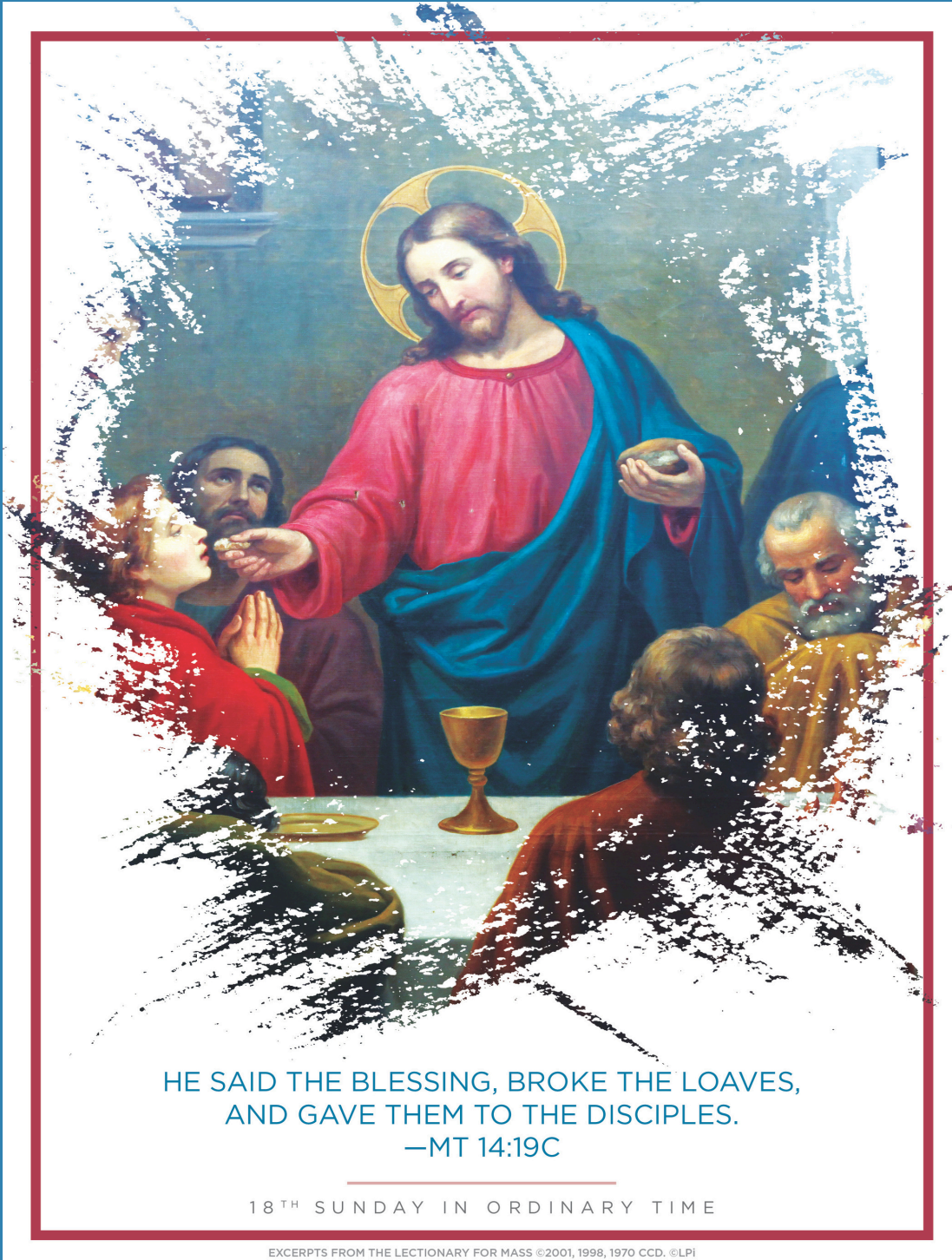


OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026



HE SAID THE BLESSING, BROKE THE LOAVES,
AND GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES.
—MT 14:19C

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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. †

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1 - August 7

Events

SATURDAY August 1

No AM events today

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY August 2

No Events today

MONDAY August 3

No Events today

TUESDAY August 4

Adult Bible Study

10:00-Noon - Faith Formation Room

WEDNESDAY August 5

Stitchers

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

THURSDAY August 6

OLL Game Day

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

Music Practice

5:15-6:45pm - Music Room

Knights of Columbus

6:30-8:00pm - Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY August 7

1st Friday Book Club

11:00am - Faith Formation Room

Spanish Charismatic Group

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

SATURDAY August 8

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

1st FRIDAY

10:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

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*Flower Intentions
available for
August & October*

