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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2



5th Sunday of Easter

May 2 - May 8



Events

SATURDAY May 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY May 3

Coffee & Christ
9:15-10:15am - Faith Formation Room

MONDAY May 4

No Events today

TUESDAY May 5

Adult Bible Study
10:00-Noon - Faith Formation Room
Bereavement Group
2:00-4:00pm - Heritage Room
OCIA
6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY May 6

Stitchers
9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room
PSR
5:30pm - Mass
1st Communion & May Crowning
6:30-7:00pm - Food/Class

THURSDAY May 7

OLL Game Day
1:00-3:30pm - Faith Formation Room
Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30-8:00pm - Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY May 8

Spanish Charismatic Group
6:00-9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY May 9

Women's WELCOME Meeting
9:00-11:00am - Heritage Room

Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm
7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

May 5th
NO DAILY MASS

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

Important Links

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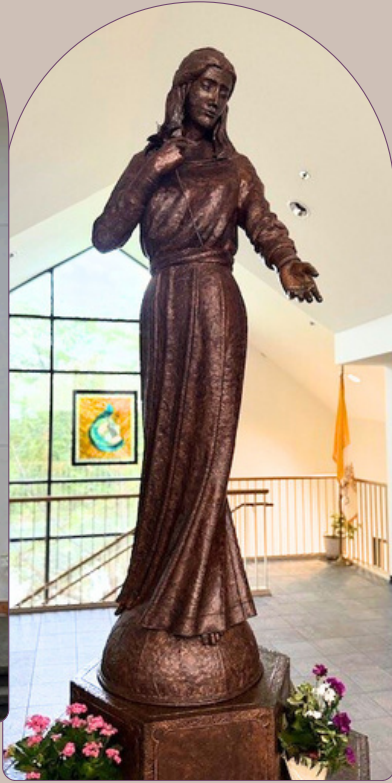
[Click Here For MASS INTENTIONS](#)

[Click Here For FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

Flower Intentions available for May & June

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5/2	5:00pm	Val & Barbara Martin †
Sat.	5/2	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun.	5/3	8:00am	Jeff Garret (Living)
Sun.	5/3	10:30am	Marty Waller †
Mon.	5/4	9:00am	Macey Kay Mckensie (Living)
Tue.	5/5	Deceased family members of John & Margaret Casey † (Mass Intention will be prayed at the Clergy Day)	
Wed.	5/6	5:30pm	Lorenz "Larry" Nowack †
Thur.	5/7	9:00am	For the intentions of Felicity Gallegos (Birthday)



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WORSHIP WITH US



[Click here](#) for Mass Times & Sacrament of Reconciliation



[CLICK HERE](#) FOR DAILY MASS READINGS

Collection through April 26, 2026

Envelopes:	\$43,284.29
Plate:	\$21,245.00
Green Envelopes:	\$13,273.86
Total:	\$77,903.15

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2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

We are One in Him.

DDF SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026



DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD-
CAPE GIRARDEAU



2026
BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL  for
Funding
Church
Ministries

***The Diocesan Development
Fund is vital to the life of the
Church
in southern Missouri.***

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

What is the Diocesan Development Fund (DDF)?

The Bishop's Annual Appeal, our Diocesan Development Fund Campaign (DDF), is the annual campaign for the diocese and takes place the first weekend of May.

The funds raised through the campaign advance our mission through a host of ministries that assist our families, our parishes, and every diocesan ministry in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. The personal sacrifices of parishioners across the diocese directly benefit the lives of those who worship in our churches, those formed through religious education programs in our parishes and schools, and those who are consoled and comforted through our ministries and presence.



