

# OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026**



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

# FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

## Events

SATURDAY March 21

**2nd Collection - Our Lady Cares**

**Women's Welcome Meeting**

9:00-11:00am - Heritage Room

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY March 22

**2nd Collection - Our Lady Cares**

**Coffee & Christ**

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

MONDAY March 23

**No Events**

TUESDAY March 24

**Adult Bible Study**

10:00-Noon - Faith Formation Rm

**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 March 25

**Stitchers**

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

**PSR**

Resumes April 8th

THURSDAY March 26

**OLL Game Day**

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

**Lenten Mission with Steve Angrisano**

6:00pm - In the Church

**Spiritual Companionship**

Resumes April 9th

FRIDAY March 27

**Stations & Soup**

6:00pm - Stations in the Church

Followed by soup in the Gathering space

**Spanish Charismatic Group**

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

SATURDAY March 28

**OCIA Retreat**

7:30am-4:00pm - Heritage Room

## Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

**No Mass 3/25th**

THURSDAY

9:00am



One "yes" can change the world

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

March 25th

## Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am-3:00pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am-7:00pm - Chapel

## Important Links

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## Mass Intentions

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>3/21</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Grace Anne Vandermeden (Special Intention-Living)</i>
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>3/21</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>Taney County Parish Family (Living)</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	<i>3/22</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Robert and Dorothy Chapman and family (Living &amp; Deceased)</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	<i>3/22</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Moya &amp; Jane Leathem †</i>
<i>Mon.</i>	<i>3/23</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Larry Spittler †</i>
<i>Tue.</i>	<i>3/24</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Anne Nutter (Special Intention-Living)</i>
<i>Thur.</i>	<i>3/26</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Eric Rudin (Special Intention-Living)</i>



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### DAILY MASS READINGS



### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



**We have made the decision to discontinue our use of PayPal. However, Venmo remains an option, and you can still contribute online.**

**Please visit our website at**

**(<https://ollbranson.com/online-giving>)**

**to donate directly or through ParishSoft, which is also available on our site.**

**Thank you for your generosity and understanding!**

### Collection through March 15, 2026

Envelopes:		\$17,088.91
Plate:		\$ 3,200.00
Green Envelopes:		\$ 5,122.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$25,410.91</b>

# 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.*

## Upcoming dates

March 22nd

March 29th

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Not meeting

April 12th



Over the next couple of weeks we will be watching a video from Bishop Greg Homeming as he talks about prayer, discernment and union.

Before he was a priest, Lismore's Catholic Bishop, Greg Homeming was a lawyer. His journey from lawyer to Carmelite monk, priest and bishop has seen him devote his life to study, prayer, self reflection and a desire to help people.

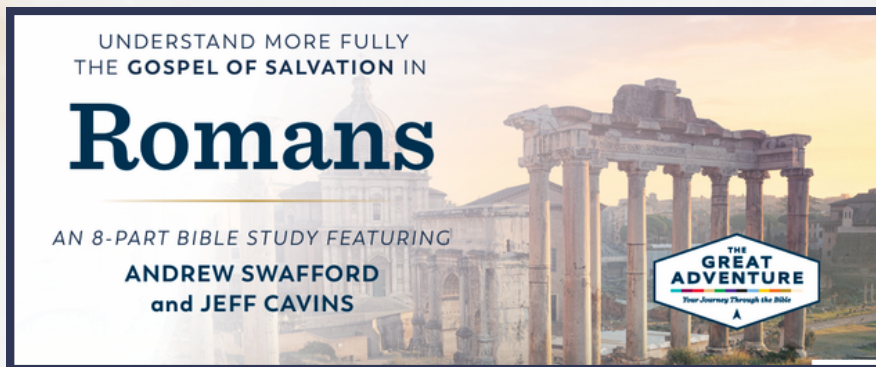
**Participants are always welcome!  
There is no required attendance!**

## Adult Bible Study Tuesdays

10:00am to Noon

Faith Formation Room

*Join us!  
Tuesday, March 24th*

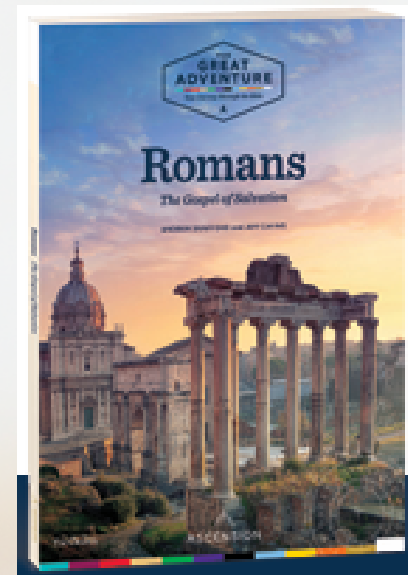


*We're excited to invite you to  
**Romans: The Gospel of Salvation,**  
an eight-part study about possibly the most famous—and controversial—of St. Paul's letters.*

Romans: The Gospel of Salvation is a new eight-week Bible study we are offering that will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle.

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.



# Lenten Mission

Featuring  
Steve Angrisano

**ENCOUNTERING THE  
TRUE PRESENCE**

**Our Lady of the Lake**

**Thursday, March 26,  
6:00pm**

## **STEVE ANGRISANO**

Musician and Speaker

Steve is an internationally recognized Catholic composer, presenter and passionate music missionary. For over two decades, Steve has traveled around the world, sharing his unique blend of humor, story and song.

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME**



**Sacred Heart, Springfield:**  
Adoration & Reconciliation  
7-9pm Mondays during Lent

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Springfield**  
Monday, March 23 - 7:00pm

**Holy Trinity, Springfield**  
Tuesday, March 24 - 7:00pm

**St. Joseph, Springfield:**  
Thursday, March 26 - 7:00pm



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Every Friday during Lent**

*Stations start at 6pm  
followed by soup in the  
gathering space  
provided by the following  
Parish Ministries*

**March 20th**  
**Knights of Columbus**

**March 27th**  
**Parish Staff**



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**OF LENT**



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27



**AMEN**  
**Free Prayer App**

Augustine Institute has created an app for phones known as AMEN, to help with your daily prayer life.

Download it for free onto your phone and access the readings of the day, lectio divina, the Rosary, Morning Offering, Lenten Reflections and much more

More information may be found at:

<https://www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen>

## **The History and Meaning of Veiling Statues and the Crucifix During Lent**

This past week I was in Colorado to visit our 6- and 8-year-old granddaughters. We attended their Saturday Vigil Mass on Laetare Sunday. Two things caught my attention. First, the priest did not wear the traditional rose-colored vestment which is optional. Secondly, was that the church had already veiled their crucifix. During Lent, veiling the crucifix and statues is optional, but the more common practice is to veil beginning with the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion (Passiontide) Sunday.

Two years ago, I wrote an article on this ancient practice, but from the perspective on “why some Catholic churches veil their statues.” This time, I wish to go a little deeper and approach the topic from a historical perspective.

### **Historical Roots of Tradition**

The veiling of images during Lent can be traced to medieval Europe, where it emerged from a custom known as the Hungertuch or “hunger cloth.” Beginning as early as the 9th century, large cloths were hung in front of the altar during Lent to conceal it from view. These cloths served both a symbolic and practical purpose: the cloths emphasized the penitential nature of the season and were sometimes used to shield the sanctuary during public penances.



Over time, the practice evolved. Instead of covering only the altar, churches began veiling individual statues and crucifixes. By the 12th century, the custom had spread widely throughout the Western Church. The color purple—associated with penance, mourning, and preparation—became the standard for these veils.

Although the 1960s liturgical reforms made veiling optional, the tradition remains beloved in many parishes. Its endurance speaks to its powerful ability to shape the spiritual imagination.

### **Theological Meaning and Symbolism**

At its heart, veiling is a symbolic gesture that invites the faithful into deeper reflection. The final two weeks of Lent, known as **Passiontide**, shift the Church’s focus from general penitence to the contemplation of Christ’s suffering and death. Covering sacred images intensifies this shift.

Just as Lent encourages fasting from food, veiling encourages a kind of **visual fasting**. Removing familiar images from sight creates a sense of emptiness and longing. The absence of beauty mirrors the spiritual barrenness of sin and the solemnity of Christ’s approaching Passion.

The veils also build anticipation for Easter. When the coverings are removed at the Easter Vigil, the sudden return of color, light, and imagery becomes a powerful symbol of the Resurrection. The unveiling is not merely decorative—it is a liturgical revelation.

Some theologians connect veiling to the Gospel passage in which Jesus “hid himself” from the crowds as His hour approached. The covered crucifix reflects this sense of mystery and withdrawal. The faithful are invited to enter into the hiddenness of Christ’s suffering, contemplating the depth of His sacrifice.

### **A Tradition That Speaks Without Words**

In a world saturated with images, the simple act of covering them can be surprisingly moving. Veiling invites silence, reflection, and a renewed awareness of the sacred. It reminds the faithful that Lent is not merely a season of giving things up but of preparing the heart for the joy of Easter.

The tradition endures because it speaks a language beyond words—a language of absence, longing, and ultimately, revelation.

# OCIA *For many, this is their first time experiencing Lent.*

*Our Catechumen (unbaptized) are now referred to as Elect. They, and our Candidates all received special Blessings from our Bishop, for their journey into the Church at the Easter Vigil (or another time soon after) This is a very special time for our Elect and Candidates as they have been actively studying weekly, about our faith for many months.*

*This is the final Sunday of Scrutinies, with all Elect being celebrated. Garry Hunt at Our Lady of the Ozarks in Forsyth. Caleb Newman at Our Lady of the Lake in Branson.*

*Our Elect, Candidates and their sponsors, have been on their Faith Journey and are still in need of your prayers! Name cards are still available at the help desk.*

*Also, if you would be so kind as to write them a note, letting them know of all your prayers for them, and to welcome them into our Church family.*

*You can drop them off in the basket in the Gathering Space or at the office and it will be given to them at the Easter Vigil.*

*Thank you! The OCIA Team*



## *For Elect:*

*Caleb Newman*

*Garry Hunt*

## *Candidates:*

*Nate Akley*

*Tommy Head*

*Daniella Lingner*

*Alyson Sparks*

*Gabriel Vuycankiat*

*Bonnie Grace Day*

*Vanessa Parks*

*Elijah Bumgarner*

*Hector Buentello*

*Debbie Philpott*

*James Roach*

*Janet Johnson*

*Kimberly Huen*



**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Register for the April Give 5 classes at [www.OLLBranson.com/Give5](http://www.OLLBranson.com/Give5) and spend your Thursdays learning more about your community and discovering where your unique skills, talent, interests, and extra time can make a difference.

***This session is being hosted by the Branson Area Chamber on Gretna. Bring a friend and make some new ones too!***



***To register -  
Please use our QR Code  
or use the website address below.***

**<https://ollbranson.com/give5signup2026>**

# OLL Games

Join us March 26th OLL Game Day  
1:00pm Faith Formation Room



**OLL Train - 4 Beauties & 2 Beasts**

**BIG Winner Ed -208**

**Joe -213 Julie J -242 Mary -252 Annie Marie -269**

**Lil' Winner Helen 316**



**Swoop Misfits Swoopers**

**Big Winner Dan -209**

**Sharon S -272 Sharron -272**

**Margaret -292 Sharon A -358**

**Lil' Winner Jeanie 441**

**Father Dhaneesh joined later in the  
afternoon with -126**



**Mahjong**  
**Brenda -25**  
**Joyce -25**  
**Sue -0**  
**Helene -0**  
**Judy O -0**

You are invited to come join in the fun, games, laughter and great food.  
There are plenty of tables... if you have a game you would like to  
introduce, bring it along and invite folks to join you.



**Our Lady of the Lake's Prayer Shawl Ministry** is very much a grass-roots movement to bring the love of Christ to those who receive a shawl, as an expression of caring, joy, warmth and comfort. It is a very personal way of sharing your "love of God and neighbor"; for these commandments are paramount in our Catholic Christian lives.

This ministry began in 2007 with Doris Tyndall presenting the information to Father Rick Jones, Pastor at OLL. Doris was joined by several crocheters/knitters, and the ministry was under way!

There is a database of over 2,100 prayer shawls that have been given plus any number of shawls that have been distributed without signing them out. They have gone to our parish homebound and nursing home members, to those with illness (physical, mental, spiritual), in celebration of wedding, childbirth, birthdays, ministry members in appreciation of sharing their gifts, friends, neighbors and any number of visitors. Prayer shawls serve all faiths and those looking for faith. Support for those in grief, the dying and those caring for them. Joyful events... those joining the Church, receiving confirmation and more.