Mass Intentions

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>8/1</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Mary Nguyen † (Anniversary DOD)</i>
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>8/1</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>Taney County Parish Family (L)</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	<i>8/2</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Henry William Vandermaden (L)</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	<i>8/2</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Deceased Members of the Dekker and Rudolf Families †</i>
<i>Mon.</i>	<i>8/3</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Angie Rudin (L)</i>
<i>Tue.</i>	<i>8/4</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Michael Kullmann †</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	<i>8/5</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>	<i>John Sparacio (Birthday)</i>
<i>Thur.</i>	<i>8/6</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>George Jaap †</i>
<i>Fri.</i>	<i>8/7</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Simpson †</i>

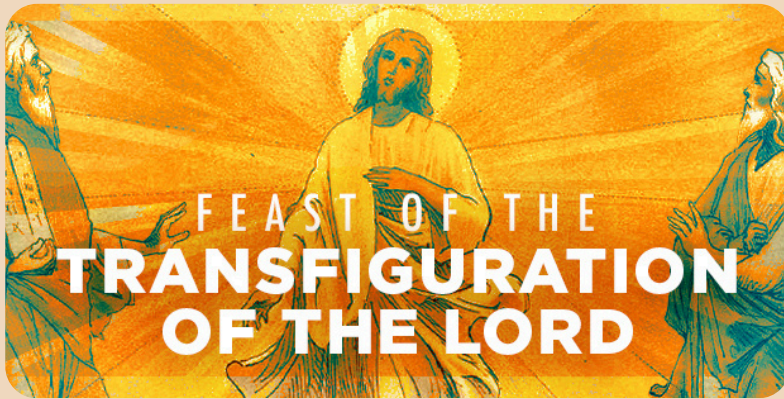


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ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



**Collection through
July 26, 2026**

Envelopes:	\$50,077.41
Plate:	\$ 6,950.00
Green Envelopes:	\$14,471.76
Total:	\$71,499.17

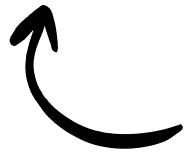


To date, our parish has **162 donors** who have pledged **\$74,385** toward our goal of **204 donors** and our goal amount of **\$83,921**
Thank you!

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.



Donate Today!
Click on the link below
Diocesan Development Fund
Or Scan the QR code



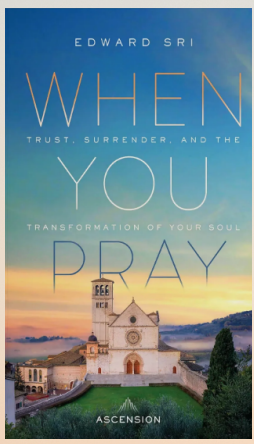
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adorers needed for the following times

Tuesdays	Thursdays
Noon-1:00pm	9:30-10:30am 2:00-3:00pm
1:00-2:00pm	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



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.

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

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.

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

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 CLOSES ON JULY 31.

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



Vigil Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, Aug. 14th

Our Lady of the Ozarks - 4:00PM

Our Lady of the Cove - 5:00PM

Our Lady of the Lake - 6:00PM



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**



Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

AUGUST 15, 2026

**Want to attend and
already registered 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**

**TO RESERVE A
BUS SEAT(S)**

Click the link below

**Eucharistic Congress Bus
reservation | Flocknote**



**Scan QR code
to reserve
bus seat(s)**

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 August 6th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room



Two Mahjong Tables

Monnie -25 Joyce -25
Judy O -0 Harry -25



Edean -0 Brenda -0
Susan C -50



Swoop - The Bis Scores

Big Winner Sharron -303
Sharon S -378 Dan -384
Sharon A -409 Butch -416
Lil' Winner Julie W -513



Julie J, Joe, Sharron
Thanks for sharing your
special day with the
Game Folks!!!



The The Birthday Crowd

BIG Winner Ed 249
Eva -263 Joe -279
Lil' Winner Remy -443

come join
the FUN!



OLL Train - Two Thorns
in Kevin's Side!
BIG Winner AGAIN Julie J -204
Rose Marie -401
Lil' Winner Kevin -482

Bragging Rights!

