

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 haven 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 williams6mj@gmail.com***



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 for our next get together **SUNDAY, September 13, 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. for Faith, Food, and Fellowship! Julia Becker & Stephanie Aug are the youth leaders.**



PURGATORIAL SOCIETY: Come join us on Wednesday, August 26th, 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.

WELCOME BACK BBQ FOR CATHOLIC SBU STUDENTS: ATTENTION SBU CATHOLIC STUDENTS...a welcome back bbq will be happening for you on Sunday, September 13th in the afternoon. Feel free to bring a friend, get to know your fellow Catholic students attending SBU, meet parish leadership, and enjoy food, faith, and fellowship. Mark your calendars now. The time will be announced soon.



THANK YOU: Dear Sacred Heart: Thank you so much for your support in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser! We are so thankful your church family agreed to support the ministry of Alpha House through this event. We have finally counted all the bottles that have been returned! Because of your support, this ministry continues to press forward in protecting the unborn, serving women and men faced with unplanned pregnancies and sharing the Gospel with those that need to hear the Good News! Your church family has raised \$1,162.40 from this event! We are so grateful for the generous people who have helped support Alpha House through this campaign! We EXCEEDED the fundraising goal-raising the highest amount in our history (sliding right past last year’s historical goal)-and together you have helped raise \$25,811.33 (\$20,000 was our goal!) We still have around 214 bottles out! (This ends up costing us around \$450 to replace). *Sacred Heart still has 4 bottles that have not been returned.* Thank you for supporting LIFE ministry through this event! Through your gift, lives are being changed and impacted both physically and spiritually.

Together for Life, Amanda Smith, Executive Director of Alpha House

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Bolivar, MO

August 23, 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,

ATTENTION SBU CATHOLIC STUDENTS! Welcome back to Bolivar and Sacred Heart Parish! We hope your summer was blessed and restful. Sacred Heart Parish is your parish family away from home! With that in mind we invite all of you to attend a Welcome Back BBQ held in your honor. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13th, in the afternoon—(time to be announced.) Feel free to bring a friend, get to know your fellow Catholic students attending SBU, meet parish leadership, and enjoy food, faith and fellowship.

We remain at 86 individuals/family donors toward our goal of 118 total donors for our annual DDF. By giving to the DDF, you support the local and diocesan wide church in her mission to evangelize, catechize, and raise up the faithful. Thank you to all who have given and if you have not yet, PLEASE do so this week. There are envelopes in the pews or in the gathering space. You may also give online utilizing the QR code on the DDF posters hanging in the gathering space. This is the second publication for this request. It is hoped that responses will be forthcoming and our DDF campaign for this year can be brought to a conclusion by the end of the month.

Thank you to all who made the trip to West Plains to attend our first ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, you already know what a grace and blessing it was to take part in the events of the day. The Congress drew approximately 3,000 Catholics from across our diocese and within our parishes together to celebrate our faith. Thank you to our PCCW under the direction of Dana Landwehr for coordinating Post Congress gathering to share the graces and blessings both with those who attended and those who were unable to attend. Many insights, encouragements and stories were shared from the congress. I personally was encouraged to listen to the exchange and see how the Lord had touched the hearts of others through the DEC.

Cursillo is a powerful spiritual retreat that offers participants an opportunity to deepen their relationship with God and their understanding of the Catholic faith. The Cursillo weekend equips individuals with tools and support to live out their Catholic faith authentically in their families, work places, and communities. It seeks to foster a strong sense of community among participants, encouraging them to actively participate in their parishes and become leaders in their communities. You are invited to join an upcoming Cursillo weekend here on the west side of our diocese. Women’s weekend is October 15-18, 2026, in Carthage, MO and men’s weekend is November 12-15, 2026, in Carthage, MO. For more information and to sign up online, go to our diocesan website www.dioscg.org and search “Cursillo” in the search box.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or wants to learn more about what being Catholic is all about, please call the Parish Office or reach out to Deacon Jim or myself to be included on the contact list for the upcoming OCIA season. OCIA will meet on Sunday’s after the last Mass beginning next month. Watch the bulletin for the start date.

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 26
8:30a Mass Jim Perry+
1:00p Purgatorial Society
Thursday-August 27
8:30a Mass Emily Rowley
Friday-August 28
6:00p Mass Marguerite Surprenante+
Saturday-August 29
6:00p Confession
6:30p Mass Parish Family
Sunday-August 30
7:30-7:50a Confession
8:00a Mass Cahill, Gallagher, Dwyer Families
10:30a Mass For Estranged Families

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Sacred Heart Parish
8/16/2026

Env/Cks:	\$ 2,757.00
Plate:	389.00
Maintenance:	130.00
Mass Offerings:	10.00
Total:	\$ 3,286.00

YOUNG WOMEN OR YOUNG MOMS??? Looking for community and friendship with other young Catholic mothers? Reach out to Erin Rippee to be connected with women in the parish, 816-500-8437 and let’s talk.

PRAYERS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND

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

*Please note names will remain on the sick list for one month before coming off. If you wish to remain longer you must let the Parish Office know to extend the listing.

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 are trying to wrap up our DDF campaign this month and would like to see all of our members make an effort in giving to this annual drive. We have been focusing on reaching our donor goal—everyone can give something. We are 32 households away from meeting our goal. If you have not pledged, won’t you help us meet our goal?

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.