

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

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Parish Bulletin: Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A–Sept. 27, 2026

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

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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

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		
Weekly Goal	\$2,950.00	\$39,056.20	\$114,343.80
September 20	\$3,316.00		

Holy Mass Schedule for September 29-October 4:

Tues. 29: 8:45 a.m. Lauds, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass +Maria Lam

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

Thur. 1: 5:30 p.m. NO Holy Mass (CK)

Fri. 2: 8:45 a.m. Lauds, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass, Adoration +Teresa Nguyen

Fri. 2: 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Holy Mass (CK)

Sat. 3: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass +Teresa Nguyen

Sun. 4: 8:30 a.m. Rosary, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (Intentions of Felicia Franklin)

Sun. 4: 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass (CK)

Lectors: Sat. 3: 5:30 p.m. Thom Haines

Sun. 4: 9:00 a.m. Anthony Pipp

Altar Servers: Sat. 3: Kien Nguyen

Sun. 4: Andrew & Jacob Pipp

Money Counters: Sun. 4: Jeannie West & Volunteer

Ushers/Greeters: Sat. 3: Thom Haines

Sun. 4: Volunteers

Prayer List: Dominic Biunno, Joeanne Nothaus

Birthdays this week: September 29 Glenyl Leathers; 30 Shelia Adamick and Brenda Rocoberto. May God continue to bless you and keep you in good health.

Congratulations, Darrel Frits! We warmly congratulate you on being fully initiated into the Catholic Church during Holy Mass on Saturday, September 19. This is a beautiful and joyful moment in your journey of faith. May the Lord continue to guide and strengthen you as you grow in your relationship with Christ and **Congratulations, Darrel! May God continue to bless you always!**

THANK YOU to Richard Baker for fixing the church entrance door with new parts!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY – The next chicken dinner is planned for Friday, October 2 from 4pm to 7pm in the parish hall. We would appreciate your help and a dessert to share. Thank you!

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.

PRAYER FOR UPHOLDING THE DIGNITY OF LIFE

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Missouri from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

LET US GO EVANGELIZE: Ask any long-time educator, and they'll tell you we often learn more from our mistakes than from doing it perfectly from the start. Today's Gospel also seems to send the same message: Jesus tells us that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before the chief priests and elders. Perhaps this is because they – having lived a sinful life – know firsthand the emptiness of not following God's ways. Having gotten it wrong, they now earnestly seek what is right. The mystic Julian of Norwich writes, "First the fall, and then the recovery from the fall, and both are the mercy of God." Even in our wanderings, God is at work, drawing us to return to him. Ezekiel tells us that when we respond to that grace and turn from the wickedness we have committed, doing what is right and just, we will surely not die, but receive the gift of eternal life from the God who is Mercy itself.

LET US REFLECT: Speaking to the Christian community at Philippi, St. Paul reminds them to have "the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." The previous lines offer a glimpse of what that attitude entails: encouragement, love, compassion, mercy, unity, humility, regarding others as more important than ourselves. These attitudes should shape our way of relating to those whom we are trying to evangelize. Rather than judging them or thinking of ourselves as more important, we are called to serve them with humility, offering them our encouragement to seek the Lord who loves them so much that he gave his life for them.

LET US PRAY: Today's Gospel includes the story of a son who initially says no to his father's request but then changes his mind and does it. The Gospel ends with a line about how the chief priests and elders did not change their minds even when they saw tax collectors and prostitutes responding to John's call to repentance. Indeed, the Greek word for conversion is *metanoia*, which has been defined as "a change of mind that leads to a change in action." Take some time today to do an examination of conscience, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of thinking that need conversion and change. What might the Holy Spirit want to change your mind about this day?