

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” - Mt 21:31

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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. †

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 26 - Oct. 2

Events

SATURDAY~September 26

Welcome Women

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00-4:30pm~Confessional

SUNDAY~September 27

Coffee & Christ

9:15-10:15am~Faith Formation Room

MONDAY~September 28

No events today

TUESDAY~September 29

OCIA

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

PSR

6:30-8:30pm~Classrooms

WEDNESDAY~September 30

Stitchers

9:00am-Noon~St. Francis Room

PSR

6:30-7:30pm~Classrooms

THURSDAY~October 1

PSR/Homeschool

9:00am~Mass

10:00am-Noon~Classrooms

OLL Game Day

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

Music Practice

5:15-6:45pm~Music Room

PSR

6:00-7:00pm~In the Church-by the Chapel

Knights of Columbus Meeting

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

FRIDAY~October 2

Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:40am~In the church

Spanish Charismatic Group

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

SATURDAY~October 3

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

1ST FRIDAY

10:00am

Flower Intentions



**For the
week of**

Sept.26- Oct. 2



**for
Rick
Shields**

†

Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3:00pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7:00pm - Chapel

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

Mass Intentions

Sat. 9/26 5:00pm

Cora Cordoba

(Health & Healing)

Sat. 9/26 7:00pm

Taney County Parish Family (L)

Sun. 9/27 8:00am

Ray Rhodes †

Sun. 9/27 10:30am

Larry Gardner †

Mon. 9/28 9:00am

Mickey Springston †

Tue. 9/29 9:00am

Rick Shields †

(Anniversary DOD)

Wed. 9/30 5:30pm

Lydia Martin †

(Anniversary DOD)

Thur. 10/1 9:00am

Deceased Members of the

Konzen Family †

Fri. 10/2 10:00am

Members of Parascondola

Family (Living & Deceased)†



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Important Links

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through ParishSoft**

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Mass Intention**

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To Schedule a
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Flower Intentions available
for October & November

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Prayer Request**

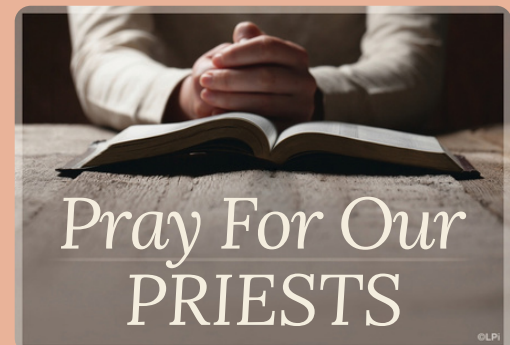
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For the
Parish Calendar**

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to Contact
Parish Staff**



Collection through Sept. 20, 2026

Envelopes:	\$34,564.51
Plate:	\$ 3,200.00
Green Envelopes:	\$10,776.20
Total:	\$48,540.71





Coffee & Christ

9:15am to 10:15am
Faith Formation Room



*Join Us for
Foundations of Faith:
A Journey Through the Catechism of
the Catholic Church.*

**Participants are always welcome!
There is no required attendance!**

Sept. 27 ~ Session 6

The Holy Spirit and Our Sanctification

CCC 683-688 (Holy Spirit overview)

CCC 731-747 (The Spirit and the Church)

CCC 1996-2000 (Grace and Sanctification)



Oct. 4 ~ Session 7

The Holy Catholic Church

CCC 770-776 (The Mystery of the Church)

CCC 815-819 (The Church Is One)

CCC 823-825 (The Church Is Holy)

CCC 830-831, 846-849 (The Church Is Catholic)

CCC 857-862 (The Church Is Apostolic)

CCC 866-870 (In Brief: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic)

CCC 934-945 (In Brief: Hierarchy, Lay Faithful,
Consecrated Life)



Oct. 11

WE WILL NOT BE MEETING



Oct. 18 ~ Session 8

Mary and the Communion of Saints

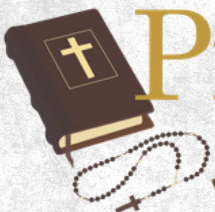
CCC 490-493 (The Immaculate Conception)

CCC 495 (Mary's Divine Motherhood)

CCC 496-501 (Mary's Virginity)

CCC 954-959 (Communion of the Church of
Heaven and Earth)

