

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026



PENTECOST SUNDAY

“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.”
- Jn 7:37b

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Our Lady of the Lake Mission Statement

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Lake, united in baptism and empowered by the Spirit, endeavor to live our commitment to proclaim God's love by: being a welcoming parish community; worshipping, working and celebrating together; serving the spiritual and material needs of all; spreading the Gospel through personal witness; inviting each parishioner to active participation in our parish life and in surrounding communities; and, through our unique call, welcoming our many visitors.

We share our gifts and ourselves in the name of Jesus. †





PENTECOST SUNDAY ©LPI

May 23 - May 29

Events

SATURDAY May 23

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

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

SUNDAY May 24

Coffee & Christ
Will Resume in the Fall

MONDAY May 25



Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY May 26

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

WEDNESDAY May 27

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

THURSDAY May 28

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

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

FRIDAY May 29

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

SATURDAY May 30

No AM Events today

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Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm
7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY

No Daily Mass

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

Resumes June 9th

THURSDAY

Resumes June 11th

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. 5/23 5:00pm Robert and Dorothy Chapman and family (Living & Deceased) †

Sat. 5/23 7:00pm Taney County Parish Family (Living)

Sun. 5/24 8:00am Deacon Dan (12th year ordination)

Sun. 5/24 10:30am Doris O'Neal (Anniversary DOD) †

Tue. 5/26 9:00am Deceased family members of John & Margaret Casey †

Wed. 5/27 5:30pm Ron Wise (Special Intention-Living)

Thur. 5/28 9:00am Patty Sapp (Special Intention-Living)



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Collection through May 17, 2026

Envelopes:	\$20,438.00
Plate:	8,050.00
Green Envelopes:	\$ 6,593.00
Total:	\$35,081.00

2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

We are One in Him.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

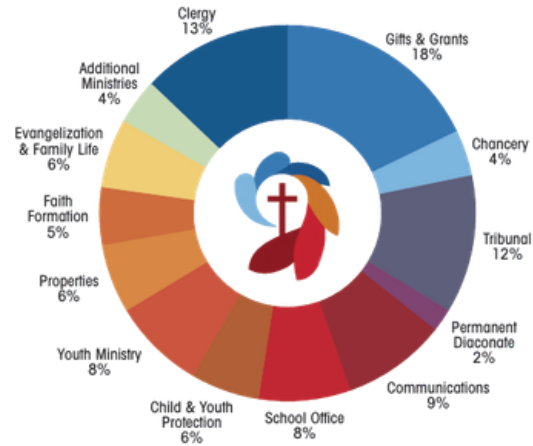
**DIocese of
SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU**

**70
YEARS
1954-2024**

**2026
BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL**

*for
Funding
Church
Ministries*

How Funds are Utilized
 Contributions to the Diocesan Development Fund directly support the ongoing operations of the Diocese, ensuring that 45 vital ministries continue to thrive. These ministries are managed throughout diocesan offices.



**This is a generalization of funds and does not represent every program DDF supports*

Please complete and return your DDF pledge card 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



To date, our parish has 56 donors who have pledged \$22,095 toward our goal of 204 donors and our goal amount of \$83,921 Thank you!

If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given.

The diocese and Church in southern Missouri needs your participation.

Congratulations

To

**Deacon Dan Vaughn
 who is celebrating his
 12th year of Ordination**

Heavenly Father,

We give You thanks for Deacon Dan and his twelve years of faithful ministry. You have called him to serve at the altar, proclaim Your Word, and bring Christ's love to those in need.

Bless him with renewed strength, joy in service, and a heart always open to Your will. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Stephen, may he continue to be a faithful witness to the Gospel.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**No Daily Mass
 on
 Monday, May 25th**

**Our Lady of the Cove
 will be having a
 Memorial Day Mass
 May 25th at 9:00am
 (outside - weather permitting)**

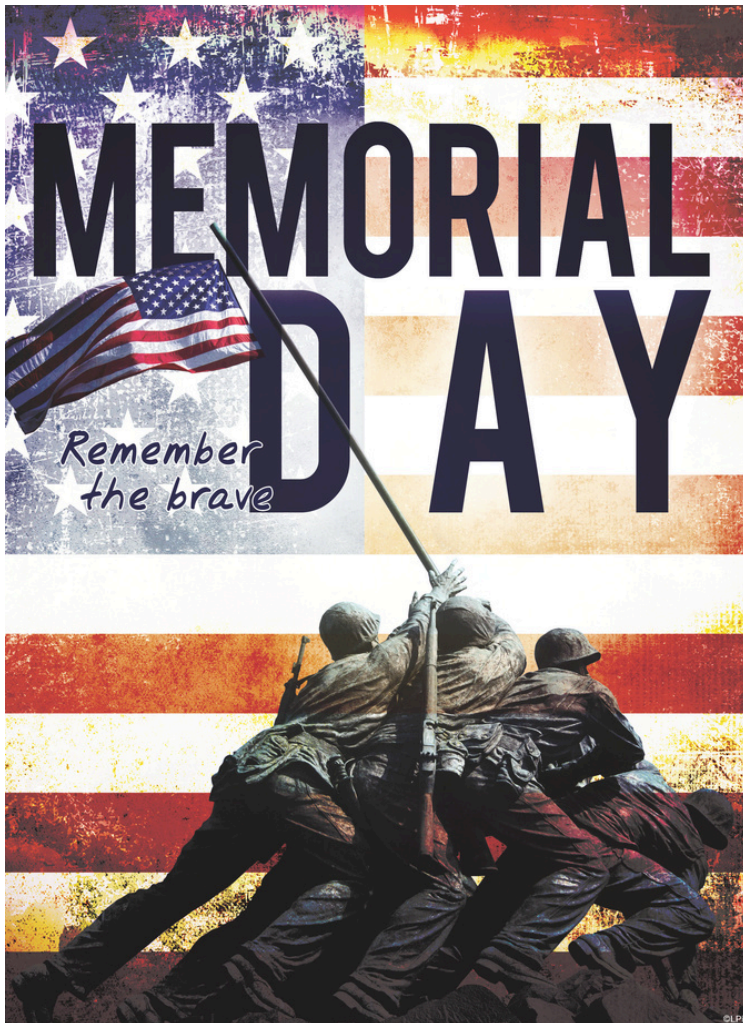
MEMORIAL DAY

CELEBRATE • HONOR • REMEMBER

Gracious God,

We thank You for the immense courage and sacrifice of our servicemen and women. We are eternally grateful for their dedication, their bravery, and their willingness to defend our freedoms. Help us never to forget their contributions and the high price of the peace we enjoy. Inspire us to live lives that honor their memory, by embracing the values of service, sacrifice, and love for one another. May our gratitude be expressed not only in words but in our actions and our commitment to justice and compassion.

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Memorial Day Mass with Bishop Rice

Join Bishop Rice for a Mass of Remembrance!
Monday, May 25 at 9:00 am
Resurrection Cemetery, Springfield

Memorial Day is a special day set aside to remember our dearly departed brothers and sisters, especially those who have died serving our country in the cause of freedom. Please join Bishop Rice for a Mass of Remembrance on Mon., May 25, 9 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery, located at 4528 W Division St., Springfield.

Seating will be available under a large tent. Refreshments will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.

OCIA NOTES

The OCIA program here at Our Lady of the Lake is year-round.

The program begins in June, and concludes in May.

Our summer sessions are the first part of the Inquiry portion where those who have questions about the Catholic Faith are encouraged to attend with absolutely no commitment required.

If you have been talking with someone about our Faith, please invite them to attend our first summer session on

June 2, 2026

6:30-7:30pm

**In the Heritage Room,
(lower level of the Church)**

For more information, please contact the Church office.
(417) 334-2928



Save the Date
Our Lady of the Cove
Vacation Bible School
July 6,7 & 8

Registration for the 2026 Vacation Bible School
"Rainforest Falls"
can be completed by going to Ourladyofthecove.org



OR
Click on the link
[Vacation Bible School](#)
[ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM -](#)
[Our Lady of the Cove - Kimberling City.](#)



*If you have any questions regarding
PSR (Parish School of Religion),
Sacraments, or Quinceañeras.*

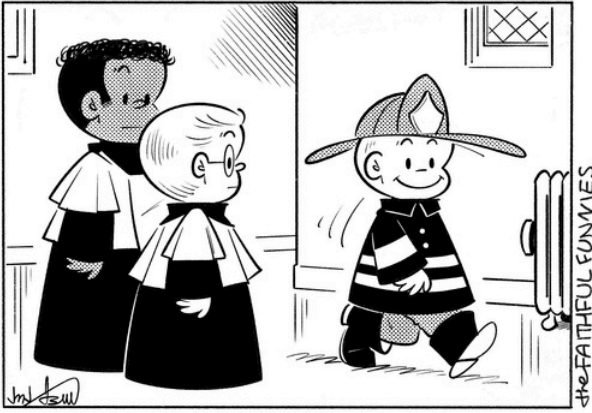
Please call, text, or email Nickie
Director of Formation

NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

417-251-1819 Cell



"What did the altar server want to wear on Pentecost?"



"Something fire-resistant."



Come, Holy Spirit! Just like the Apostles received an anointing on Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit ignite us anew!

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN
Question: When is Trinity Sunday celebrated?

Answer: Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost.

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PENTECOST

IT IS ONLY BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT THE INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES IS POSSIBLE!



PENTECOST

EVERYBODY HAS DIFFERENT GIFTS

FOR INSTANCE, I HAVE THE GIFT OF APPRECIATING FINE COOKING!



1 COR 12: 37, 12-13

ACTUALLY, I HAVE THE GIFT OF APPRECIATING ANY COOKING



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

We will be taking a chartered bus to West Plains.

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

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

Cost

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

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

The registration fee includes

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

Meals

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

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

TO RESERVE A BUS SEAT(S)

Scan QR code to reserve



Or

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

[Eucharistic Congress Bus reservation | Flocknote](#)

OR GO TO:

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

TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CONGRESS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Scan the QR CODE
Or

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[Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - DioSCG](#)

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress
AUGUST 15, 2026
WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

Spots are filling up fast

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

Speakers:
 Bishop James Conley
 Bishop Edward Roca
 Fr. Leo Patallangha
 Dr. Scott Hahn
 Fr. Elvis Gonzalez
 De Ministrera
 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!

OLL Games

Join us May 28th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

Swoop - The Wild Bunch
Big Winner Sharron -94
Margaret -159 Jeanie -191
Dan -200 Judy H -207
Lil' Winner Bob -263
And we welcome Bob!



Mahjong
Susan C -50-
Harry -25-
Judy O -25-
Joyce -0-
Sue T -0-



OLL Train - The Patriot's
BIG Winner Julie J -82
Mary -402
Lil' Winner Anne Marie 569



OLL Train - The Crew
BIG Winner Eva -121
Remy -189 Ed -195
Lil' Winner Judy -366



PLEASE! Someone come and CHALLENGE Julie J!!!
Once again, Julie J won and continues to hold the ALL TIME Record of going out! She went out 5 times this week! Last week she went out 11 times, two weeks ago 7 times and three week ago 9 times!



Our faithful Photographer
Eva ---->





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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



The Mass Intention and the Heart's Intention at Holy Communion

Every time the Church gathers for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, something profound happens: Christ Himself offers His perfect sacrifice to the Father, and we are drawn into that mystery. Within this great act of worship, the Church recognizes a real distinction between the Mass intention attached to a specific celebration and the personal intentions of the faithful. When properly understood, both help us enter the Eucharist more deeply and fruitfully.

When a priest receives an offering so that he will celebrate a Mass according to a determined intention, that intention is part of the Church's discipline for applying the Eucharistic sacrifice. The Church teaches that the faithful, by their offering, seek to unite themselves more closely to Christ's sacrifice and cooperate with the needs of the Church.

At the same time, the Church strongly guards against treating Mass intentions in a way that would make sacred things resemble a transaction. The 2025 decree on Mass intentions addresses this directly: it states that it would be illicit to replace the promised application of a Mass with only a general "intention of prayer" during a different kind of celebration (such as a service of the Word) or with only a brief mention at certain moments in the Eucharistic celebration. The stated reasons are justice toward the offerors, keeping the word given, and the duty to avoid even the appearance of commerce" in sacred things.

With that clarity in mind, we can focus on what Holy Communion itself requires. Holy Communion is not merely mental. It is the actual reception of the Eucharist. It is what Catholic teaching calls "sacramental reception" and it requires proper dispositions.

The Catholic Encyclopedia explains that Holy Communion can be received fruitfully when a person has the right interior disposition, especially freedom from at least mortal sin; and it notes that for those in grievous sin, confession is necessary, except where confession is morally impossible and there is real necessity, in which case an act of perfect contrition (with the intention to confess as soon as possible) is required.

This is echoed in *Redemptionis Sacramentum*: anyone conscious of grave sin should not receive without prior sacramental confession, "except for grave reason" when confession is lacking; then the person must make an act of perfect contrition including the intention to confess as soon as possible.

The saints consistently teach that the moment of Holy Communion is the most powerful moment to present our intentions to the Lord. As we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we should ask for the grace we most need: healing of memories, strength in trials, deeper faith, help for our families, or mercy for the departed. This is not a distraction from the liturgy. It is the heart of personal encounter with Christ.

As you come to Mass each week, consider taking a quiet moment beforehand to name your intentions. Offer them to God during the Offertory, unite them to Christ during the Eucharistic Prayer, and bring them again to Him as you approach Holy Communion. The Lord delights in receiving the desires of your heart and returning them to you transformed by His grace.

A Marian Family Exhibit



Come and learn about Our Blessed Mother's Love and Visits, noting that "in the end My Immaculate Heart will Triumph."

Visit and see the FATHER's great love for us as revealed in choosing Mary as JESUS' Mother with the HOLY SPIRIT as her spouse.

- Come and See How Our Lady has visited us,
- Statues and images of over 25 visitations from all over the world,
- Relics of Our Lady's Veil and St. Joseph's Cloak, St. Joachim and St. Anne, & St. Carlo Acutis, who was so devoted to JESUS & Blessed Mother.



JUNE 12 - 14, 2026

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI**

Friday, June 12th 10 am - Noon Exhibit 12:10 pm Mass in Church 1 pm - 5 pm Exhibit	Saturday, June 13th 10:45 am - Noon Exhibit 12:10- pm Mass in Church 1 pm - 5 pm Exhibit	Sunday, June 14th 10 am - 10:45 am Exhibit 11 am Mass in Church 12:15 pm - 5 pm Exhibit
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*(20 minute presentations are at the beginning of every hour)
Exhibit in the Laboure' Room - Gift Shop*

www.centreformercy.org

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 McGlenn
- Judy Brown
- Relics of St Charbel

and more



Save
The
Date

Holylands Arts will be here June 6 & 7 in the gathering space.

Every piece you purchase is more than a beautiful work of art; it is a lifeline.
Your purchase provides vital income to Catholic families in Bethlehem and the surrounding region.

Support faith, apostolic heritage, and hope.



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.

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CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT
In Service to One. In Service to All.

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





FIRST FRIDAY MASS for VOCATIONS

Bishop Rice will celebrate the *Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart* for Vocations each First Friday of the month, followed by the Rosary.

All parishes are invited to celebrate **First Friday Masses for Vocations** as we continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

BISHOP RICE'S SCHEDULE FOR FIRST FRIDAY MASS:

Fri., June 5	St. Canera Church, Neosho	6:00 p.m.
Fri., July 3	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	5:30 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 7	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	5:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 4	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	5:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 2	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	5:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 6	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	5:30 p.m.



