

# OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:17

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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. †





# The Most Holy Trinity

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May 30 - June 5

## Events

SATURDAY May 30

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

SUNDAY May 31

**No Events today**

MONDAY June 1

**No Events today**

TUESDAY June 2

**Dorothy Gray Memorial Mass**  
9:00am

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

WEDNESDAY June 3

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

THURSDAY June 4

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

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**  
6:30pm-8:30pm - Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY June 5

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Book Club**  
11:00am - Faith Formation Room

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

SATURDAY June 6

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

## Mass Times

SATURDAY

**5:00pm**  
**7:00pm (Spanish)**

SUNDAY

**8:00am**  
**10:30am**

MONDAY

**9:00am**

TUESDAY

**9:00am**

WEDNESDAY

**5:30pm**

THURSDAY

**9:00am**

1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY

**10:00am**



## Mass Intentions

- Sat. 5/30 5:00pm Angie & Jeff Garret (Special Intention-Living)**
- Sat. 5/30 7:00pm Taney County Parish Family (Living)**
- Sun. 5/31 8:00am Pete Ackerman (Living)**
- Sun. 5/31 10:30am Gary Carruthers † (Anniversary DOD)**
- Mon. 6/1 9:00am David Murray (Living)**
- Tue. 6/2 9:00am Dorothy Gray † (Memorial Mass)**
- Wed. 6/3 5:30pm Anthony Parascondola †**
- Thur. 6/4 9:00am Susan Crane (Special Intention-Living)**
- Fri. 6/5 10:00am Loftis Family (Living & Deceased) †**

## 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 June & July*



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

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

[Click Here to Contact Parish Staff](#)

### WORSHIP WITH US

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

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### Collection through May 24, 2026

Envelopes:	\$40,437.00
Plate:	8,050.00
Green Envelopes:	\$10,513.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$59,000.00</b>

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



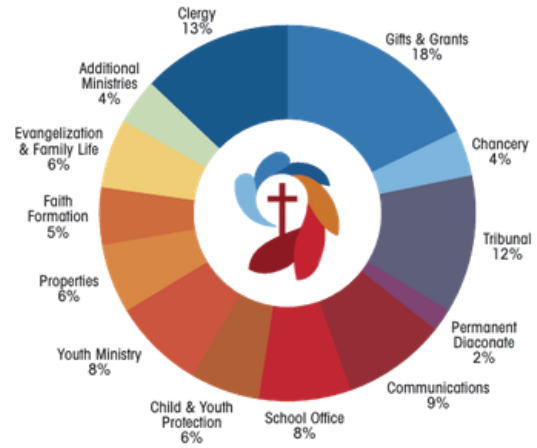
  
**2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND**  
**We are One in Him.**  
**PLEASE SUPPORT THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**



**DIocese of  
SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU**

**2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**


**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 90 donors who have pledged \$35,705 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.**

## SAVE THE DATE

**June 6 & 7**

**Holyland Arts**

**will be here 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.**

## The Most Holy TRINITY



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:16-17



# Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

## ***Why Popes Write Encyclicals: A Living Tradition of Teaching, Guidance, and Unity***

Pope Leo XIV's inaugural encyclical, ***Magnifica Humanitas*** (Magnificent Humanity), was released on May 25, 2026. It addresses the ethical and social implications of artificial intelligence and the protection of human dignity in the digital age. I will offer a summary of that document in a future Hey Deacon column. For now, it's worth asking a more basic question: ***What exactly is an encyclical, and why does the pope write them?***

Encyclicals are formal letters written by the Pope to the bishops and, through them, to the entire People of God. They are not the Pope's personal opinion nor a solemn dogmatic definition. They are among the most authoritative forms of papal teaching and often shape Catholic life for generations.

The roots of the encyclical reach back to the New Testament. St. Paul's letters to early Christian communities were, in a sense, the first encyclicals: authoritative messages meant to strengthen faith, correct errors, and apply the Gospel to real-life challenges. In the early Church, popes also wrote letters to bishops to clarify doctrine or address heresies. These papal letters weren't yet called encyclicals, but they served the same purpose, preserving unity and safeguarding apostolic teaching.

The modern encyclical began to take shape in the 18th century, especially under Pope Benedict XIV, who used such letters regularly to teach on matters of faith, morals, and pastoral practice. But the 19th century truly established the encyclical as a central tool of papal teaching. Pope Leo XIII issued 85 encyclicals, including the landmark ***Rerum Novarum*** (1891), which addressed the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers. It became the foundation of modern Catholic social teaching and showed how encyclicals can speak powerfully to the needs of the world.