CCC 964-971 (Mary's Motherhood and the Church)



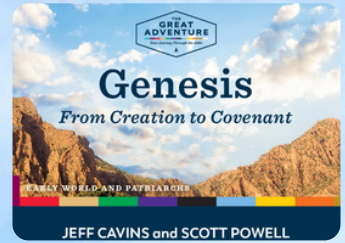
Priesthood SUNDAY

Adult Bible Study

RESUMES

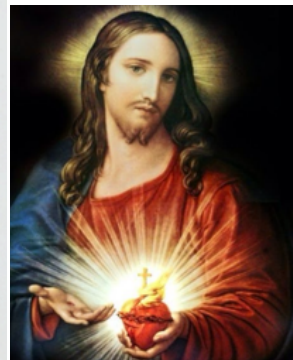
Oct. 13th ~ 10:00AM
Faith Formation Room

**Join Us For
Genesis: From Creation
to Covenant
The Beginning of God's
Story—
and Yours**



*This is an eight-session study exploring how
the first book of the Bible lays the foundation for the
entire story of salvation.*

**Books will be available
to purchase for \$27 on Oct. 13th**



Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

***We invite everyone to join us for the
Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at
9:40 AM on Oct. 2nd
before the First Friday Mass.***



***Looking for a simple way
to serve your Parish?***

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
has the following times available

Tuesdays
Noon-1:00pm
2:00-3:00pm

Thursdays
11:00am-Noon
Noon -1:00pm
2:00-3:00pm
4:00-5:00pm
5:00-6:00pm

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



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Charisms and Prayer: A Catholic Look at Speaking in Tongues

A couple of weeks ago, I was co-leading an OCIA session on the theme of prayer: how we speak to God personally, the rich variety of prayer in the Christian life, and the beauty of our Catholic traditions. It was one of those evenings where the conversation flowed easily, and the Holy Spirit was truly at work among us.

As often happens when we explore the topic of prayer, someone eventually asks about the Church's teaching on speaking in tongues. The question surfaces from time to time, especially because some Protestant communities, particularly Pentecostal denominations, hold that speaking in tongues is a sign that a person has been "baptized in the Holy Spirit." That naturally leads to a deeper and important question:

What does the Catholic Church actually say about this charismatic, Spirit-filled gift?

The Catholic Church recognizes speaking in tongues as one of the spiritual gifts, or *charisms*, mentioned by St. Paul. These gifts are freely given by the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church, not as signs of superior holiness or as requirements for every Christian. The Church therefore neither rejects the genuine charism nor teaches that all Catholics should seek or possess it.

In Scripture, "tongues" can refer to different realities. At Pentecost, the Apostles spoke languages understood by people from many nations. In Corinth, however, St. Paul describes a form of prayer or inspired speech that was not understood without interpretation (1 Cor 14). The precise nature of each biblical instance is not entirely clear.

St. Paul provides the essential rule: charismatic gifts must serve edification, order, and charity. Speaking in tongues may be helpful in personal prayer, but in a public Christian gathering it should be accompanied by interpretation so that the community can understand and be strengthened. If no interpretation is available, the person should remain silent in the assembly and pray privately.

The Church also insists on discernment. A claimed gift must be consistent with Catholic doctrine, exercised humbly, and evaluated according to its fruits. Pope St. Paul VI taught that spiritual gifts must be tested according to fidelity to the faith, service of the common good, and charity. Whatever contradicts the Church's faith cannot come from the Holy Spirit.

Speaking in tongues should therefore never become a test of whether someone has received the Holy Spirit. Nor should it be used to pressure people, attract attention, disrupt worship, or create divisions. The greatest gift is charity. As Pope St. John Paul II reminded us, St. Paul preferred gifts that directly build up the community and placed love above every other charism.

In Catholic prayer gatherings, this gift can be used when the pastor or prayer leaders judge it appropriate. The Church encourages openness to the Holy Spirit while also reminding us to remain grounded in good order and respect for those who guide the community. Extraordinary gifts are not something we try to force or chase after, and when they do appear, the Church helps discern whether they are genuine and how they should be used.

In short: the Church permits and respects genuine speaking in tongues, but it is neither necessary nor a measure of holiness. It must be guided by Catholic doctrine, ecclesial authority, humility, order, and love.



