

SACRED HEART

Sunday, October 11, 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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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,

LAST CALL FOR THE WOMEN BUT NOT THE MEN! The upcoming women's weekend is October 15-18, the men's weekend is November 12-15. Both weekends' will take place in Carthage, MO. Please go online to the diocesan website to register or call the diocesan office of Faith Formation, 417-866-0841.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25th and plan to attend Sacred Heart Parish Oktoberfest! There will be live music, brats, a bier garden, games for all with fun and fellowship. For more information, please contact Jean Kelchen, 816-830-9502 and see the flyer in this week's bulletin.

Since beginning SBU Catholic student open house we have provided a home cooked meal, snacks, fellowship and a place to feel at home each Thursday. This week thank you to Dana & Randie Landwehr and Kim & Kerry Martin for providing the meal. We are asking for parishioners to sign up and provide a meal on Thursday night to be dropped off by 5:30 p.m. The meal should include a main dish, 1-2 sides, a salad of some sort, and a dessert for 10-12. Several parishioners may want to team up to provide this meal. The next two Thursdays are open and in need of your help. The sign-up sheet to provide a meal is on the refrigeration in the kitchenette or you can call the Parish Office to volunteer. Those preparing and bringing the meal are not required to stay.

Thank you to those who helped inaugurate our new Friday weekday Mass this past week. It's our hope that many more will find the 12:15-12:45 p.m. Mass the perfect opportunity to come and pray on your lunch hour, in between classes or just as an oasis in the midst of the day. Hope to see you next Friday!

We are looking to schedule a fall cleanup around the church grounds in the month of October. If you would be willing to help or to organize this event, please call the Parish Office, 417-326-5596. Keep an eye out for a date and time announcement to follow once we have a few hands to help coordinate.

Eternal rest grant unto Mary Lou Sanders and Jackie Lore. These dedicated parishioners recently passed away. Our condolences and prayers remain with their families. Let us ask that Jesus welcomes them into the heavenly banquet with all the saints and angels.

I would like to personally thank our parishioners for the way we navigated the changes to our Mass schedule this past weekend as they took effect. Change always requires something of everyone involved. It did our community proud to see the way most everyone came together to make it work. A special word of thanks to those who helped with the designated overflow parking area, to the ushers who provided directions to seating, to our parishioners who made room in the pews and our greeters, our sacristans, our music ministers, our liturgical ministers, and our servers. I would also like to thank our Deacon and our DRE as well as those in PSR and OCIA who also experienced changes in their schedule in addition to the Mass change. Please consider coming to Mass a bit earlier this weekend than you might normally arrive in order to find your preferred seating and to ease any parking difficulties. As a parish family we will bare together the burden of change and look for the blessings contained within. I ask your continued prayers for myself, as I too negotiate with this Sacred Heart community and the St. William community these changes.

Through the hearts of Jesus & Mary,

Fr. Scott

ALL ABOUT LEO



"We must ask whether it (each activity/event/organization) truly leads people to Christ and brings the Gospel into contact with the concrete realities of peoples lives."

-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.



Our youth group is growing! Join us **Sunday, October 11th, from 6:30- 8:00 p.m.** for faith, food, and fellowship for grades 7-12. Bring a friend! Contact Stephanie 417-777-1752 or Julia 636-206-9377 if you have questions.



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.



Purgatorial Society: Our prayer group will meet Wednesday, October 28, at 1:00 p.m. to pray for our dearly departed and all the holy souls in purgatory. Come join us in the main church for prayer, then for refreshments afterwards. If you have questions, please call Louisa, 417-413-3910 or LuAnn, 417-350-2682.



"ROAD TRIP"!!! The Parish Council of Catholic Women are taking a day trip to Branson to see **The Miracle of Christmas** show at the Sight and Sound Theater on Saturday, December 5, at 11:30 a.m. and then have lunch and some shopping if time allows. If you would like to purchase a group rate ticket of roughly \$75 per person, please RSVP by Sunday, November 1. We hope to take the bus, but if needed we will carpool. For information or to RSVP please contact Kim Martin at 417-849-4345.



ANNUAL BAZAAR: Attention holiday shoppers! The annual fall bazaar at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Springfield (2200 W. Republic Road), is set for November 7th, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and November 8th, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Numerous vendors' crafts this year include embroidery, knitted and crocheted items, quilts, purses, painted items, seasonal items, floral, wood craft, candles, decor, and many more. There is also a bake sale, raffle, and lunch items for sale. The proceeds from this sale supports seminarians, Life House, VBS and many other needs that come up across the the diocese and within the parish.



STORY TIME READING: It's time for the monthly story time for the kiddos! Mark your calendars for Friday, October 30th at 10:30 a.m. Our guest reader will be Deacon Jim, with the book **All Hallow's Eve.**

Schedule of the Week

Wednesday-October 14

8:30a Mass Guy Courteau+
6:00p Adoration

Thursday-October 15

5:30p-8:00p SBU Catholics
Open House

Friday-October 16

12:15p Mass Estranged Families

Saturday-October 17

4:00p-4:20p Confessions
4:30p Mass Parish Family

Sunday-October 18

8:30a-8:50a Confessions
9:00a Mass Don & Joan Woods
10:15a PSR & OCIA

COME PRAY WITH US! Did you know we gather 30 minutes before Mass to pray the rosary?

Does the new Mass schedule allow you to come a little early to pray with us? We will be starting at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday nights and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Please consider joining us.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:

Let us all welcome our new members to Sacred Heart. They are: Matt & Lean Sandstead and daughters Carson, Teegan, & Riley all who live in Stockton; Grace & Lee Jordan who live in Fair Play; Mr. & Mrs. Jay Muse of Bolivar; Grant & Kelsea Benner of Bolivar; and Blake & Rhiya Bridges also of Bolivar. We are thrilled to have you all here!

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

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

Jim Otradovec
David Sandgren
Bev & Sam Swihart
Henri Thibault
Kay Torgerson
Fr. Pat Wissman

PLEASE NOTE: THAT UPON NOTIFICATION TO THE PARISH OFFICE, NAMES ON THE BULLETIN PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK WILL REMAIN FOR FOUR WEEKS. FOLLOWING THIS TIME, NAMES WILL BE REMOVED UNLESS WE ARE NOTIFIED TO EXTEND THE LISTING. LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE NAMES INCLUDED HERE.



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.



THROUGH OUR GIVING
Weekly Financial offering
October 4, 2026

Envelopes:	\$5,252.00
Plate:	386.47
Maintenance:	980.00
Religious Retirement:	50.00
Total:	\$6,668.47