

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Events

SATURDAY March 7

Women's Welcome Retreat
8:00am-7:30pm - Parish Center
Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY March 8

Women's Welcome Retreat
7:30am-4:00pm - Parish Center
Lenten Penance Service
3:00-4:00pm - in the Church

MONDAY March 9

No Events

TUESDAY March 10

Adult Bible Study
10:00am-Noon - Faith Formation Rm
Centering Prayer
12:15-2:00pm - John Paul II Room
Bereavement Group
2:00-4:00pm - Heritage Room
OCIA
6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY March 11

Stitchers
9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room
PSR
5:30pm - Mass
6:15-7:00pm - Stations of the Cross/Food

THURSDAY March 12

Senior Resource Fair
10:00am-4:00pm - Parish Center

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

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

FRIDAY March 13

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 14

No AM Events

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Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm
7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am-3:00pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am-7:00pm - Chapel

Important Links

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[Click Here For FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

Mass Intentions

Sat. 3/7 5:00pm Val & Barbara Martin †
Sat. 3/7 7:00pm Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun. 3/8 8:00am Jeanette Bruneau †
Sun. 3/8 10:30am Berkley Leonard (Health & Healing)
Mon. 3/9 9:00am Lynn Melendez (Special Intention-Living)
Tue. 3/10 9:00am John Ackerman †
Wed. 3/11 5:30pm Ann Parascondola †
Thur. 3/12 9:00am Robert & Carol Moritz †



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[CLICK HERE FOR](#)

DAILY MASS READINGS



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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

Please visit our website at

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

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

Thank you for your generosity and understanding!

Collection through March 1, 2026

Envelopes:		\$5,290.00
Plate:		\$1,000.00
Green Envelopes:		\$2,351.00
Total:		\$8,641.00

Welcome.
There is **More to Life**

*The experience is personal,
inspirational, and fulfilling.*

*Women's Welcome Retreat
Our Lady of the Lake Parish Center*

*Saturday, March 7, 8:00am-7:30pm
Sunday, March 8, 7:30am-4:00pm*

Welcome is a two-day renewal weekend unlike any you have attended. Parishioners share with one another ways they have found meaning, hope, peace, and love in their lives through Christ.



SCAN TO REGISTER

OR GO TO:
[OLLBRANSON.COM/
WOMENS-WELCOME-RETREAT](http://OLLBRANSON.COM/WOMENS-WELCOME-RETREAT)

Dynamic Catholic
Be Bold. Be Catholic.

Thursday, March 12th, 10am-4pm
OLL Parish Center

RESOURCES FOR A HEALTHIER LIFE

SENIOR FAIR

YUMMY FOOD!

OVER 25 NON-PROFITS

BLOOD PRESSURE/SUGAR TESTING

VISION EXAMS

IT'S ALL FREE!



10.00 AM
UNTIL
04.00 PM

**FOLLOW US!
4 OZARK SENIORS
FOR UPDATES!**



MARCH 12, 2026
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
203 VAUGHN RD
BRANSON, MO

MORE INFO?

417 - 551 - 9048

MARCH 5, 2026
OUR LADY OF THE COVE
20 KIMBLER BLVD,
KIMBERLING CITY, MO

RESOURCES FOR A HEALTHIER LIFE

SENIOR FAIR

BRANSON:

- 4 OZARK SENIORS ADAPT
- ALL MISSOURI CAREGIVERS
- BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
- BURRELL BEHAVIORAL
- BROOK WELLNESS CENTER
- CHRISTIAN ACTION MINISTRIES
- CLASSIC INSURANCE
- COX HEALTH FITNESS
- CREMATION OF THE OZARKS
- DRUG FREE OZARKS
- ELEVATE BRANSON
- EMPOWER ABILITIES
- GIVE 5
- HAVEN HOME HOSPICE
- HOME INSTEAD
- INHOME SOLUTIONS
- LIBRARY CENTER OF THE OZARKS
- LIONS CLUB
- VETERANS OF THE OZARKS
- TANEY COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.
- TANEY COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR
- UNTIED WAY 2-1-1
- YMCA

