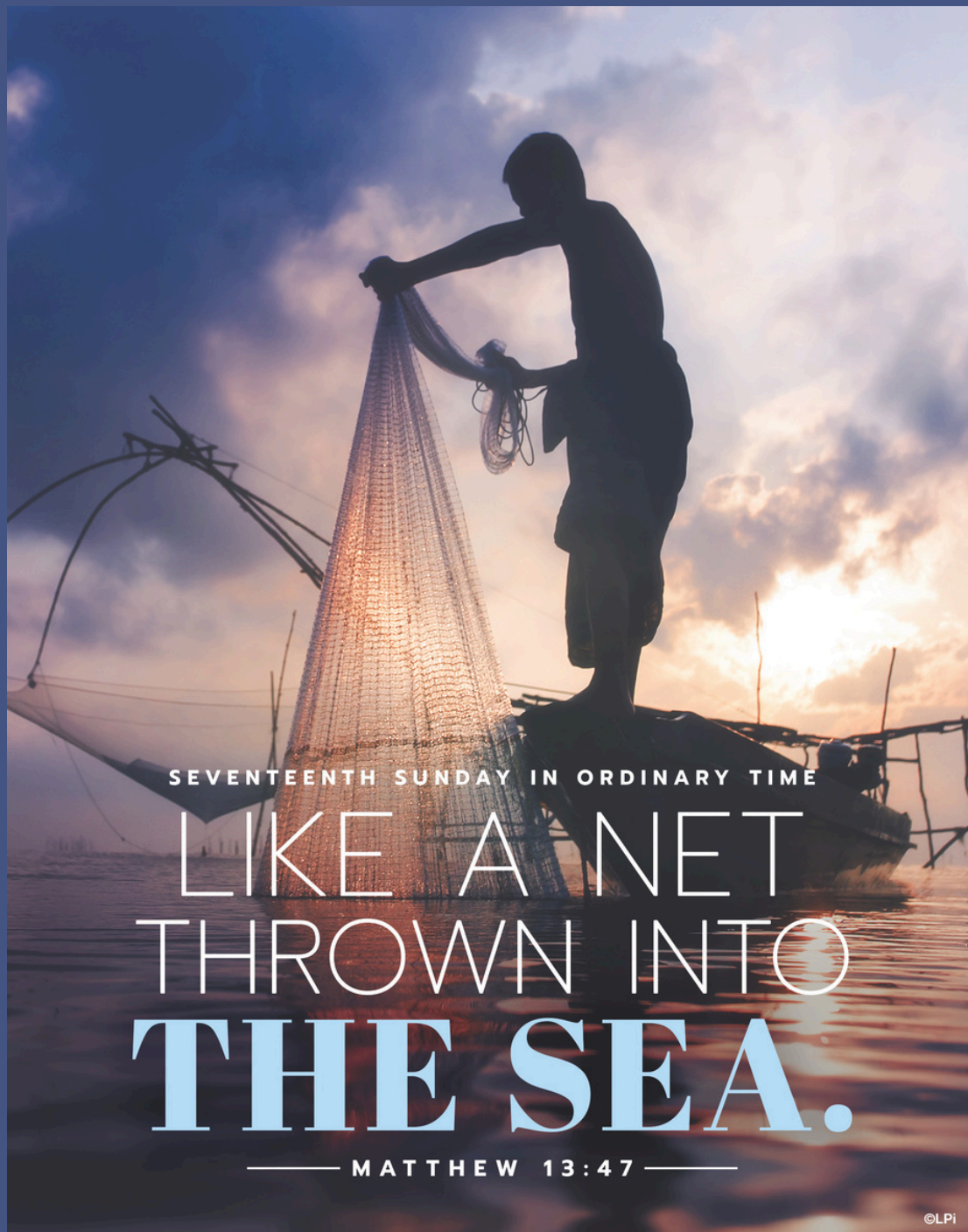


OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 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. †

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25 - July 31

Events

SATURDAY July 25

Welcome Women Meeting

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

Special Collection for Venezuela

SUNDAY July 26

Special Collection for Venezuela

MONDAY July 27

No Events today

TUESDAY July 28

No Events today

WEDNESDAY July 29

Stitchers

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

Retreat "How Sweet the Sound"

