

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026



Our Lady of the Lake Mission Statement

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Lake, united in baptism and empowered by the Spirit, endeavor to live our commitment to proclaim God's love by: being a welcoming parish community; worshipping, working and celebrating together; serving the spiritual and material needs of all; spreading the Gospel through personal witness; inviting each parishioner to active participation in our parish life and in surrounding communities; and, through our unique call, welcoming our many visitors.

We share our gifts and ourselves in the name of Jesus. †



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4 - July 10

Events

SATURDAY July 4

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00-4:30pm - Confessional



SUNDAY July 5

No Events today

MONDAY July 6

No Events today

TUESDAY July 7

No Events today

WEDNESDAY July 8

Stitchers

9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room

THURSDAY July 9

OLL Game Day

1:00pm-3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

Music Practice

5:15-6:45pm - Music Room

Spiritual Companionship

6:30-8:30pm - St. Ignatius Room

FRIDAY July 10

Spanish Charismatic Group

6:00-9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY July 11

Welcome Women Meeting

9:00-11:00am - Faith Formation Room

Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

Resumes July 14th

THURSDAY

Resumes July 16th

Important Links

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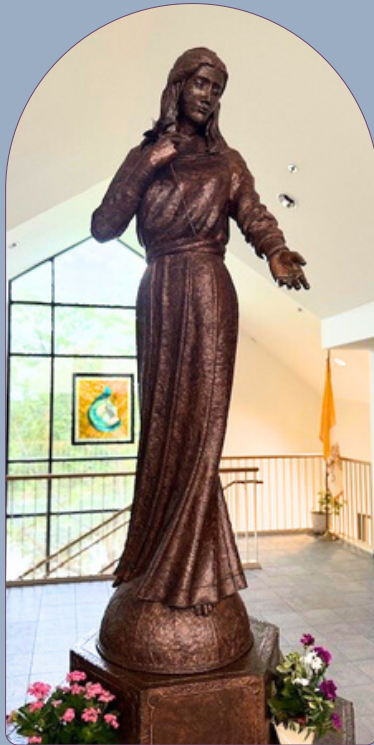
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MASS INTENTIONS](#)

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FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

*Flower Intentions
available for July & August*

Mass Intentions

Sat.	7/4	5:00pm	Hope Rock (L)
Sat.	7/4	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (L)
Sun.	7/5	8:00am	Robert and Dorothy Chapman and family (Living & Deceased)
Sun.	7/5	10:30am	Audrey Maiocchi †
Mon.	7/6	9:00am	Phoebe Garret (L)
Tue.	7/7	9:00am	Steve Rock (L)
Wed.	7/8	5:30pm	Luke Ackerman (L)
Thur.	7/9	9:00am	Crystal Rock (L)



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DAILY MASS READINGS**](#)

**FOLLOW US
ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



**Collection through
June 30, 2026**

Envelopes:	\$45,493.50
Plate:	5,000.00
Green Envelopes:	\$18,145.81
Total:	\$86,639.31



Donate Today!

Click on the link below

[Diocesan Development Fund](#)

Or Scan the QR code

To date, our parish has
143 donors who have pledged
\$69,170 toward our goal of having
204 donors and our goal
amount of **\$83,921**
Thank you!

*If you have not yet made your pledge,
please add your gift, whatever the
amount, in unity with those
who have already given.*

*The diocese and Church in southern
Missouri needs your participation.*

*Please complete and return
your DDF pledge envelope
next Sunday, if you were not
able to do so today.*

***This week, there are no updates because
of the holiday printing schedule.**

GOD

BLESS & KEEP OUR NATION

***"O God, Lord of history and of every nation
under heaven, we give You thanks for the 250
years since the founding of these United
States.***

***Look with favor upon this land which we love.
Grant that its people may be guided by truth
and charity. Bless all who serve in elected
office. May they govern with integrity and
humility.***

***Strengthen families, renew communities, and
heal every division that weakens our life
together.***

***We ask especially through the intercession of
Mary Immaculate, patroness of these United
States, that this nation may remain a land
where human dignity is honored, where the
weak are protected, and where hope is never
extinguished.***

Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

A Brief History of the Catholic Church in America - Celebrating Our Nation's 250th Anniversary

When we hear 'Church history' we tend to think about the early Church, the Milam Edict, the Crusades, the Reformation, etc. We often overlook that the Catholic Church has been present on this land far longer than the United States itself, quietly shaping communities, caring for the vulnerable, and forming the moral imagination of generations. The following provides a lookback at U.S. Catholic history.

