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Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

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Sun - before Mass & Wed after Mass

**Holy Hour Adoration:**

Wed - after Mass



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] 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 20:22-23

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### Welcome Blessings

Whether you are visiting, recently moved here or are returning to your Catholic faith, we want to welcome you to Our Lady of the Ozarks.

Our parish is committed to inviting and supporting every parishioner to become a disciple of Christ, building His Kingdom through prayer, fellowship and service to others.

We look forward to meeting you and encourage you to connect with the people and ministries of our parish community. Please call the parish office and let the friendship begin.

Serving with the joy of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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### Our Lady of the Ozarks Mission Statement

We are called to walk with Christ, serving with joy, love and mercy. We bring our talents and shortcomings, our histories, and our hopes.

But most of all, we bring our shared faith and love of Jesus. We are blessed to belong to Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church.

## Weekly Financial Report

6/3/2025

	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
<b>Income:</b>		<b>June</b>	
Envelopes	\$1,755.00	\$1,755.00	\$85,254.00
Plate (loose)	279.00	279.00	12,227.33
Maint. & Repair Fund	742.00	742.00	32,287.00
Diocesan Collections	1,851.60	1,851.60	17,951.94
K of C & PCCW			12,162.75
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	70.00	70.00	16,221.24
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,697.60</b>	<b>4,697.60</b>	<b>176,104.26</b>
<b>Expense:</b>			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	2,036.00	2,036.00	63,204.04
Maintenance	479.01	479.01	16,658.42
Telephone & Utilities	2,094.90	2,094.90	23,491.88
Insurance			20,424.36
Diocesan & Special Collections	1,209.00	1,209.00	18,467.34
Trust Fund Deposit		170.09	
Other Expenses	170.09		17,362.90
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,989.00</b>	<b>5,989.00</b>	<b>159,608.94</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) Funds</b>	<b>-\$1,291.40</b>	<b>-\$1,291.40</b>	<b>\$16,495.32</b>
<b>Cash in Bank, 7/1/24</b>			<b>\$16,364.25</b>
<b>Cash in Bank, current</b>			<b>\$32,859.57</b>
<b>Unpaid Bills &amp; Designated Funds</b>			<b>\$19,711.09</b>

## Safe Environment - Report Abuse

If you suspect or have a concern regarding misconduct or abuse, use the Report Abuse online access via the Diocesan webpage, [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org), then click on Report Abuse, and/or call the Director of Child and Youth Protection: William Holtmeyer, 417-866-0841

## Sacrament Preparation

**Have questions regarding the Sacraments or seeking information about the Catholic Church?**

**Please contact the Office / Dcn. Dan.**

**Marriage:** Requires at least six months advance notice for preparation and scheduling. (If you have been married before, an annulment may be necessary.)

**Infant/Youth Baptism:** Your family needs to be registered in the parish and it is necessary to have had class / catechesis regarding baptismal preparation.

**OCIA Adult Baptism/Confirmation:** Interested in becoming a Catholic or are a Catholic adult who has not been Confirmed? Let's talk about your next steps.

**Visitation of the Sick:** If you know someone who is homebound and desires Communion, call Deacon Dan. Anointing of the Sick: please call Our Lady of the Lake Church (417) 334-2928 and request to speak to a priest.

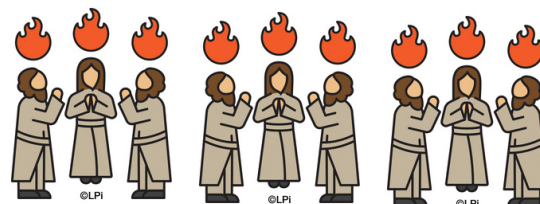
## Prayers Requested from Parishioners

We pray for those who are ill, those in despair, and the homebound. We ask for the heavenly intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she envelope them with her maternal protection.

**For parishioners; for health-related issues:** Denny & Darlene Bissell, Mary Bloomgren, Penny O'Connor, Shirley Lang, Kathy Strader, Leonard Gross, Carla Schmitz, Jim Schafer, Debbie Davis, and Jackie Nieuwkirk.

**For family & friends:** Carla Schmitz's nephew Bruce, Sandy Schumacher's daughter Stormy and Sandy's brother, Kirk, and their niece Lisa, Carolyn Townsend's husband Bud, Patt Strom's niece Shannon and granddaughter Jennifer, David and Carol Sanchez's nephew Jullian, and Gary Hickox's wife Sharon.