Julie J went out 8 times ...
Rose Marie went out 3 times
Kevin went out once!



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.

AUGUST

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

**Attend a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Our Lady of the Ozarks - August 14 - 4:00PM

Our Lady of the Cove - August 14 - 5:00PM

Our Lady of the Lake - August 14 - 6:00PM

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS - SAT. AUG 15TH

Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of
Our Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau
in West Plains on Aug. 15th

Pray for all those attending.

PRAY FOR OUR "SISTER PARISH"

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.

You can find the history of these parishes on the back.

***Our Lady of the Lake's partner parish is
Sacred Heart Parish in Poplar Bluff, MO.***

***Our Lady of the Ozarks' partner parish is
St. Henry in Charleston, MO.***

***Our Lady of the Cove's sister parish partners are
St. Catherine in Piedmont, St. George Mission in
Van Buren, and Our Lady of Sorrows in Williamsville***





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

Sacred Heart Parish

Situated in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Sacred Heart Parish is approximately a 3½-hour drive northeast of Branson. For over 125 years, the parish has been dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of its community.

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.

St. Henry Parish

Located in Charleston, Missouri, St. Henry is about 4 hours east of Forsyth.

History

In 1837 Fr. John B. Taritori, a Vincentian from Perryville, acquired 154 acres of land in Texas Bend as a site for a Catholic church and cemetery in Tywappity Bottoms. The little church was dedicated on Sept. 15, 1839, under the patronage of St. Francis de Sales. As immigrants mainly from Germany arrived, a larger, frame church was constructed in Charleston and dedicated to St. Henry in 1873, replacing St. Francis.

The pastor also attended the needs of Catholics in eight surrounding cities as far west as Poplar Bluff, often celebrating Mass in private homes until 1905 when a larger church was dedicated.

A school was begun in 1888 with an enrollment of 35 pupils. In 1890, Ursuline Sisters from St. Louis taught there until a larger school, named Charleston Convent School, opened Sept. 12, 1892. In 1920 the Ursulines added a two-year high school curriculum, only to be replaced in 1922 by three lay teachers. In 1926 the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, MO, took over the school with 167 students.

Extensive structural repairs were made to the church and the Old Convent School in 1948. Two years later, a new parish, dedicated to St. Maria Goretti, was founded in East Prairie, and in 1953, the high school was completely renovated and a new elementary school built. Two years after that, the church interior was gutted and thoroughly renovated. Eventually dwindling enrollment and financial and academic limitations closed the high school, which had graduated 354 students between 1937 and 1969. In 1976 St. Maria Garetti parishioners merged with St. Henry's parish and the little church in East Prairie was closed.



ST. HENRY PARISH, CHARLESTON, MO - DIOSCG

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



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Why a Eucharistic Congress Matters for the Life of the Church

Last Sunday after Mass in Forsyth, I offered a brief overview on how we might prepare our minds and hearts for the upcoming Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in West Plains on Saturday, August 14. I first set the framework for discussion through watching a brief four-minute video by Chris Stefanick from the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress.

Chris offered a striking reminder that resonated deeply with the tens of thousands gathered: "Christianity is a love story that must be told again and again." His words captured the heart of the Congress and the purpose behind every Eucharistic gathering. He urged the faithful not to leave such an encounter unchanged, but to allow Jesus in the Eucharist to reshape their identity, renew their mission, and rekindle the joy of evangelization. The Eucharist, he emphasized, is not merely a devotion but the beating heart of the Church, the place where God reveals His love and sends His people forth with confidence.

A Eucharistic Congress is far more than a large gathering or special event. It is a moment of grace for an entire diocese. When the Church comes together around the Eucharist, she remembers who she is: a people formed, fed, and sent by the Real Presence of Jesus. The greatest fruit of a diocesan Eucharistic Congress is renewed communion with Christ in the Eucharist, which then transforms the life of the entire local Church, its people, its parishes, its ministries, and its mission.

Spiritual fruits emerge first. For some people, it is a rediscovery of the Real Presence not as an idea but as a lived encounter. Reverence deepens, devotion awakens, and hunger for the sacraments grows. Confession lines lengthen, prayer becomes more intentional, and hearts open to healing. A Congress re-centers the diocese on the truth that the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of everything we do.

