

Sacred Heart, Salem, Christ the King, Bunker, St. Jude.

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Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday: 4:45 p.m. - 5:10 p.m. (SH)

Thursday: 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. (CK)

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - 5:20 p.m. (SH)

Sunday: 8:20 a.m. - 8:50 a.m., or by appointment (SH)

Faith Formation

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. Bible Study at SH (Dent Addition)

OUR MISSION

Located in Salem, Missouri Sacred Heart Parish is a Roman Catholic community growing together spiritually with Jesus Christ, sharing the Gospel, studying and teaching the word of God, and caring for people who are in need, to bring forth the Kingdom of God.

Anointing of the sick, homebound visit, hospital visit & house blessing; Contact the pastor at 573-729-4291

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the Pastor.

Sacrament of Matrimony;

Pastor should be contacted at least six months prior to the proposed date of the couple's wedding.

Our Gift to God: Aug. 31 St. Jude: \$495.00.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: Sacred Heart Church:

<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>Collected</u> up to this year \$23,495.01	<u>Amount Needed to meet the Budget</u>
Budget Total	\$148,200.00		\$124,704.99
Weekly Goal	\$2,850.00		
Aug. 31	\$2,251.00		

Holy Mass Schedule for September 8 to September 14

Mon. 8: 8:45 a.m. Lauds, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass +Fr. Peter Morciniec

Wed. 10: 5:15 p.m. Vespers, 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass +Peter Dep Nguyen

Thur. 11: 5:30 p.m. NO Holy Mass (CK)

Fri. 12: 8:45 a.m. NO Holy Mass

Sat. 13: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass

Sun. 14: 8:30 a.m. Rosary, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Sun. 14: 12:15 p.m. Holy Mass (CK)

Lectors: Sat. 13: 5:30 p.m. Tam Nguyen

Sun. 14: 9:00 a.m. Volunteer

Altar Servers: Sat. 13: Minh & Kien Nguyen

Sun. 14: Andrew & Jacob Pipp

Money Counters: Sun. 14: Mark Hudachek & Henry Dahms

Ushers/Greeters: Sat. 13: Conrad & Ann Hake

Sun. 14: Dom & Sue Biunno

Prayer List: Danny Burch, Anna Stump, Bernie Loyd, Joanne Nothaus

Upcoming events:

Birthdays: September 8 Mark Hudachek; 11 Crystal Blanco; 13 Henry Dahms.
May God continue to bless you and keep you in good health.

A SAFE TRAVEL PRAYER FOR FR. JOSE – Fr. Jose will be out of the country from September 12 to October 11 to visit with family and brother priests in his Order in India. Fr. Denis from Madonna House is taking care of the spiritual needs of Sacred Heart and Christ the King while Fr. Jose is out. Thank you, Fr. Denis, for taking care of the pastoral needs in his absence.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – Bishop Rice and all bishops across the U.S. are asking parishioners to participate in a second collection for emergency humanitarian aid for the starving people of Gaza. We will have a special collection on September 6 and 7 to help provide food, shelter, hygiene supplies, etc. through the Catholic Relief Services, which is on site and partnering with the local church entities. Thank you!

Retirement Fund for Religious - On September 13 and 14, there will be a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Donations provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving. Thank you!

ALTAR & ROSARY –The ladies of the Altar & Rosary Society are pre-selling mums in 9-inch pots for \$12 each (5 different colors available). Please see a member and book yours now. The final day to order is Wednesday, September 10. Those who pre-order mums can pick up at the Sacred Heart Church parking lot from 9am to noon on Saturday, September 13. The next A&R meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 14 at 10:30am in the parish office.

LIFE CHAIN – Please mark your calendar to participate in the next Life Chain scheduled for Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 2-3p.m. We will meet in the parking lot at the Crossroads Center and stand along the 4-Way in Salem.

We invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer:
Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to

welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Lk 14:25-33

LET US GROW AS A DISCIPLE: I am particularly struck by this line from Solomon's prayer in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom: "Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?" Solomon doesn't seem to be seeking direct answers to the questions he presents today, but rather, uses them as a sort of poem of praise to honor God in all his glory. In modern language, we could rephrase his questions: What do we know that God has not instilled into our minds? What wisdom do we have that was not infused by the Holy Spirit? There are many things that we cannot understand without the wisdom God gives us. May we, like Solomon, praise and thank God for this gift. Let us trust that where our feeble, corruptible humanity falters, our heavenly Father is our refuge in every age.

LET US GO EVANGELIZE: Today's Gospel is certainly one that we need God's wisdom to understand. This reading always makes me do a double take or a read-over. "What did Jesus just say?!" His words today are stark and can feel disconcerting. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." When I encounter a challenging Scripture such as this one, I try to immediately root myself in concrete truths about the Lord. First, I acknowledge that he is good and desires my good. He is all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving. After centering on those realities, I can look at this Gospel again, but this time through a clearer lens. Ultimately, this Gospel is a piercing reminder of the radical renunciation desired by the Lord. It is a rubric for the narrow road and for sanctity. Jesus does not mince his words, nor does he seek to confuse or confound: to follow Jesus is to release our hearts from earthly attachments, to embrace our cross and to set our lives in proper order. Clear and direct? Certainly. Easy? Not at all. But doing this in union with Jesus? Absolutely possible.

LET US REFLECT: Today, consider reflecting on your attachments – the places you cling to anything that is not Christ. As you go into these tender places, invite Jesus to gently reveal where he wants to grant you his freedom.