REMINDER

**NO DAILY MASS
Tuesday, May 5th**

**Our Priests Will Be
Attending Clergy Day
in Van Buren, MO**

**HAPPY
Anniversary!**

Congratulations

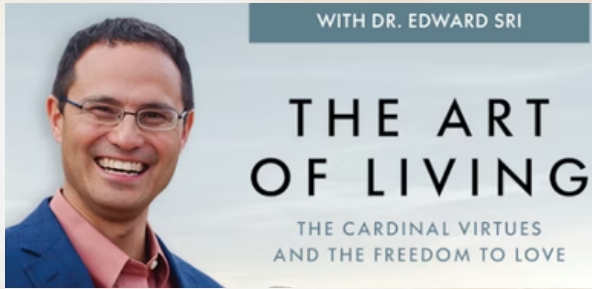
to

**Howard & Carol Frische
who are
celebrating their
70th**

**Wedding Anniversary
this weekend**

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.

Upcoming Dates

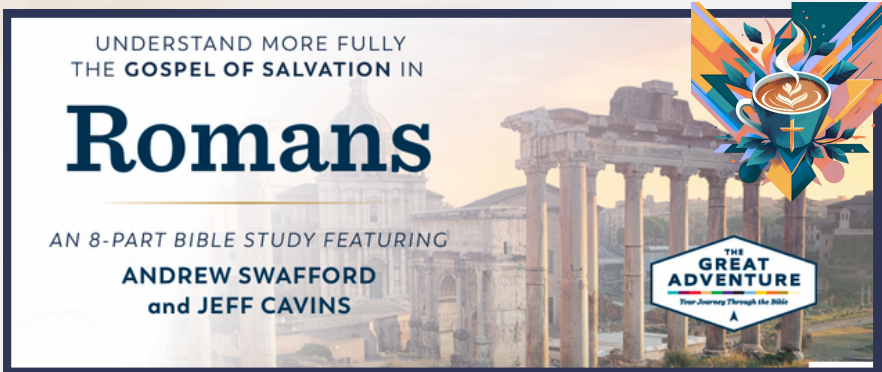
May 3rd - Justice

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.

May 10th

May 17th

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



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 7 - May 5th -

Romans 12–13: Making Our Lives a Living Sacrifice

Session 8 - May 12th -

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.



The first Thursday
of May is the
**NATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER.**

This is a great
reminder to pray
for our nation, our
leaders, our media,
and each other!



**On this National Day of Prayer,
we join our hearts with believers
across our nation, lifting our voices
to God in unity.**

**Inspired by King David's prayer
of thanksgiving in 1 Chronicles 16,
we come before the Lord with
gratitude, repentance, and hope
for our country.**

Heavenly Father, Creator of heaven and
earth, We come before You today with
humble hearts, grateful for the gift of life,
faith, and freedom.

Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Redeemer,
You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
We entrust our nation to Your Sacred
Heart.

Heal our divisions, guide our leaders,
and inspire us to walk in justice, mercy,
and truth.

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Renew the face
of our land. Stir in us a deeper love for
You and for one another.
Strengthen families, protect the vulnerable,
and ignite in every heart a desire for
holiness.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
intercede for us before your Son.
Wrap our nation in your mantle of
protection and lead us ever closer to Jesus.

Lord, on this day of prayer,
we commit ourselves to be
instruments of Your peace.

May our words build up, not tear down;
may our actions reflect Your love;
and may our lives bear witness to the hope
we have in You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.





MAY PSR CALENDAR

(Parish School of Religion)



Wednesday PSR K-12th

May 6th 5:30-7pm

Mass
First Communion
May Crowning
Food/Class

May 13th 5:30-7pm

Mass
Food/
Class activities

SAINT OF THE MONTH



MAY

MONTH OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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.

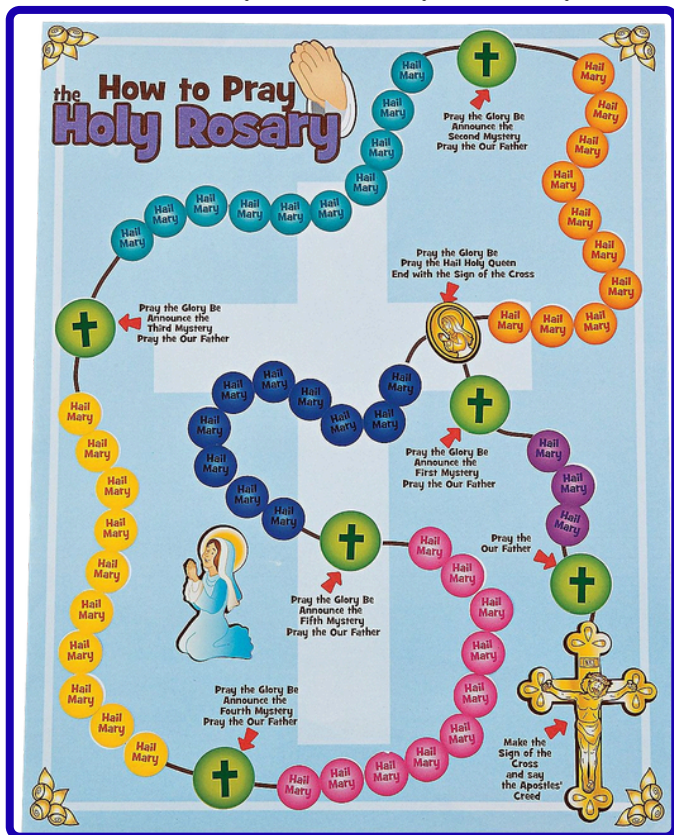
SPECIAL EVENT

May 6th 5:30pm Mass



SERVICE PROJECT

Say a family rosary



MENU

5/6 - Pizza

5/13 - Hot Dogs





Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Entering the Quiet: The Sacred Gift of Silence at Mass

In my role as Pastoral Associate at Our Lady of the Ozarks, I arrive early at the parish in preparation for Holy Mass. The church is very peaceful and surreal before the busyness of the day. It is not too long before parishioners and visitors begin to arrive. Some people will greet one another and share fellowship in the gathering space. Others will head directly to the stillness of the worship space for quiet reflection. Others may pray a rosary, individually or with the congregation. Then five to eight minutes or so before the start of Mass, a transformation takes place. We enter a different kind of space, one shaped not by noise, activity, or conversation, but by **holy silence**.

The Church teaches that silence is an essential part of the Mass. It is not simply a pause between spoken parts; it is a ritual action in its own right. Silence prepares us to hear God's Word, to confess our sins honestly, to offer our intentions, and to receive the Eucharist with reverence. But this liturgical silence begins long before the opening hymn. It begins the moment we walk in and genuflect to the tabernacle.

When we enter the church quietly, we give ourselves the gift of preparation. We allow our hearts to settle. We let go of distractions. We remember why we are here. This quiet is not only for our own sake, but also an act of charity toward others. Our silence helps create an atmosphere where every person can pray, reflect, and prepare to encounter Christ.

The Roman Missal identifies several distinct silences during the Mass, each with its own purpose. During the Penitential Act, silence allows us to acknowledge our sins honestly. After the priest says, "Let us pray," a pause is required so the faithful can form their intentions. It is only then that the Collect (the Opening Prayer) can truly "collect" the prayers of the people. In the Liturgy of the Word, silence before the readings, after the readings, and after the homily allows the Word of God to be received and pondered. These are not empty spaces; they are moments when the Holy Spirit works quietly in the heart.

Two of the most profound silences occur during the Eucharistic Prayer and after Holy Communion. As the priest elevates the Host, the profound hush that falls over the congregation is an expression of awe and wonder. Words fail to express Christ's Real Presence. This silence is an act of communal adoration, a shared recognition that we are standing on holy ground. When we return to our pews after receiving the Eucharist, the silence becomes intensely intimate. It is the "quiet room" of the heart where the communicant hosts the Divine Guest. It is in this stillness, that the "still, small voice of God" can be heard.

