

SACRED HEART

Sunday, October 18, 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 morning Mass; or by appointment through the week.

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

FROM THE PASTOR

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Please check the weekday Mass schedule for this week because of the annual clergy institute taking place.

I am so excited to welcome Amanda Smith, the Executive Director of Alpha House, to our church this Saturday to speak to us about the importance of voting YES on Amendment 3 in November. You all saw the insert in last week's bulletin detailing Amanda's visit after Saturday vigil Mass in McKenna Hall. A delicious potato bar with a plethora of toppings will be served along with desserts thanks to our PCCW! Hope to see you there.

Thank you to Helping Hands Ministry for putting up our large **"VOTE YES on Amendment 3"** sign on the southwest corner of our property. The sign is a visible point to all who pass by and proclaims the Gospel of Life. Thank you to our Diocesan Respect Life Office for providing the sign at no charge.

If you have not already done so, I want to personally ask that you mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25, beginning at 3:30 p.m. to attend our parish Oktoberfest. It seems to me that the opportunities to gather in fellowship beyond our Sunday celebration of Masses are never enough in number. Coming together as a parish family is a part in living in community and while we are all busy, we should not be too busy for these sacred times.

Reminder: our annual All Saints Celebration is coming up November 1, at 11:30 a.m. Now is the time to raid the closets, get out the craft materials and light the fires of creativity as you cobble together a costume to dress as your favorite saint. Remember some of the greatest costumes are homemade and not always bought. Cash prizes will again be given in three areas: most creative, judges favorite, best saint portrayal with both children's and adult.

All Soul's DAY Mass will be November 2, 9:30 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus followed by breakfast and coffee at Smith's. (Drinks are provided.) In the event of bad weather, the Mass will take place in the main church. Please remember to bring chairs and blankets for seating and warmth. There will be an EVENING Mass at St. William at 5:30 p.m. Additionally, you are invited to bring framed pictures of loved ones to be placed at the St. Michael shrine throughout the month of November.

Since beginning SBU Catholic student open house we are providing a home cooked meal, snacks, fellowship and a place to feel at home each Thursday(5:30-8:00 with dinner at 6:00). This week thank you to Kim & Kerry Martin and Barbara & Eddie Covert for providing the meal. We now have the November sign-up available on the refrigerator in the kitchenette. Team up with someone to do this and show the college students some home cooked love.

I wish to offer a continued word of thanks to those who are helping with the designated overflow parking area at Sunday Mass. I also wish to recognize with a word of gratitude the ushers who provided directions to seating, to our parishioners who made room in the pews and to our greeters, our sacristans, our music ministers, our liturgical ministers, and our servers. 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 you may experience as we adjust. This parish family will bare together the burden of change and look for the blessings contained within. I ask and thank you for 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



"When the heart is full, it cries. And this is not always a sign of weakness; it can be a profound act of humanity. It can even be the extreme form of prayer, when there are no words left."

-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.



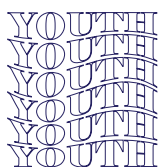
YOUNG WOMEN OR YOUNG MOMS???

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.

FALL CLEANUP DAY:

Keep an eye out for the date and time for the clean-up day. We have some areas that need to be maintained before winter and we could use someone to coordinate. Please contact the Parish Office, 417-326-5596.





Join us **Sunday, November 8, 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

Due to the annual Clergy Institute this week, there will be NO WEEKDAY Masses

Thursday-October 22

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

Saturday-October 24

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

Sunday-October 25

8:30a-8:50a Confessions
9:00a Mass Alicia McRay+
10:15a PSR & OCIA
3:30-6:00p Oktoberfest/McKenna Hall

COME PRAY WITH US!

Did you know we gather 30 minutes before Mass to pray the rosary?

We start praying at
4:00 p.m. on Saturday and
8:30 a.m. on Sunday.
Please consider joining us.



ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate All Saints on Sunday, November 1st, in McKenna Hall, following PSR at 11:30 a.m.

Chili & Desserts are provided.

Please bring your families favorite chili add-on and dress as your favortie saint.

Games, Contests, & Fellowship will be part of the celebration.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Robert Agee
Becky Briggs
Sienna Cortes
JR Fleeman
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 11, 2026

Envelopes:	\$3,040.00
Plate:	422.00
Maintenance:	433.00
World Mission:	3.00
Total:	\$3,898.00



We have quite a stack of egg cartons in the kitchenette.

If you raise chickens, please help yourself to the egg cartons this weekend or they will be getting put in file 13 by next weekend.