6:30-8:30pm - In the church

THURSDAY July 30

OLL Game Day

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

FRIDAY July 31

Spanish Charismatic Group

6:00-9:00pm - Chapel

SATURDAY August 1

No AM events today

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

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

Important Links

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*Flower Intentions
available for
August & October*

Mass Intentions

Sat. 7/25 5:00pm Mabel Mattes (L)

Sat. 7/25 7:00pm Taney County Parish Family (L)

Sun. 7/26 8:00am Girlie Genato†

Sun. 7/26 10:30am Pete Mooney†

Mon. 7/27 9:00am Steve Ackerman (L)

Tue. 7/28 9:00am Jeff Hallgren (L)

Wed. 7/29 5:30pm Ron and Veronica Egan (Anniversary)

Thur. 7/30 9:00am Lance Langford (Health & Healing)



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To date, our parish has
162 donors who have pledged
\$74,385 toward our goal of
204 donors and our goal
 amount of **\$83,921**
 Thank you!

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 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.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adorers needed for the following times

Tuesdays

Noon-1:00pm
 1:00-2:00pm

Thursdays

9:30-10:30am 2:00-3:00pm
 11:00am-Noon 4:00-5:00pm
 Noon -1:00pm 5:00-6:00pm

*We will not have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 for the week before, the week of, and the week after a holiday.*

**If you are available for any of the specified time slots,
 please reach out to Julie Johnsonbaugh at julie.johnsonbaugh@gmail.com**



Special Collection for Venezuela

Sat. July 25th & Sun. July 26th



*Bishop Rice, along with Bishops across the United States, are asking parishioners to
 participate in a special collection for emergency humanitarian aid for the people of
 Venezuela, following the two earthquakes that hit there late last month resulting in the
 death of thousands and leaving even more displaced and without shelter.*

*All funds from this special collection will be used by Catholic Relief Services and Caritas
 Venezuela, which will provide food, shelter, financial assistance, hygiene supplies &
 trauma assistance as well as medical care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded.*

Please keep praying for the people of Venezuela as they work to rebuild their lives.

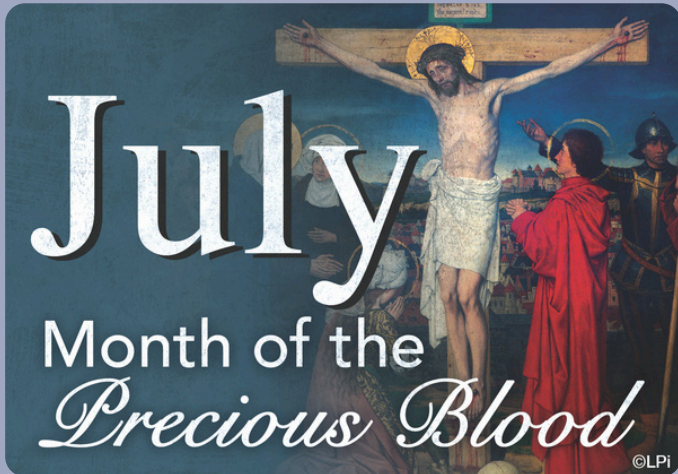


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**Collection through
July 19, 2026**

Envelopes:	\$21,884.05
Plate:	\$6,800.00
Green Envelopes:	\$ 8,651.49
Total:	\$37,335.54



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

Regarding the CELEBRATION OF MASS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU on Aug. 14 & 15, 2026

On June 24, 2026 Bishop Rice issued a 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 Sat., Aug. 15, 2026 and further decreed 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 Fri., Aug. 14, 2026, according to the liturgical norms of the Roman Rite.

DEC is about one month away!

Over 2,500 participants have registered and around 600 seats are available.

Unless all seats are filled before then, REGISTRATION CLOSING ON JULY 31.

Share the opportunity with others and get registered today at https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress/.



