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SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I
washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Events

SATURDAY March 14

2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY March 15

2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services

K of C Breakfast

After both Masses - St. Joseph Hall

Coffee & Christ

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

MONDAY March 16

No Events

TUESDAY March 17

Gregory Marsh Funeral

9:00-10:00am - Visitation

10:00am - Funeral Mass

Luncheon following - 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 18

Stitchers

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

PSR

Spring Break - No Class

THURSDAY March 19

OLL Game Day

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

FRIDAY March 20

K of C Red Cross Blood Drive

Noon-5:00pm - Parish Center

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 21

Women's Welcome Meeting

9:00-11:00am - Heritage Room

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Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

Gregory Marsh Funeral Mass

10:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am-3:00pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am-7:00pm - Chapel

Important Links

[Click Here For PARISH CALENDAR](#)

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Mass Intentions

- | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| <i>Sat.</i> | <i>3/14</i> | <i>5:00pm</i> | <i>The salvation of the souls of the Dunn family (Living)</i> |
| <i>Sat.</i> | <i>3/14</i> | <i>7:00pm</i> | <i>Taney County Parish Family (Living)</i> |
| <i>Sun.</i> | <i>3/15</i> | <i>8:00am</i> | <i>Linda Mattes †</i> |
| <i>Sun.</i> | <i>3/15</i> | <i>10:30am</i> | <i>Philip & Betty Hunt (Living & Deceased)†</i> |
| <i>Mon.</i> | <i>3/16</i> | <i>9:00am</i> | <i>Vladimir Perovich †</i> |
| <i>Tue.</i> | <i>3/17</i> | <i>10:00am</i> | <i>Deceased Members of the Konzen Family †</i> |
| <i>Wed.</i> | <i>3/18</i> | <i>5:30pm</i> | <i>Baumgard Family (Special Intention-Living)</i> |
| <i>Thur.</i> | <i>3/19</i> | <i>9:00am</i> | <i>Gabriela Christina Fernandez†</i> |



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DAILY MASS READINGS



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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 8, 2026

Envelopes:		\$10,126.91
Plate:		\$ 3,200.00
Green Envelopes:		\$ 3,357.00
Total:		\$16,683.91



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

Our Lady of the Cove, Kimberling City
Sunday, March 15 - 3:00pm
(Individual Confessions)

Immaculate Conception, Springfield
Sunday, March 15 - 4:00pm

St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield
Tuesday, March 17 - 7:00pm

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

Stations & Soup



Every Friday during Lent

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

March 13th
Welcome Women

March 20th
Knights of Columbus

March 27th
Parish Staff



**Special Collection
March 14 & 15**

Reveal Christ's Love

The USCCB-Catholic Relief Services program supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts in the US and abroad.

Programs include:

- relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters;
- development projects to improve living conditions for the poor;
- legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence;
- pastoral programs to bring Catholics from various culturally diverse communities into fuller participation in the faith, life, and evangelizing mission of the Church; and
- advocacy on behalf of the powerless.



Knights of Columbus®

Knights' Corner ~ Council 6470

K of C Parish Breakfast

This Sunday - March 15th

The K of C will be serving a delicious breakfast for St. Patrick's Day!

After both the 8am and 10:30am masses, the Knights of Columbus will be serving up breakfast in the St. Joseph Hall at the Parish Center.

Come hungry and enjoy some food and fellowship!

Proceeds Benefit Options Pregnancy Clinic



The next blood drive is scheduled for

March 20, 2026

from 12 noon to 5:00pm at

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

40 - units collected at the January 16th, 2026 drive.

62 - drives successfully completed since Nov. 2015.

3057 - units of blood have been collected since Nov. 2015.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR GO TO –

www.redcrossblood.org

and enter: **OURLADYBranson** to schedule an appointment.

**Red Cross
Blood Drive**



Coffee & Christ Sundays

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

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, March 15th

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.