KIMBERLING CITY:

- 4 OZARK SENIORS ADAPT
- ALL MISSOURI CAREGIVERS
- BURRELL BEHAVIORAL
- BROOK WELLNESS CENTER
- CHRISTIAN ACTION MINISTRIES
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- COX STROKE PREVENTION
- CREMATION OF THE OZARKS
- DRUG FREE OZARKS
- EMPOWER: ABILITIES
- GIVE 5
- HAVEN HOME HOSPICE
- HOME INSTEAD
- INHOME SOLUTIONS
- LIONS CLUB
- VETERANS OF THE OZARKS
- OACAC
- STONE COUNTY LIBRARY
- STONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.
- SOUTH STONE COUNTY FIRE DEPT.
- UNTIED WAY 2-1-1

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KIMBERLING CITY, MO



Coffee & Christ Sundays

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

We will not meet on Sunday, March 8th

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–Noon
Faith Formation Room



Join us on this Tuesday to watch & discuss Season 5 of The Chosen followed by that episode's Biblical Roundtable discussion

March 10th

**Season 5 Episode 8:
The Upper Room Part 2**

Pilate summons Atticus to read him the riot act. The Sanhedrin boils over. The Last Supper ends.

Bible Roundtable:

Did Abraham, Ezekiel, and Joseph visit Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane? No, probably not. So does that make Episode 8 unbiblical? Hardly. As all of redemptive history is culminating in Jesus, it makes perfect sense to weave in these Old Testament stories that prefigure Him—at least, that's what our Bible consultants say. Listen as they unpack the deep and meaningful ways Jesus is fulfilling scriptural prophecies and patterns as He begins his sufferings in Gethsemane.

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 will be given to them at the Easter Vigil.



Thank you! The OCIA Team

For Elect:

*Caleb Newman
Garry Hunt*

Candidates:

*Nate Akley
Tommy Head
Daniella Lingner
Alyson Sparks
Gabriel Vuycankiat
Bonnie Grace Day
Vanessa Parks
Elijah Bumgarner
Hector Buentello
Debbie Philpott
James Roach
Janet Johnson
Kimberly Huen*



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

Our Lady of the Lake, Branson
Sunday, March 8 - 3:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi, Nixa
Monday, March 9 - 7:00pm

St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark
Tuesday, March 10 - 7:00pm

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*

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March 6th
PSR
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March 13th
Welcome Women

March 20th
Knights of Columbus

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March 27th
Parish Staff
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Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Walking the Way of the Cross: Through the eyes of our Blessed Mother

Last Friday, Our Lady of the Ozarks' PCCW led the Stations of the Cross in Forsyth. They chose a Marian devotional Way of the Cross, praying the Stations with Mary the Mother of Jesus. I am familiar with this meditative version as I am sure most of our area Catholics from Our Lady of the Lake and Our Lady of the Cove. But what many of you may not know is that "Mary's Way of the Cross" is rooted in the mystical vision of Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich.

Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich (1774–1824), a German Augustinian nun and mystic, is remembered for her vivid visions of the life of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her accounts, recorded by the poet Clemens Brentano, offer a contemplative lens through which to experience the Passion. In one particularly moving depiction, she describes the Blessed Mother revisiting the places of her Son's suffering after His Resurrection, walking the path of Calvary in prayer and silence, long before the devotion of the Stations of the Cross was formally established.

Blessed Anne's vision of the Stations includes three falls, moments not recorded in Scripture but deeply rooted in Christian meditation. Her visions give these falls spiritual meaning:

- **The First Fall** reveals the shock of suffering. Jesus collapses under the sudden weight of the Cross. Mary's heart trembles, yet she remains steadfast, offering Him her silent strength.
- **The Second Fall** reflects the discouragement of repeated pain. Jesus is bruised, exhausted, and surrounded by cruelty. Mary sees Him struggle and unites her own anguish to His mission of love.
- **The Third Fall** shows the total exhaustion of the Savior. Jesus falls with nothing left to give but love itself. Mary's soul is crushed with Him, yet she consents again to the Father's will.

