

Today, (Friday), Stanley Steemer cleaned our carpet. Those attending the Penance Service tonight and Masses this weekend, please be attentive to areas that may still be damp and need to be avoided. Unfortunately, Friday was the only day we could get in so that the carpet would be clean and fresh for Christmas. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Additionally, we ask parishioners, especially those with small children, who feel it necessary to bring snacks and drinks to church, to avoid heavily dyed or colored items, as well as beverages that can sour when spilled. Clear beverages are encouraged and requested humbly. Lastly, please DO NOT chew gum in church.

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 24—CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00P Mass Danny Wolf+/SH
11:30p Mass Fr. Sherman Wall+/SH
Thursday-December 25—CHRISTMAS DAY
8:00a Mass Barbara Perry+/SH
10:30a Mass Parish Family/SH
Friday-December 26
NO MASS TODAY
Saturday-December 27
4:00p Mass Joe Hubbert+/StC
6:00-6:15p Confession/SH
6:30p Mass Linda Francka+/SH
Sunday-Dec. 28—HOLY FAMILY—
FOURTH SUNDAY ADORATION
7:30-7:45a Confession/SH
8:00a Mass Frank Hubbert+/SH
Adoration between Masses
10:30a Mass Parish Family/SH

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Sacred Heart Parish
12/14/2025

Env/Cks:	\$3,442.00
Plate:	227.00
Maintenance:	125.00
Christmas Memorial:	20.00
Total:	\$3,814.00

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Dennie Austin, Rick Bigler, Kevin Breesawitz, Becky Briggs, Ron Dane, Carol Divin, Ken Divin, Lisa Doyle, Deacon Jim Farrar, Fred Letterman, 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.

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.

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.

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.

CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY: You are welcome to join this Catholic in depth study of the Scriptures that is for men and women. There is a Tuesday morning group at St. Francis de Sales in Nixa; a Thursday morning group at Holy Trinity in Springfield; and a Tuesday evening group at SEAS in Springfield. For information please call Paula at 417-894-4678 or Mary Ellen at 417-849-1793.

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.*