

# OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

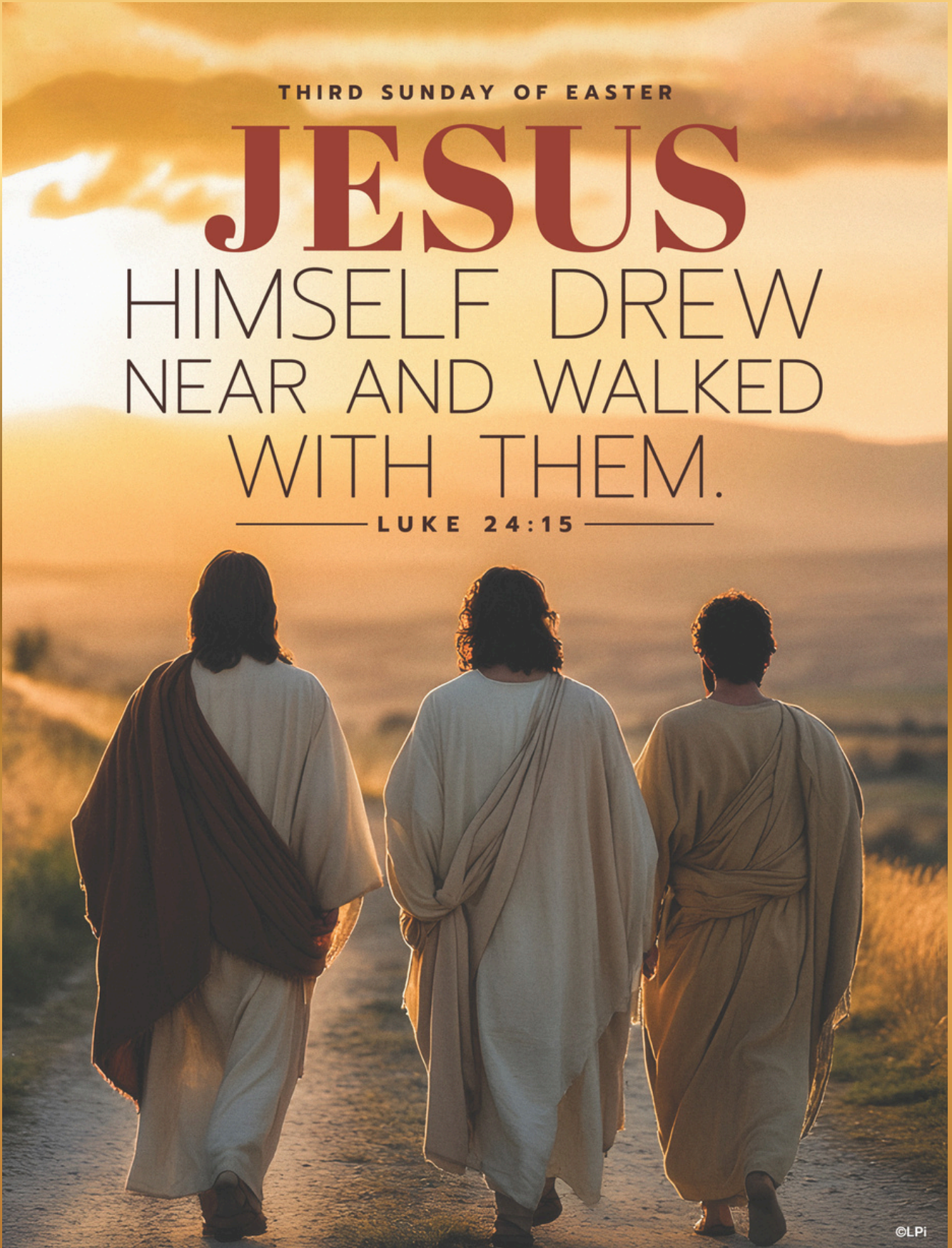
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**JESUS**  
HIMSELF DREW  
NEAR AND WALKED  
WITH THEM.

