

**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.**

**WELCOME BACK BBQ FOR CATHOLIC SBU STUDENTS:** ATTENTION SBU CATHOLIC STUDENTS...a welcome back BBQ will be happening for you on Sunday, September 13th, at 3:00 p.m. 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.



***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. When: Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 7:00-8:30 AM---Donations Accepted; Place: Immaculate Conception Church-Community Room A. To properly plan food preparation, please RSVP by going here: <https://tinyurl.com/2wb3mnuj>*

*Sacred Heart Catholic Church*

*Bolivar, MO*

**August 30, 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](http://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](mailto:jfarrar@dioscg.org)

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Mary Rowley, 417-326-5596 **email:** [sheartbolivar@gmail.com](mailto: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: “Never doubt the goodness of God, and do not be afraid of the plan the Lord has for each of your lives.” Pope Leo XIV, July 2026

Dear Parishioners,

OCIA will begin on Sunday, September 13th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the sacraments of initiation, this is for you. If you know someone interested in becoming Catholic, please let them know about OCIA. Currently we have a growing list of 2026-2027 OCIA participants to be included on the list for information and updates, call the Parish Office. The first two sessions will be general inquiry, no obligation. Following the initial sessions, one is expected to commit to regular Mass attendance and participation in OCIA meetings. Hope to see you there. Those interested in being OCIA sponsors may also call the Parish Office in order to be included on our sponsor list. A sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, fully initiated into the Church, through the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and in good standing (regularly practicing the faith by Mass attendance and lifestyle).

This past week Parish Council began meeting for the 2026-2027 season. Nominations for Parish Council will be forthcoming followed by elections which will take place in the pews during weekend Masses at the end of September. Please keep the Parish Council, the outgoing members, the new to be elected members and the process of election to the council in your prayers.

Thank you for your pledges to DDF! We are at 90 individuals/family donors toward our goal of 118 total donors for our annual DDF. Giving to the DDF supports 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 so we can wrap up our campaign. There are envelopes in the pews or in the gathering space and you may also give online utilizing the QR code on the DDF posters hanging in the gathering space.

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](http://www.dioscg.org) and search “Cursillo” in the search box.

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-September 2  
8:30a Mass Tery Howard+  
Thursday-September 3  
8:30a Mass Fern Griggs+

Friday-September 4  
6:00p Mass All deceased family  
members of the parish

Saturday-September 5  
8:30a First Saturday Mass/SH  
6:00p Confession  
6:30p Mass Mary Lou Francka+

Sunday-September 6  
7:30-7:50a Confession  
8:00a Mass Nancy Peterson+  
10:30a Mass Parish Family

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
Sacred Heart Parish

8/23/2026

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Env/Cks:     | \$ 2,858.00 |
| Plate:       | 572.25      |
| Maintenance: | 150.00      |
| Total:       | \$ 3,580.25 |

PRAYERS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 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    |
| Carol Coleman            | Jackie Lore             | Bev & Sam Swihart |
| Sienna Cortes            | Mary McGinnis           | Henri Thibault    |
| Ron Dane                 | Jim Otradovec           | Kay Torgerson     |
| Jerry Divin              | Bobette & Phillip Owens | Jaylynn Williams  |
| JR Fleeman               | 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. We are 28 households away from meeting our goal. Have you 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.

LOOKING FOR FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS: Do you have a love in sharing your faith and working with kids? Our Faith Formation (PSR) NEEDS YOU! We are looking for someone to teach our 5th/6th grade class, substitute teachers or even extra adults to help out in the classrooms. Is this you??? If so, please get in touch with Darlene Arendt 417-298-6237 or Fr. Scott.

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.