Those who eat my flesh & drink my blood remain in me & I in them. - Jn 6:56

Mark Your Calendars

DUE TO THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS TAKING PLACE AUGUST 15, 2026

NO MASSES IN THE DIOCESE SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

An additional Mass will be held on SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH AT 6:00 PM



DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, Aug. 14th Mass Schedule



Our Lady of the Ozarks 4:00PM

Our Lady of the Cove 5:00PM

Our Lady of the Lake 6:00PM



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



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TO RESERVE A BUS SEAT(S)

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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**

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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

Schedule for the Day

- 8:30am: Doors to the West Plain Civic Center Open
- 10:00am: Opening Eucharistic Procession and Opening Prayer (inside the Civic Center)
- 10:45am: Keynote Presentation with Dr. Scott Hahn
- 12:00 noon – 2:45pm: Breakout Sessions | Lunch | Exhibit Hall Open
- 2:45pm: Keynote Presentation with Fr. Leo Patalinghug
- 4:00pm: Keynote Presentation with Bishop James Conley
- 5:15pm: Closing Eucharistic Celebration – Sunday Vigil Mass

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://dioscg.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@dioscg.org or
the Director of Child and Youth Protection,
Bill Holtmeyer, billholtmeyer@dioscg.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.*

OLL Games

Join us July 30th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room



Mahjong

**Susan C -75 Monnie -25
Brenda -0 Judy O -o**



OLL Train - Kevin's Ladies

**BIG Winner Julie J -142
Rose Marie -262 Anne Marie -326
Lil' Winner Kevin -387**



Bragging Rights!

**Julie J went out 5 times ...
Rose Marie went out 3 times
ONCE AGAIN**



Swoop - 2nd Time Arounders

**Big Winner Judy H -45
Sharon A -61
Sharron -75
Jeanie -90
Lil' Winner Margaret -243**



**The 5 ALL Stars
BIG Winner Eva -148
Judy E 161
Remy -214
Ed -220
Lil' Winner Joe -375**



Do you remember when we sat on the porch on a summer afternoon and shared a drink, laughed, played games? We have a seat for you on the porch!!!

**come join
the FUN!**

Thank You



Mike Rivera, Director of Outreach, has accepted a position with OSV (Our Sunday Visitor). We would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to him and express our gratitude for the significant contributions he has made at Our Lady of the Lake and within our community outreach programs.

We appreciate the parishioners who expressed interest in this position.

Welcome

We are pleased to announce that José Melendez will be joining the staff at Our Lady of the Lake as the new Director of Outreach. He will officially begin his role in August.



"May God bless America, protect our democracy, and keep our military personnel safe."

May Our Lady of Mount Carmel watch over our land."

Bishop Edward M. Rice



July
PRAYER INTENTION



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Nickie ~ Director of Formation

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Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Is St. Christopher, the Christ-Bearer, still considered a saint?

A couple of weeks ago a friend of mind was having a 'spirited' discussion with a friend regarding the 'saintliness' of St. Christopher. His friend argued that St. Christopher is no longer considered a Catholic saint due to the lack of credible information surrounding his life. The timing of the question was quite good as St. Christopher's feast day is on July 25, the same as St. James the Apostle. Now the rest of the story...

St. Christopher is one of the most beloved figures in Catholic devotion. A martyr of the third century, almost nothing certain is known historically about his life yet the Church has never stopped honoring him. A church built in the early 450s in Bithynia (modern-day Turkey) provides early testimony to his veneration, as does ecclesiastical evidence from the 500s and 600s.

The Name: His very name says everything. From the Greek *Christos* (Christ) and *pherein* (to bear), Christopher literally means Christ-bearer - a name that perfectly captures his legendary mission and his call to every Christian who venerates him.

The Legend: Christopher was a man of extraordinary size and strength who resolved to serve only the greatest master. He served a mighty king, then the devil himself but found both lacking in true courage. A hermit eventually pointed him toward Christ, instructed him in the faith, and baptized him.

Seeking to serve, Christopher stationed himself at a dangerous river crossing and carried travelers safely to the other side. One day, a small child asked to be carried across. With each step, the child grew unbearably heavy, as though Christopher bore the weight of the entire world. The child revealed Himself as Jesus Christ, the Creator and Redeemer, and the crossing became a moment of divine encounter.