One of the most beautiful things about encyclicals is how they demonstrate that Catholic truth is not frozen in the past. Each encyclical takes the unchanging deposit of faith, Scripture and Sacred Tradition, and applies it with clarity to the challenges of the present moment. The truth does not change. The world does. The Pope's task is to make sure the Church speaks that truth faithfully into every age.

Some of the most significant encyclicals in history include ***Pacem in Terris*** (John XXIII) which addressed peace, human rights and the moral foundations of political life during the Cold War, ***Humanae Vitae*** (Paul VI, 1968), which reaffirmed the Church's teaching on marriage and contraception; ***Fides et Ratio*** (John Paul II, 1998), which explored the beautiful harmony between faith and human reason, and ***Deus Caritas*** (Benedict XVI, 2005), which reflected on the nature of Christian love and the Church mission of charity.

Encyclicals strengthen unity. By writing to bishops across the globe, the Pope ensures that the Church teaches with one heart and one mind. These documents become reference points for preaching, catechesis, and pastoral ministry.

An encyclical is, at its heart, a father writing to his family. It is the Pope exercising his office as universal shepherd by teaching, warning, encouraging, and guiding the whole Church through the challenges of a particular moment in history

# 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](http://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](mailto:NickieRivera@ollbranson.com)

417-251-1819 Cell





# 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.



## JUNE

### HONOR YOUR FATHER

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Father's Day is June 21st

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

### CELEBRATE CORPUS CHRISTI

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Attend a Corpus Christi Procession

Our Lady of the Cove will be hosting one this year  
June 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10AM Mass

### VOLUNTEER AS A FAMILY

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Volunteer an afternoon or evening to help a local organization

## JULY

### AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

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Celebrate with family & friends

### ATTEND MASS AS A FAMILY

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Attend Mass every Sunday this month

### SCREEN FREE SUNDAY

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



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

**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](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!

# OLL Games

Join us June 4th OLL Game Day  
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

Swoop - The Giggles  
Big Winner Butch -150  
Sharon S -202 Jeanie -247  
Sharron -265 Dan -291  
Margaret -315  
Lil' Winner Sharon A -439



Mahjong  
Judy O -25-  
Joyce -25-  
Brenda -0-  
Harry -0-



OLL Train - 3 Roses and 2 Thorn's  
BIG Winner Anne Marie -161

Julie J -277

Mary -294

Joe -339

Lil' Winner Ed -397



## All Time Record Holder

The 2 Thorn's (Joe and Ed) joined the table with ALL TIME Record Holder Julie J!

And the CHALLENGE was thrown out!

Anne Marie broke Julie's on going record by going out 4 times!

Julie J continues to hold the ALL TIME Record of going out!

This week Julie J went out only 1 time! She went out 5 times last week! And the weeks before she went out 11 times, 7 times and 9 times!

Happy Birthday Sharon!  
Thanks to Joe for great chocolate Birthday Cake!!!

What better place to celebrate your birthday than at OLL Games!





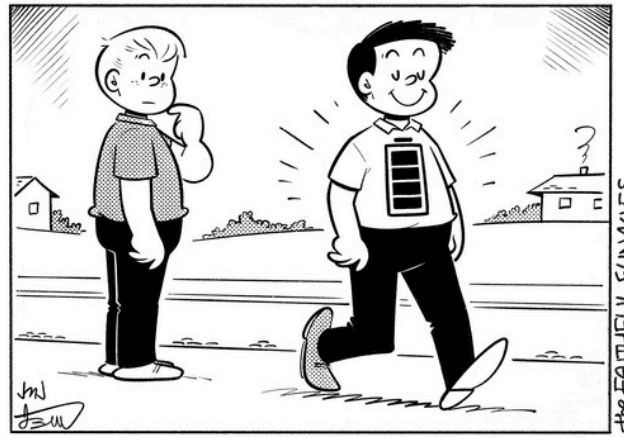
**CATHOLIC TRIVIA –  
JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** What's the official name for a person who is seeking to be baptized and initiated into the Catholic Church?

**Answer:** A Catechumen.

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"What do you call someone who has just been confirmed?"



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**"Fully charged."**

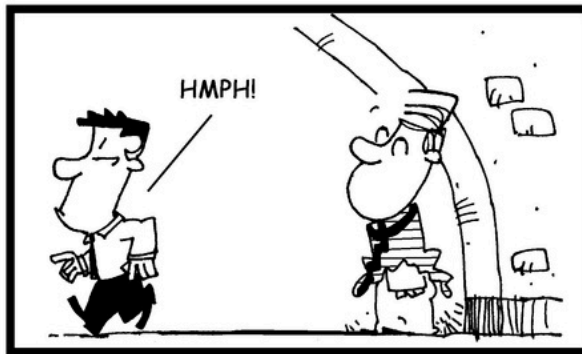


When the members of our parish get confirmed, they are anointed by the Holy Spirit. Let's keep them in our prayers!