Before the Founding (1500s–1700s)

Catholic missionaries were among the first Christians to set foot in North America. Spanish Franciscans and Jesuits established missions from Florida to California. French Jesuits evangelized the Great Lakes and Mississippi River regions, often at great personal cost. The first permanent Catholic parish in what would become the United States was founded in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1565, over two centuries before the Declaration of Independence.

The Founding Era (1776–1850)

At the time of the Revolution, Catholics were less than 1% of the population and often faced suspicion or legal restrictions. Yet religious liberty allowed the Church to grow. In 1789, the same year the Constitution took effect, Pope Pius VI appointed Fr. John Carroll the first Catholic bishop in the United States, with Baltimore as the seat of the first diocese. Catholic schools, charities, and religious orders flourished, including the pioneering work of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who helped shape American Catholic education.

Immigration and Expansion (1850–1950)

Waves of immigrants from Ireland, Germany, Italy, Poland, and later Latin America and Asia transformed the Church into one of the nation's largest faith communities. Parishes became centers of community life where newcomers learned English, found work, and preserved their faith. Catholic sisters built hospitals, orphanages, and schools, becoming one of the largest providers of social services in American history. This era also produced heroic Black Catholic leaders such as Venerable Augustus Tolton, the first priest openly recognized as Black in America.

The Church in the Ozarks (1920s–Today)

As Catholic life expanded into rural America, the Ozarks became home to new communities of faith.

- Our Lady of the Lake in Branson began as a mission church in 1922 serving settlers, railroad workers, and homesteaders with a permanent church being dedicated in 1936, long before Branson's modern growth.
- Our Lady of the Cove in Kimberling City, established in 1960, arose alongside Table Rock Lake and quickly became a welcoming home for residents and visitors alike.
- Our Lady of the Ozarks in Forsyth, founded in 1964, grew from the determination of local families seeking a Catholic presence in eastern Taney County and remains a warm, prayerful community today.

Together, these three parishes embody the American Catholic tradition of anchoring, uplifting, and evangelizing their local regions.

From frontier missions to the parishes of the Table Rock Lake area, the Catholic Church has walked with America through every chapter of its history. As we celebrate 250 years, we give thanks for the faith that has sustained generations and renew our call to serve, heal, teach, and bring Christ's love to our corner of the Ozarks.



Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

AUGUST 15, 2026

Want to attend but don't want to drive?

**Our Lady of the Lake
will be taking a chartered bus
to West Plains.**



**NO COST
TO RIDE**

**DEPART FROM OLL
SAT. AUG. 15TH AT 6:00AM**

HOWEVER...

You will need to register & pay to attend the Congress.

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JULY 31
(unless all seats are filled before then)

Cost to Attend the Congress

There is a registration fee of
\$10 per person or
\$25 maximum per family
(parents with minor-age children).

The registration fee includes:

- all Congress activities
- speakers
- materials
- and a lunch meal

TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CONGRESS

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - DioSCG



Scan QR CODE
(Congress)

TO RESERVE A BUS SEAT(S)

Eucharistic Congress Bus reservation | Flocknote



Scan QR code
to reserve bus seat(s)



THE LORD'S TABLE IS SET... & YOU'RE INVITED

This invitation is for everyone.

This guide lays out monthly themes & practical suggestions to help you build lasting habits & to focus on placing God back at the center of your life.



JULY

AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

Celebrate with family & friends

ATTEND MASS AS A FAMILY

**Attend Mass every Sunday this month
Say a prayer for our "sister" parish Sacred Heart in Poplar Bluff**

SCREEN FREE SUNDAY

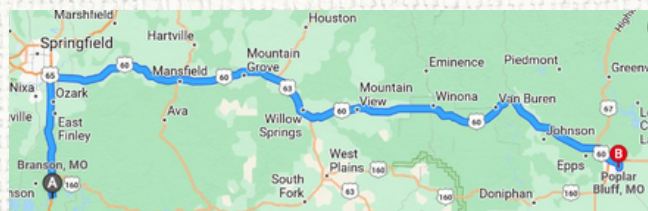
**Take a break from digital screens –
spend the day at the lake or take a walk**