If you have an interest in joining this ministry or would like additional information contact the parish office 417-334-2928 leaving your name and number and you will be contacted.

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

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

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

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

**DIOCESAN OF SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU**

Visit [WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS](http://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.

## MARCH

### DOWNLOAD & WATCH A MOVIE ON FORMED

To access our Parish Formed subscription (free for parishioners)

Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)

Select our Parish by searching zip code 65616 (Our Lady of the Cove/Lake/Ozarks)



OR

Scan the QR Code



### ATTEND SOUP & STATIONS OR LENTEN MISSION

Schedule of Lenten opportunities below



See Page 6 for additional Penance Times in the area

Regular Reconciliation Times at Our Lady of the Lake Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:30 pm or by Appointment (417-334-2928)



### Soup & Stations

Every Friday during Lent Stations start at 6pm followed by soup in the gathering space

March 20th  
March 27th

### SPEND TIME IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection with the Lord



### LENTEN MISSION WITH STEVE ANGRISANO

Thursday, March 26th Time: 6:00PM

Steve Angrisano is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today.

Young and old alike embrace the passionate message of faith, hope and love woven throughout his music and storytelling.

WHY NOT

# DRAW CLOSER

TO JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST?

**Learn from the Catechism**

#1333 - 1344

**Reclaim Sunday for God & the Family**

Make a Holy Hour at your parish church

**Get to know St. John Paul II's Mind**

EE Ch. 2 The Eucharist Builds the Church

**Watch an uplifting movie**

Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist

**Give Praise to God**

through the "Pange Lingua" hymn

**Contemplate Sacred Art**

Cristo Eucarístico by Raul Berzosa



**ATTENTION PLEASE**



Please be advised regarding the roads leading to and surrounding Our Lady of the Lake.



As you may know, multiple roads near the church are under construction. Please review the information below, as it will affect your access to Our Lady of the Lake, particularly during the week.

### Phasing & Construction Timeline

The revitalization project is expected to be complete by July 2026, with work carefully phased to minimize disruption.

Start of Construction: July 21, 2025

Estimated Completion: July 2026

Phase 1 (July - October)

Phase 1 location: South Street, Oak Grove Street, Shawnee Avenue, Pocahontas Street, Stanley Boulevard, Lee Avenue, S Elm Street, & S Old County Road.

Phase 2 (October - February)

Phase 2 location: Cliff Drive

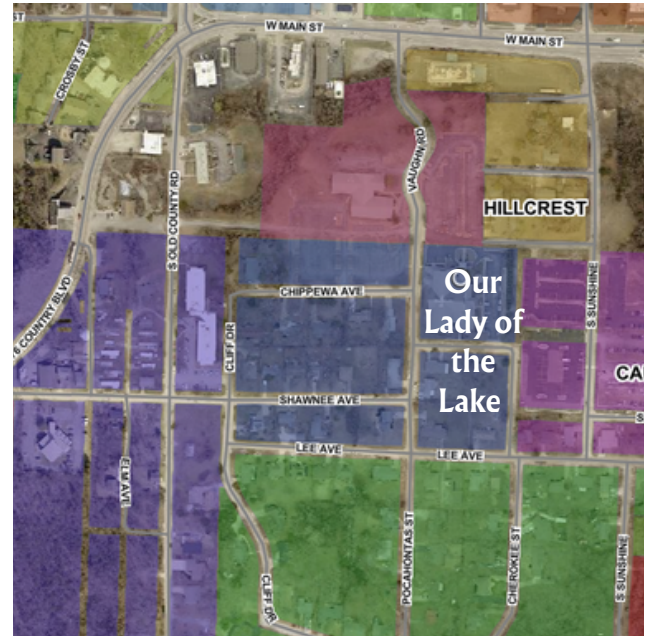
Phase 3 (February - June)

Phase 3 location: Cliff Drive, Chippewa Avenue, Elm Street, South Sunshine Street, Lee Avenue, Cherokee Street, Vaughn Road

All information provided by <https://www.bransonmo.gov>

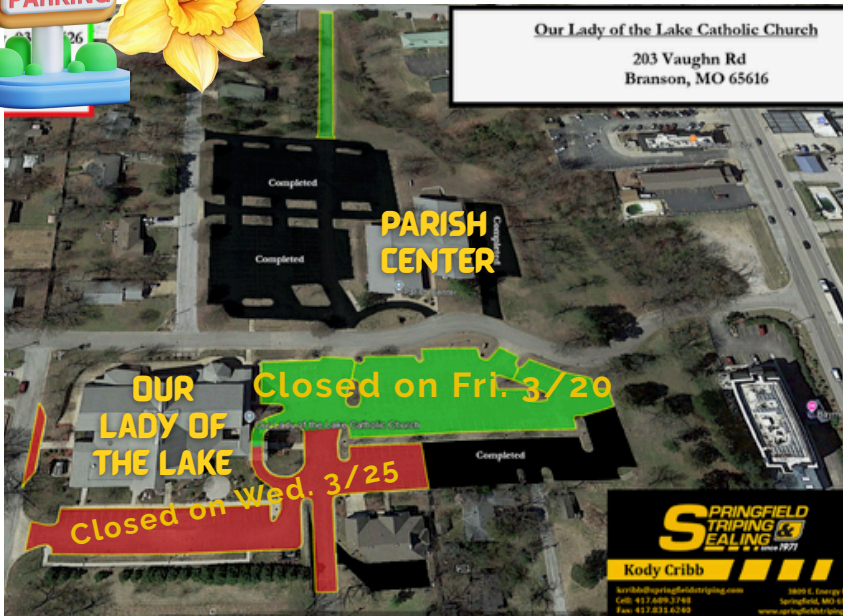
### Hiawatha Heights Neighborhood Revitalization

Click on the link above. It will be continuously updated with the latest news, street closures, and progress milestones



Spring's knocking on the door, and you know what that means—time to give those parking lots a fresh coat!

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church  
203 Vaughn Rd  
Branson, MO 65616



### \*\*Parking Lot Sealing Project Update\*\*

The crews have successfully completed the sections indicated in black.

On Friday, March 20th, the areas highlighted in **GREEN** will be closed for sealing and are scheduled to reopen on Saturday, March 21st.

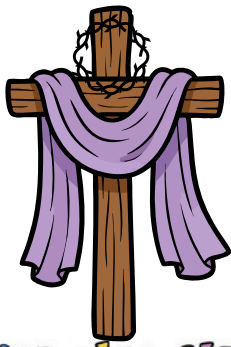
Additionally, the parking area marked in **RED** will undergo sealing on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and will reopen Thursday, March 26th

For alternative parking options, please refer to the accompanying map.

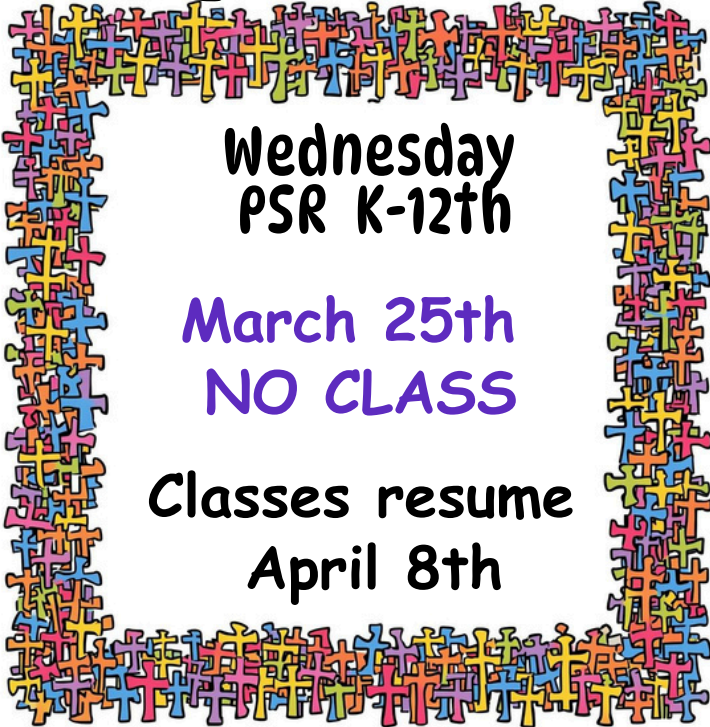


*This, much like the weather, is subject to change.*

*We appreciate your understanding and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.*