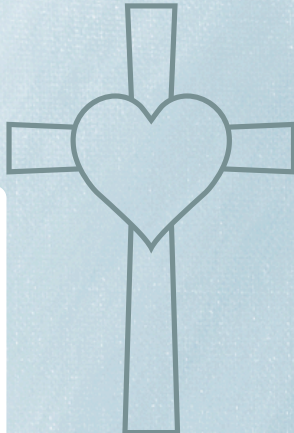
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Keep Growing

TRINITY SUNDAY



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## FIRST FRIDAY MASS for VOCATIONS

**B**ishop 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](http://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>



*Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience  
for married couples.*

*The next weekend experience is  
June 19-21 in Kansas City, KS.*

### How do you know if you need Retrouvaille?

- Has your romance faded?
- Do you argue without reaching resolution?
- Are you more like roommates than soul mates?
- Have you grown apart?
- Is your marriage in crisis?
- Why wait for a better marriage?

### Retrouvaille can help you:

- Rebuild your emotional connection.
- Learn healthy communication methods.
- Manage conflicts effectively.
- Forgive and rebuild trust.
- Rediscover your love.

"This program gave us the opportunity to move  
our marriage relationship beyond what we ever  
perceived it could be"  
-2013 Retrouvaille couple

**UPCOMING KC WEEKEND**  
**June 19-21**  
**HelpOurMarriage.org**



Build a Stronger Marriage  
Rediscover Your Love  
Retrouvaille 800-470-2230



### What makes Retrouvaille unique?

You will never share your personal issues with others.

Our presenters are trained and experienced in  
delivering the program effectively.

We offer ongoing support and continuing education.

Retrouvaille is a Christian program, Catholic in origin  
and open to couples of all faiths and no faith, that  
has been helping married couples since 1977.

**For more information, click on the link or go  
to: [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)**

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# 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](http://www.strengtheningandhealing.org)

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

(Conferences generally cost us \$60/person)

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

### FEATURING:

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

and more

 **Revive**  
STRENGTHENING+HEALING  
SOULS MINISTRY





**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!

**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, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 For more information visit [diocsg.org/vocations](http://diocsg.org/vocations)  
 \*Dads of participants are invited to join their sons for the retreat\*  
 Office of Vocations | To register, scan the QR Code  
 Diocese of Springfield - Cape Girardeau

**Where are You called to serve in the Church today?**  
 Is it a Monastic Vocation?  
**VOCATION WEEKEND**  
**June 27 - 28, 2026**  
**The Brothers and Sisters of Charity**  
**Little Portion Hermitage & Monastery**  
 350 County Road 248, Berryville, AR 72616  
**877-504-9865**

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**TEACH US LOVE**  
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Open to Young Catholic Men and Women Ages 18 - 30  
 Registration Form and Details at: [www.LittlePortion.org](http://www.LittlePortion.org)

# 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**

<b>Friday, June 12th</b>	<b>Saturday, June 13th</b>	<b>Sunday, June 14th</b>
10 am - Noon Exhibit	10:45 am - Noon Exhibit	10 am -10:45 am Exhibit
12:10 pm Mass in Church	12:10- pm Mass in Church	11 am Mass in Church
1 pm -5 pm Exhibit	1 pm - 5 pm Exhibit	12:15 pm - 5 pm Exhibit

*(20 minute presentations are at the beginning of every hour)  
Exhibit in the Laboure' Room - Gift Shop*

[www.centreformercy.org](http://www.centreformercy.org)

# CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

OUR LADY OF THE COVE  
KIMBERLING CITY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH  
FOLLOWING THE  
10:00AM MASS**



**ANYONE WISHING TO  
ATTEND THE PROCESSION  
SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND  
THE 10AM MASS AT OLC**

## 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](http://ccsomo.org/events) or scan the QR code.

**Presented by Auto Parlor**



**Knights of  
Columbus**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
CHURCH - COUNCIL 13681

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

For tickets and  
sponsorship information,  
visit [ccsomo.org/events](http://ccsomo.org/events)  
or scan the QR code.