70TH ANNIVERSARY PARISH PARTNER PAIRINGS

As a way of uniting our parishes during the preparation period,
Bishop Rice randomly drew parish names from baskets to select and form parish partner relationships.
Our Lady of the Lake's partner parish is Sacred Heart Parish in Poplar Bluff, MO

Sacred Heart Parish

*Sacred Heart Parish of Poplar Bluff, Missouri has been serving the spiritual needs of its people for more than 125 years.
Currently, their priest is Fr. Allen Kirchner.*



It's about a 3 ½ hour drive from Branson

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT SACRED HEART.....Missionary priests came to Poplar Bluff to care for the needs of Catholics as early as 1875. Sent by St. Louis Archbishop Peter Kenrick, the growth of the Catholic community brought approval for a church to be built and dedicated to the Sacred Heart in 1876.

From 1876 until 1885, priests from Arcadia and Doniphan ministered in Poplar Bluff. Fr. Theodore Schmitt was appointed pastor in 1885. Fr. Pius Preiser who, in 1891, began the building of a new and larger wooden church, succeeded him in 1887. As was the custom, the school, staffed by Ursuline Sisters, had been built before the church. It was a two-story building. The downstairs floor, an auditorium, was used for church services until the new church was completed.

Fr. Daniel J. Daly was assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in 1940. By April 1942, the current building was dedicated by Archbishop John Glennon. The church, with its beautiful stained-glass windows, was built at a cost of \$60,000. Fr. Daly also established four mission churches in surrounding towns, some of which now have parish status. A new school was built in 1961. A parish center was completed in 1986. Land has been purchased to enlarge the cemetery and surround it with a beautiful fence. Burials date back to the 1860s, thus making the cemetery older than the parish.

(<https://dioscg.org/about/find-a-church/sacred-heart-parish-poplar-bluff-mo/>)

We invite you to join us in prayerfully supporting our "sister" parish, Sacred Heart, as they prepare for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on August 15th.



Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

AUGUST 15, 2026

WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

**REGISTRATION
CLOSES
ON JULY 31**

**UNLESS ALL SEATS ARE
FILLED BEFORE THEN**



JOIN US IN PRAYING, LEARNING & CELEBRATING
at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress



DIocese of SPRINGFIELD-
CAPE GIRARDEAU

70
YEARS
1956-2026



Visit WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS or scan the QR CODE
for more resources, including suggestions for the Year of Spiritual Preparation, and updates to the Congress!

REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

It's that time of the year again.

Beginning **July 1, 2026** the NEW 2026-2027 Code of Conduct will be made available.

**EVERYONE THAT WORKS OR VOLUNTEERS* AT THE PARISH
NEEDS TO READ AND COMPLETE THE FORM (ANNUALLY)**

**(which include the following ministries)*

Knight of Columbus
Welcome Women
Ushers
Help Desk

Parish Office Volunteers
Sacristans
OCIA
Hospitality
Young Adult

Hispanic
Homebound
Gift Shop Volunteers
Funeral Ministry
PSR

Safety & Security
Music Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Bible Study Leaders
Lectors

The Code of Conduct can be accessed through the diocesan webpage:

<https://dioscrg.org/child-youth-protection/>

- Scroll down - towards the bottom of the page there's a **RESOURCES SECTION**
- Select the Prevention and Protection tab. The documents may be found there.

OR

- Click here to access the form

***The Code of Conduct is to be read, signed, and submitted to the local
Safe Environment Coordinator at the parish - Nickie Rivera***

For NEW volunteers

- To begin the process, an account must first be created in VIRTUS.
[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/\(Online account\)](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/(Online account))
For Organization Select: Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO (Diocese)
- There the Background Screening Application will be prompted and is now completed online through their VIRTUS account.
- The training, which includes "Protecting God's Children" and "Mandated and Ethical Reporting", are accessible through their VIRTUS account and are also completed online.

If you need assistance, please contact

Nickie Rivera

Please call, text, or email

417-251-1819 Cell

NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

Director of Formation

Any questions may be directed to the
Associate Safe Environment Coordinator,
Shelly Ferry, sferry@dioscrg.org or
the Director of Child and Youth Protection,
Bill Holtmeyer, billholtmeyer@dioscrg.org
or at The Catholic Center, (417) 866-0841.

*Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of creating a safe environment
for all to worship, learn, and grow in their faith.*

ALL ARE INVITED

TO JOIN A 5 WEEK SERIES "33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY"

**Which prepares individuals to make a prayer of
consecration to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist
(dedicating oneself to the worship and service of Jesus Christ).**

**Participants will be reading daily excerpts
(2-4 pages in length) from the book,
33 Days to Eucharistic Glory
by Matthew Kelly at home.**



**Participants are also invited
to join a small discussion group (optional)
which will be meeting on
Sunday mornings at 9:15-10:15AM
July 12, 19, 26 and August 2 & 9
in the Faith Formation Room
(in the lower level of the church)**

Upon completion of reading this book,
participants are invited to make the prayer of consecration.
This summer, those attending the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on
August 15 will be making a prayer of consecration to Jesus in the Holy
Eucharist at the closing Mass.

Others not attending the Congress are invited to make their prayer of
consecration during or after Sunday Mass on August 16 at their local parish.

If you are interested in ordering the book and/or
participating in the Sunday small group discussions,
please sign up online using this link:

<https://forms.gle/2e2Vrhbw2dd9C4TCM7>

ATTENTION

PLEASE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NO SATURDAY MASSES ON AUGUST 15, 2026

**Our Lady of the Lake
will celebrate
a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
on the evening of Fri., Aug. 14th
Mass Time: To Be Announced Soon**

**THE DIOCESAN
ECHARISTIC CONGRESS
IS TAKING PLACE
AUGUST 15, 2026**

**A SUNDAY EVENING MASS
WILL BE ADDED ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH
TIME: TBA**



How Sweet the Sound Retreat

**A lyrical reflection on
"Amazing Grace"**

Wednesday, July 29th

6:30pm to 8:30pm

**Our Lady of the Lake
(In the Church)**

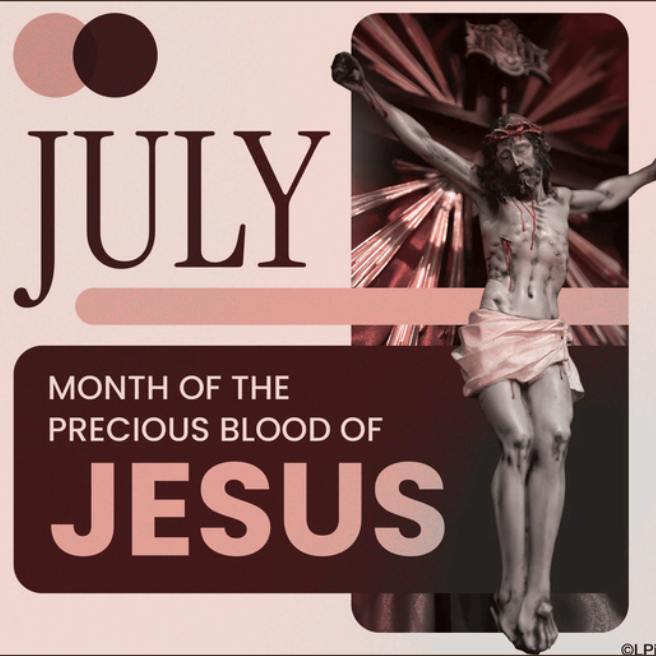
**Explore the text and reflect
on each verse of this piece
by Sarah Hart.**

**Let its message touch our hearts
and draw us closer to God.**

(All materials will be provided)

***Presented by
Dorene Oesterreicher***

ALL ARE WELCOME



***If you have any questions regarding
PSR (Parish School of Religion),
Sacraments, or Quinceañeras.***

**Please call, text, or email
Nickie
Director of Formation**

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STATE-WIDE PRAYER CAMPAIGN



Join the Missouri Bishops in
"Vote Yes to Amendment 3"
to safeguard Women's Health
and Child Safety.



www.dioscg.org/respect-life



worldwide

marriage encounter

Renew, Refresh, and Reignite Your Marriage

*If your calendar tells the story of
your life, what does it say about
the importance of your marriage?*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

Plan a weekend getaway with
your beloved spouse to renew
your sacrament, deepen your
communication,
strengthen your relationship,
and rekindle your romance.