LUKE 24:15





# 3rd Sunday of Easter



April 18 - April 24

## Events

SATURDAY April 18

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Our Lady Cares**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY April 19

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Our Lady Cares**

**Coffee & Christ**

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

MONDAY April 20

**Funeral Mass for Tom Eischen**

9:00am Visitation

10:00am Funeral Mass

Luncheon to follow - Faith Formation Rm

TUESDAY April 21

**Adult Bible Study**

10:00-Noon - Faith Formation Room

**Centering Prayer**

Resumes May 12th

**Bereavement Group**

2:00-4:00pm - Faith Formation Room

**OCIA**

6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY April 22

**Stitchers**

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

**PSR**

5:30pm - Mass

6:15-7:00pm - Food/class

**Music Practice**

6:15-7:30pm - Music Room

THURSDAY April 23

**OLL Game Day**

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

**Spiritual Companionship**

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

FRIDAY April 24

**Spanish Charismatic Group**

6:00-9:00pm - Chapel

SATURDAY April 25

**Women's WELCOME Meeting**

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

## Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

**Funeral for Tom Eischen**

10:00am

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 May*

## Mass Intentions

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>4/18</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Val &amp; Barbara Martin †</i>
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>4/18</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>Taney County Parish Family (Living)</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	<i>4/19</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Christopher Graczyk (Special Intention-Living)</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	<i>4/19</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Lynch Family †</i>
<i>Mon.</i>	<i>4/20</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Tom Eischen Funeral Mass †</i>
<i>Tue.</i>	<i>4/21</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Suzanne Cash †</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	<i>4/22</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>	<i>David Murray (Living)</i>
<i>Thur.</i>	<i>4/23</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Gary Lallo (Special Intention-Living)</i>



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### Collection through March 31, 2026

Envelopes:		\$46,187.26
Plate:		\$23,650.00
Green Envelopes:		\$18,036.74
Total:		\$87,874.00

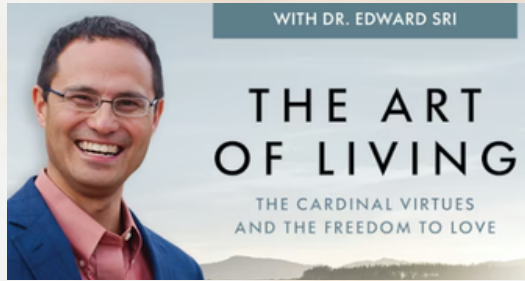
### Collection through April 17, 2026

Envelopes:		\$30,087.61
Plate:		\$10,195.00
Green Envelopes:		\$ 7,522.86
Total:		\$47,805.47



# Coffee & Christ Sundays

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



Dr. Sri breaks down each of the four cardinal virtues, the ways we can strengthen our practice of these virtues, and the vices that oppose them. Using real life examples, thoughtful storytelling, and the rich history of the Catholic Church's saints and theologians, you will be inspired to love others more deeply and authentically.

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

# Upcoming Dates

## April 19th - Fortitude

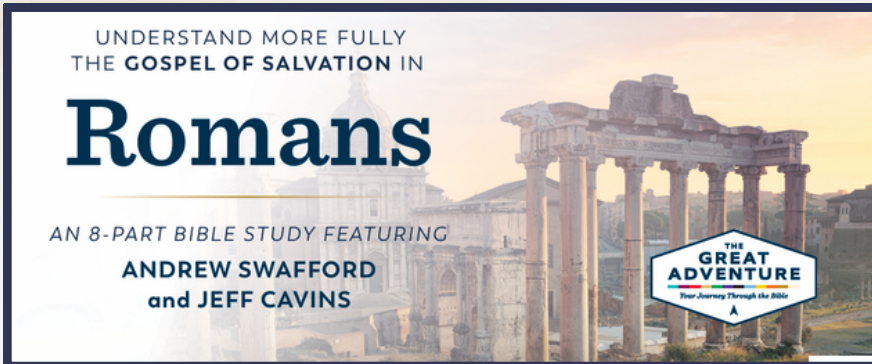
What could you do in your life if you weren't controlled by fear? How can you find ways to do something great for the Lord?