PSR (Parish School of Religion) Schedule for September & October



All classes will be held in the lower level of the church, unless stated otherwise.

TUESDAY

Tues. Evening 6:30-8:30pm

*A deeper dive into
OUR Catholic Faith*

- September 29
- October 6
- October 13
- October 20
- October 27

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Evening

6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Classroom PSR

- September 30
- October 7
- October 14
- October 21
- October 28

THURSDAY

**Thursday Morning
Homeschool PSR**

9am- Noon

- 9:00am - Mass
followed by fellowship
- 10:00-11:30am
Classroom activities
- 11:30-Noon
fellowship

- October 1
- October 8
- October 15
- October 22
- October 29

THURSDAY

Thursday Evening

6:00-7:00pm

**In the Church by the Adoration Chapel*

- October 1
- October 8
- October 15
- October 22
- October 29

*If you have any questions regarding
PSR,
Sacraments, or Quinceañeras.*

Please call, text, or email
Nickie Rivera

Director of Formation
(417) 251-1819 (Cell)

NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

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celebration of life!*



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417-334-2928



Memorial Flag Pole



Fall CRAFT FAIR

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FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23
9AM - 4PM

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24
9AM - 3PM

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**OUR LADY OF THE COVE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

20 KIMBERLING BLVD.
KIMBERLING CITY, MO

Everyone Welcome!



SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of the Cove Fall Garage Sale

Friday, Oct. 9
8:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday, Oct. 10
8am - Noon

*We have something
for everyone!*

Garage
Sale



You're
not Alone

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What was the relationship among the three children who witnessed Mary's apparition at Fátima?

Answer: They were a sister, a brother, and a cousin.

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"How do angels greet each other?"



THE FAITHFUL FUNNIES

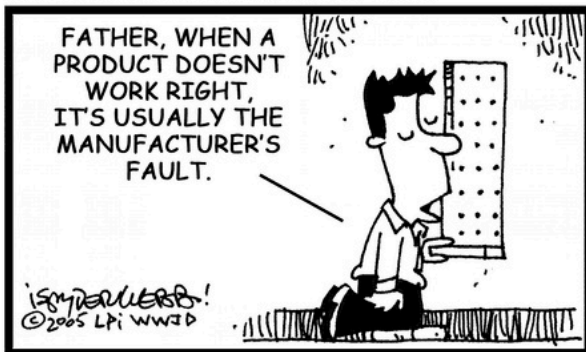
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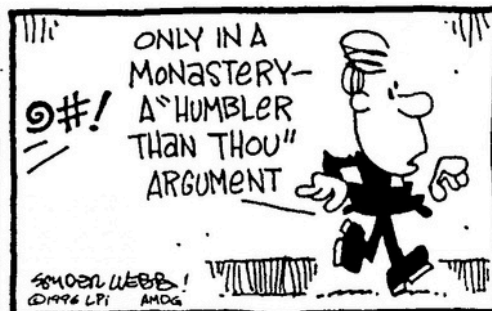
Angels are spiritual beings created by God. St. Augustine calls them "the mighty ones who do His word, hearkening to the voice of His word."

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OLL Games

Join us October 1st OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

Game Scores for September 17th

OLL Train - Ladies Only

BIG Winner Mary -248
Anne Marie -328 Judy E -360
Lil' Winner Julie J -378



OLL Train - The 4 Jokers

BIG Winner Joe -211 Eva -284
Ed -326 Lil' Winner Remy -383

Swoop - "The Squawkers"

Big Winner Butch -139 Dan -201
Sharron -235 Sharon S -313
Sharon A -329 Judy H -450
Lil' Winner Jeanie -456



Mary had the low score and went out 4 times - Julie J had the high score and went out 3 times!

Mahjong Table

Joyce -75 Brenda -0 Susan C -0



Game Scores for September 24th

Mahjong Table

Brenda -0 Joyce -25
Judy -25 Susan C -25

OLL Train - The Blues Group

BIG Winner Joe -117 Judy E 211 Eva -219
Mary 252 Lil' Winner Remy -318

Swoop - Four Girls and A Guy

Big Winner Butch -85 Judy H -153 Margaret -386
Sharon A -455 Lil' Winner Jeanie -472

Joe went out 6 times
Butch went out 5 times
for LOW Scores!

