

LOOKING FOR MORE SPIRITUALITY? SOUTHERN MISSOURI CURSILLO FOR WOMEN AND MEN: Cursillo in Christianity is the Proclamation of Being Christian. The retreat is a “Short Course in Christianity.” During the three days retreat you will work together, as you listen to talks given by priests and laity. There will be Mass daily, time for meditation, Way of the Cross, Rosary, and Reconciliation.

The Cursillo Movement can have incredibly positive results in the spiritual revitalization of the person and in turn, the world. The goal of Cursillo is that Christ be the prime influence in society. The goals are to develop a consciousness of the uniqueness, originality, and creativity of the person. Our mission is to be a leader in the work of Christian renewal. It will sustain you and provide a Christian leaven of your environments, society and in the world. The Cursillo Movement continued after the weekend retreat with “Friendship Groups” and Ultreya that included all men and women that had attended Cursillo Retreats. “*Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ.*” ***The Women’s Cursillo will be October 15-18, 2026, and the Men’s Cursillo will be November 12-15, 2026, both held at Vietnamese Martyrs Retreat Center in Carthage, MO. For additional information, please contact Mary Williams at 417-371-3588 or by email at williams6mi@gmail.com***



ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN: Are you interested in attending a men’s retreat? There will be a men’s retreat at Whitehouse Retreat Center in St. Louis, MO, October 29-November 1, 2026. There is room for 6 men to attend who are seeking God in silence and in prayer. For more information, contact James Long, 573-382-0738.

CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY: Study, Connect, Transform...these words describe the mission of the Cornerstone Catholic Scripture study. The Bible is the Word of God, spoken in the past and alive in the present. The Cornerstone gives you a sense of connection with God and those who journey with you. The Cornerstone can lead to spiritual growth that transforms you little by little, step by step. We invite you to join us for our upcoming study of “Exodus, A Journey of Faith.” This study is for adults who wish to deepen their faith through an increased knowledge of the inspired Word of God, which can transform your heart and mind. Weekly meetings will be held from September 2026 through April 2027. All you have is 15 minutes? Perfect! Fifteen minutes is all you need for your daily study. This is in the Springfield area. St. Francis—Nixa: meets Tuesday mornings (call Joy at 660-651-5280); Holy Trinity—Springfield: meets Thursday mornings (call Nicola at 417-300-0840); St. Elizabeth Ann Seton —Springfield: meets Tuesday evenings* this includes a group that meets on Zoom (call Bruce at 417-833-7913); or visit our website at www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org



MEN’S BREAKFAST: The Catholic Men’s Conference would like to invite all men to attend our Monthly Men’s Prayer Breakfast. This event includes breakfast, short presentation, small group discussion, and prayer. Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 7:00-8:30 AM---Donations Accepted—Immaculate Conception Church-Community Room A. To properly plan food preparation, please RSVP by going to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2wb3mnuj>

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bolivar, MO

August 2, 2026

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

PARISH INFORMATION

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

website: www.sacredheartbolivar.org **Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00a-4:00p

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 **email:** sheartbolivar@gmail.com
(Please turn in articles for the parish bulletin by Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.)

Online giving: If you would like to donate online rather than using parish envelopes, please go to our parish website and click on online giving. This can be set up for continuous giving or can be a one-time gift.

FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR Kindergarten-High School: Darlene Arendt, 417-298-6237

MUSIC MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Carol Divin, 417-399-2709
Practice for the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. 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: Co-Presidents— Dana Landwehr, 660-223-2969 & Kim Martin, 417-849-4345

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRAND KNIGHT & PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Ryan Skopec, 515-414-9257

ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CEMETERY: Jane Otradovec, 417-327-5660 or Jennifer Otradovec, 417-777-0644

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

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 Dcn. Jim.

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.*

HEART TO HEART.....by V. Rev. Scott M. Sunnenberg

Dear Parishioners,

Let us remember is prayer Ann Kathka, who was buried this week. Ann was a member of St. Catherine of Siena & Sacred Heart for many years. The last several years her health was serious and she was in skilled nursing in Springfield. Let us also keep her family Angie & Joe Gries, Roger & Karen Kathka and all grandkids, great-grandkids and other family members who are mourning her passing. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may she and all the faithful departed rest in peace!

There is a First Friday Adoration sign up sheet on the table by the St. Wenceslaus statue. First Friday Adoration is this week, August 7th, from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. If you are available to spend some time with our Lord, please write your name down next to the time you can be here.