His witness led to many conversions, which enraged the local pagan king. Christopher was imprisoned, tortured, and beheaded a martyr's death. Even in death, his blood miraculously cured the king's blindness, prompting his conversion.

Patronage: St. Christopher is the patron saint of travelers, motorists, sailors, pilgrims, and all who journey far from home. He is counted among the Fourteen Holy Helpers (a topic for a future article). His image was traditionally placed at church entrances, bridges, and city gates, a guardian for those setting out into the unknown.

Was He "De-Canonized"? No. After Vatican II, a commission reviewed the liturgical calendar and removed feast days of a number of saints whose historical record was more legendary than provable. But this was never a de-canonization. **The Church cannot "un-saint" someone.** Christopher remains a saint. His feast on July 25 may still be celebrated by parishes and by the faithful with enduring devotion to him.

The Deeper Truth: Christopher's story is more than a pious legend; it is a mirror held up to every baptized Christian. The raging river, the unbearable weight, the hidden presence of God in what seemed like an ordinary act of service, all of it speaks to the Christian life. Every soul is called to be a Christophorus: a bearer of Christ into the world.

He didn't know he was carrying Jesus. Neither do we, most of the time.

Christopher carried a stranger across a dangerous river and discovered it was Jesus. Where in your daily life might Christ be disguised as the heaviest burden you're being asked to carry?

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*You will be doing various
projects in the community,
helping whomever God places
in our midst during the week,
and serving one another.*



Space is limited. To register or for more information,
contact Barbara O'Nan at 706-414-2982 or barbara@glenmarysisters.org
Deadline for application is August 15, 2026.
Visit us at glenmarysisters.org.



**Saint Louis Jesuit White House
Retreat**

**Thursday, Oct. 8th
to
Sunday, Oct. 11th**

**Have you ever wanted to attend
a White House Retreat?**

**We are extending an invitation to any interested
female parishioners from
Our Lady of the Lake to sign up
for this unique experience.**

**Currently, we have space available for four women,
with the possibility of accommodating more.**

**For more information,
contact Julie Johnsonbaugh
at 517-204-0423 or
julie.johnsonbaugh@gmail.com**

We will car pool from Branson & Ozark

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foundation

Springfield Pro-Life Dinner

Friday, August 21, 2026

Keynote: Riley Gaines

NCAA Swimmer & Advocate for Women

**Dinner 7 - 9 p.m. | \$75 per person
Bass Pro Shops'
White River Conference Center**

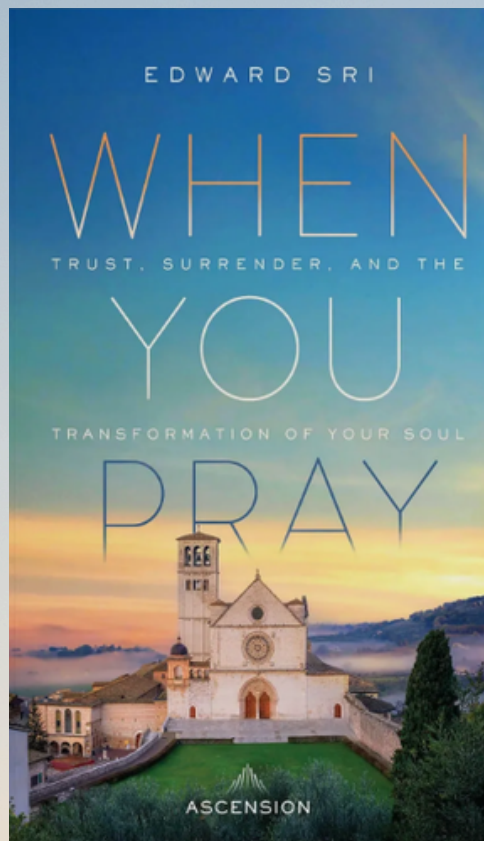
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Led by Dr. Edward Sri, this program will help you understand the journey of prayer that God desires to lead us on.