## April 26th - Temperance

God gave us the gift to feel pleasure in so many things throughout our lives (food, drink, entertainment, etc.). The virtue of temperance opens us up to feel even MORE. More joy, more pleasure, and more space to experience life's greatest things.

## May 3rd - Justice

There is some disconnect between the secular worldview and the Christian worldview of justice. While the secular world focuses on "What do you owe me?" the Christian Church asks "What do I owe others?" Dr. Sri breaks down how justice focuses more on our responsibilities and the ways that we can give others their due.



# Adult Bible Study Tuesdays

10:00am to Noon  
Faith Formation Room

We're excited to invite you to **Romans: The Gospel of Salvation**, an eight-part study about possibly the most famous—and controversial—of St. Paul's letters.

**Join us!**

**Session 5 - April 21<sup>st</sup> -**

*Romans 7–8: The Logic of the Covenant, the Gravity of Sin, and the Gift of the Spirit*

**Session 6 - April 28<sup>th</sup> -**

*Romans 9–11: God Fathers His Family*

**Session 7 - May 5<sup>th</sup> -**

*Romans 12–13: Making Our Lives a Living Sacrifice*

**Session 8 - May 12<sup>th</sup> -**

*Romans 14–16: The End of the Story*

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning.

Indeed, many Catholics fear that Romans is too "Protestant."

But understood correctly, as St. Paul intended, Romans is authentically Catholic.

Romans reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sharing in his divine life. In Jesus Christ all the hopes and expectations of Israel are fulfilled, leading to the universal ("catholic") family of God.



# Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

## ***The Call to Holy Orders and the importance of the pre-ordination retreat***

Twelve years ago, as I was nearing the end of my diaconate studies and formation, I spent five days on a canonical retreat. This pre-ordination retreat is a sacred and essential moment in the journey of Holy Orders. Required by Canon Law, it provides candidates with intentional time away from daily responsibilities to enter into silence, prayer, and deep reflection. The Church recognizes that ordination, whether transitional or permanent, marks a profound change in a man's identity and mission. As the Director of the Permanent Diaconate for our diocese, I have both the privilege and responsibility to mentor our deacon candidates. This week I join five men on retreat prior to their July ordination.

This retreat allows candidates to deepen their relationship with Christ, reflect on the promises they will soon make, and discern their readiness with clarity and freedom. It prepares them spiritually for a life of service and strengthens their communion with the Church and its mission. While both transitional and permanent deacons share this foundational experience, the focus of their retreats differs because their vocations unfold in distinct ways.

**For transitional deacon candidates**, the retreat is shaped by their path toward priesthood. These men are seminarians who will serve as deacons for a relatively short period of time before priestly ordination. As a result, their retreat emphasizes the diaconate as a step within priestly formation. The spiritual conferences and periods of reflection often center on celibate chastity, priestly spirituality, and the promises they will soon make as future priests. The tone tends to be more formation-oriented, helping them transition from academic life to the pastoral responsibilities they will soon assume. Their retreat looks ahead not only to diaconal service but also to the priestly identity they are preparing to embrace.

**For permanent deacon candidates**, the retreat marks the beginning of a lifelong vocation in the diaconate. These men are often married, employed, and deeply rooted in family and community life. Their retreat therefore focuses on integrating ordained ministry with the realities of marriage, family responsibilities, and secular work. The spirituality emphasized is one of service grounded in everyday life, being a bridge between the Church and the world. In many dioceses, the candidate's spouse participates in portions of the retreat, acknowledging the world. The tone is pastoral and practical, aimed at helping candidates understand how their ministry will unfold within the rhythms of their existing commitments.

