

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: 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	\$96,518.01	\$51,681.99
Feb. 15	\$5,009.00		

Holy Mass Schedule for February 23 to March 1:

Mon. 23: 8:45 a.m. Lauds, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Wed. 25: 5:45 p.m. Vespers, 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass +Teresa Nguyen

Thur. 26: 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass (CK)

Fri. 27: 8:45 a.m. Lauds, 9:00am Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross +Ann Greeley

Sat. 28: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass +Peter Dep Nguyen

Sun. 1: 8:30 a.m. Rosary, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Sun. 1: 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass (CK)

Lectors: Sat. 28: 5:30 p.m. Julie Salyer

Sun. 1: 9:00 a.m. Karrie Franklin

Altar Servers: Sat. 28: Minh & Kien Nguyen

Sun. 1: Andrew & Lucas Harris

Money Counters: Sun. 1: Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters: Sat. 28: Frank Deken

Sun. 1: Henry & Rose Dahms

Prayer List: Barb Wickam, Danny Burch, Bernie Loyd, Joanne Nothaus

Upcoming events:

Birthday's this week: February 25 Daniel Bisby; 26 Everette Campbell; 27 Vivian Maurer; 28 Frederico Blanco. May God continue to bless you and keep you in good health.

Book Club Gathering – All ladies of the parish are invited to attend a discussion about the 30 Day Eucharistic Revival Book (that was a gift from the Altar & Rosary Society). We will meet at Julie Salyer's house on February 23 at 6:00 p.m. and will plan to share thoughts related to the first 5 Days of the book. To help us plan, please RSVP to Melanie Ziske.

Knights of Columbus Fish Frys – The Knights will have a Lenten fish fry from 5-7p.m. on February 27 in our parish hall. There is a cost, and dine-in or take-out is available. The Knights would appreciate donations of desserts, along with volunteer help. Thank you!

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PRAYER - Merciful God, we embark on our journey of renewal through difficult and uncertain times; times of division and strife, and for many suffering and discouragement. But our journey is with your son, Jesus, who bore his cross and suffered in ways we cannot imagine. We journey with Jesus toward the great paschal feast of Easter, where we have the grace to experience the true joy of Resurrection. Teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others. Give us the strength to bear witness to your son at all times, even during these times of stress and adversity. And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate our unity with him and each other. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

LET US GROW AS A DISCIPLE: Although we're at the very beginning of Lent, today's first reading from Genesis prepares us for words we will hear on the night of the Easter Vigil: "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!" (Exsultet) O truly necessary sin?! O happy fault?! What could these words actually mean? I think the Exsultet is drawing us to see that sin is not the end of the story. In the mysterious working of grace, being in a state of needing God's forgiveness (sin) opens us up to the possibility of experiencing and receiving his endless love and mercy. As we take on practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, may we not grow discouraged when we inevitably fall short, but may we recognize that our very weakness presents us with an opportunity to rejoice in his merciful love.

LET US GO EVANGELIZE: At the heart of evangelization is announcing the good news that our sin doesn't have the last word. St. Paul puts it this way: While death came through Adam's sin, "the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many." While sin certainly wreaks havoc by bringing suffering and death into our world, the conviction of the Church is that the restoration God brings about through the death and resurrection of Jesus elevates humanity to a state far better than what we lost in the fall. What might it look like to witness to this great hope we have in Jesus in our own lives? How can we offer encouragement to those who feel they have fallen too far from grace that God's mercy is far more powerful than any transgression they may have committed?

LET US REFLECT: Throughout the Gospels, we hear story after story of sinners ending up closer to God than those who think themselves to be perfectly obedient (The Prodigal Son [Lk 15:11-32]; the Pharisee and the Tax Collector [Lk 18:9-14]). Keep in mind that holiness isn't found in perfect adherence to Lenten practices, but by humbling yourself to recognize the God who loves you even when you fall.