In the modern age, many find silence uncomfortable. Yet, the Church persists in its use because it knows that God is the friend of silence. As St. Faustina once noted, "A talkative soul is empty inside." The beauty of silence in the Mass is that it refills that emptiness. It provides the necessary friction against the rush of the world, creating a sanctuary in time where we can truly hear the heartbeat of the Church. By embracing these quiet moments, we do not simply observe a ritual; we enter into a living mystery where, in the absence of sound, the fullness of God is revealed.



OLL Games

Join us May 7th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

OLL Train - The Mint Julep's
BIG Winner Julie J -128
Anne Marie -272 Susan -361
Lil' Winner Mary -448



OLL Train - The Horse Traders
BIG Winner Joe -146
Remy -165 Eva -215 Ed -224
Lil' Winner Judy E -294

Swoop - Kentuckians
Big Winner Margaret -179
Sharron -197 Dan -236
Sharon S -250 Butch -275
Sharon A -312
Lil' Winner Jeanie -316



Mahjong
Harry 25
Monnie 50
Judy O -0-
Joyce -0-



Good Food & Snacks



Julie was really the BIG WINNER as she went out 9 times! And 8 times straight in a row!



Good Fun & Laughs



Celebrated the Kentucky Derby!



May 7th Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

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



Or

Click on the link below to reserve a seat(s) on the bus

Eucharistic Congress Bus reservation | Flocknote

OR GO TO:

<https://ollbranson.flocknote.com/signup/241552>

TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CONGRESS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Scan the QR CODE Or

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Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - DioSCG

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress
AUGUST 15, 2026
WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

Spots are filling up fast

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

Speakers:

- Bishop James Conley
- Bishop Edward Rice
- Fr. Leo Potalinghaus
- Dr. Scott Hahn
- Fr. Elvis Gonzalez
- Dr. Minerva
- Mari Pablo
- Brian Miller
- Dr. Carolyn Nunes-Fisher

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

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70 YEARS 1956-2026

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



WHY NOT DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST?

Learn from the Catechism

#1356 - 1381

Get to know St. John Paul II's Mind

EE Ch 4. The Eucharist and Ecclesial
Communion

Give Praise to God

through the hymns: "Immaculate Mary"
and "Hail Holy Queen"

Reclaim Sunday for God & the Family

Create a May Altar
Pray a family Rosary

Watch an uplifting movie

Song of Bernadette
The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima

Contemplate Sacred Art

The Virgin Adoring the Host
by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres





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.

MAY

ATTEND MAY CROWNING

May Crowning will be held
Wed. May 6th at Our Lady of the Lake
& Our Lady of the Cove

PRAY THE ROSARY

May is the month of Mary –
Pray the Rosary as a family or on
your own

HONOR MARY & YOUR MOTHER

Mother's Day is May 10th
Honor Our Lady & thank your Mom
with prayer & (flowers)



JULY

AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

Celebrate with family & friends

ATTEND MASS AS A FAMILY

Attend Mass every Sunday this month

SCREEN FREE SUNDAY

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



JUNE

HONOR YOUR FATHER

Father's Day June 21st
Say a prayer of thanksgiving to
your Heavenly Father for all the
gifts you've received / Write a
thank-you note to your own Father

CORPUS CHRISTI

Attend a Corpus Christi Procession
June 7th –
Our Lady of the Cove will be hosting
one this year

VOLUNTEER AS A FAMILY

Volunteer an afternoon or evening
to help a local organization



How to Pray the Rosary



Prayers of the Rosary

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

The Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

The Joyful Mysteries

(Monday and Saturday)

1. The Annunciation of the Lord to Mary.
2. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.
3. The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
4. The Presentation of our Lord.
5. Finding Jesus in the Temple at age 12.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesday and Friday)

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar.
3. Jesus is Crowned with Thorns.
4. Jesus Carried the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion of our Lord.