There are a few elements that differ between the two diaconal retreats. Transitional deacons prepare for a ministry that anticipates priesthood, with an emphasis on preaching, teaching, and liturgical leadership as preparation for future sacramental responsibilities. Permanent deacons, by contrast, prepare for ministries rooted in charity, outreach, and pastoral presence within the parish and local community. And while transitional candidates focus on celibate priestly identity, permanent candidates reflect on holiness within marriage and the call to serve while remaining fully present to their families.

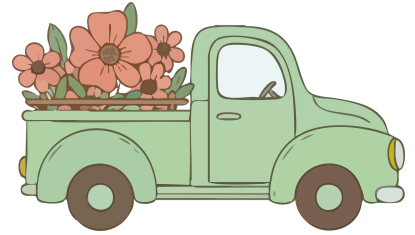
At the heart of this call to Holy Orders lies the moment when the bishop lays his hands upon the candidate, invoking the Holy Spirit and linking him to the unbroken apostolic tradition. This gesture, simple yet immense in meaning, signifies that the man no longer serves by his own strength but is configured to Christ the Servant for the sake of the Church. Entering retreat with this reality in view invites a deeper surrender, a readiness to be shaped, claimed, and sent by God.

Please join me in praying for our five deacon candidates: James Haston, Kevin Haverly, Howard Mohn, Steve Reddin, and Mike Wilson. May the grace of the Holy Spirit prepare their hearts and clarify the call as they embrace a life of service.



# APRIL PSR CALENDAR

(Parish School of Religion)



## Wednesday PSR K-12th

April 22nd 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class

April 29th 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class

## SAINT OF THE MONTH

### St. Catherine of Sienna



St. Catherine's feast day is April 29,

She is the patroness against fire, illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.

## SERVICE PROJECT

Say a Divine Mercy as a Family

## MENU

4/22 - Sandwiches

4/29 - Pizza



### The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Kolbe Academy

† Make the Sign of the Cross

● Our Father

● Hail Mary

● The Apostles' Creed

● The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

● For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

3x at the end:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



# MAY PSR CALENDAR



## Wednesday PSR K-12th

May 6th 5:30-7pm

Mass  
First Communion  
Food/Class

May 13th 5:30-7pm

Mass  
Food/  
Class activities

## SAINT OF THE MONTH



The Church honors Mary as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

## SPECIAL EVENT



## SERVICE PROJECT Say a family rosary



## MENU

5/6 - Pizza

5/13 - Hot Dogs



# Welcome

## Our Lady of the Lake



**Candidate:** Brock Yonlly  
**Sponsor:** Fidel (left)  
**Godparents:** Nickie & Mike Rivera (Right)



# OCIA MEMBER

Brock has been on a two year journey to enter the Catholic Church. Several parish mentors and catechist have been part of his journey. He has attended Steubenville summer youth conference and NCYC youth conference.

He is a senior at Branson High School. He will be going to OTC in Springfield to become a Fire Fighter.

## SAVE THE DATE

### OUR LADY OF THE COVE SPRING GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
(8AM-4PM)  
SATURDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
(8AM-12PM)



**WE HAVE SOMETHING  
FOR EVERYONE!**



Scan here to see the  
all-new Totus Tuus  
VIDEO!

## St. Joseph the Worker

1796 State Hwy NN, Ozark, MO 65721

**June 21 - 26, 2026**

**Day Program (1st - 6th grade):  
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Evening Program (7th - 12th grade):  
Sunday - Thursday: 7 - 9 p.m.**

### WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS?

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. A team of energetic young adults will lead the children of the parish in games, skits, lessons, prayer, discussions, and more!

The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire a true longing for holiness in young people, a deep desire for daily conversion, and an openness to their vocation by constantly challenging them to give themselves entirely to Christ through Mary and by continually strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of her.