The Congress also bears communal fruits, strengthening the Body of Christ. Parishes that rarely interact suddenly pray side by side. Families, clergy, religious, and lay faithful gather as one. New friendships form, and the diocese begins to feel more like a single household of faith. Public processions and joyful gatherings become a quiet but powerful witness to the wider community.

There are also profound pastoral fruits. Priests, deacons, musicians, catechists, and volunteers return home with renewed zeal for beautiful, reverent worship. Congress themes spill into OCIA, youth ministry, adult formation, and sacramental preparation. Many dioceses see lasting increases in Mass attendance, adoration hours, and parish involvement. Shared prayer deepens fraternity among clergy and strengthens parish life.

From these springs forth missionary fruits. A Eucharistic Congress reminds us that the Eucharist sends us forth: *Ite, missa est*. People rediscover their missionary identity and begin to share their faith with joy. Vocations are strengthened, new ones begin to take shape, and outreach to the poor and forgotten grows naturally from Eucharistic spirituality.

Finally, the long-term fruits endure well beyond the event. A diocese often experiences a lasting shift: a deeper sense of hope, a clearer identity as a Eucharistic people, and renewed confidence that Christ is truly with His Church. The Congress becomes a turning point, a moment the faithful look back on as the beginning of something new.

May our hearts be open to the graces God desires to give. May our love for the Eucharist deepen. And may Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament, continue to unite, heal, and strengthen His people.

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 carpool from Branson & Ozark

The Transfiguration
OF THE LORD

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While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."
- Mt 17:5

SAVE THE DATE

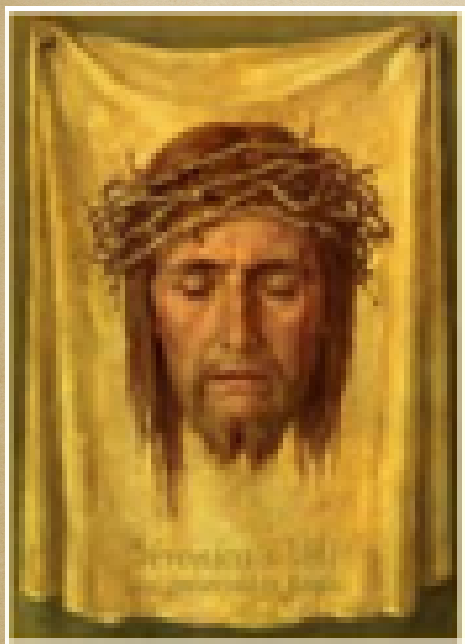
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KATY TRAIL PILGRIMAGE

SEPT 28 – OCT 2, 2026

5 Days
45 Miles
6 Catholic Churches

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More Info & Sign-Ups
Open August 1, 2026



ALL ARE INVITED

**The Holy Face Devotion:
Perfect Reparation**

Screening of Video by Father Chris Alar
Thursday, August 6 9:30am - 11:00am
St. Joseph the Worker Church
Ozark, MO ~ Monsignor Eftink Room
Contact Susan Eichenberger @ 817-521-7020

WOMEN'S MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY "TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER"

OCTOBER 11-16, 2026

IN PEMISCOT COUNTY, MISSOURI

(Ages 20 and up)

The **Glenmary Sisters** invite you to join us in serving the poor in Pemiscot County.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a missionary?

Have you ever felt a twinge now and then to serve the poor?



You will spend time helping at Mother's House, our outreach center for mothers and children.



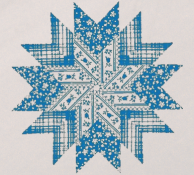
You will be doing various projects in the community, helping whomever God places in our midst during the week, and serving one another.



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



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

Please call, text, or email
Nickie

Director of Formation

NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

417-251-1819 Cell



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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

All proceeds benefit Vitae Foundation

Scan to Register



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Please join us starting in September
as we study:

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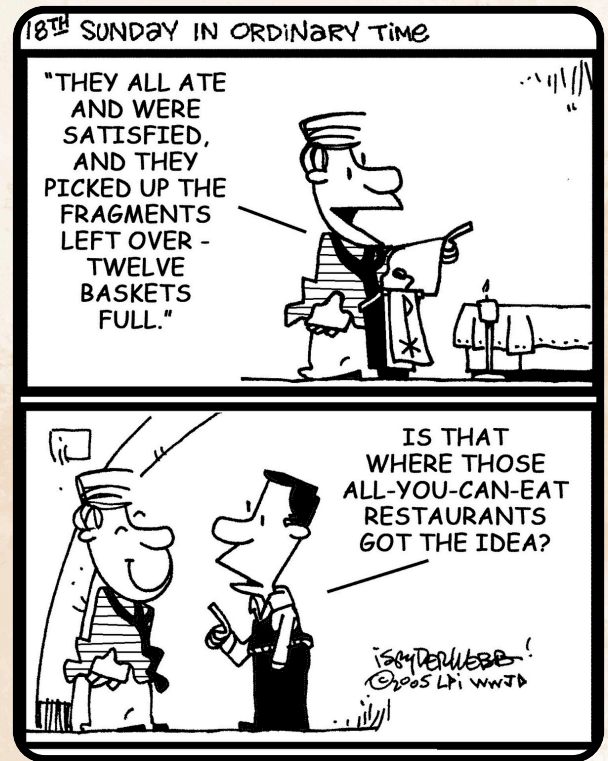
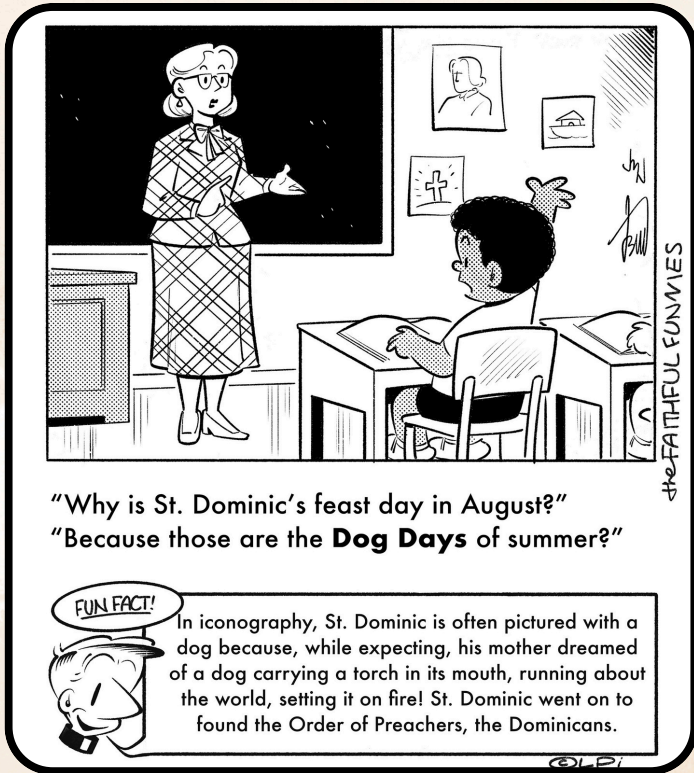
Holy Trinity—Springfield, in-person meetings on Thursdays,
9:30-11:30am

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton—Springfield, in-person meetings
and Online on Tuesdays,
7:00-9:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi—Nixa,
in-person meetings on
Tuesdays,
9:00-11:00am



AUGUST



broken
CRAYONS
still
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN Question:

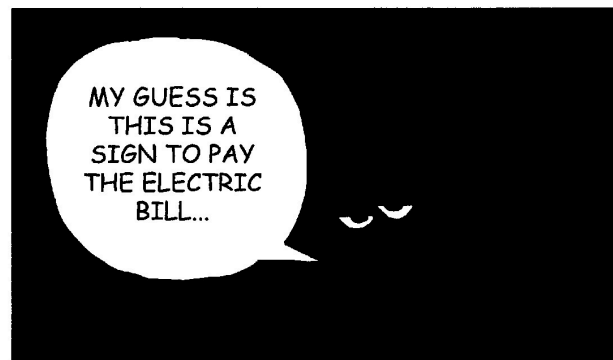
In addition to Jesus' mother Mary, which saint is depicted in artwork more than any other?

Answer: St. Nicholas

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TRANSFIGURATION



Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his song, “Lose Yourself,” the artist Eminem raps, “**the mood all changed.**”

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, “**When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.**” Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John’s death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple’s life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water! (Is 55:1)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

Gospel:

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds. (Mt 14:19)

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When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

Observances for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the “everyday form of reverence.” It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.

Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,
Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name.
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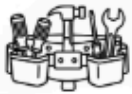
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WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Live-Streamed)

WEEKDAY

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm
1st Friday 10:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation

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Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

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