



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: If you are celebrating your 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, or 50+ years of Holy Matrimony any time during 2026, please join Bishop Edward M. Rice for the celebration of Holy Mass followed by a light lunch reception on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Springfield, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please RSVP by January 23, 2026, by calling Sharon in the Diocesan Family Life Office at 417-866-0841. Family members are welcome.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (SEAS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT): St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Springfield is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to support and manage the daily operations of the Parish Office. This position offers a wide range of responsibilities in a busy, service-oriented environment and requires proficiency in multiple software programs. A detailed job description is available by contacting Diane in the Parish Office at 417-887-6472. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm. The position includes a comprehensive benefits package featuring health insurance, retirement, vacation and sick leave. If you feel called to serve in a parish setting and to reflect Christ's love in your daily interactions, please submit resume, references, and a letter of interest to Reverend Thomas P. Kiefer, Pastor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 2200 W. Republic Road, Springfield, MO 65807

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 & Daniel 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
1/11/2026
REPORT NOT READY AT
TIME OF PRINTING**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bolivar, Missouri

January 18, 2026

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

CATHOLIC FAITH SHARING

SHARING OUR GRACE

For the next few weeks we will be looking at a series of three scripture verses and asking questions around the verses. The thought is to offer some sharing of our own graces of how we receive the scripture and live it. Today we will look at 1 Peter 3:15

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

Question: What are some concrete signs that help you visualize your faith?



CHURCH CANCELLATION POLICY DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER: When Bolivar school is closed due to snow or ice, all church activities scheduled for that day will also be cancelled as well, i.e. Mass, meetings, Parish Office, etc. If the weather is bad over the weekend, please stay alert to the Sacred Heart Parish Facebook page for any and all updates regarding the Mass schedule. If Mass is cancelled on Sunday then there will not be PSR or OCIA. If you do not have a presence on Facebook, now would be a good time to arrange with a friend or family member who does so that they might give you a call when they see the notice posted.

PARISH INFORMATION

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

website: www.sacredheartbolivar.org

email: 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

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

A LOOK AT LEO: *“On earth there is no room for God if there is no room for the human person. To refuse one is to refuse the other. While a distorted economy leads us to treat human beings as mere merchandise, God becomes like us, revealing the infinite dignity of every person.”* December 25, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

I received a letter dated January 2, 2026, from the Glenmary Home Missioners, thanking our parish once again for participating the annual mission appeal visit in 2025. They report that \$12,100 was given throughout the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. These funds will support eight men in seminary wishing to becoming Glenmary priests, as well as a brother in training who serves in a six-county mission area in Georgia. Additional ministries are visiting those in prison and providing meals to the hungry, youth ministry, and full-time evangelization work.

This past week the office staff attended the COM Community Christmas recap. The overall community response by volunteers and those who were served was extremely positive. The planning committee (of which we are a part) will continue working to make this event a great annual blessing to our area. Having worked through this first time several adjustments and additions were discussed. Sacred Heart was one of two locations to host the Christmas dinner portion of Community Christmas. We will do so again next year. Over one hundred volunteers made this event possible along with many donations of financial and tangible goods. Over \$20,000 of gifts and resources were given out. Thank you to all who participated from our parish family in any way.

With the flu season upon us and Missouri reporting unusually high incidents of infection for this time period, please remember that if you are ill or taking care of others who are ill, it is not a sin to miss Mass. It is an obligation to care for the sick and to prevent others from getting sick by spreading illness. If you have a persistent cough, a temperature higher than 100.4 (with or without medicine), vomiting or diarrhea, crusty discharge from eyes, nose, etc. it is prudent to stay home and know that you are prayed for. Please do join us online at our Facebook page in real time or after to attend Mass that way.

Bishop Rice is encouraging all parishioners DRAW CLOSER to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Beginning in February we will offer a monthly gathering to stir and strengthen our faith and devotion centered upon the Most Holy Eucharist and looking toward the August Diocesan Eucharist Congress in West Plains. If you have not already noticed the posters all around the parish, or the advertisements in print and media, please take a moment to check them out this weekend. Much is planned and will be offered for all those who attend.

Please remember this coming Wednesday we will have our third Wednesday Adoration from 6-7 p.m. with confessions from 6:15-6:45 p.m. available.

Through the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Scott

7TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE: Is your life stuck in a rut? Is your faith feeling stale? Join hundreds of men for a day of life-changing motivation at the 7th annual Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Catholic High School. This year’s Keynote speaker, Marcel LeJeune, will help you take your faith to the next level! He has decades of experience leading men closer to Christ—so they can lead those around them to Christ. No matter where you are in your faith journey, you will gain the knowledge and motivation you need to be a true disciple. We’re building a culture of men who will transform our families & communities. Don’t miss this opportunity. Register for free today by visiting www.CatholicConference.men or scan the QR.



**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-January 19

5:30p Prayer/SH Day Chapel
6:00p PCCW meeting/IHM Room

Wednesday-January 21

8:30a Mass Joyce Draper+/SH
6:00p Adoration/SH

Thursday-January 22

8:30a Mass Auggie Doze/SH

Friday-January 23

6:00p Mass Landon Landwehr/SH

Saturday-January 24

4:00p Mass Parish Family/StC
6:00-6:15p Confession/SH
6:30p Mass Amy Jo Hutchison+ /SH

Sunday-January 25

7:30-7:45a Confession/SH
8:00a Mass Josephine Kellner+/SH

ADORATION BETWEEN MASSES

10:30a Mass Parish Family/SH

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Sacred Heart Parish

1/11/2026

Env/Cks:	\$2,460.00
Plate:	346.11
Total:	\$2,806.11

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, Mary Jane Hubbert, 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, Tim Smith, 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.



YOUNG WOMEN OR YOUNG MOMS??? Are you a young woman or a young mom and looking for support or a way to connect with others in the parish? Call Erin, 816-500-8437 and let’s talk.



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.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE PARISH: All women of the parish are invited and welcome to come this Monday, January 19, for our women’s group gathering. We will meet in the day chapel for prayer at 5:30p and meet in the Immaculate Heart of Mary conference room at 6:00p for a meeting and program. Our program is sharing meatless soup recipes for Lent. For more information, please contact Dana, at 660-223-2969.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: 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://dioscrg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress>