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SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”
- Jn 14:20-21



6th Sunday of Easter

May 9 - May 15



Events

SATURDAY May 9

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

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

SUNDAY May 10

Happy Mother's day
Coffee & Christ
9:15-10:15am - Faith Formation Room

MONDAY May 11
No Events today

TUESDAY May 12
Adult Bible Study
10:00-Noon - Faith Formation Room

Centering Prayer
12:15-2:00pm - John Paul II Room

Bereavement Group
2:00-4:00pm - Heritage Room

OCIA
6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY May 13
Stitchers
9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room

PSR
5:30pm - Mass
6:15-7:00pm - Food/Class

THURSDAY May 14
OLL Game Day
1:00pm-3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

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

FRIDAY May 15
Spanish Charismatic Group
6:00-9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY May 16
No AM Events today

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Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm
7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

Important Links

[Click Here For PARISH CALENDAR](#)

[Click Here For MASS INTENTIONS](#)

[Click Here For FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

Flower Intentions available for May & June

Mass Intentions

- Sat. 5/9 5:00pm Val & Barbara Martin †**
- Sat. 5/9 7:00pm Taney County Parish Family (Living)**
- Sun. 5/10 8:00am Dina Glover (Special Intention-Living)**
- Sun. 5/10 10:30am Baumgard Mothers & Grandmothers (Living & Deceased)†**
- Mon. 5/11 9:00am Fr. Ken Borowiak (Special Intention-Living)**
- Tue. 5/12 9:00am John & Mary Ackerman (Special Intention-Living)**
- Wed. 5/13 5:30pm Emily & Craig Vandermaden (Special Intention-Living)**
- Thur. 5/14 9:00am Babba Boma †**



[Click Here to Make a Prayer Request](#)

[Click Here to Donate Online](#)

[Haga clic aquí para el boletín en español](#)

[Click Here to Contact Parish Staff](#)

WORSHIP WITH US

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



[CLICK HERE FOR DAILY MASS READINGS](#)

Collection through May 3, 2026

Envelopes:	\$6,256.00
Plate:	\$ 100.00
Green Envelopes:	\$2,031.00
Total:	\$8,387.00

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2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

We are One in Him.

DDF SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026



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2026
BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL |  for
Funding
Church
Ministries

DDF Supports These Ministries & More!

- Catholic Campus Ministry
- Catechesis
- Catholic Schools
- Child and Youth Protection
- Communications
- Courage & EnCourage
- Clergy Formation
- Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
- Diocesan Tribunal
- Development & Properties
- Permanent Deacon Formation
- Ecumenical Office
- Evangelization
- Faith Formation
- Family Life
- Financial Services
- Health Affairs
- Hispanic Ministry
- Liturgy & Worship
- Media Relations
- Missouri Catholic Conference
- Natural Family Planning
- Planned Giving
- Project Rachel
- Respect Life
- Social Ministry
- The Mirror
- Vocations
- Youth Ministry

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.

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.

OR

Click on the link below

[Donate Today!](#)

[Diocesan Development Fund](#)

Or Scan the QR code





Coffee & Christ Sundays

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

“Coffee & Christ” is an adult Catholic Christian faith education opportunity for learning and building community that meets on Sunday morning between the Masses.

