

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

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Parish Bulletin: Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time Year A–Oct. 4, 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

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	\$47,207.20	\$106,192.80
September 27	\$8,151.00		

Holy Mass Schedule for October 6-October 11:

Tues. 6: 8:45 a.m. Lauds, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (Intentions of Dea Sasso)

Wed. 7: 5:15 p.m. Vespers, 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass +Peter Dep Nguyen

Thur. 8: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass (CK)

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

Sat. 10: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass +Teresa Nguyen

Sun. 11: 8:30 a.m. Rosary, 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass +Thomas Kurland

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

Lectors: Sat. 10: 5:30 p.m. Tam Nguyen

Sun. 11: 9:00 a.m. Karrie Franklin

Altar Servers: Sat. 10: Kien Nguyen

Sun. 11: Andrew & Lucas Harris

Money Counters: Sun. 11: Mark Hudachek & Henry Dahms

Ushers/Greeters: Sat. 10: Ed & Barbara Pratt

Sun. 11: Mark & Mary Hudachek

Prayer List: Dominic Biunno, Joeanne Nothaus

Birthdays this week: October 4 Mary Dwyer; 7 Marabeth Kuhn; 8 Kathy Crocker. May God continue to bless you and keep you in good health.

Anniversary this week: October 7 Peter and Sally Hovey. May God continue to bless you as you grow in God's love.

RESPECT LIFE CHAIN – A Life Chain is planned for this 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.

ALTAR & ROSARY: The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7. The entire month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary to encourage prayer for peace and protection of the Church. Stop by the table in the church hallway outside the sanctuary to sign up to pray the Holy Rosary everyday during the month of October.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – The next pastoral council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – We will celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 17-18. This year's theme is, *One in Christ, United in Mission*, chosen by Pope Leo XIV. This year is the 100th anniversary of Pope Pius XI's creation of World Mission Sunday to help Catholics across the globe unite in prayer for the missions and encourage offerings for the missions.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

LET US GO EVANGELIZE: I enjoy thinking about what it would have been like to hear Jesus' teachings as a first-century Jew. When Jesus calls out the current tenants of the vineyard as being unfaithful, disobedient servants, however, it may have left the crowd feeling a bit anxious. And really, Jesus could say this to each of us at times because, like the wild grapes in the vineyard, when left to our own devices we also have a tendency to fall into sin and produce unsavory fruit. But we also know that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he wants our lives in his vineyard to be characterized by that peace. Christ is not condemning, but he is the Son sent to call the tenants back into communion with the Father. He does the same with us too. In acts of great mercy, Christ continues to call us again and again – even after we reject him and turn away from him. Through the Church, the sacraments, the intercession of the saints, and the holy men and women who proclaim the Gospel today, God continues to seek us out so we might know the peace of fruitful service in his vineyard.

LET US REFLECT: Christ longs to give us peace that surpasses all of our fears and anxieties, and he does so by inviting us to be good stewards of his created world and the community of believers. He invites us to work in the vineyard – to offer our gifts and talents to bring forth the fruits of love and joy that overflow from the work of the Holy Spirit within us. We do so with the assurance that salvation is not dependent on us. Our Father has sown the seeds and has prepared the vineyard; we are simply called to reap and preserve what he has brought into being. And so we trust in the overwhelming mercy of God and humbly accept the love and communion that we do not deserve.

LET US PRAY: Just as the landowner sent messengers to the tenants of the vineyard, God sends people to us to proclaim the Gospel. Who are those people in your life who are calling you to a deeper relationship with God? How can you open your heart to hear the message of love and peace that they are proclaiming?