The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesday and Sunday)

1. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven.
3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost.
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven.
5. Mary is Crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The Luminous Mysteries

(Thursday)

1. The Baptism in the Jordan.
2. The Wedding at Cana.
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom.
4. The Transfiguration.
5. The Institution of the Eucharist.

Instructions

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Say the "Our Father."
3. Say three "Hail Marys."
4. Say the "Glory be to the Father"
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father."
6. Say ten "Hail Marys," while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
8. After each decade say the "Fatima Prayer."
9. Repeat 5,6,7, and 8 continuing with the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same way.
10. Say the "Hail, Holy Queen" after the five decades are completed.

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Knights' Corner ~ Council 6470



MAY TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

While we typically have only done Tootsie Roll Drives in the fall, last year we added an additional drive in May to give our summer visitors a chance to support our cause as well, and the results were so good we're doing it again!

Your Knight's of Columbus will be under the bell tower every weekend in May, your donation to the Tootsie Roll drive helps raise money for developmentally disabled individuals.

Save the DATES!

More Events Coming...

Our Council has reserved the following dates for more food and fellowship opportunities to come:

Breakfast Talent Show Breakfast
June 21st - August 2nd - November 8th

Plan ahead to come and support our charitable endeavors!
Knights! Check to see how YOU can be involved and help out!



As of 4/20/26, Our Lady of the Lake has donated over 4298 lbs of food and \$1305 to the Salvation Army Food Pantry for the Fraternal year 7/1/24 - 6/30/25.

Did you know the Salvation Army can buy food at just \$0.18 per pound? Obviously this makes monetary contributions more effective.

Just a reminder that for every 1000 lbs of food **AND** for every \$500 donated, K of C donates \$100 to the pantry, up to \$500 each from the K of C annually.

Want to make a monetary contribution to the Salvation Army Food Pantry through the Knights of Columbus to help reach the bonus gift from the K of C?

Make checks payable to:
K of C Council 6470
Memo: S. A. Food Pantry

Send checks to:
Knights of Columbus S. A. Food Pantry: Our Lady of the Lake
203 Vaughn Dr. Branson, MO. 65616

The next blood drive is scheduled for

May 22nd

Noon to 5:00pm

at

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Center,
202 Vaughn Drive, Branson, Mo. 65616.

55 - units collected at the March 20, 2026 drive.

63 - drives successfully completed since Nov. 2015.

3112 - units of blood have been collected since Nov. 2015.

**Red Cross
Blood Drive**

CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR GO TO –

www.redcrossblood.org use code OURLADYBRANSON to schedule appointment

Interested in becoming a Knight?

Contact the church office for contact information, or go online @ kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html

Use promo code
SHINKEBEIN
for one year free membership!

Meeting Reminder

Membership meetings are every *first* Thursday in the Faith Formation Room in the Church, Rosary starting @ 6:30pm, mtg @ 7pm.

Don't forget! The Larry Konzen Social is on after the meetings too!

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS SPRING TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

MONTH OF MAY

ALL MONTH LONG
UNDER THE BELLTOWER
AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
"HELP US HELP THEM"

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 6470, BRANSON



1st Wednesday of the month
evening Adoration and Benediction that follows the 5:30pm Mass
will RESUME in the FALL



Blood Drive Our Lady Of The Lake Catholic Church

Parish Center
202 Vaughn Drive
Branson, MO 65616

Friday, May 22, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter: OURLADYBranson to schedule an appointment.



Get summer ready! Come to give blood May 18-31 for
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Give Blood.

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Save the Date
2026

Vacation
Bible School

July 6, 7 & 8

Our Lady of the Cove
Kimberling City

*"Through the
intercession of St. Joseph
the Worker, May 1, may
the unemployed and
underemployed find
fulfilling and life-giving
employment.*

*Through the intercession
of Our Lady of Fatima,
May 13, may peace reign
in our world."*

Bishop Edward M. Rice

May
PRAYER INTENTION

IT'S TIME FOR

Catholic Night

AT THE SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS!