**Our homebound includes those in care facilities:** Janice Elledge, Ann Forster, Mary Lamp, Trini Scholefield, and Joyce Stenger.



Date	Mass Intention	Lectors
Sun 6/8	Parish Family	Dennis / Kay
Wed 6/11	Bert Houle +	Kay
Fri 6/13	Sang Lee Booth +	Charlene
Sun 6/15	Mary Bush +	Craig / Hunter
Wed 6/18	Roman Hein +	Marilyn
Fri 6/20	Dee Walton +	John

## Gift Bear

Deena and George Patterson

Laura Cairns and Carla Schmitz

## Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 6/8	9:45 am	OCIA Session
Wed 6/11	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Thu 6/12	6:30 pm	KofC Council Mtg, Rosary at 6:10 pm
Wed 6/18	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Wed 6/25	9:35 am	No Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 6/25	9:40 am	Parish Council Mtg (Tentative) – Priority Planning

Check each week for updates as things do change.



## Our Lady of Champion and a Call to Prayer for our bishops

Our Lady's message to Adele was clear – to gather the children in the wild country and teach them what they need to know for their salvation, especially in how to make the sign of the cross, how to know the catechism, and how to approach the sacraments. Our church leaders, especially our Bishops, are entrusted with this mission in their own communities and we, as the Church, have a great responsibility in praying for them as they continue the good work.

As our world faces a shortage of peace and an increase in division and attacks within our families and the Church, our Bishops are facing extreme challenges. This is why they need our prayers, now more than ever, for the grace necessary to heroically lead people of faith in these uncertain times.

This is what inspired the Shrine's Shepherd Project – a season of prayer for each and every Bishop across the United States, starting from the Shrine's location in Wisconsin and emitting outward as the year goes on. Join us as we offer up our prayers for a Bishop a day to the Blessed Mother from May 1 to the end of October. In addition, a perpetual candle will be lit in the Shrine's Apparition Oratory on behalf of the bishops.

There are 2,248 dioceses across the globe, including 194 arch/dioceses in the United States. Each arch/diocese has a bishop, a shepherd responsible for the souls of everyone in their territory, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. They need our prayers. The Shrine's Shepherd Project has designated the following dates to pray for the bishops in Missouri.

9-Jun Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski - Archdiocese of St. Louis

10-Jun Bishop Shawn McKnight - formerly of the Diocese of Jefferson City, now the Archbishop of Kansas City, KS. The chair is currently vacant in Jefferson City

11-Jun Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. - Diocese of Kansas City-Saint Joseph

12-Jun Bishop Edward Matthew Rice - Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

For more information, go to <https://championshrine.org/shepherd-project/>



### A PRAYER FOR OUR BISHOPS

*Prayer adapted from the ORA Foundation website: <https://ora.foundation/novena-for-our-bishops>*

Jesus, Good Shepherd, You sent us the Holy Spirit to guide Your Church and lead her faithful to You through the ministry of the successors of Your Apostles, the bishops.

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, grant to Your bishops wisdom in leading, faithfulness in teaching, and holiness in guarding Your sacred Mysteries.

As they cry out with all the faithful, "Our Father", may Your bishops be ever more closely identified with You in Your Divine Sonship and offer their own lives with You, the one saving Victim.

Renew in Your bishops deeper faith, greater trust in You, childlike reliance on our Mother Mary, and unwavering fidelity to the Holy Catholic Church.



A perpetual candle has been lit for the Shepherd Project near the National Shrine's St. Methodius Statue in the Apparition Oratory.

