

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

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Parish Bulletin: Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A–Sept. 13, 2026

Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 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)

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

St. Jude Chapel: \$455.00

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: Sacred Heart Church:

<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>Collected</u> up to this year	Amount Needed to Meet the Budget; July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027
Budget Total	\$153,400.00		\$119,656.80
Weekly Goal	\$2,950.00		
September 6	\$5,436.00		

Holy Mass Schedule for September 15-September 20:

Tues. 15: 8:45 a.m. Lauds, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass +Joseph Tran

Wed. 16: 5:15 p.m. Vespers, 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass +Peter Dep Nguyen

Thur. 17: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass (CK)

Fri. 18: 8:45 a.m. Lauds, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (Intentions of Glenyl Leathers)

Sat. 19: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass +Teresa Nguyen

Sun. 20: 8:30 a.m. Rosary, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass +Vicki Adamick

Sun. 20: 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass (CK)

Lectors: Sat. 19: 5:30 p.m. Julie Salyer

Sun. 20: 9:00 a.m. Rebecca Leitman

Altar Servers: Sat. 19: Kien Nguyen

Sun. 20: Justin Duncan & Andrew Harris

Money Counters: Sun. 20: Linda Bond & Connie Wohlrab

Ushers/Greeters: Sat. 19: Pat Happel & Angela Parker

Sun. 20: Henry & Rose Dahms

Prayer List: Bernie Loyd, Joanne Nothaus

Upcoming Events:

Birthdays this week: September 15 Brenda Parks. May God continue to bless you and keep you in good health.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT – The parish annual financial statement for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 is available and is posted on the bulletin board near the front entrance to the church. You are welcome to review it, and if you have any questions, please call the parish office.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: We will have a special collection on Sept. 19-20 for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This Retirement Fund assists thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests with health care, housing, and daily needs. Kindly consider giving next week through the parish collection.

ALTAR & ROSARY – NOTE NEW MEETING DATE: The next A&R meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, Sept. 22** at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Food and beverages will be catered. Please bring someone new to learn about our A&R Society organization. We would appreciate that you RSVP to Julie Salyer or Melanie Ziske by Sept. 20 to help with the number count to plan the meal.

**What makes me happy?
(Discovering God as the Source)**

****YOU'RE INVITED to Catechism Meeting!****

3rd Sunday – September 20 10:30 AM

Basement Classroom

The meeting will conclude with a visit to Jesus in the tabernacle.
Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

RESPECT LIFE CHAIN – October is Respect Life month. Please mark your calendar to participate in the Life Chain on Sunday, **October 4** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Those attending will meet in the parking lot of the Crossroads Center, near the 4-way stop light in Salem. You may consider bringing a lawn chair.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

LET US GROW AS A DISCIPLE: It strikes me that the real issue in the Gospel is that the first man whose debt the king forgives fails to see that his fellow servant who owes him a smaller debt is just like himself. “Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?” Sirach asks. I think we sometimes languish in unforgiveness because we think of others’ wrongful actions as being somehow worse than ours. As a result, we hold others to a higher standard, while expecting people to easily excuse our failings. Perhaps the first step toward the radical forgiveness that Jesus calls us to in today’s Gospel is to foster compassion for our fellow human beings. When we are wronged, it may be helpful to remind ourselves of the classic phrase, “There but for the grace of God, go I.” When we recognize that those who wrong us have the same struggles as our own, we are more likely to extend the same mercy we wish to be offered to us.

LET US GO EVANGELIZE: After the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Ağca in 1981, the future saint forgave his would-be assassin from his hospital bed, only four days after the shooting that nearly took his life. Later, the pope went to visit Ağca in prison, and the two spoke for more than 20 minutes. Since that time, John Paul’s example has stood as a witness to the power of God at work in us; the strength to forgive, it is clear, comes not from ourselves, but from the Lord. Our willingness to receive God’s grace and to extend forgiveness to others offers a powerful witness to the goodness of God, who is “kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.”

LET US REFLECT: Radical forgiveness is a challenging spiritual practice; it is not easy! To forgive as Christ calls us to requires that we cultivate an interior disposition of humility and compassion. This ancient prayer from St. Ephrem can help to open our hearts to overcome anger or judgment toward those who have wronged us: Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.