Scan here to  
**REGISTER** for  
Totus Tuus!

# OLL Games

Join us April 23rd OLL Game Day  
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

## OLL Train

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Players

BIG Winner Remy -246

Joe -260 Judy E -291 Ed -386

Lil' Winner Eva -394



## OLL Train - The Birthday Girls

BIG Winner Julie -273

Anne Marie -304

Lil' Winner Mary -317

## Swoop - Crazy Dunces

Big Winner Sharron -19

Butch -24 Harry -40

Margaret -65 Jeanie -100

Joyce -115

Lil' Winner Sharon A -183



## Canadian Sets

Big Winner Joyce 420

Sharron 270 Butch 248

Jeanie 215 Harry 70

Margaret -110

Lil' Winner Sharon A -335

YES! In Canadian Sets there can be MINUS scores



## Mahjong

Judy O -25 Edean -25

Susan -25 Brenda -0



Come  
Join Us

The 4th Anniversary was great fun!

Fr Johny stopped by and Fr J shared a little bubbly.

A new card game was introduced... Canadian Sets.



Want to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, but don't want to drive?

We will be taking a chartered bus to West Plains.

We will leave OLL - SAT. AUG. 15TH at 6:00AM

There's no charge to sign up for the bus, **HOWEVER...**  
you will need to register & pay to attend the Congress.  
Spots are **FILLING UP** fast.

### Cost

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

*We are grateful to the sponsors and donors whose financial gifts are helping to keep the registration cost very low for participants!*

The registration fee includes

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

### Meals

Lunch will be provided at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. A variety of grab-n-go lunch options will be provided by area restaurants that will be serving meals at the Civic Center.

You will be able to view menu options and order your lunch meal ahead of time, during the online registration process.

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

Scan QR code to reserve



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**Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**  
AUGUST 15, 2026  
WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

**Spots are filling up fast**

Speakers: Bishop James Conley, Bishop Edward Rice, Fr. Leo Potalinghaus, Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Elvis Gonzalez, De Ministris, Mari Pablo, Brian Miller, Sr. Carolyn Nunes, FIMM

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

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70 YEARS 1956-2026

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

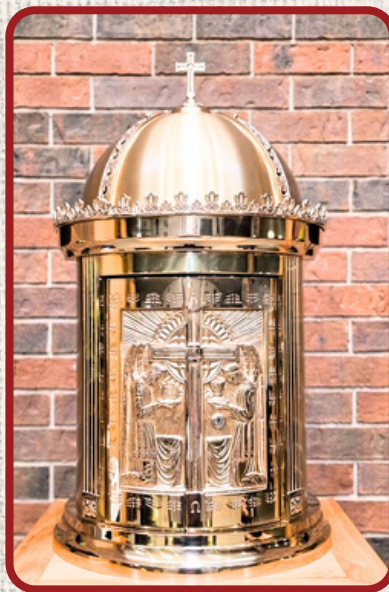
This invitation is for everyone.

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.

## APRIL



Tabernacle at  
Our Lady of the Lake



Tabernacle at  
Our Lady of the Cove



Tabernacle at  
Our Lady of the Ozarks

### **PARTICIPATE IN THE HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM**

Attend Mass during this time leading up to Easter

### **GO FOR A WALK OR HIKE WITH FRIENDS &/OR FAMILY**

Spend time in nature to enjoy God's creations

### **DO RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**

#### **\*Random acts of kindness suggestions**

*Leave an encouraging note on a random car windshield in a parking lot.*

*Donate gently worn clothes to a thrift store.*

*Pay for the next person in line at the drive thru.*

*Forgive someone you've been holding a grudge against.*

*Straighten up shelves when you're walking through the grocery aisle or the toy department.*

*Write a thank-you note to your server at a restaurant.*



# Women's Day of Reflection

Join the women of Our Lady of the Ozarks  
With Bishop Liebrecht and Lynn Melendez

