

SACRED HEART

Sunday, Sept. 20, 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)

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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,

Let us all welcome our visiting priest, Fr. Raymond Dien, CMR, who is with us this weekend. Fr. Raymond is from the monastery at Carthage.

I hope you all will join after the 10:30 Mass this weekend for our ice cream social. Just a quick way to greet one another and enjoy a cool treat with some fellowship. Thank you to Browning Proctor for organizing this for us.

Next weekend, September 26/27 we have promoted that we will have voter registration at our parish. We have contacted the Polk County Courthouse and will have the necessary paperwork on hand for anyone who needs to register to vote in Polk County. Please bring your current identification for this. The November election is an important election as we will vote on Amendment 3. Please read up on this Amendment and see the flyer that is in this weekend's bulletin.

Next Sunday is our Fourth Sunday Adoration between the Masses. Please make every attempt to come and pray with our Lord during this Holy Hour and spend some time with Him. Plan to stay after the 8:00 a.m. Mass or come early for the 10:30 a.m. and spend some time. Let us remember to pray for one another, for an increase in vocations and for our country and world.

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.

Through the hearts of Jesus & Mary,

Fr. Scott

ALL ABOUT LEO

"When the Church kneels beside a leper,

a malnourished child or an anonymous dying person, she fulfills her deepest vocation: to love the Lord where he is most disfigured."

Pope Leo XIV

"Dilexi Te"



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.



The youth group is growing! Our next youth group get together is **Sunday, October 11th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Join us for faith, food, and fellowship. This is for grades 7th-12th. 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 next weekend, 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.



FAITH FORMATION PSR STARTS SOON

The Parish School of Religion for grades Kindergarten through high school will begin Sunday, October 4th, at 10:15 a.m. For information on classes, contact Darlene Arendt, 417-298-6237.

MASS TIME CHANGES STARTING OCTOBER 1

Please make note of these Mass time changes for Sacred Heart beginning October 1. Those in bold are a NEW CHANGE



Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.

Thursday: NO MASS

Friday: 12:15 p.m. and First Friday: 6:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

These changes are necessary due to Fr. Scott becoming pastor of St. William in Buffalo and having multiples Masses through the week and on Sunday.



Purgatorial Society: Our prayer group will meet this Wednesday, September 23, at 1:00 p.m. to pray for our dearly departed and all the holy souls in purgatory. Come join us in the mail church for prayer, then for refreshments afterwards. If you have questions, please call Louisa, 417-413-3910 or LuAnn, 417-350-2682.

Schedule of the Week

Wednesday-September 23

8:30a Mass Estranged families
1:00p Purgatorial Society
6:00p Parish Council meeting

Thursday-September 24

8:30a Mass Tery Howard+

Friday-September 25

6:00p Mass Carol Classe

Saturday-September 26

6:00p-6:20p Confessions
6:30p Mass Fern Griggs+

Sunday-September 27

7:30a-7:50a Confessions
8:00a Mass Rob Olson+
10:30a Mass Parish Family



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! If it has been a while since you have come to one, now is the time to be here so you can see what the plans are for the year. If you have never been one of our meetings or get together, please join us and see what we are about and meet some new ladies.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Robert Agee
Becky Briggs
Sienna Cortes
JR Fleeman
Bill Francka
Dan Gorman

Paula Keller
Jackie Lore
Mary Lou Sanders
David Sandgren
Bev & Sam Swihart
Henri Thibault
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.

CONGRATULATIONS: Please join in offering congratulations to Barbara Michael, who was welcomed into our Catholic faith through the sacraments on September 6, 2026, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, by way of Profession of Faith, Communion and Confirmation. **Welcome Barabara, we are very happy you are here receiving the Lord with us. Welcome to your family of faith!**



THROUGH OUR GIVING Weekly Financial offering September 13, 2026

Envelopes:	\$2,617.00
Plate:	612.00
Maintenance:	70.00
Total:	\$3,299.00