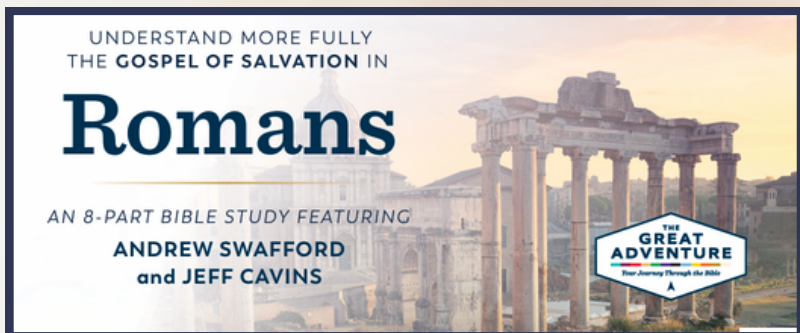
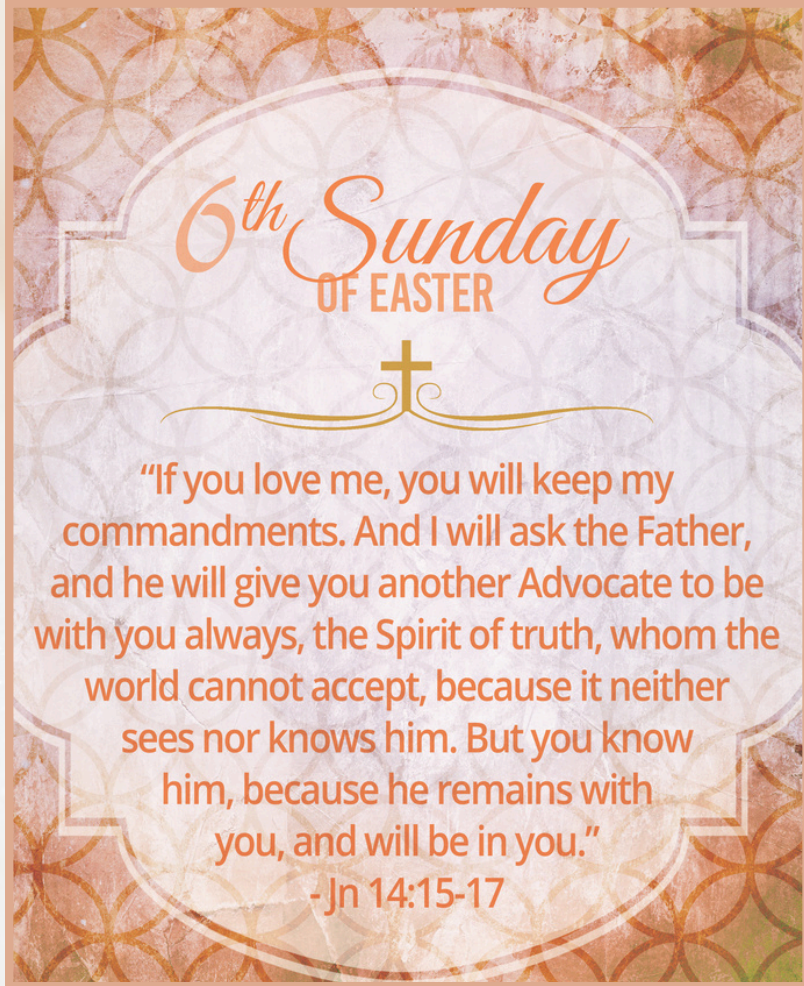
The classes include a variety of topics, e.g. Scripture, history, faith, doctrine, spirituality, social justice, and aspects of living out one’s lay ministry in the world.

Upcoming Dates

May 10th

May 17th

Participants are always welcome!
There is no required attendance!



Adult Bible Study Tuesdays

10:00am to Noon
Faith Formation Room

Join us!

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.





Happy Mother's Day to ALL of the Moms out there!

Including...




**Mothers who have
lost children**

**Mothers estranged
from their kids**

**Mothers who have
adopted children**

**Mothers who gave a
child up for adoption**



Spiritual Mothers

Grandmothers

Stepmothers

Foster Mothers

**Mothers who have
experienced miscarriage**

**And all who identify
with motherhood**





MAY PSR CALENDAR

(Parish School of Religion)



SAINT OF THE MONTH

Wednesday PSR K-12th

May 13th 5:30-7pm

Mass
Food/
Class activities

Have a
Fantastic Summer



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.

SERVICE PROJECT

Say a family rosary



Congratulations
to those who made their
First Communion
May 6th & May 9th



MENU

5/13 - Hot Dogs





Saints Who Were Mothers: Faith, Family, and Holiness in Everyday Life

As we honor Mother's Day with flowers, heartfelt cards, and perhaps a warm Knights of Columbus breakfast after Mass (Our Lady of the Ozarks - Forsyth), each a beautiful gesture, let us also pause to embrace an even greater gift the Church offers, the inspiring witness of saintly mothers whose lives illuminate the path of faith.

Motherhood is often described as a vocation of love, sacrifice, and perseverance. In the Catholic tradition, several canonized saints lived this calling not only as biological mothers but also as spiritual leaders within their families. Their lives remind us that holiness is not reserved for cloisters or pulpits, it can flourish inside and outside the home and in the daily routines of family life. I share with you a summary of five motherly saints.

Saint Monica (331-387) – Patron Saint of Wives and Abused Victims - The Persistent Intercessor

Saint Monica, mother of Saint Augustine, is perhaps one of the most well-known mothers in Church history. Living in the 4th century, she endured years of heartache over her son's wayward lifestyle and rejection of the faith. Through decades of patient prayer, fasting, and gentle witness, Monica's steadfast love became the channel through which Augustine encountered Christ. Her story is a testament to the power of a mother's intercession and the hope that no soul is beyond God's reach.

