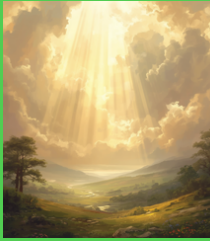


SACRED HEART

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Bolivar, MO

www.sacredheartbolivar.org



“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 email: sheartbolivar@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00a-4:00p

PARISH STAFF

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

PERMANENT DEACON: Rev. Mr. James Farrar, 417-818-0600 jfarrar@dioscrg.org

OFFICE MANAGER: Mary Rowley, 417-326-5596

MINISTRIES

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

MUSIC MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Carol Divin, 417-399-2709 Practice for the Mass choir is on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the choir practice room.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS: Stephanie Aug 417-777-1752 or Julia Becker 636-206-9377

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY: John Enderle 314-560-7771 & Dave Dean 509-230-3938

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW) CO-PRESIDENTS: Dana Landwehr, 660-223-2969 & Kim Martin, 417-849-4345 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, GRAND KNIGHT: Ryan Skopec, 515-414-9257 Meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of the month, dinner at 6:20 p.m., meeting follows at 7:00 p.m. in McKenna Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL: Meeting is the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary conference room.

CEMETERY INFORMATION

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

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.

Confessions: First Friday-6:30-6:50p; Saturday-thirty minutes before vigil Mass; Sunday-thirty minutes before first morning Mass; or by appointment through the week.

HEART TO HEART BY V. REV. SCOTT M. SUNNENBERG

FROM THE PASTOR

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

In December our parish family, along with the parish family of St. Alban will host the Community Christmas dinner in association with COM. If you helped out last year (and I know many of you did), you know already what a blessing it was. If you did not get involved, now is the time to do so. Mark your calendars for December 15, which is a Tuesday and plan to lend a hand. Please call the Parish Office to let us know that you'll be there. Thank you in advance for your generous gift of time to make Christmas a little brighter for others.

Please remember that adoration takes place every second and third Wednesday. This past Wednesday, we had an extra great turn-out. Special thanks to our Knights of Columbus and those members who were present. Why not plan to join us this Wednesday for quiet prayer before our Lord.

This Sunday at 3:00 p.m. our parish leadership is welcoming our SBU Catholics with a BBQ. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there and getting to know you. If you are an SBU Catholic student and have not gotten the address for where the BBQ will be, please let me know.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING OUR REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE FOLLOWS: Recently I announced my appointment as pastor of St. William Parish in Buffalo as I continue my appointment as your pastor at Sacred Heart. Taking on these additional responsibilities requires flexibility on my part as well as on the parts of parishioners at St. William and here at Sacred Heart. Part of that flexibility that I mentioned upon my announcement to you of these new responsibilities involves the Mass schedules. With that in mind, please note the following changes to the Mass schedule at Sacred Heart:

- **Wednesday Mass, 8:30 a.m. (as before)**
- **Thursday NO MASS**
- **Friday Mass at 12:15 p.m. This Mass will end *sharply* at 12:45 p.m. (with the exception of First Friday to remain at 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Saturday vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

These changes will take place beginning on **Thursday, October 1** and will replace our current Mass schedule for the foreseeable future.

OCIA will begin this 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. 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).

Have you made a Cursillo? If so, then you know what a gift to one's faith this weekend retreat that journeys with companions deeper into our Catholic faith. If you have not made a Cursillo weekend, please consider doing so. The upcoming women's weekend is October 15-18, 2026, the men's weekend is November 12-15, 2026. Both will be held in Carthage at the Monastery of the Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer. For more information go to our diocesan website at dioscg.org and search Cursillo.

Through the hearts of Jesus & Mary,

Fr. Scott



ALL ABOUT LEO

"Let us not forget those who are suffering and dying because of (various) conflicts and let us add out constant prayers to the generous efforts for peace."

Pope Leo XIV

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY FOR PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS

Do you have a need for a handy-man 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 volunteer.



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.

PARISH LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT:



Attention all members who have checked out parish library books... please check at home and see if you have any books that have not been returned. We have some books that have been checked out since 2022! These should be returned.



Attention all Catholic youth in grades 7th through 12th. We are having our next youth group get together on **Sunday, September 13th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Join us for faith, food, and fellowship. Bring a friend! Contact Stephanie 417-777-1752 or Julia 636-206-9377 if you have questions.



Are you registered to vote in the November 3rd election? If not, you have time to register. There will be voter registration here at Sacred Heart on September 26/27 after the Masses. Be sure to bring your identification so you can sign up if you are not already a registered voter.



Bolivar Community Outreach Ministries will have its

SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

December 10-12, 2026. They will need volunteers to help with this **Community Christmas Market.** If you want to help out in any way, please go to www.bolivarcom.org to find out more about the Community Christmas Market.

COM is also starting to sign up families for the Christmas Market. If you have children age 0-18 and need some help with Christmas gifts this year, contact COM and see how they can help you meet your budget needs.



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.

Schedule of the Week

Wednesday-September 16

8:30a Mass Parish Family
6:00p Adoration

Thursday-September 17

No Mass today

Friday-September 18

No Mass today

Saturday-September 19

6:00p-6:20p Confessions
6:30p Mass Mary Lou Sanders

Sunday-September 20

7:30a-7:50a Confessions
8:00a Mass Parish Family
10:30a Mass Emily Rowley
Ice Cream Social after Mass



ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH:

On Monday, September 21, you are invited to join the Parish Council of Catholic Women as we kick off our year with a presentation on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit & Women's Leadership. Please RSVP to Dana Landwehr or Kim Martin if you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly or if you have questions. Their phone numbers are on the bulletin cover. We will start in the day chapel at 5:30 p.m. and presentation starts at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Becky Briggs
Carol Coleman
Bill Francka

Mary Lou Sanders
David Sandgren
Bev & Sam Swihart
Fr. Pat Wissman

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SICK LIST IS GOOD FOR FOUR WEEKS THEN WE WILL REMOVE NAMES UNLESS YOU TELL US TO KEEP THE NAMES ON HERE FOR ANOTHER FOUR WEEKS.



MILITARY PRAYER ROSTER:

Please remember all in our parish families serving in the military: Navy E3 Fireman

Lucas Guynn, Lt. Jenn Jordan, LCpl. Samuel Wick, and 1 Lt. Nick Yocom.



Join us for an
**ICE CREAM SOCIAL next
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20,**
after 10:30 Mass as we say
goodbye to summer and
hello to fall.

This is also Catechetical Sunday and will be a great time to meet your PSR teachers and check out where your class will be. PSR classes will begin October 4, at 10:15 a.m.



THROUGH OUR GIVING Weekly Financial offering September 6, 2026

Envelopes:	\$4,082.00
Plate:	1,061.52
Maintenance:	934.00
Total:	\$6,077.52