

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**

Register Now

FOR FAITH FORMATION OF ALL AGES

Faith Formation classes for K-12th grade will start September 20, 2026 and will be on Sundays at 9:15am-10:15am. Please register online for classes before August 22nd. <https://sacredheartbolivar.org/faith-formation-registration-form/>



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 7TH THROUGH 12TH!

Sacred Heart Parish is forming a Youth Group and we would love to have you there! Join us THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 6:30 P.M. –8:00 P.M. for Faith, Food, and Fellowship! Julia Becker & Stephanie Aug are the youth leaders.



Share the Grace and come to story time on Friday, August 21, 10:30 a.m. and afterward there is an activity.



PURGATORIAL SOCIETY: Come join us on Wednesday, August 19th, as we pray for our dear loved ones who have died and all the souls in purgatory. We will meet in the main church at 1:00 p.m., pray for thirty minutes then have social time and refreshments.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bolivar, MO

August 9, 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

ALL ABOUT LEO: “Remember that you have been made for great things, and that this world is not enough to quench your thirst for meaning and happiness.” 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi (July 29, 2026) Pope Leo

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who signed up and registered for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress! This momentous event centered on the gift of the Eucharist and celebrating our Diocesan anniversary and shared Catholicism throughout southern Missouri will be a blessing to all in attendance. The top-notch speakers and presenters, the fellowship, the liturgies, and fun activities will certainly create wonderful memories and encouragement that will be brought back to the parish. If you didn’t sign up or were unable to arrange to be present due to work or family commitments that could not be adjusted, we ask you to be a prayer partner for those who are going to West Plains. Please offer, in you charity, one Our Father, ten Hail Mary’s, and a Glory Be in prayerful support both for safe travels and many graces.

We are currently at 79 individuals/family donors toward our goal of 118 total donors for our annual DDF (Diocesan Development Fund). Remember that the DDF supports the bishop’s shared ministries that benefit our individual parishes as well as, our diocesan activities. Because of the DDF, the diocese does not assess each of the parishes a high percentage of the monthly collection to fund these necessary expenses. By giving to the DDF, you support the local and diocesan wide church in her mission to evangelize, catechize, and raise up the faithful. If you have not yet given to the 2026 DDF, PLEASE do so today. Every gift makes a difference, no gift is to great or too small when given in love and out of sacrifice. I firmly believe that 118 individuals/family donors is much less than what we can achieve when all who have been blessed recognize and respond to the call to bless in turn. Thank you to those who have already given and in advance to those who will give to this plea. Envelopes were mailed out to all registered households several months ago. Additional envelopes can be found in the pews at Mass. You may also give online utilizing the QR code on the DDF posters hanging in the gathering space.

Attention parish youth grades 7-12. Do not miss out on the launch of the Sacred Heart Junior/Senior High Youth Group. This opportunity for food, faith and fellowship is open to you. Bring yourself, bring a friend, Sunday, August 9th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Questions, 417-777-1752. YOU SHOULD COME. THERE WILL BE PIZZA.

We have 4 seats still available on the church bus if anyone would like to ride rather than drive to West Plains. Please call the Parish Office by Wednesday if you would like one of these seats.

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 12
8:30a Mass Harold Martin
Thursday-August 13
8:30a Mass JJ Bledsoe+
Friday-August 14
6:00p Mass For Estranged Families
Saturday-August 15
NO VIGIL MASS TODAY
Sunday-August 16
7:30-7:50a Confession
8:00a Mass Parish Family
10:30a Mass All deceased family
members of the Parish

**MASS REMINDER: PLEASE REMEMBER
THAT DUE TO THE DIOCESAN EUCHA-
RISTIC CONGRESS IN WEST PLAINS ON
AUGUST 15TH, THERE IS NO VIGIL
MASS ACROSS THE DIOCESE AT ANY
PARISH. MASS FOR THE HOLY DAY
FOR THE ASSUMPTION WILL BE ON
AUGUST 14TH.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Sacred Heart Parish
8/2/2026
Env/Cks: \$ 4,162.00
Plate: 392.00
Maintenance: 954.00
Total: \$ 5,508.00

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: 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 79 homes which is 67% 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.