In each fall, Mary is the compassionate Mother who walks the road with her Son. She does not intervene to stop the suffering; she accompanies Him through it. Her presence teaches the Church how to love Christ in His weakness and how to remain faithful in our own.

When the faithful pray the Stations with Mary, the devotion becomes more intimate and transformative. Mary helps us:

- **See Jesus with a mother's eyes**, full of tenderness and sorrow.
- **Feel the weight of the Cross**, not as a burden imposed but as love offered.
- **Recognize our own falls** and rise again with Christ.
- **Learn compassion**, especially for those who suffer silently.
- **Grow in trust**, surrendering our fears as Mary surrendered hers.



For the faithful, Blessed Anne's vision offers a powerful invitation: to walk the Way of the Cross not only as an act of penance, but also as an act of love and gratitude. Lent is not merely about recalling the pain of Christ's Passion; it is about entering into the mystery of a love so great that it transforms suffering into salvation. By meditating on each station through Mary's eyes, we are reminded that the Cross is not the end - it is the doorway to eternal life.

As Lent continues to unfold, we are reminded to walk the Way of the Cross not as spectators, but as disciples who allow Christ and His Mother to draw us deeper into the mystery of His redeeming love

REVEAL *Christ's* LOVE



**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.



Don't Forget:

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!

**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

*"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



OLL Games

Join us March 12th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

OLL Train - Huckleberry Jam
BIG Winner Julie J -113
Anne Marie -221
Lil' Winner Helen -237
Close Game!!!



OLL Train - The Happy Crew
BIG Winner Ed -203
Remy -311 Eva -316
Lil' Winner Joe -357

Have you ever wondered how the table names come about?

Each table selects their name each week!

"Huckleberry" = Helen and "Jam" = Julie & Anne Marie

The Happy Crew is a table that smiles alot!

King and His Court = King Dan & His Court of Ladies!

Swoop - King & His Court
Big Winner Sharon S -119
Judy H - 186 "King" Dan -218
Jeannie -378
Lil' Winner Sharon A -411



Mahjong
Susan -25 Cathy -25
Sue -0 Brenda -0
Spectators: Judy O Joyce

You are invited to celebrate an early St Patrick's Day
Wear GREEN or get PINCHED!!!



There are plenty of tables... if you have a game you would like to introduce, bring it along and invite folks to join you.

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.*

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
 REGISTRATION OPENS
 JANUARY 12, 2026!

Speakers: Bishop James Conley, Bishop Edward Rice, Fr. Leo Potalinghaus, Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Elvis Gonzalez, Dr. Minerva, Mari Pablo, Brian Miller, Dr. Carolyn Nunes-Fisher.

**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

DOWNLOAD & WATCH A MOVIE ON FORMED

To access our Parish Formed subscription (free for parishioners)



Scan the QR Code

Visit formed.org/signup

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



Our Lady of the Lake,
Sunday, March 8
3:00pm

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

See Page 6 for additional Penance Times in the area



SPEND AT LEAST 20 MINUTES IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection with the Lord



LENTEN MISSION WITH STEVE ANGRISANO

Thursday, March 26th
Time: 6:00PM

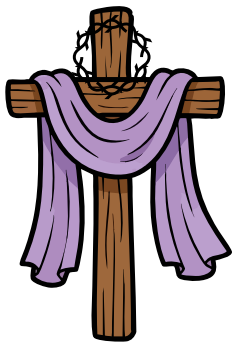
Steve Angrisano is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today.