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



Adult Bible Study Tuesdays

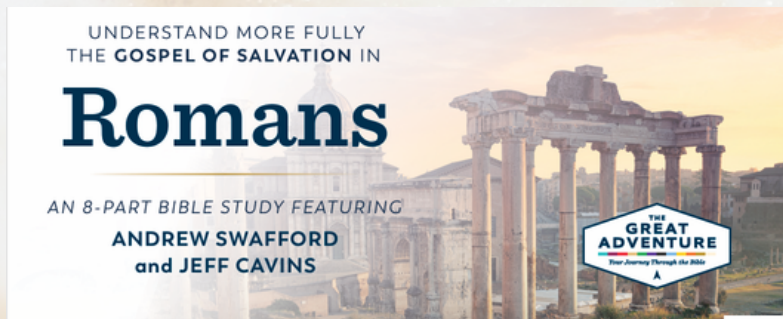
10:00am to Noon
Faith Formation Room

We will not meet on Tuesday, March 17th

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.



OCIA **For many, this will be 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.

For the next three Sundays, all Elect will be celebrated in Scrutinies,

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.



For Elect:

Caleb Newman

Garry Hunt

Candidates:

Nate Akley

Tommy Head

Daniella Lingner

Alyson Sparks

Gabriel Vuyckankiat

Bonnie Grace Day

Vanessa Parks

Elijah Bumgarner

Hector Buentello

Debbie Philpott

James Roach

Janet Johnson

Kimberly Huen

OCIA *Celebrating the Scrutinies and the Rites of Handing On*

During Lent, the **Scrutinies in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** play an essential role in preparing the elect for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. These rites are powerful moments of prayer, reflection, and spiritual preparation for those journeying toward Baptism.

The Purpose of the Scrutinies

The Scrutinies have a **twofold purpose**:

1. **To reveal what is weak, sick, or sinful in the hearts of the elect, so it may be healed.**
2. **To reveal what is honorable, strong, and holy, so it may be strengthened.**

Through these rites, accompanied by prayers of exorcism, the Church seeks **liberation from sin and the power of evil** while strengthening the elect in Christ, *who is the way, the truth, and the life*.

The Scrutinies help:

- Purify minds and hearts
- Strengthen resistance to temptation
- Convert intentions
- Awaken the will to follow Christ more closely

Their ultimate goal is to help the elect deepen their desire to **love God and live fully in Christ**.

The Gospel Readings for the Scrutinies

The Scrutinies use readings from **Cycle A of the Lectionary**, even if the liturgical year is Cycle B or C. These powerful Gospel encounters reveal how Christ heals and restores us.

The readings include:

- **The Samaritan Woman at the Well** – Third Sunday of Lent
- **The Man Born Blind** – Fourth Sunday of Lent
- **The Raising of Lazarus** – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Each Gospel highlights the process of **allowing Jesus to reveal our sins, heal our wounds, and raise us to new life**.

The Rites of Handing On

The OCIA also recommends two beautiful traditions during this period:

- **The Handing On of the Creed** – during the week following the First Scrutiny
- **The Handing On of the Lord's Prayer** – during the week following the Third Scrutiny

Through these rites, the Church lovingly entrusts the elect with **two of the most ancient treasures of Christian faith**. These texts have been cherished by believers since the earliest centuries after the Resurrection.

The Journey of Conversion

Conversion unfolds differently for each person.

For some, it may take **forty years**. For others, **forty days**.

For many of us, it may be **a lifetime**. The choice and the journey are ours.

**God Bless,
The OCIA Team**

Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

The Catholic Church's response to the doctrine of "Once Saved, Always Saved"

Last week I received an email from a Catholic friend on the topic of salvation, specifically, when it comes to the saying, "once saved, always saved." My friend doesn't believe this doctrine; however, he struggles to explain the Catholic Church's teaching when confronted by his protestant friends. While I believe I covered this topic a few years ago, it never hurts to refresh our minds on the Church's teaching.

The doctrine known as "once saved, always saved" asserts that a Christian who has accepted Christ is eternally secure in salvation regardless of future choices or actions. While this teaching is widespread in some protestant traditions, the Catholic Church firmly rejects it, viewing it as a misunderstanding of both Scripture and the nature of salvation. The Church offers a richer, more biblical vision, one that respects both God's grace and the believer's ongoing cooperation with it.

At the heart of the Catholic response is the truth that salvation is not a single moment but a lifelong journey. Baptism truly brings a person into the life of grace, forgiving sin and making the soul a child of God. Yet this new life must be nurtured, protected, and freely chosen throughout one's earthly pilgrimage. Catholic doctrine emphasizes that salvation is dynamic. It begins with God's initiative but unfolds through a continual relationship of faith, obedience, and love.