# Weekly Prayer

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## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." (Ex 34:5)

### Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3)

### Second Reading:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13:13)

### Gospel:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

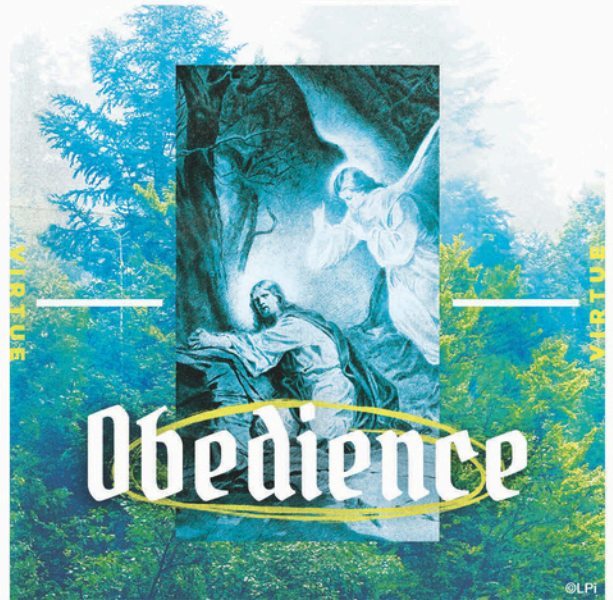
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Salvation is a gift God dearly wishes us to accept. It is not a yardstick against which He measures our worth. He has made it so simple. So, will we accept?

## Observances for the week of May 31, 2026

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
- Monday:** St. Justin, Martyr
- Tuesday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Norbert, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



## Virtues, Explained!

We see perfect obedience shown by Christ amidst his agony in the garden. His human will dreads what will come, but his divine will, which is never at odds with his human will, submits to the Truth: "Yet, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)

## Trinity Prayer

O Divine Mystery, O Sacred Trinity!  
Surround us with Your wisdom, love, power, and grace.  
Draw us to Yourself. Help us to rest in Your goodness.  
Amen.

## Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/  
Mk 12:1-12

### Tuesday:

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14  
and 16/Mk 12:13-17

### Wednesday:

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/  
Mk 12:18-27

### Thursday:

2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/  
Mk 12:28-34

### Friday:

2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166,  
168/Mk 12:35-37

### Saturday:

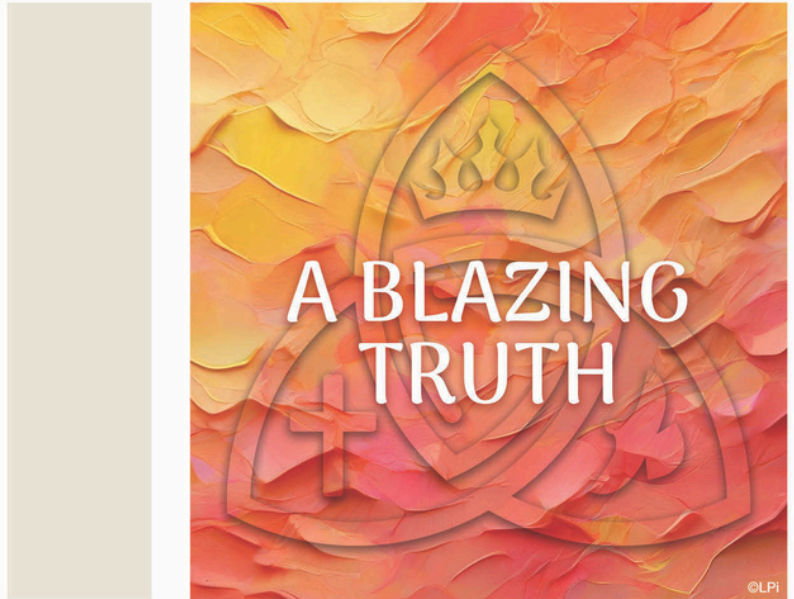
2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/  
Mk 12:38-44

### Next Sunday:

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-  
20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: **“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.”** (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— *Father John Muir*

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

### The Gift of Not Understanding

I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.

Defining *hypostasis*, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: *Any further than this, I dare not go.*

I’ve never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.

But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is not the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

In some passages of the Bible, Jesus makes it sound like only a few people will be saved. But we talk about hoping for everyone’s salvation. So which one is it — will many or few people be saved?

### Answer:

Salvation is a mystery of God’s grace. St. Paul encourages us to offer prayers for everyone. He calls it “*good and pleasing to God*” because God Himself “*wills everyone to be saved*” (c.f. 1 Tm 2:1-4). The redemption that Jesus offers is held out to all of us. His sacrifice on the cross was already for everyone. Now it is a matter of if and how we accept that salvation in our own lives.

Here on earth, we can’t possibly know the exact number of people who will be in heaven. When we hear words like “many” and “few,” we tend to think of them in quantitative terms. Four wine glasses for six guests is too few. Three slices of cake for one person is too many. For God, however, “many” and “few” are qualitative terms. Imagine for a moment that nearly every human person is in heaven and only a handful had, by their actions on earth, separated themselves from God. For a God who infinitely loves, even one person spending eternity apart from Him is too many!

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