Wednesday: June 3, 10, 17, & 24
(8:30 am - 4:30 pm)

This session is being hosted by the Stone County Health Department in Reeds Spring.

Register for the June Give 5 classes at www.OLLBranson.com/Give5 and spend your Wednesdays learning more about your community and discovering where your unique skills, talent, interests, and extra time can make a difference.

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

<https://ollbranson.com/give5signup2026>



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 diosc.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

Pentecost SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23

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

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AND MORE
INFORMATION.



HOSTED BY:

Catholic Charities
of Southern Missouri

*"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



Totus Tuus 2026



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!

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once. But today, he's just breathing. So we have to ask ourselves: why?

Signs of Life

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase "as natural as breathing" doesn't always make a lot of sense.

Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural. Sometimes, it's supernatural.

I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it.

Until they can't.

Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: "He breathed on them." (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once.

But today, he's just breathing.

So we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected.

But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life.

In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man, and creates a Church.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Someone close to me has left the Church. How should I reach out to them?

Answer:

For many of us, this can be a challenging question. When people we love leave the Church, we may not always know how to relate to them in certain ways. Are some conversation topics off limits? Are there certain behaviors or decisions we can't support in good conscience? When someone or something is lost, Jesus shows two different attitudes in his parables.

One is *actively seeking*. Don't give up on this person and their life of faith. Ask them about their spiritual journey. Invite them to spend time with you in faith settings, as appropriate, and outside of them. Continue in relationship with those you love.

The other attitude Jesus shows is *consistent witness in the waiting*. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father doesn't go after the son. He waits for his return. However, the son knows his father is trustworthy. He remembers his father's fair treatment of the hired hands and knows it is safe to return, despite all he has done.

Your ability to change someone is quite small. However, you can change yourself. Make sure you consistently treat others with kindness, compassion, and respect. If your loved one wants a deeper conversation, they'll know you are a person to trust, a place to which they can return.

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/ Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday:

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday:

1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday:

Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

“He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” (John 20:22-23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: “Why do I keep confessing the same sins?” It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, “You’re forgiven, now go back to your old life.” He says, so to speak, **“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”** (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ’s healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3-4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

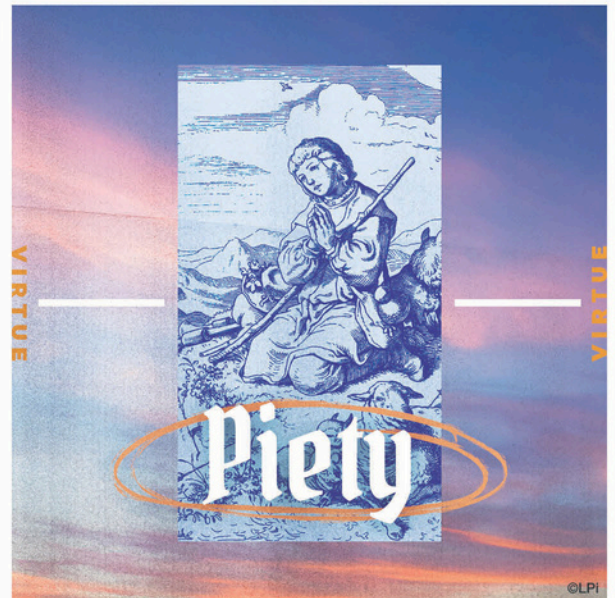
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "the Advocate." The Latin for lawyer is "advocatus." Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you're in trouble, don't forget: ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you.

Observances for the week of May 24, 2026

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; <i>Memorial Day</i>
Tuesday:	St. Philip Neri, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Friday:	St. Paul VI, Pope
Next Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity



Virtues, Explained!

"Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country," writes St. Thomas Aquinas. "And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety."

Pentecost Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,
Descend upon us and fill us with the
fire of Your love!
Remind us of Your dreams for us,
ignite us with new zeal,
place new visions on our hearts,
and the grace to work alongside You.
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