Next Sunday, August 9th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. we are launching a gathering for YOUTH GROUP! This will be for grades 7th-12th. There will be food, faith and fellowship. There are some flyers scattered throughout the gathering space and on the bulletin board, so please look for them. Julia Becker and Stephanie Aug are excited to start this group. If you have questions, please call 417-777-1752. If you are in the age group of 7th grade through 12th grade, you should come! There will be pizza!!

Did you know that so many times we get in our cars and drive without even thinking about the distance, the time, and so on? It’s a choice we make and do so on a regular basis. About ten percent of our Sacred Heart parishioners have registered for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress that will be in West Plains August 15th. Have you? I sure hope so. If you haven’t this next part is especially for you. There are so many great opportunities that you will be part of by attending. Yes, it is a drive or ride of two and half hours, but for \$10 you are able to encounter nationally known speakers, engage with over two thousand other Catholics from our diocese and witness to the importance of our faith with all generations. You know there are many times we, ourselves, commit to much more of a journey in our cars and for not near the experience of having the encounter of Jesus that we will have on this day. Take today and prayerfully consider all the benefits of attending, then go to www.dioscg.org and register. *Our parish bus still has seven seats available if you would like to ride.*

I would like to thank all who have donated to the 2026 DDF campaign. Currently our parish is at 59% of our parish donor goal. Reminder cards have gone out to anyone who is registered and on the diocesan roster and has not yet pledged. Please help us meet our goal of 118 donors.

Through the Hearts of Jesus & Mary,
Fr. Scott



**ADORATION
TO THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**
First Friday-7:00 AM-6:00 PM
Second & Third Wednesday-6:00 PM
Fourth Sunday-between Masses

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday-August 5
8:30a Mass All deceased family
members of the parish
Thursday-August 6
8:30a Mass Fern Griggs+
First Friday-August 7
7:00a-6:00p All Day Adoration
6:00p Mass Joan Hinkle+
Saturday-August 8
6:00-6:15p Confessions
6:30p Mass Parish Family
Sunday-August 9
7:30-7:50a Confession
8:00a Mass Bob & Barb Larimer
10:30a Mass Carol Classe

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Sacred Heart Parish
7/26/2026

Env/Cks:	\$ 3,099.00
Plate:	374.00
Maintenance:	110.00
Total:	\$ 3,583.00

JULY ONLINE DONATIONS:

Regular Donations:	\$ 2,923.40
Maintenance:	71.85
Total Online Donations:	\$ 2,995.25

PRAYERS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND

Robert Agee	Dan Gorman	Sandra Samek
Louise Aylor	Shirley Harris	Mary Lou Sanders
Anne Baumgarner	Mel Hendrickson	David Sandgren
Rick Bigler	Don Keiter	Dean Siemer
Elizabeth Bock	Paula Keller	Linda Smith
Kevin & Donna Breesawitz	Gary Kirkpatrick	Mark Stanek
Myrna Bressner	Jackie Lore	Jerry Sukovaty
Becky Briggs	Mary McGinnis	Bev & Sam Swihart
Sienna Cortes	Jim Otradovec	Henri Thibault
Ron Dane	Bobette & Phillip Owens	Kay Torgerson
Lisa Doyle	Annette & Tony Petrone	Jaylynn Williams
JR Fleeman	Kathleen Ricke	Fr. Pat Wissman
Carol Francka		

MILITARY PRAYER ROSTER: Please remember those in our parish families serving in the military: Navy E3 Fireman Lucas Guynn, Lt. Jenn Jordan, LCpl. Samuel Wick, and 1 Lt. Nick Yocom.

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND PARISH UPDATE: It’s not too late to make your pledge! We would like to see all of our members make an effort in giving to this campaign. Everyone can give something—no gift is too small. Our goal is to reach 118 donor households. So far we have received pledges from 70 homes which is 59% of our goal. Thank you to all of you who have donated. If you have questions, please contact Kurt Swihart, 417-399-5591 or Nick Petri, 417-399-2939.

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 or if you would like to be a volunteer.

WE NEED YOU: Our Faith Formation (PSR) is looking for a volunteer to teach our 5th/6th grade class. Do you have a love for sharing your faith? A love for working with kids? This could be for you! We are also looking for extra adults to help out in our classrooms. If you would like to help, please contact Darlene Arendt 417-298-6237 or Fr. Scott.