Scripture itself contradicts the idea of guaranteed salvation. Jesus warns that branches once united to the vine can be cut off if they fail to bear fruit. (John 15:6) St. Paul cautions believers to "continue in His kindness; otherwise, you too will be cut off" and even expresses concern that he himself could be "disqualified" after preaching to others. (Romans 11:22) The Letter to the Hebrews speaks soberly of those who have "tasted the heavenly gift" yet fall away. (Hebrew 6:4-6) These passages reveal that salvation requires perseverance, not presumption.

A key point emphasized in Catholic teaching is the reality of mortal sin. Mortal sin is not a minor fault but a deliberate turning away from God in a grave matter. It destroys charity in the soul and ruptures one's relationship with God. If salvation could never be lost, then Christ's warnings about sin, repentance, and judgment would be meaningless. The Church teaches that God never withdraws His love, but the human person can freely reject it.

The Catholic position is not one of fear, but rather a message of hope, responsibility, and divine mercy. God continually offers forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation, and His grace strengthens believers to grow in holiness. The Church stresses that the Christian life is a path of ongoing conversion, one in which God's grace is always available, but never forces itself upon the human heart.

Ultimately, the Church rejects "once saved, always saved" because it reduces salvation to a legal guarantee rather than a covenant relationship. Love must be freely chosen, again and again. God remains faithful, but He invites us to respond with perseverance, humility, and trust.

In the Catholic vision, salvation is assured not by a past declaration but by a life lived in Christ. As Catholics we can confidently say:

I have been saved by Christ's grace, ***I am being saved*** as grace transforms me, ***and I will be saved if I remain in Christ to the end.***

OLL Games

Join us March 19th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

OLL Train - Lucky Rose Marie
BIG Winner Rose Marie -80
Lucky Rose Marie went out 5 times
Anne Marie -199
Lil' Winner Mary -405



OLL Train - The Irishman + One
BIG Winner Eva -168
And Eva went out 5 times
Remy -277 Kevin -298
Lil' Winner Joe -395

Early St Patrick's Day was great and no one was pinched!
Wear GREEN or get PINCHED!!!

Swoop - Lucky Seven
Big Winner Sharon S -119
Harry -199 Sharon A -208 Dan -230
Jeannie -264 Judy H -277
Lil' Winner Sharron -309



Mahjong
Susan C -75 Joyce -25
Sue -0 Brenda -0
Spectator: Judy O



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Our Lady Of The Lake** **Catholic Church**

Parish Center
202 Vaughn Drive
Branson, MO 65616

Friday, March 20, 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.



Give in March for a \$15 Gift Card
by email & successful donations
get A1C testing!
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Scan to schedule
an appointment.

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

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

7:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral
 615 William Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
 2200 W. Republic Rd., Springfield, Missouri

Reception following each Mass

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." – Philippians 4:6

"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



2026 MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE



Join us at the

2026 MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE




Abortion takes the lives of millions of unborn children every year in the United States. Join with us as we march for life in Jefferson City.

We will have diocesan-chartered buses and mileage reimbursement—more details will be available soon!

BISHOP'S MASS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN MISSOURI

**Saturday, March 28 | 9:00 AM | Holy Trinity Catholic Church
 Springfield, MO**

Join us on Sat., March 28, as Bishop Edward M. Rice celebrates the annual Bishop's Mass for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri. Together, we will lift up prayers for the at-risk veterans, pregnant women with nowhere to turn, individuals with developmental disabilities, homeless families, and all those served each day through our ministries. As we reach across the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau to bring hope to our most vulnerable neighbors, we invite you to stand with us in both prayer and generosity. Join us in person at Holy Trinity Catholic Church or watch live on the CCSOMO and diocesan Facebook pages.



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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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
 De Ministris
 Mari Pablo
 Brian Miller
 Sr. Carolyn Nunes, FSCM

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.