# MARCH PSR CALENDAR



**Wednesday  
PSR K-12th**

**March 25th  
NO CLASS**

**Classes resume  
April 8th**

## SAINT OF THE MONTH

**Katharine Drexel**

**Feast Day - March 3rd**



The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament were founded by St. Katharine Drexel in 1891 and have devoted themselves to share the Gospel message with the poor

**PATRON SAINT OF:  
RACIAL JUSTICE AND  
PHILANTHROPISTS**



**O God of goodness and mercy,  
we thank You for the gift of our family.  
Bless us and keep us in Your love.  
Help us to grow together in faith,  
hope, and charity.  
Grant us the grace to love one another  
as You have loved us.  
May our home be a place of peace,  
joy, and holiness.  
Protect us from all harm  
and guide us in Your ways.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



Family Prayer – Catholic Family Prayer | Catholic Bible Online

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

**Please call, text, or email 417-251-1819 Cell**

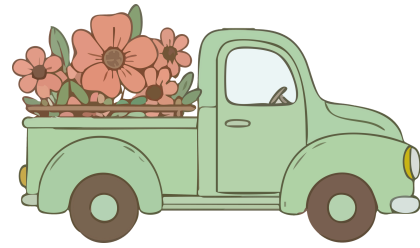
**[NickieRivera@ollbranson.com](mailto:NickieRivera@ollbranson.com)**

**Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry**





# APRIL PSR CALENDAR



## Wednesday PSR K-12th

**April 1st**  
No PSR

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## SPECIAL EVENT



### The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00PM

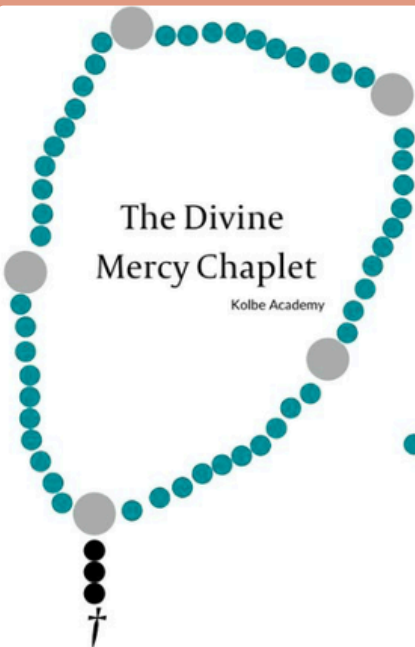
Good Friday Service  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00PM

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil  
April 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00PM

Easter Sunday  
April 5<sup>th</sup>  
8:00AM  
10:30AM

## SERVICE PROJECT

Say a Divine Mercy as a Family



### 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.

## MENU

4/8 - Nachos

4/15 - BBQ Chicken Sandwiches

4/22 - Sandwiches

4/29 - Pizza





# Our Lady of the Lake Schedule for Holy Week

**Holy Thursday - April 2nd**  
**7:00PM**

*Adoration following Mass  
in the Chapel until Midnight*

**Good Friday - April 3rd**  
**Stations of the Cross in the Garden**  
**Noon**

*(Outside lower-level parking lot)  
(In case of inclement weather- in the Church)*