\$15
SINGLE
TICKET

EXECUTIVE SUITE
TICKETS ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE FOR
THOSE WANTING TO
JOIN THE TASTE OF
CCSOMO EVENT!

THURSDAY, MAY 28

HAMMONS FIELD | 7:05 PM

CCSOMO.ORG/SPRINGFIELD-CARDINALS-CATHOLIC-NIGHT

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AND MORE
INFORMATION.



HOSTED BY:

Catholic Charities
of Southern Missouri

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

Make check payable to PCCW and mail to:

Kay Gerken, 480 Woodsong Lane, Branson, MO 65616

Registration \$10.00 (includes lunch)

Deadline to register - May 3rd



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 see the
all-new Totus Tuus
VIDEO!



Scan here to
REGISTER for
Totus Tuus!



SAVE THE DATE

OUR LADY OF THE COVE SPRING GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

(8AM-4PM)

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

(8AM-12PM)



WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased
greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.* (1 Pt 2:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

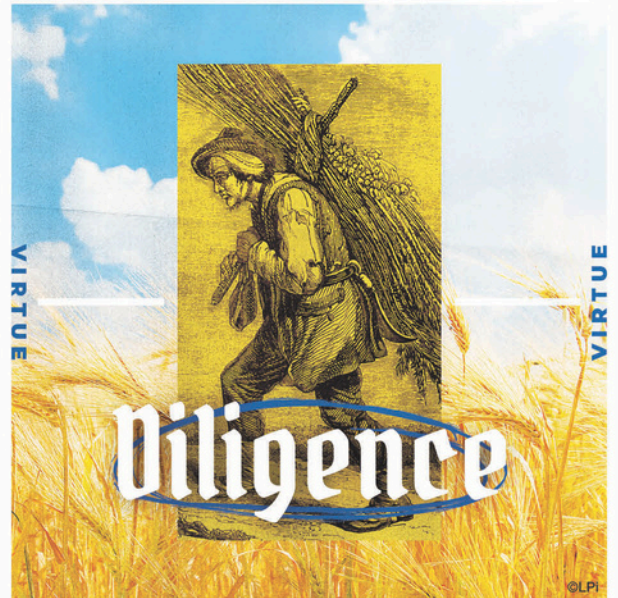
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the
mercy of God, but fear it will run out?
How often do we consider following the
path of Christ and worry that it is too
steep? But God has not overpromised.
Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: *Cinco de Mayo*
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day



Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts
be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness,
and my rest in the storm.
Amen.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA



Question: What is the first of the Sorrowful Mysteries?

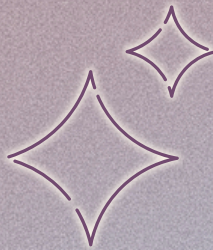
Answer: The Agony in the Garden.

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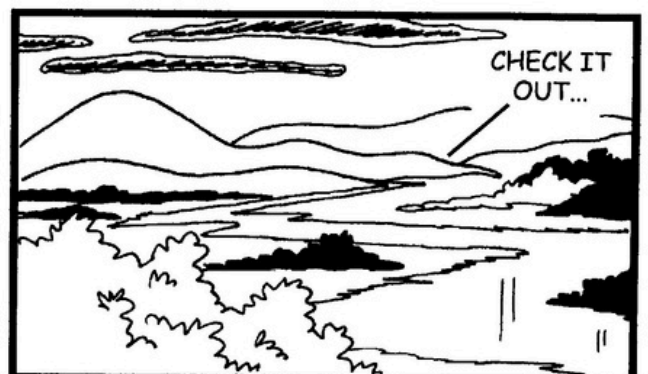
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Hey, wait a minute!



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There are lots of different routes to Heaven. But there's only one Way.

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. *The way.*

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

You'll know him when you see him.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The Church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who, by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

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