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

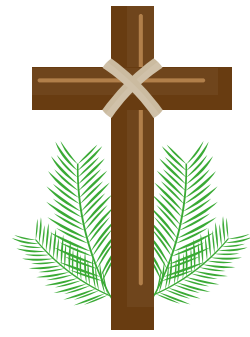
Soup & Stations

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

March 6th
March 13th
March 20th
March 27th



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 11th 5:30-7pm

Mass

Stations of the Cross/Food

March 18th

Spring Break - No Class

March 25th 5:30-7pm

Mass/Food/Class

SPECIAL EVENT

Friday, March 6th



PSR

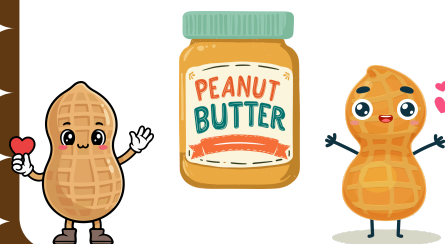


Soup & Stations



SERVICE PROJECT

Salvation Army
peanut butter drive



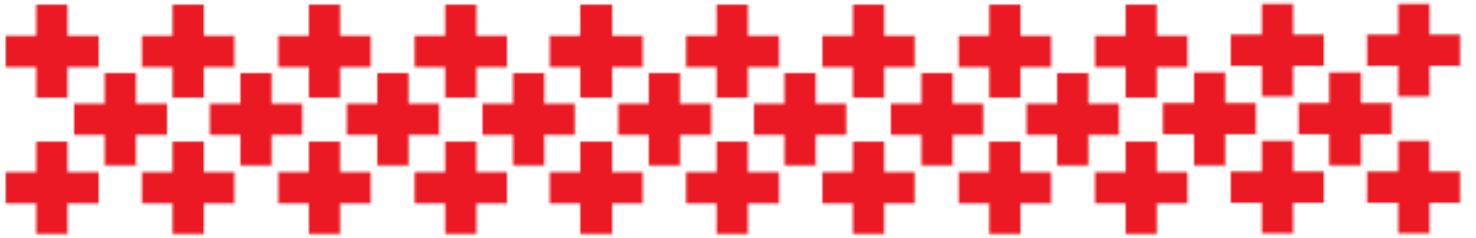
MENU

3/11 - Soup and grilled cheese

3/25 - Pasta and salad

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!
rcblood.org/March



Scan to schedule
an appointment.



Knights of Columbus®

Knights' Corner ~ Council 6470

K of C Parish Breakfast

Mark your calendars for - 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**

Food Drive Update



As of 2/28//26, Our Lady of the Lake has donated over 3,469 lbs of food and \$745 to the Salvation Army Food Pantry for the Fraternal year 7/1/25 - 6/30/26.

Did you know the Salvation Army can buy food at just \$0.18 per pound? Obviously this makes monetary contributions more effective.

Just a reminder that for every 1000 lbs of food **AND** for every \$500 donated, K of C donates \$100 to the pantry, up to \$500 each from the K of C annually.

Want to make a monetary contribution to the Salvation Army Food Party through the Knights of Columbus to help reach the bonus gift from the K of C?

Make checks payable to:
K of C Council 6470
Memo: S. A. Food Pantry

Send checks to:
Our Lady of the Lake, Attn: Knights of Columbus
203 Vaughn Dr. Branson, MO. 65616

Lenten Food Drive Challenge

Looking for something different for Lent this year that will impact our community directly?

The Salvation Army Food Pantry is in need of our support. Please consider giving generously during Lent this year. Just one non-perishable food item or one dollar a day can make a HUGE

difference for hungry families right here in the Ozarks. Think about the impact of \$40, especially considering that could buy the Food Pantry over 220 lbs of food!