**Good Friday Service**  
**7:00PM**

**Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - April 4th**  
**9:00PM - Bilingual**

*(No 5:00PM or 7:00PM - MASS)*

**Easter Sunday - April 5th**  
**8:00AM**  
**10:30AM**

## Our Lady of the Cove

20 Kimberling Blvd. - Kimberling City

### **SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2nd

**7:00PM**

*Adoration following Mass  
in the Parish Hall until Midnight*

**Good Friday**  
**Stations of the Cross**

Friday, April 3rd

**3:00PM**

**Good Friday Service**  
**with Veneration of the Cross**  
**7:00PM**

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5th

**8:00AM**

**10:00AM**

## Our Lady of the Ozarks

951 Swan Valley Dr. - Forsyth

### **SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2nd

**7:00PM**

**Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 3rd

**3:00PM**

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5th

**8:30AM**



**He  
is  
Risen**

**Celebrating**  
**Bishop John J. Leibrecht**  
*70 Years a Priest!*



*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you ..."*

John 15:16

**Mass of Thanksgiving**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

2200 W. Republic Rd., Springfield, Missouri

*Reception following*

*"May our Lenten journey lead us to the joy of the resurrection."*

*May peace reign in our world, especially in the Middle East."*

*Bishop Edward M. Rice*



*March*  
 PRAYER INTENTION 

  
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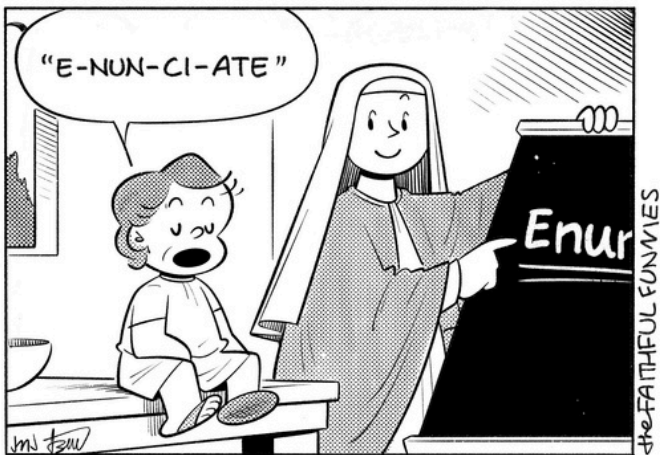
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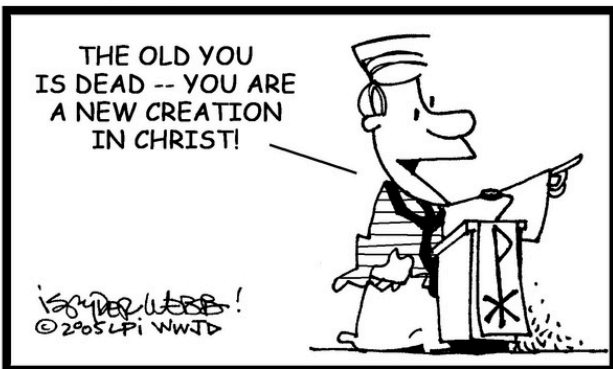
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## Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

### Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,  
33b-45

### Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-  
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/  
Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/  
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

### Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/  
Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
Jn 11:45-56

### Next Sunday:

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-  
24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or  
27:11-54



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: **"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **"Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).**

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

**Lenten challenge:** Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *Father John Muir*

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,  
and I will settle you upon your land;  
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

### Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

### Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,  
the one who raised Christ from the dead  
will give life to your mortal bodies also,  
through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

### Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."  
(Jn 11:25-26)

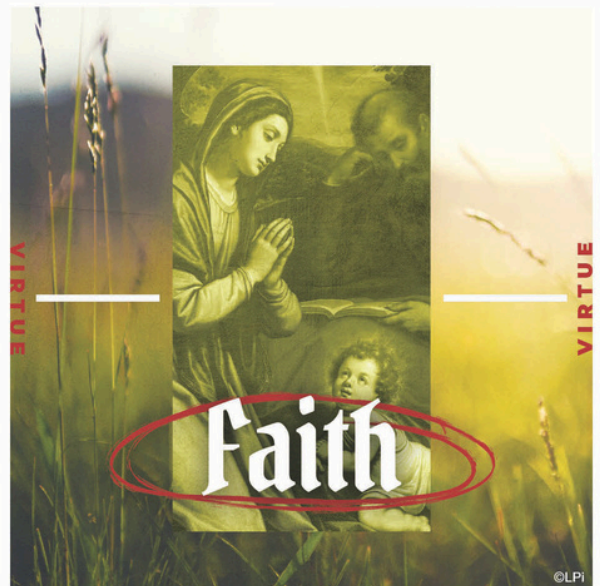
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb.  
These same words he cries into the depths  
of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you.  
Come out from the sleep of your indifference.  
Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

## Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
**Wednesday:** The Annunciation of the Lord  
**Next Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;  
Holy Week begins



## Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of faith is "man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man." (CCC 26). Faith is encouraged by the complementary virtues of hope and love, and through the gift of understanding our faith grows and strengthens.

## Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore  
our hope.  
Where we feel imprisoned, break  
our chains.  
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us light.  
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