**Our Lady of Champion, pray for Your bishops.**

**Sts. Peter & Paul, pray for them.**

**St. Andrew, pray for them.**

**St. James, pray for them.**

**St. John, pray for them.**

**St. Thomas, pray for them.**

**St. James, pray for them.**

**St. Philip, pray for them.**

**St. Bartholomew, pray for them.**

**St. Matthew, pray for them.**

**Sts. Simon & Jude, pray for them.**

**St. Matthias, pray for them.**

**St. John Vianney, pray for them.**

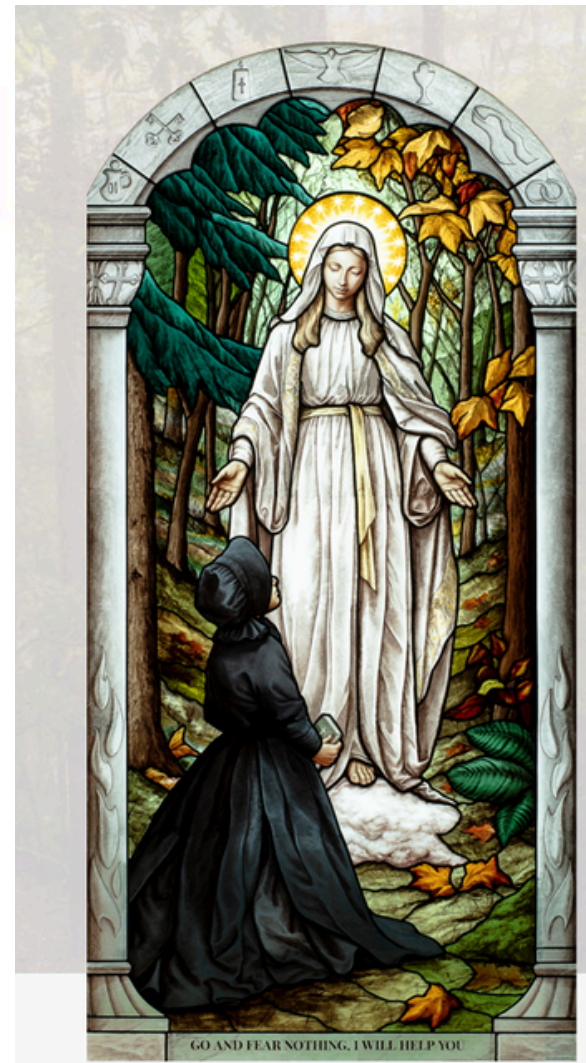
**St. Methodius, pray for them.**

**St. Joseph, protect them.**

**St. Michael, defend them.**

**All you saints in heaven, pray for them.**

Amen.



For more information, or to pray along for our bishops daily,  
visit [championshrine.org/shepherd-project](https://championshrine.org/shepherd-project)



# Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

## What are the different ranks within the College of Cardinals?

Prior to being elected Pope (Leo XIV), Cardinal Robert Prevost held the title of 'Cardinal Deacon'. I must admit I was not familiar with this title or any of the various titles within the College of Cardinals. So, what are the distinctions of the titles within the College of Cardinals?

In the Catholic Church, the office of cardinal traditionally has three ranks -- bishop, priest and deacon. This rank has nothing to do with their ordination status, as most cardinals were previously ordained a bishop before receiving the special office of cardinal. The ranks have their basis in an ancient hierarchy that is traced back to the early Church in Rome.

### *So, how do the three orders break down?*

Cardinal bishops are typically the most senior cardinals given the title by the pope. The title comes with a titular jurisdiction over one of the ancient dioceses just outside Rome called the "suburbicarian sees" (a name applied to the diocese nearest Rome, like Ostia and Porto). While symbolic today, these sees once had real pastoral oversight. The cardinal bishops are usually assigned to the heads of the most senior curial departments, like the Secretary of State.

It is the cardinal bishops who elect from among themselves the dean of the College of Cardinals for a five-year term. In addition to presiding over the college, the dean has several key functions for the governance of the Church after the death of a pope. It is the dean who presides over the daily meetings of cardinals prior to a conclave.

Cardinal priests are the largest group in the College of Cardinals. Each is assigned a "titular church" in Rome to express their connection to the Diocese of Rome, even though they serve elsewhere in the world. It's honorary but deeply rooted in tradition, tracing back to Rome's early clergy.

Finally, there are the cardinal deacons – the original administrators. They are often referred to as "the pope's cabinet" and most work full-time in the Curia advising the Pope on key issues. A special honor is given to the senior cardinal deacon. He has the privilege of ceremoniously announcing the newly elected pope from the balcony of the Vatican.

The hierarchy among the three orders of cardinals is largely ceremonial. These ranks do not indicate power but reflect different responsibilities. Over time, a cardinal may move between ranks as his role changes. Yet, their core tasks — electing and advising — will endure. This continuity preserves Church tradition. Their importance remains tied to leadership and unity.

Cardinals hold a unique place in the Catholic Church. They elect popes, advise on governance, and lead dioceses. Their history stretches back centuries, evolving with the Church. Appointed by the pope, they represent the faithful worldwide. Their red garments symbolize a call to sacrifice. They balance local and universal responsibilities with care. Canon law and tradition guide their actions.

And may we not forget that they are more than just guardians of the Church, they are spiritual leaders. We, the faithful, rely on them for more than governance. Their spiritual dimension gives their office depth and ties them to the Church's mission of salvation. May they serve us well with humility and grace.

## Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) 2025 Update

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2025 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

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DDF SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025

Having completed our 5th week, the halfway point of this year's DDF campaign, I am providing the latest tally of the pledges and participation. (I am using the table again this week since we did not have printed bulletins last week.) And thanks to all of you who have already returned their pledge card.

Below is the 5th week comparison for OLO's versus prior years DDF participation.

Dollar Amount									
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cum Wk 1				5,515	4,783	4,960	7,294	9,495	4,650
Cum Wk 2				7,775	8,583	7,310	9,874	10,770	5,750
Cum Wk 3				8,900	9,933	8,460	10,324	13,995	6,750
Cum Wk 4				9,250	10,383	10,710	10,999	15,145	7,625
Cum Wk 5				10,925	11,983	12,025	12,109	15,405	9,302
DDF Goal	13,430	12,543	12,840	13,597	13,597	15,143	14,205	14,819	15,790
% of Goal				80%	88%	79%	85%	104%	59%
Pledges									
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cum Wk 1	1	1	1	27	21	18	21	28	17
Cum Wk 2	2	2	2	35	32	25	30	36	23
Cum Wk 3	3	3	3	40	40	29	34	43	27
Cum Wk 4	4	4	4	42	42	34	40	45	29
Cum Wk 5	5	5	5	46	45	43	42	47	32
DDF Goal	13,430	12,543	12,840	63	55	55	54	52	54
% of Goal				73%	82%	78%	78%	90%	59%

As I mentioned last week, we were blessed in 2024 to have our best DDF campaign ever (in terms of DDF dollars pledged). Our giftedness to the diocese raised the bar for this year. I am confident that our parish community will put forth its best effort to meet (or come close) our requested 2025 goals.

We currently stand at \$9,302 in financial pledges (59% of goal) and have received 32 pledge cards (59%). We are still tracking behind our pledge cards being returned from prior years. Please turn in your pledge cards as this will in turn reflect better our financial pledge tally as well. Next week, our DDF team will be mailing out reminders to those who yet to respond to Bishop Rice's appeal.

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## SAVE the DATE FALL RUMMAGE and BAKE SALE

Many of you have been asking about the rummage sale. It is scheduled for September 25, 26, 27. We are planning to set-up on September 7th. Many of us have already started to gather our items for this sale and we invite you to do the same. Bins will be available for your use. These will be in the entry way to Marian Hall. Please pick up what you need and return them filled with your treasures starting on September 8th.

## Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God — Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us.

Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings.

Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement of God.

Amen.

## FATHER'S DAY RECEPTION

THE PCCW INVITES you to join us for a Father's Day Reception following Mass on Sunday, June 15th.  
All are welcome.



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# 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. (Acts 2:3)

### 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)

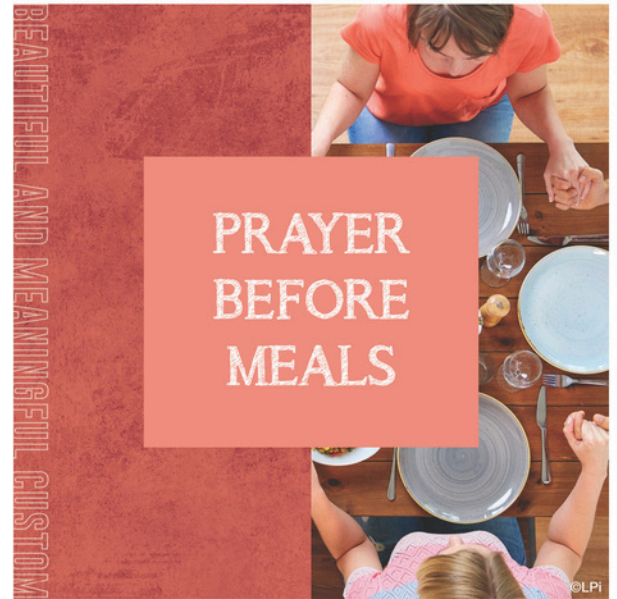
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus tells his disciples, "and my Father...will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We know what's at stake. We know what we have to do. So when the Father comes, will He make His dwelling with us?

## Observances for the week of June 8, 2025

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday  
**Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
**Wednesday:** St. Barnabas, Apostle  
**Friday:** St. Anthony of Padua,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Saturday:** Flag Day  
**Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day



## Devotions, *Explained!*

The practice of praying before meals is Biblical, and in the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the Last Supper and other meals. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis urged the faithful "to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom."

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