40 Days
to donate
40 Cans
or donate
40 Dollars

Lenten Mission

Featuring
Steve Angrisano

**ENCOUNTERING THE
TRUE PRESENCE**

Our Lady of the Lake

203 Vaughn Dr. Branson

**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

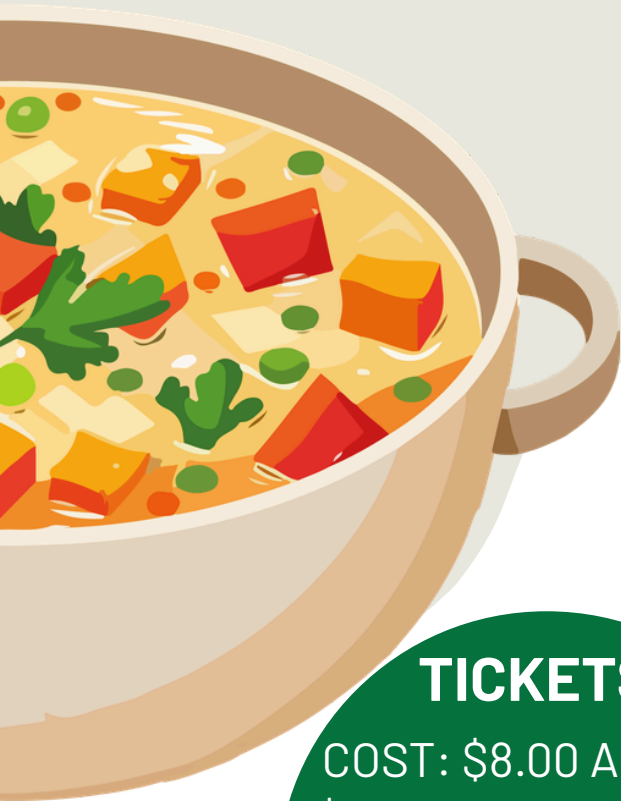
*Each meal ticket also
includes 1 raffle ticket*

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



"How many apostles does it take to change a light bulb?"



"None! Jesus is the light."



Jesus is referred to as the Light of the World. This means that Jesus illuminates the path to salvation and truth.

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"Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give."

—Saint Francis of Assisi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who had a dream about Jesus during his trial and before his crucifixion?

Answer: The wife of Pontius Pilate.

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



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You are worthy

3rd Sunday OF LENT



The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

- Jn 4:9a, 10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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

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LENT

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The World Wide Marriage Encounter
Weekend Experience
is the perfect way to
renew, refresh, and reignite your marriage!

March 20-22, 2026

Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer
Retreat Center, Carthage, MO

For more information, and to register Online, go to wwme.org

Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-
42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

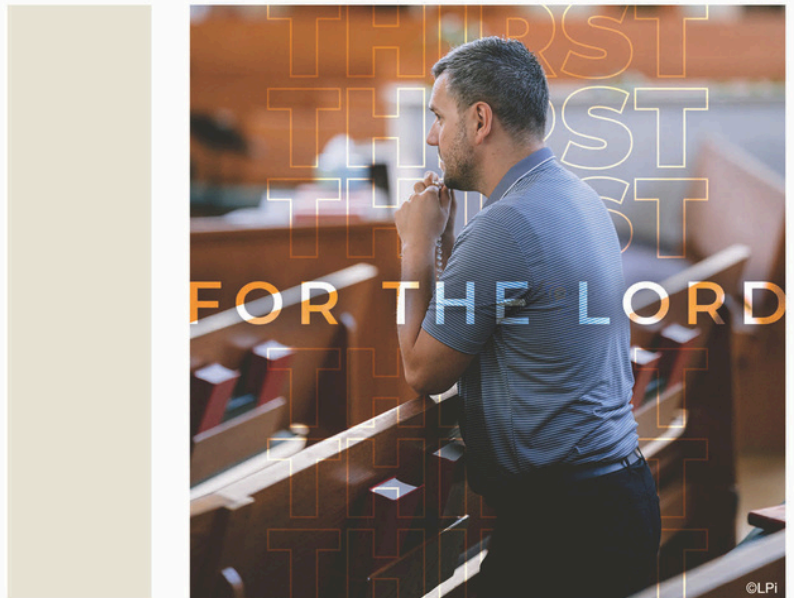
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Next 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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: **“One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37)**. He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel:

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

Observances for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

True virtuous mercy is a choice governed by reason, not merely a feeling. God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. Rather, His perfect mercy is directed toward supplying our needs.

Blessing of Living Water

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!
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1st Friday 10:00 am

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