MARCH

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To access our Parish Formed subscription
(free for parishioners)



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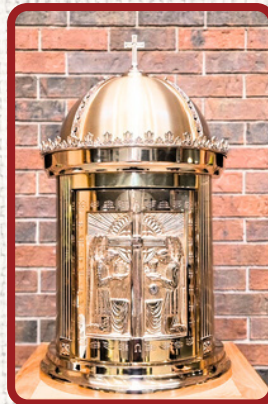
OR

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



ATTEND SOUP & STATIONS OR LENTEN MISSION

Schedule of Lenten
opportunities below



SPEND AT LEAST 20 MINUTES IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Spend some quiet time
in prayer and reflection
with the Lord



Soup & Stations

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

March 13th
March 20th
March 27th

Our Lady of the Cove,
Kimberling City
Sunday, March 15
3:00pm
(Individual
Confessions)

See Page 4 for
additional Penance
Times in the area

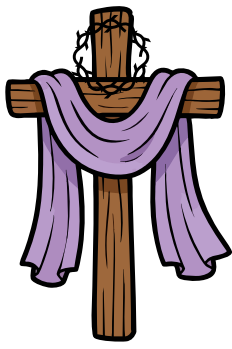


LENTEN MISSION WITH STEVE ANGRISANO

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.*



MARCH PSR CALENDAR



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

Wednesday PSR K-12th

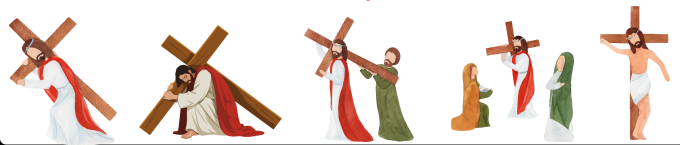
March 18th

Spring Break - No Class

March 25th 5:30-7pm
Mass/Food/Class

SPECIAL EVENT

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated on Friday, March 6, for Soup & Stations. The turnout was incredible, and the selection of food was truly fantastic.



SERVICE PROJECT

Salvation Army
peanut butter drive



MENU

3/18 - No Class (Spring Break)

3/25 - Pasta and salad

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!



Crews started work on the parking lots at the Parish Center on Tuesday, March 10th.

Currently, we do not have a definitive schedule for the project's completion, as it is subject to weather conditions.

We will provide updates via Flocknote as more information becomes available.

Please note that **during the week**, the areas highlighted in green will be closed for sealing

Refer to the accompanying map and utilize the designated red area for parking.

This, much like the weather, is subject to change. We appreciate your understanding and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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**

**TO: OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
PARISHIONERS & GUESTS**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT:
OUR LADY OF THE OZARKS CATHOLIC CHURCH
951 SWAN VALLEY DRIVE, FORSYTH, MO 65653**

**SOUP
SUPPER**
Fundraiser

**"All you can eat"
Soup Tasting Dinner**

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

4:00-6:00PM

4:00PM SILENT AUCTION IS OPEN

4:30 - 6:00PM SOUP SERVED

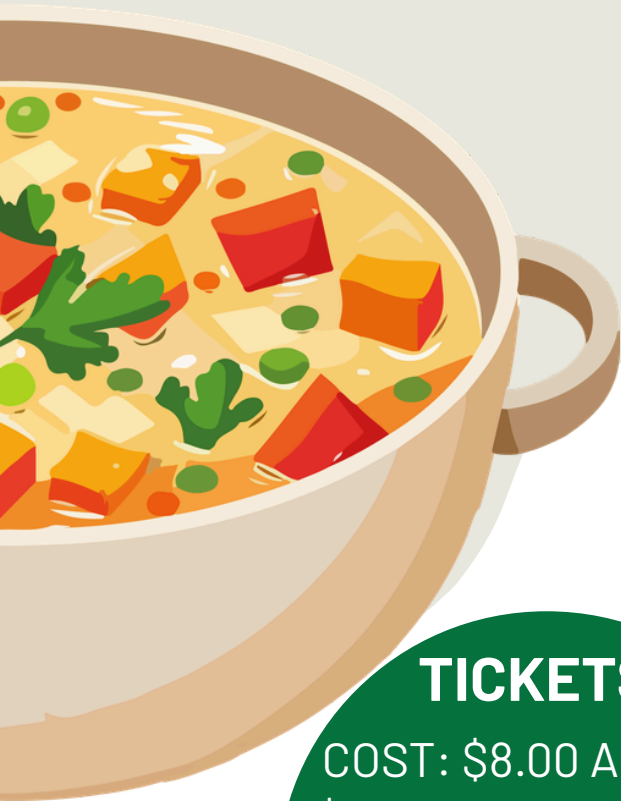
*Each meal ticket also
includes 1 raffle ticket*

TICKETS:

**COST: \$8.00 ADULTS,
\$4.00 CHILDREN 6-12,
5 UNDER FREE
(SOUP, SALAD,
BREAD, DESSERT &
DRINKS)**

**WE HAVE LOTS OF
FUN PLANNED!**

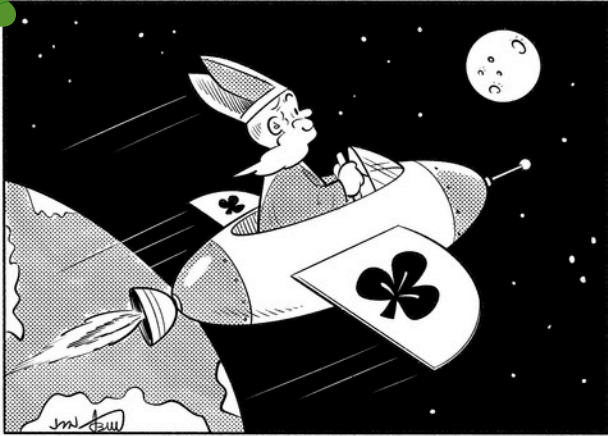
Silent Auction, 50/50, Raffle



IRISH BLESSING

MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU, MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK,
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE, THE RAIN FALL SOFT UPON YOUR FIELDS,
AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.

"What does St. Patrick use to fly to the moon?"



THE FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"A sham-rocket!"



According to tradition, St. Patrick used a three-leaved shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity to the people of Ireland.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

QUESTION: ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE, WHAT SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS AT THE MOMENT OF JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS?

ANSWER: THE TEMPLE CURTAIN.

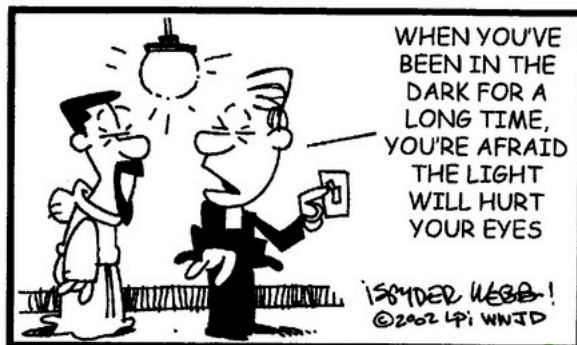
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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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4th Sunday OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

- Jn 9:35-38

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Women's Weekends

Date: March 19-22, 2026

Location: Fredericktown, MO

Date: April 23-26, 2026

Location: Carthage, MO

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

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

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

For more information and to Register Online: <https://dioscg.org/cursillo/>



Hallow

PRAY EVERY DAY THIS

LENT

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Build a Habit

Build a real habit of prayer every day by setting a routine that works for your schedule.



The World Wide Marriage Encounter
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March 20-22, 2026

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Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/
Jn 7:40-53

Next 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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (**John 9:2**) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (**John 9:5**). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.
(1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground
and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — .
So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

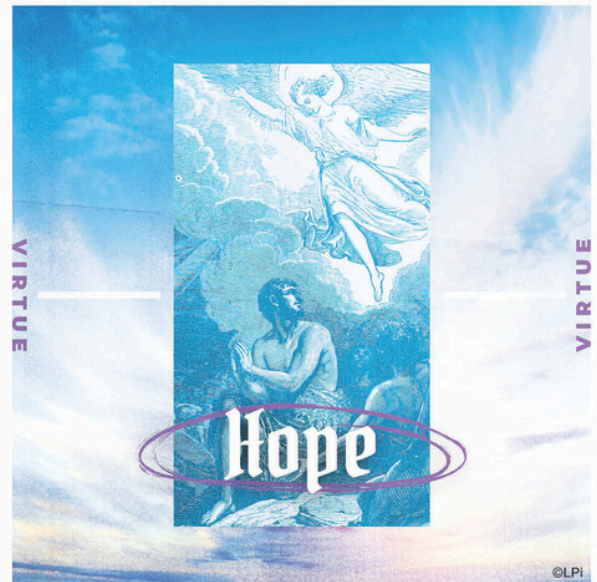
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this. Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.
That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.
That Your Light can break like the dawn.
Amen.

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Saturday 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Live-Streamed)

WEEKDAY

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Wednesday 5:30 pm
1st Friday 10:00 am

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Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

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