## Our Lady of the Ozarks Parish

Saturday, May 9, 2026

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bishop Liebrecht presents

St. John Paul II, Mulieris Dignitatem

“The Dignity and Vocation of Women”  
and

Lynn Melendez presents

“I Am Not Equipped”

based on the Gospel reading on feeding the 5000

**To Register Contact:**

**Kay Gerken**

Phone 417.335.0271 or

Email: [Kay@GerkenandAssociates.com](mailto:Kay@GerkenandAssociates.com)

Make check payable to PCCW and mail to:

Kay Gerken, 480 Woodsong Lane, Branson, MO 65616

Registration \$10.00 (includes lunch)

Deadline May 3rd



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.

**For more information and to Register Online:**

<https://dioscg.org/cursillo/>

**Women's Weekend**

**Date: April 23-26, 2026**

**Location: Carthage, MO**

*“May the victory of the Risen Jesus bring an end to war.  
May Christ continue to bless all those who entered the Church this Easter.”*  
Bishop Edward M. Rice

**April**  
PRAYER INTENTION

**2026 MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE**

Join us at the  
**STATE CAPITOL IN JEFFERSON CITY**

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Diocesan-chartered buses and mileage reimbursement available!

**04  
30  
26**

ABORTION TAKES THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF UNBORN CHILDREN EVERY YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES.

JOIN WITH US AS WE MARCH FOR LIFE IN JEFFERSON CITY

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, BUS REGISTRATION, AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FORM IS AVAILABLE [HERE](#).

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**April 26**

Strengthening the Church at Home

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# Catholic Night

AT THE SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS!



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**THURSDAY, MAY 28**

**HAMMONS FIELD | 7:05 PM**

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**We are One in Him.**

DDF SUNDAY **MAY 3, 2026**



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# The Earth is what we all have in common.

-Wendell Berry, novelist



"What is St. Mark's favorite flower?"



"A dandelION."



**FUN FACT!**  
In art, St. Mark is depicted with a winged lion, a reference to the beginning of his Gospel, with St. John the Baptist "calling out" in the wilderness.

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"Did you hear about the monk who forgot to put his clothes in the laundry?"



"It was a bad habit."



**FUN FACT!**  
Monks and other vowed religious wear "habits," the distinct uniform of their order or branch of lifestyle.

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## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

**Question: What is the name of the Jewish feast day that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on?**

**Answer: The Passover Feast**  
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3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Christ gave us everything. He gave us “happily ever after.” But what do you do with everything? What do you do with “happily ever after?” What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

### The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we *know*, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why “happily ever after” is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a *gotcha!* moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us “happily ever after.” But what do you do with “happily ever after?” What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won “happily ever after” that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

### Answer:

We hear the phrase “the end of the world” casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin “Parousia,” meaning “presence” or “arrival.”

We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a “*new heaven and a new earth*” (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, “Come Lord Jesus!”

## Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

### Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

### Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/  
Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and  
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

### Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/  
Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/  
Jn 6:44-51

### Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

### Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *Father John Muir*

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Exalted at the right hand of God,  
he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father  
and poured him forth, as you see and hear." (Acts 2:33)

### Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world  
but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

### Gospel:

Then they said to each other,  
"Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the  
Scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like Cleopas, we make our way  
through this world with weary feet and  
disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step  
beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we  
let him?

## Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

<b>Sunday:</b>	3rd Sunday of Easter
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<i>Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day</i>
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; <i>Arbor Day</i>
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Mark, Evangelist
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



## Virtues, *Explained!*

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," we read in the Catechism.

## Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,  
As this new season begins,  
bring new life to our hearts as  
well.  
Prune what has grown  
despondent,  
brush back that which darkens  
and clouds.  
As the flowers bud and bloom,  
bless us with new wonder, new  
hope, new promise, new joy.  
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