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla (1834-1888) Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers – The Modern Witness

A pediatrician, wife, and mother of four, Saint Gianna Beretta Molla lived in mid-20th-century Italy. When faced with a life-threatening complication during her fourth pregnancy, she chose to preserve the life of her unborn child, even at the cost of her own. Gianna's decision was not made lightly, it was rooted in her deep faith, professional understanding of life's dignity, and maternal love. She died shortly after giving birth, leaving behind a legacy of courage and self-giving love that continues to inspire pro-life witness today.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (174-1821) – The Educator and Spiritual Mother

The first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton was a widow and mother of five. After converting to Catholicism, she founded the first free Catholic school in the United States and established the Sisters of Charity. Balancing her role as a mother with her mission to educate and serve, she demonstrated that motherhood could extend beyond one's own children to embrace the needs of the wider community.

Saint Zélie Martin (1823-1894) – The Mother of a Saintly Family

Saint Zélie Martin, along with her husband Louis, raised nine children, five of whom survived to adulthood, all becoming nuns. Among them was Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the "Little Flower." Zélie's letters reveal a woman deeply devoted to her children's spiritual formation, attentive to their personalities, and committed to guiding them toward heaven. Her life shows that the home can be a fertile ground for nurturing saints.

Saint Felicity – Patron Saint of Mothers - The Martyr Mother

Saint Felicity, a 2nd-century martyr, was a pregnant Christian imprisoned for her faith. She gave birth in prison and was executed shortly afterward. (Her child was adopted by a Christian mother.) Felicity's courage in the face of persecution and her willingness to suffer for Christ, even as a new mother, stand as a profound witness to the strength of faith under trial.

These saints, Monica, Gianna, Elizabeth Ann, Zélie, and Felicity, represent different eras, cultures, and circumstances, yet they share a common thread: they lived their motherhood as a path to holiness. Whether through prayerful perseverance, sacrificial love, educational leadership, or martyrdom, they reveal that the vocation of motherhood is a sacred calling capable of transforming both family and society.

Their stories invite today's mothers to see their daily sacrifices, joys, and challenges as opportunities for sanctity. In the Catholic vision, every diaper changed, every meal prepared, every prayer whispered over a sleeping child can be an offering to God, an act of love that echoes the lives of these holy women.

OLL Games

Join us May 14th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

OLL Train - The Taco Belles

BIG Winner Joe -85

Ed -149 Eva -270 Remy -286

Lil' Winner Judy E -312



OLL Train -

Father & Four Senioritas

BIG Winner Julie J -118

Anne Marie -292 Mary -338

Lil' Winner Father & Sue T -388

Swoop - Margarita Mixers

Big Winner Sharon A -197

Julie W -201 Butch -225

Dan -242 Margaret -261

Jeanie -281 Sharron -417

Lil' Winner Sharon S -433



Mahjong

Judy O -25

Harry -0-

Sue T -0-

Joyce -0-



Julie J still holds the record of going out 8 times straight for a total of going out 9 times! This week she went out 7 TIMES total!

Joe gave her a run by going out 5 times total!

This week one Mahjong game ended in Play to the Wall, meaning:

ALL tiles played and no one had a Mahjong!

Mahjong is experiencing a massive resurgence, particularly in the USA, with a 179%-200% increase in events from 2023 to 2024.

If you would like to learn more, join in on Thursdays at 1:00pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry

After the May First Friday Mass 20 Prayer Shawls were blessed,

- * with five shawls presented to recipients.
- During April an additional
- * four shawls given to those grieving
 - * five to those with illness/health conditions.

Prayer Shawls are available by contacting the parish office.

If you would like additional information on this ministry or interested in joining call the parish office 417-334-2928.



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
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Click on the link below

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 Roca
 Fr. Leo Patallangha
 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

DIocese of SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU
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!



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



The

Holy Trinity

Our True Family

Join us for a Spirit-filled weekend and experience a spiritual journey that will leave you feeling renewed and strengthened!

Friday, June 5: 4:00 pm for Mass - 8:30 pm
Saturday, June 6: 8:30 am for Mass - 8:30 pm

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
2200 West Republic Road, Springfield, Missouri

Experience transformation and healing of your soul through
Inspirational Talks, Holy Mass, Adoration, Healing Service
Whether you can come both days or just one, come... You WILL be blessed!!!

www.strengtheningandhealing.org

\$30 or \$50/couple, Lunch & Dinner provided for donation

(Conferences generally cost us \$60/person)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Shelly: 417-838-2730 or Jan: 417-763-1579

FEATURING:

- Fr. Philip Scott FJ
- Fr. Martin Scott SDM
- Michael McGlinn
- Judy Brown
- Relics of St Charbel

and more



CALLING ALL VENDORS

AUGUST 15 2026

WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

We are seeking Catholic vendors and artisans to participate in the Exhibition Hall at our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary!

