

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

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Parish Bulletin: **Third Sunday of Advent Year A Dec. 14, 2025**

Office Hours: Mondays & Thursdays 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Bulletin submissions must be received by 1:00 p.m. on Mondays. Call or email your request to Melanie Ziske at 573-247-5644, or

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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: 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: Sacred Heart Church:

<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>Collected</u>	Amount Needed to Meet the Budget; July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026
Budget Total	\$148,200.00	up to this year	
Weekly Goal	\$2,850.00	\$56,852.01	\$91,347.99
Dec. 7	\$1,948.00		

Holy Mass Schedule for December 15 to December 21

Mon. 15: 8:45 a.m. Lauds, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass Intentions of Brent & Maura Buchheit

Wed. 17: 5:15 p.m. Vespers, 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass +Peter Dep Nguyen

Thur. 18: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass (CK)

Fri. 19: 8:45 a.m. Lauds, 9:00 am Holy Mass Intentions of Greg & Shauna Rupp

Sat. 20: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass +Teresa Nguyen

Sun. 21: 8:30 a.m. Rosary, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass +Warren DuBois

Sun. 21: 4:30 p.m. Advent Penance at Sacred Heart Church

Sun. 21: 12:15 p.m. Holy Mass (CK)

Lectors: Sat. 20: 5:30 p.m. Sally Haines

Sun. 21: 9:00 a.m. Rebecca Leitman

Altar Servers: Sat. 20: Minh & Kien Nguyen

Sun. 21: Justin Duncan & Volunteer

Money Counters: Sun. 21: Jeannie West & Connie Wohlrab

Ushers/Greeters: Sat. 20: Ed & Barbara Pratt

Sun. 21: Mark & Mary Hudachek

Prayer List: Barb Wickam, Pat Happel, Danny Burch, Anna Stump, Bernie Loyd, and Joanne Nothaus

Upcoming events:

Birthday's this week: December 20 Maggie Gresham. May God continue to bless you and keep you in good health.

GIVE THANKS THROUGH YEAR-END STEWARDSHIP - As we approach the end of the year 2025, we pause to give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received as a parish community. This season invites us to reflect with gratitude and to consider how we can continue supporting the life and mission of our parish.

As your pastor, I warmly invite you to prayerfully remember our parish in your year-end charitable giving. Your generosity allows us to continue serving the spiritual, sacramental, and charitable needs of our community.

Ways to Make a Year-End Gift:

- Contributions may be made at the parish office, or through the Sunday offertory collection.
- Please ensure that all checks are dated and postmarked by December 31 in order to receive tax-year credit.

Every gift—no matter the size—makes a meaningful difference.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your faithful commitment to our parish. Be assured of my prayers for you at Holy Mass. As we celebrate Christmas, may we continue to live each day in the spirit of Emmanuel, treasuring the gift of God-with-us.

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

Advent Penance Service – Sunday, Dec. 21 at 4:30 p.m. at SH

Christmas Eve Holy Mass – Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at SH

Christmas Day Holy Mass – Thursday, Dec. 25 at 9:00 a.m. at SH

Christmas Day Holy Mass – Thursday, Dec. 25 at 12:15 p.m. at CK

Christmas Flower Memorials - Christmas memorial envelopes are available in the pews. If you would like to remember your loved ones this Christmas season, please give a donation for a poinsettia and list the name of your loved one to remember on the envelope, then place in the collection basket by this Sunday, December 14.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – We will be decorating the church after the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass on **December 21**. Your help would be appreciated.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 35:1-6a, 10 | Jas 5:7-10 | Mt 11:2-11

LET US GROW AS A DISCIPLE: One morning, I woke up feeling exhausted after a fitful night of sleep. I was achy and generally under the weather. Despite this, I made a to-do list because the day's work still needed to be accomplished. I was determined to not let this sickness interrupt my productivity, even though I knew I needed to rest. It occurred to me, then, that rest – and dependence on others and God – is sacred also. In today's psalm, we hear of the many ways the Lord provides: The Lord gives, the Lord raises, the Lord loves, the Lord protects, the Lord saves. We cannot accomplish our own salvation, but we can rest in the promise the Lord provides, and we can hope in the salvation offered in Christ. As we wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, let us find time to rest in his Word and his presence, trusting that our salvation does not depend on us and has already come to fruition in Christ.

LET US GO EVANGELIZE: As we saw in our psalm, God is the one who takes initiative, who provides for our salvation. In our work to share the faith with others, sometimes our task is simply to help others become aware of the ways God is providing for them by pointing out the signs of his action in their lives. When the disciples of John came to Jesus asking if he was “the one who is to come” or whether they should “look for another,” Jesus reminds them of the evidence all around them: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. As we help others to see God's work in their lives, we are also leading them to greater faith and trust in him.

LET US REFLECT: We are more able to see the signs of God's providence in our lives when we take time to reflect. Make time to rest in God's presence this week. This could mean stopping into a chapel for a couple minutes reflecting on Scripture using Lectio Divina, or reading the story of Christ's nativity in the Gospel. These simple practices will prepare our hearts to recognize Christ's presence and goodness at each moment of our lives.