Adult Bible Study

STARTS

**Tuesday, August 4th
10:00am.**

Faith Formation Room

Over seven engaging sessions, you will rejuvenate your prayer life and strengthen your relationship with God.

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

*When You Pray A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God,
Study Set will be available for \$25
and can be purchased at the 1st session on Aug. 4th*

**Volunteers
needed**

Altar Linen Ministry needs volunteers

The care of the altar linens, which embrace the Body and the Blood of Christ, is a very special ministry.

Each week a person from our ministry soaks, washes, and irons the purificators and corporals used at Mass. They also wash the terry cloth towels that are needed to clean the chalice and other items used at Mass.

*The time commitment would be about
2 hours per week, but only for one month
per year since we rotate volunteers.
We would be happy to train anyone
who would like to volunteer*

**If you're interested, please contact:
Kathy Yanko (Ministry Coordinator) 314-307-0836 or
the parish office (417) 334-2928**

KINDNESS CHANGES everything

"What is St. Peter's favorite kind of music?"



"Rock!"



Jesus renamed Simon to "Peter," a name that means "Rock." Biblically, name changes mark a significant moment in a life of faith.

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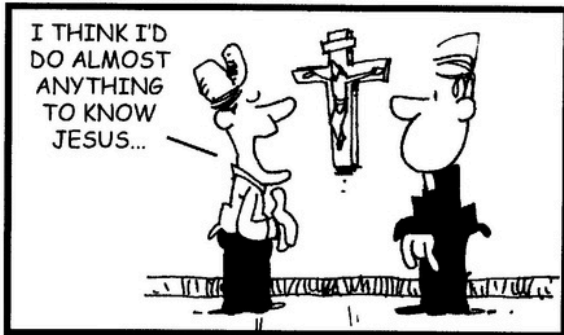
Question:

What is unique about the dimensions of the papal flag?



Answer: It is one of only two square country flags in the entire world. The other square flag is the flag of Switzerland. ©LPI

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Faith

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Missouri Bishops, through the Missouri Catholic Conference, have issued a statement on Amendment 5, a ballot measure that would phase out the state's income tax and permit greater reliance on sales and use taxes. They urge voters to consider the moral principles that should guide their evaluation of the amendment.

The bishops emphasize that, "while the Church does not prescribe any particular tax model, she teaches that every system of taxation must serve the common good, be guided by justice and equity, and take into account each person's ability to contribute." They add that tax proposals should be judged by their impact on the poor and caution that systems relying heavily on regressive taxes, such as sales taxes, can place a disproportionate burden on lower-income households.

At the same time, they acknowledge that many supporters of Amendment 5 are motivated by a sincere desire to promote Missouri's long-term prosperity. The bishops encourage the faithful to discern the issue thoughtfully and urge elected officials "to ensure that the needs of the poor and vulnerable remain at the forefront of public policy "

You can read the full statement [here](#)



The St. Louis Review stated in a recent article that "Missouri's bishops are calling on the faithful to pray, fast and vote in support of Amendment 3 this November, saying the measure offers an opportunity to reinstate protections for unborn children and safeguards for women's health."

Jamie Morris, Executive Director and General Counsel of the Missouri Catholic Conference, stressed the need to educate voters through conversations with family and friends.

Missouri Bishops Voice Support for Amendment 3
Missouri Catholic Conference

Planned Parenthood and the ACLU of Missouri have challenged the constitutionality of several dozen state abortion regulations, arguing they violate the constitutional amendment passed in 2024. Current Missouri laws that were challenged included a 72-hour waiting period before receiving an abortion, a requirement that only physicians provide abortions, a ban on prescribing medication abortion via telehealth, and facility licensing requirements.

You can read the full article [here](#).

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— *Father John Muir*



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" (1 Kgs 3:9)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
(Mt 13:44)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

Observances for the week of July 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. It is the practice of true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19).

Blessing for Our Parish

Dear God,
Pour Your blessing upon our
parish, in need of Your renewal and
inspiration.
Prune the places that need pruning,
and pour fresh grace and courage
into our midst.
Help us to find You and, with great
joy, follow You wholeheartedly.
Amen.

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