BOOTH REGISTRATION OPENS **FEBRUARY 18**
SCAN QR TO REGISTER



MORE INFO: (417) 866-0841 pwright@dioscg.org

<https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress/>



An Evening FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED

SUPPORT & HEALING

CO-SPONSORED BY THE
DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU &
ABOUNDING JOY MINISTRY

Are you or someone you know struggling with separation or divorce? You are not alone. You're invited to a free online event offering hope, healing, and community for those facing the pain of marital strife, separation or divorce.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00pm

Join from the comfort of your home via Zoom or join others at The Catholic Center in Springfield

Presenter:

Carolyn Klika Catino,
Catholic Divorce Healing Coach,
Founder, Abounding Joy Ministry

Co-Host: Lynn Melendez,
Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

Topics Include:

- ✓ Coping with anger, guilt, and shame
- ✓ Overcoming loneliness and fear
- ✓ Finding your identity after divorce
- ✓ Forgiveness of self or others
- ✓ Healing spiritually and emotionally

REGISTER TODAY to receive the Zoom link or access the recording after



Questions? Contact Carolyn@AboundingJoyMinistry.com

Please invite anyone who might benefit. This night of encouragement and support is for those seeking guidance and healing.

AboundingJoyMinistry.com/events

QUO VADIS

"WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"

HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

JUNE 3-6, 2026

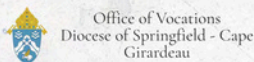
God has a plan for you. Join us for a retreat to discern where God could be calling you.

Camp St. Carlo in Fredericktown, MO

For High School Men, 9th-12th Grade

For more information visit dioscg.org/vocations

Dads of participants are invited to join their sons for the retreat



Office of Vocations
Diocese of Springfield - Cape
Girardeau

To register, scan
the QR Code



In preparation for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, all are invited to join Bishop Edward Rice for an hour with Jesus.

Prayer and Adoration

Deanery Five
St. John Vianney, Mountain View

Monday, May 18
6:30pm - 7:30pm



Learn more about the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress at <https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress/>



ABANDON YOURSELF TO THE VIRGIN MARY.
She will take care of you.

- PADRE PIO



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Knights' Corner ~ Council 6470



Major Fundraising Project

No COLD Kids!

Our Southwest K of C Chapter Coats for Kids program has been growing! Year after year they are exceeding their distribution goals, with over 5,000 NEW coats given to kids in need across SW MO.

With the need for coats continuing to grow however, they finished last year with their reserves depleted and their storage almost empty. They have called upon the local councils to help raise money and collect NEW coats so that they can be stocked up and ready for winter this year.

~ HOW YOU CAN HELP ~

DONATE FINANCIALLY

The K of C Chapter regularly hunts for bargains on new coats, stretching every dollar to get the most coats.

See a Knight or contact Grand Knight Lee Berhorst for more information.

DONATE NEW COATS

There is a Coats for Kids collection box in the gathering space of the church near the Blue Bin for donations to the food pantry, behind the information desk. New kids coats or gently used adult coats only please.



MAY TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

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...

Breakfast

June 21st

Talent Show

August 2nd

Breakfast

November 8th

Food Drive Update



As of 5/4/26, Our Lady of the Lake has donated over 4298 lbs of food and \$1355 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.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR GO TO –

www.redcrossblood.org use code **OURLADYBRANSON** to schedule appointment

**Red Cross
Blood Drive**

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!

“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



CELEBRATE MORE *Life*

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 an exclusive Red Cross beach towel, ltd. qty!



Scan to schedule an appointment.

Give Blood.

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Happy Mother's Day!



We ask Mary to intercede for all mothers in our community, and for those who want to be mothers, too.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is required by Canon Law to be enclosed in every Catholic chapel and church?

Answer: A relic.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 22 | 12 PM | Fremont Hills Country Club
Nixa, MO

Play a round of golf to support LifeHouse in Springfield! Sponsorships, team registrations, and individual player spots are available now for this year's tournament. Last year's event completely sold out, and we're looking forward to another incredible day on the course in 2026 so start building your team early!

Find out how to become a sponsor at ccsomo.org/events or scan the QR code.

Presented by Auto Parlor



Knights of Columbus

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH - COUNCIL 13681



For tickets and sponsorship information, visit ccsomo.org/events or scan the QR code.