Attend a Worldwide Marriage
Encounter Experience
July 31-Aug. 2
Drury Plaza Hotel
and Conference Center,
Cape Girardeau

For information
& to register, visit:
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CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

HELP CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS IN SPRINGFIELD

Help the Catholic Campus Ministry, O'Reilly Catholic Student Center prepare for the upcoming school year by donating any of the items listed. Drop off donations Monday-Thursday mornings, or Sundays at CCM, 847 S. Holland Ave., Springfield. Thank you in advance for your continued dedication and support!



ITEMS NEEDED:

- ✓ Trash Bags (55/13/4 gallon)
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Toilet Paper
- ✓ Solo Cups
- ✓ Individually Packaged Snack Items
- ✓ Gift cards or Monetary Donations



catholic campus —
DRURY - MSU - OTC ministry
at the O'Reilly Catholic Student Center

Our Contact
(417) 865-0802



More Information
www.ccm847.org

Please join Bishop Rice and area clergy in celebrating the Mass of ORDINATION to the SACRED ORDER OF THE DIACONATE



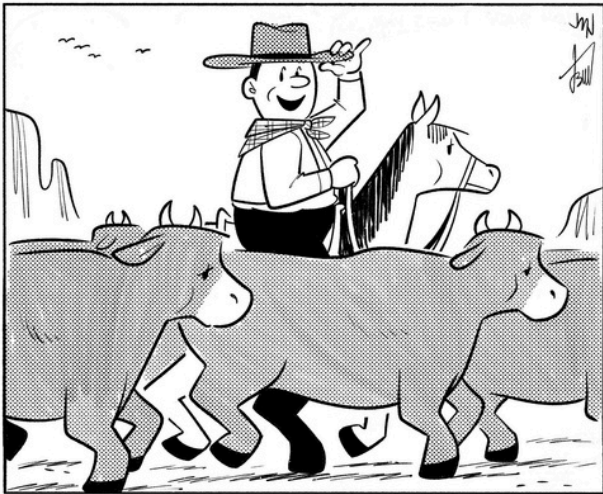
(Front) **Howard Mohn**, Holy Trinity Parish, Marshfield; **James Haston**, St. Lawrence Parish, Monett;
Steven Reddin, Sacred Heart Parish, Webb City; (back) **Kevin Haverly**, SS Peter & Paul Parish,
Pulaskifield; and **Mike Wilson**, Sacred Heart Parish, Webb City.

Saturday, JULY 25TH | 10:30 AM



St. Mary Catholic Church, Joplin

Lunch reception to follow. Please RSVP by July 17 to
selbert@stmarysparishjoplin.com or call (417) 623-3333,
so that the PCCW may adequately plan for the meal.



the FATHFUL FUNNIES

"I'm a ROAMIN' Catholic."



The term "Roman Catholic" distinguishes one rite of Catholicism from other rites, like the Maronite Church or the Coptic Church. Roman or Latin Rite Catholics make up the largest group of Catholics.

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LAND *of the* FREE
HOME *of the* BRAVE
est. 1776

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the term for an uninterrupted hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament?

Answer: A Holy Hour

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GOD *Bless* AMERICA

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I'M NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE LAW OF GRAVITY ANY MORE.

WAIT A MINUTE. YOU CAN'T JUST OPT OUT OF GRAVITY.

VERY GOOD. NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

SYNDERWEBB!
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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS CAME TO RULE THE WORLD, BUT HE CAME WITHOUT WEAPONS OR AN ARMY, RIGHT?

RIGHT.

PRETTY SNEAKY...!

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HIS EXCELLENCY
MOST REVEREND EDWARD M. RICE
By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

DECREE

Regarding the First Diocesan Eucharistic Congress,
the Celebration of the Solemn Pontifical Mass, and the Modification of Parish Mass Schedules on
August 14–16, 2026

Whereas, the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau celebrates the 70th Anniversary of its canonical erection as a Diocese, having been established by Pope Pius XII on August 24, 1956;

Whereas the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau will celebrate its First Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in West Plains, Missouri, on Saturday, August 15, 2026, as a principal observance of this jubilee year and as a sacred occasion of worship, renewal, and unity centered on the Most Holy Eucharist;

Whereas, the Eucharistic Congress is intended to gather the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Diocese as one diocesan community around the altar of the Lord, manifesting the communion of the Church and our common faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament;