FORWARD... One Step At A Time



Bereavement Healing

Grief is painful and exhausting. The death of a loved one is one of the greatest sorrows in one's life. People's responses to grief will vary, but grief is a normal, healthy response to loss.

It sometimes seems easier to avoid confronting the feelings of grief and loss. But working through sorrow and allowing ourselves to express such feelings can help us recover.

Grief ultimately asks many things of us... including a shift in the way we relate to life. As we walk with each other, we will understand that we are not alone, allow ourselves to be mad and broken, re-discover God's love for us and eventually think and say our loved one's name with hope.

The next Bereavement group will begin the Tuesday, October 6th at 2:00pm in the Heritage Room (lower level of the church). You may have recently lost a loved one or time may have passed since your loved one's death. If you are interested in walking together through this time of sorrow, call the OLL parish office 417-334-2928 to leave your name and number and you will be contacted with additional information.

Respect Life



STATE-WIDE PRAYER CAMPAIGN

Join with the
Missouri Bishops
to pray for the
passage of
Amendment 3.



Yes on Amendment 3 Prayer Campaign

The Catholic Bishops are calling the faithful and all people of good will in Missouri to pray and fast for the successful passing of Amendment 3.

All individuals, families, parishes, schools, and groups are invited to join in this **“Yes on Amendment 3 Prayer Campaign”** by:

1. Use the web link or QR code below to choose one or more days to pray.
2. Scroll to the corresponding day(s) on the prayer website.
3. Fill in your name and email (or that of your family, group, etc. praying; all emails will be kept private).
4. Commit to pray for this special intention before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, through our Blessed Mother's intercession, on your chosen day(s).

Sign up at:
bit.ly/PraySignUp
or scan QR code



To help promote the **“Yes on Amendment 3”** campaign, visit the
Missouri Catholic Conference: <https://mocatolic.org/amendment-3/>

Join the Missouri Bishops to pray for the passing of Amendment 3.

WHAT AMENDMENT 3 ACCOMPLISHES:

- Require parental consent before minors have an abortion
- Ban transgender procedures for minors
- Significantly limit the number of abortions

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!



The Mirror



Our Story, Reflected in Faith...

Since 1965, *The Mirror* has served as the heartbeat of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. It is more than just our diocesan newspaper; it is a chronicle of our growth, our challenges, and our shared journey in Christ.



If you are not currently a digital subscriber, we invite you to become one!

Scan the QR code to sign up now!



The Cursillo® Movement pursues two purposes or objectives. The immediate purpose is to provide a conduit for living what is fundamental for being a Christian, namely, the on-going and total conversion of the person.

The end purpose is to vertebrae Christianity in society by means of these persons who live what is fundamental for being Christian (the love of God and neighbor) in their daily lives.

Simply explained, the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is that we become the Good News, and that our actions naturally turn out to be evangelical in our daily lives.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends in the Diocese:

Women's Weekends

Date: October 15-18, 2026

Location: Carthage, MO

Date: November 19-22, 2026

Location: Fredericktown, MO

Men's Weekends

Date: November 12-15, 2026

Location: Carthage, MO

Date: December 3-6, 2026

Location: Fredericktown, MO

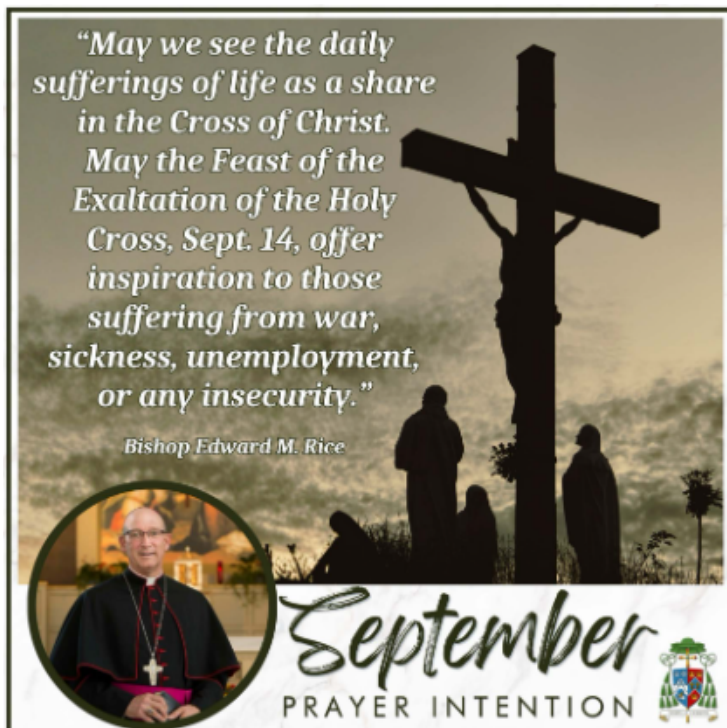
More information may be found at

www.dioscg.org/cursillo

You may also contact

Dale Gerecke

at (573) 450-3335 or dale@gereckelaw.com



Our Lady of the Ozarks Fall Rummage & Bake Sale



Thursday, Oct. 8th, 7am - 4pm

Friday, Oct. 9th, 8am - 4pm

**Saturday, Oct. 10th, 8am - noon
(bag day)**

If you would like to donate items to the sale,
they can be dropped off at
Our Lady of the Ozarks
951 Swan Valley Drive, Forsyth
starting

September 21st between 9:00am-1:00pm

**Furniture can be dropped off
Oct. 5th & 6th**

Catholic Campus Ministry
invites you to



Celebrate
25 years
IN THE O'REILLY CATHOLIC
STUDENT CENTER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY
847 S. HOLLAND

6pm Cocktails~7pm Dinner

**Sunday, October 18th
Celebration Mass~11am**

\$150 Per Person
Sponsorship Table (8 Guests) ~ \$3,000
For Information and Tickets
ccm847.org/25th-Gala

FIRST FRIDAY MASS *for* VOCATIONS

Bishop Rice will celebrate the *Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart* for Vocations each First Friday of the month, followed by the Rosary.

All parishes are invited to celebrate First Friday Masses for Vocations as we continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

BISHOP RICE'S SCHEDULE *for* FIRST FRIDAY MASS:

Fri., Oct. 2	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	8:30 a.m.
Fri., Nov. 6	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	5:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 4	St. John Henry Newman Center, SEMO/Cape Girardeau	12:00 p.m.



Knights of Columbus Fall 2026 KC FISH FRY

A benefit for the
Knights of Columbus Charities



Choices
pregnancy center



Special
Olympics
Missouri



Coats
Kids



Catholic Charities
of Southern Missouri

Friday, October 2nd

4:30pm to 6:30pm

Everyone in the Community is Welcome!

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
(Parish Hall - 515 E. Washington St., Marshfield)

Adults - \$12

Children (6-12) - \$7

Age 5 & Under - Free

Credit Cards Accepted

Enjoy fried and/or baked fish, french fries, green beans, hush puppies, cole slaw, and a tasty dessert!

Hope to See You There!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ACADEMY'S

OKTOBERFEST

AN OZARKS-STYLE OKTOBERFEST - A BEER & BBQ FEAST!



SATURDAY, OCT. 10 AT 5 PM

QUESTIONS? OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS
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OCTOBER 11TH AT 1 PM

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- THE MEAL AFTER THE MASS IS BEING PROVIDED BY AREA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, PCCWS AND ST. MARY OUTREACH GROUP
- PULLED PORK SANDWICHES, CHIPS, COOKIES & BOTTLED WATER...THE ONLY REQUEST IS TO BRING A CHAIR!
- BISHOP RICE WILL BLESS FARM EQUIPMENT AND THERE WILL BE SPACE AVAILABLE TO PARK EQUIPMENT

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL ST. MARY PARISH
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Oct. 24th,
2026



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SCAN ME



Kathryn Whitaker

Keynote Speaker

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Check-in Begins | 8:00 am

Opening Mass | 9:00 am

Conference Ends | 4:00 pm

@ Holy Trinity Catholic Church
2818 E. Bennett, Springfield, MO

Register for the conference at
[Women's Conference Registration Form 2026](#)

Gospel Meditation

STEP INTO THE

Father's Will



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Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

Matthew
21:28-32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what

He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir

Worship & Observances

Prayer for Autumn

Dear God,
As the weather changes,
the birds migrate, and autumn's
flowers, colors, and clouds make
their entrance, we thank You for
the gift of this beautiful season!
Help us use this season to
draw closer to each
other and to You.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday

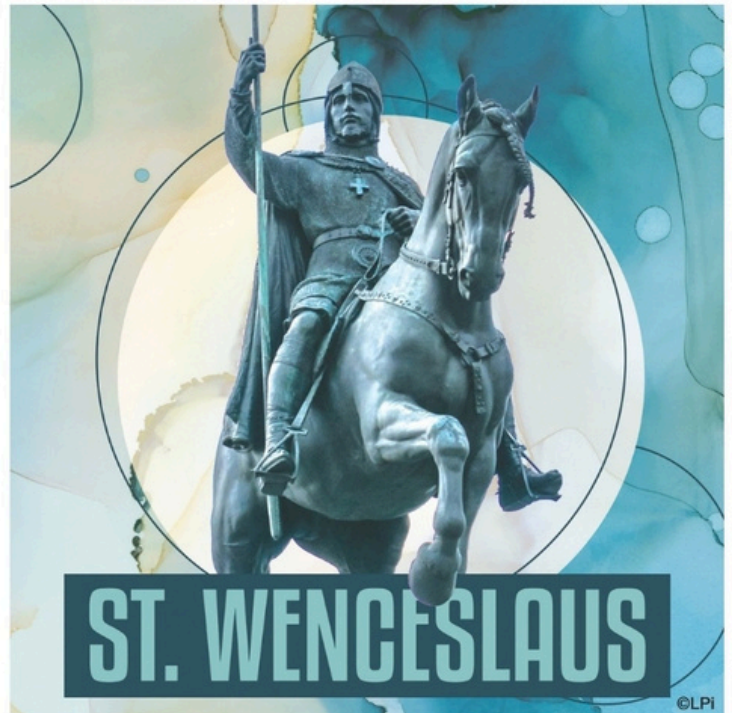
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/
Mt 21:33-43



Observances for the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

Monday

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

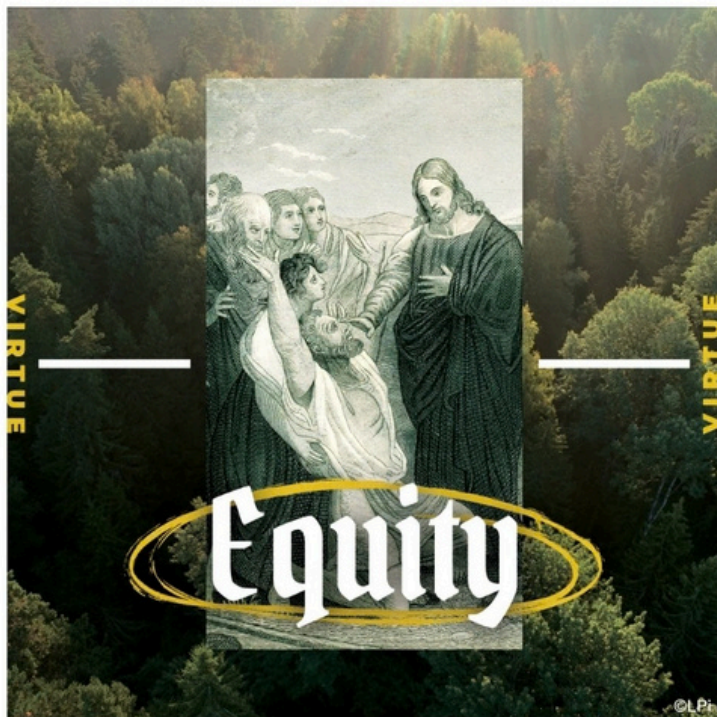
Friday

The Holy Guardian Angels

Next Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Our God is just — but our God is also merciful. Practicing the virtue of equity means striving to imitate God in both these important aspects.

Governments draft legislation and authorities enforce laws in an attempt to create a system of rules and regulations that will ensure the common good. But we live in a fallen world, and there will never be a perfect justice system. Following one law will demand much more of one man than it does another, just the same as breaking one law will be easier for one woman than it is for another — and exacting punishment for the sake of punishment is never justice.

The virtue of equity is practiced by those who attend to the letter of the law, but who do so using their God-given human faculties and the mercy required of a Christian. To practice equity is to look at the whole picture — especially the divinely crafted person at the center of it.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:10-11)

Gospel

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31)

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