Wheat Harvest Farmers Mass

Join Bishop Rice on the farm in Southeast Missouri to celebrate Holy Mass in honor and recognition of our farmers.

When: May 31st 2026 at 1:00 pm

Where: Hulshof Farms, 674 County Highway 506 Benton, MO 63736

Mass at 1:00 pm: This does count as your Sunday obligation.

Meal provided at 2:00 pm: Pork Steaks and Baked Potatoes following Mass.

Bring your own chair to sit in for Mass.

Bring any side dish to share in the meal following Mass if you would like.

All are welcome to attend!



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](https://ccsomo.org/springfield-cardinals-catholic-night)

SCAN THE QR
CODE FOR TICKETS
AND MORE
INFORMATION.



HOSTED BY:

Catholic Charities
of Southern Missouri



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

2026

**Vacation Bible
School**

July 6, 7 & 8



Our Lady of the Cove

Kimberling City



Have you thought about setting aside resources for the parish through your will or trust?

Did you know that there are ways to leave money to the parish while you are still living?

You can make these commitments to financial stewardship by:

- Naming the parish in your will.
- Purchasing an annuity to benefit the parish through the diocese.
- Naming the parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- Transferring ownership of stocks to the parish. This avoids taxation for the donor.
- Designating your minimum required distribution (MRD) on retirement accounts to the parish. This also avoids taxation for the donor.
- Making a substantial one time or recurring donation to the parish.

If you would like more information about designated giving, please contact the parish office.

Your gifts of financial stewardship are greatly appreciated.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept a responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

The Christ You See

“What if you are the only version of Christ someone sees today?” a friend once asked me.

My blood ran cold. *Jeez, I thought. That would be...really unfortunate.*

The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit, Christ tells us, because the world cannot see and know the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). But the world can see us. The world can know us. In this way, we accomplish the Great Commission: we go forth, and we make disciples of all nations. In all that we are and all that we do, we offer an explanation for our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

We face a unique situation, 2,000 years after the Resurrection, because our mission field is full of people who have already heard about Christ.

And they have zero interest, thanks-and-please-get-off-my-porch.

This Christ they've seen? He puts himself first. He's suspicious of other people. He's not interested in mixing with the wrong crowd. He's been known to lie, to abuse trust, to protect himself.

Here's the problem: they haven't seen Christ at all. They've only seen Christians.

It's easy to blame the obvious culprits: the priest consumed in public scandal, the parish trustee who stole from the coffers. But these are only larger versions of the same failure of which I am guilty each time I shiver at the thought of someone associating my behavior, my words, and my attitude with my Savior.

I am not Christ. I am nowhere close. But I am fortunate enough to be a member of his Body.

We all fail, of course. Every apostle, every saint, every bishop, every priest, every man and woman in the pews: we are all broken. We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

Am I ready to be the only version of Christ someone sees today?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

One of my coworkers said that Catholics believe we kill Christ again when we celebrate the Mass, since it is his sacrifice. I know that is not right, but how do we explain it?

Answer:

We do indeed believe that the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and we believe that the sacrifice is made present again on the altar—not to repeat it, but to join ourselves to it. We are joined to the saving work of Christ, not just simply remembering it.

The closest thing we might have in our culture is when a couple saves some wedding cake in the freezer, and on their first anniversary, they may watch their wedding video and eat the cake, all to recapture the moment. The Jews celebrate a Seder meal, not to remember the Passover, but to participate in it through the ritual foods, questions, and readings. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Mass as the “Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ” (#1330). To think that we must sacrifice Christ over and over again would negate what he did on Calvary. To celebrate and renew it each day allows us to participate in it. That is the “source and summit” of Christian life (#1324).

Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

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

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3,
7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/
Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-
23/Mt 28:16-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,
came out of many possessed people,
and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.
There was great joy in that city. (Acts 8:7-8)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For Christ also suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel:

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them
is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and reveal myself to him." (Jn 14:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When we want to see Christ's face, we must look to the Sacraments. "The world will no longer see me," Christ tells his disciples, "but you will see me." This ability to see Jesus is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one made again and again — even today.

Observances for the week of May 10, 2026

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; *Mother's Day*
Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;
St. Pancras, Martyr
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses);
St. Matthias, Apostle
Friday: St. Isidore
Saturday: *Armed Forces Day*
Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of courage is intimately linked with that of fortitude — roughly understood as courage in action — and is shown by the person who makes a choice to place his trust in God, not in circumstance.

Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,
Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing. For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow. For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love. For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort. For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation. Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. Amen.

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