

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. 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.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS GET REGISTERED NOW: Don't wait to register for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in West Plains, MO. This is planned for Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the civic center, as our diocese will celebrate its 70th year by having an all day Eucharistic Congress. Be sure to look at the posters that are scattered throughout the gathering space to see the special keynote speakers who will be here; special activities for youth, 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. You can go online to find out more information by going to: <https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress>



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, 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.

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MISSION
OUR GIFTS TO GOD
February 15, 2026**

Env/Cks:	\$	120.00
Plate:		88.00
Total:	\$	208.00



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bolivar, Missouri

February 22, 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

The second scripture verse has us thinking of grace in our lives. Let's evaluate the scripture **Ephesians 2:8**

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God"

Question: Describe/give an example how you feel every time, after you receive grace from God?

WHY IS LENT 40 DAYS?

The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend this time on the three practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation.

- The face of the earth was cleansed and purified during the promised period of forty days and nights of rain with the great flood. (Gen 7:4)
- Moses fasted for forty days and nights on Mount Sinai before receiving the tablets of the covenant...(Ex 34:28)
- The Israelites spent forty years wandering in the desert, as a time of testing, trial, and purification of the people, before reaching the Promised Land...(Jos 5:6)
- The prophet Elijah spent forty days in the desert before encountering God on Mount Horeb (1 Kgs 19:8)
- The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand....(Mk 1:12-15)

Resource taken from USCCB

PARISH INFORMATION

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

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OFFICE MANAGER: Mary Rowley, 417-326-5596
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FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR
Kindergarten-High School: Darlene Arendt, 417-298-6237

MUSIC MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Carol Divin,
417-399-2709

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: *“As we begin our Lenten journey today, let us ask the Lord to grant us the gift of true conversion of heart so that we may better respond to His love for us and share that love with those around us. Upon all of you and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you all!”*
-Ash Wednesday, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Reminder this Sunday is the Fourth Sunday and so we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Bishop Rice, as you know, made a special visit to our parish this past Thursday to lead a Holy Hour with prayer, adoration, and Benediction. There were many people in attendance from our parish and across deanery 3. Bishop spoke about how Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament extends what happens during Holy Mass and allows us to sit, kneel, and pray before the real presence of Jesus in the Monstrance. When at Mass we have a few moments to Adore as the host and chalice are elevated. During Adoration, time stops, so to speak, and the opportunity to rest in that moment is offered to all. It’s my hope that those that attend the 8:00 a.m. this Sunday and those planning to come to the 10:30 a.m. might stay late or come early to Adore. If you are a 6:30 p.m. vigil Mass attendee, consider coming back on Sunday to spend some time with Jesus. Hope to see many of you there.

Please keep in your prayer our men attending the annual Diocesan Men’s Conference taking place this weekend (Saturday) in Springfield. Thank you to Ryan Skopec, our Men’s Conference Champion, who assisted with inviting and encouraging our men to attend. Thank you to Eric Shinault and Terry Cornstubble in organizing the parish bus to take those attending to the conference.

Our attendance at the Ash Wednesday Masses was a beautiful sign of our desire to return to the Lord through prayer, penance, fasting and the giving of alms. Far from being a downer and something that we have to slug our way through, Lent is a time of opening our hearts, taming our appetites (both physical and spiritual), and drawing closer to Jesus as we grow in faith, hope, and Christian love. Whatever you have chosen to “do” for Lent, be it giving something up or taking on a particular prayer devotion or good work, let it be about raising up ones heart to the Lord. If you did not already get a *Magnificat Lenten* prayer companion booklet OR the large print *Word Among Us* prayer booklet, the remaining copies from Ash Wednesday distribution are available in the vestibule.

Stations of the Cross will be held after the 6:00 p.m. Mass each Friday during Lent. Come to Mass, stay for Stations and live the Lenten journey.

Do you or your children have an interest in a children’s choir? This would be separate and different from our adult choir under the direction of Carol Divin. Recently, several parishioners have expressed an interest, however, for this to be considered, we would need several individuals who would be interested in leading it and have the ability to do so. We also would need a reasonable number of participants (more than two or three) so that everyone’s time and investment would be respected. Please let us know if there is interest in further exploring this topic. Call the parish office 417-326-5596 or email sheartbolivar@gmail.com to put yourself or your child’s name on a list.

May your Lenten journey be blessed as we take up our crosses and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

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-February 25

8:30a Mass Ed & Barbara Ball/SH
6:00p Parish Council meeting/IHM room

Thursday-February 26

8:30a Mass Patti Hittler/SH

Friday-February 27

6:00p Mass Sharon Fleeman/SH
Stations of the Cross following

Saturday-February 28

4:00p Mass Matthew Limbrick+/StC
6:00-6:15p Confession/SH
6:30p Mass Laura Miller+/SH

Sunday-March 1

7:30-7:45a Confession/SH
8:00a Mass FW & Elizabeth Haralson+/SH
9:15a Faith Formation
10:30a Mass Parish Family/SH

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Sacred Heart Parish

2/15/2026

Env/Cks:	\$3,786.00
Plate:	372.00
Maintenance:	280.00
The Mirror:	250.00
Total:	\$4,688.00

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Danni Beer, Rick Bigler, Kevin & Donna Breesawitz, Becky Briggs, Ron Dane, Lisa Doyle, Deacon Jim Farrar, Mary Jane Hubbert, Jackie Lore, Mary McGinnis, Norene Osburn, Jim Otradovec, Kathleen Ricke, Sandra Samek, Mary Lou Sanders, 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, and Don Keiter.

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, Lt. Jenn Jordan, LCpl. Samuel Wick, and 2 Lt. Nick Yocom.

YOUNG WOMEN OR YOUNG MOMS??? We have a group of young women and young moms that connect through Facebook and in person. If you are looking for support or a way to connect with others in the parish, call Erin, 816-500-8437 and let’s talk.

PRAYER GROUPS? Are you interested in getting together for prayer or other faith studies with like-minded Catholic women or men in a group setting? Contact the Parish Office, 417-326-5596, we have some interest in starting groups.



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.



LENTEEN YOUTH PROJECT

PSR BAKE SALE

The Sacred Heart PSR students will be selling baked goods for a free will offering after Masses on February 28th & March 1st.

Enjoy some home baked goodies while helping an outreach center focused on supporting low-income women caring for young children run by the Glenmary Sisters.

All proceeds will benefit the Mother’s House.