Whereas, after consultation with the Vicar General and the Presbyteral Council, it has been judged pastorally beneficial to encourage the fullest possible participation of the clergy and faithful in this diocesan celebration;

Whereas, the celebration of a Pontifical Mass presided over by the Diocesan Bishop, together with the priests, deacons, religious, and faithful of the Diocese, and the participation of the clergy in the Eucharistic Congress and this solemn diocesan liturgy, will visibly manifest the unity of the local Church gathered around its shepherd, express the communion of the presbyterate with the Bishop, and strengthen the unity of the entire diocesan community nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ;

Whereas, although the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation in the Year of Our Lord 2026, it remains a feast of great significance for the faithful, and it is therefore pastorally beneficial to provide for the celebration of a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity throughout the Diocese on the evening of Friday, August 14, 2026;

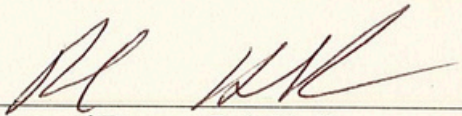
Therefore, by virtue of my authority as Diocesan Bishop and in accord with canons 381 §1 and 838 §4 of the Code of Canon Law, **I hereby decree** that all regularly scheduled Saturday evening Vigil Masses in the parishes, missions, chapels, and other places of worship within the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau are canceled on Saturday, August 15, 2026.

I further decree that pastors and parochial administrators shall celebrate a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the evening of Friday, August 14, 2026, according to the liturgical norms of the Roman Rite.

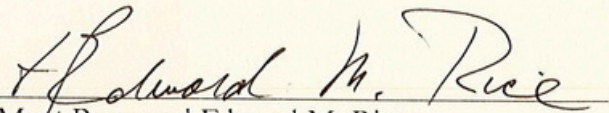
Pastors and Parochial Administrators are hereby directed to make suitable pastoral provision for the faithful by celebrating a Mass on Sunday evening, August 16, 2026, in substitution for the regularly scheduled Saturday evening Vigil Mass that is canceled by virtue of this decree.

Pastors and Parochial Administrators are further directed to communicate this decree clearly and promptly to the faithful through Diocesan Newspaper, Mirror, parish announcements, bulletins, websites, social media, and other appropriate means.

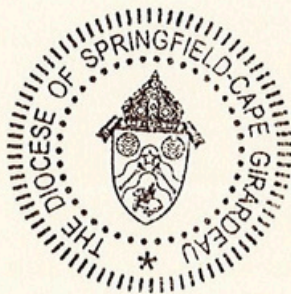
Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau on this 24th day of June 2026.



Reverend Deacon Rob Huff
Chancellor



Most Reverend Edward M. Rice
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau



Readings for the week of July 5, 2026

Sunday:

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday:

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8,
9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and
17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, **“They took offense at him. Jesus said, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.’”** Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

See, your king shall come to you;
a just savior is he,
meek, and riding on an ass,
on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die,
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live. (Rom 8:13)

Gospel:

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves. (Mt 11:29)

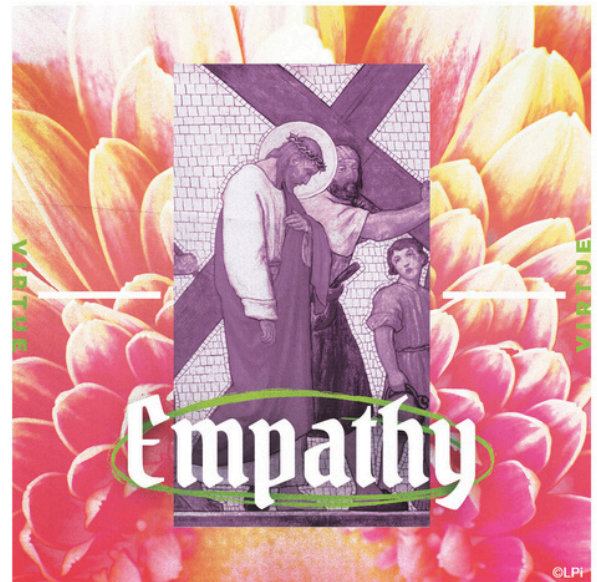
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

These days, everyone's an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can't be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place?

Observances for the week of July 5, 2026

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

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1st Wednesday of the month (Will RESUME in the Fall)

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