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**Weekend Mass Time:**

Sunday 8:30 am

**Weekday Mass Times:**

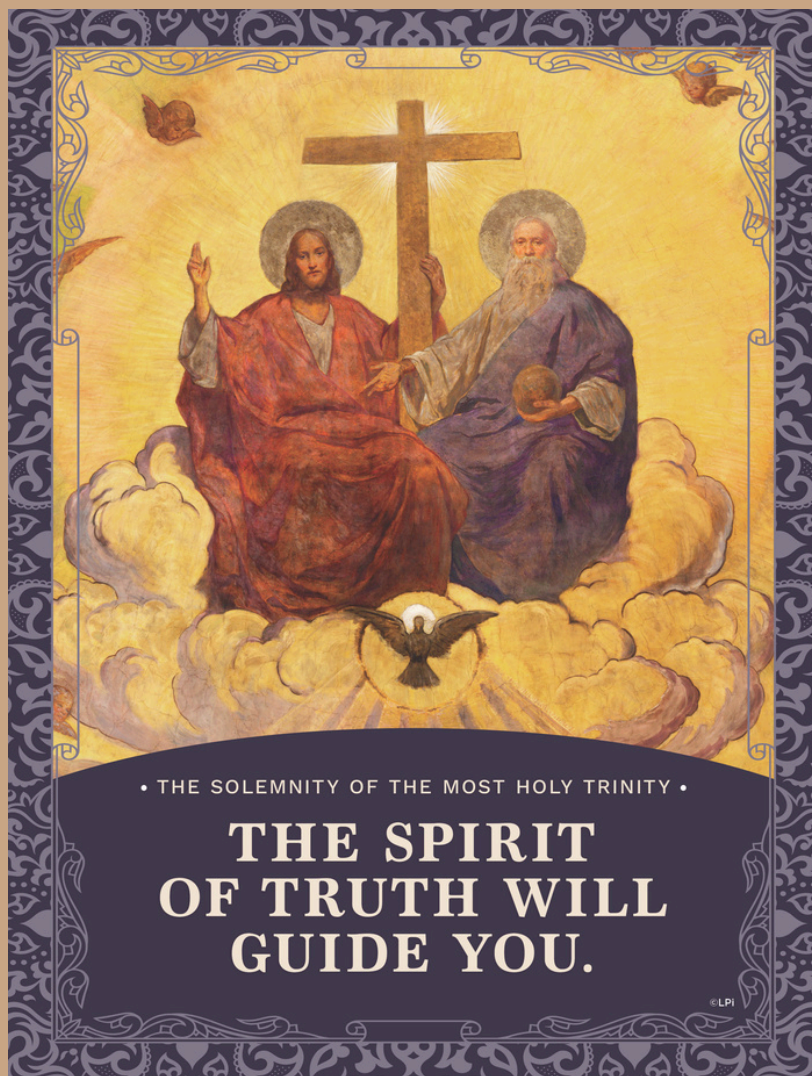
Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

**Confession:**

Sun - before Mass & Wed after Mass

**Holy Hour Adoration:**

Wed - after Mass



## 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

### Parish Leadership

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**Buck Hartley**

Grand Knight Council 7680

### 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

6/10/2025

	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
<b>Income:</b>		<b>June</b>	
Envelopes	\$1,414.00	\$3,169.00	\$86,668.00
Plate (loose)	231.00	510.00	12,458.33
Maint. & Repair Fund	480.00	1,222.00	32,767.00
Diocesan Collections	3,150.00	5,001.60	21,101.94
K of C & PCCW			12,162.75
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	300.00	370.00	16,521.24
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,575.00</b>	<b>10,272.60</b>	<b>181,679.26</b>
<b>Expense:</b>			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	873.00	2,909.00	64,077.04
Maintenance		479.01	16,658.42
Telephone & Utilities		2,094.90	23,491.88
Insurance	800.00	800.00	21,224.36
Diocesan & Special Collections	3,792.60	5,001.60	22,259.94
Trust Fund Deposit		170.09	
Other Expenses	1,482.23	1,482.23	18,845.13
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,947.83</b>	<b>12,936.83</b>	<b>166,556.77</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) Funds</b>	<b>-\$1,372.83</b>	<b>-\$2,664.23</b>	<b>\$15,122.49</b>
<b>Cash in Bank, 7/1/24</b>			<b>\$16,364.25</b>
<b>Cash in Bank, current</b>			<b>\$31,486.74</b>
<b>Unpaid Bills &amp; Designated Funds</b>			<b>\$21,531.17</b>

## 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, 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.



## 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

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 6/15	Mary Bush +	Craig / Hunter	Laura Cairns and Carla Schmitz
Wed 6/18	Roman Hein +	Marilyn	
Fri 6/20	Dee Walton +	John	
Sun 6/22	Cesar Lampong +	Marilyn / Tom	Caroline Carr, Mike and Gloria Obranovic
Wed 6/25	John Kartheiser +	Charlene	
Fri 6/27	4 Keating Sisters +	Nancy	

## Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 6/15	9:40 am	PCCW's Father's Day Reception after Mass
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
Sun 6/29	8:30 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Peter's Pence (The Pope's Annual Appeal)
Sun 6/29	9:45 am	OCIA / Parish Faith Formation – Sin & Salvation

Check each week for updates as things do change.





## OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

### Safe Environment Requirements for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers

Before engaging in diocesan, parish and school-sponsored activities for minors and vulnerable adults, all clergy, employees and adult volunteers are required to be in compliance with the diocesan Safe Environment Requirements which include:

1) A Background Screening, 2) Safe Environment Training, and 3) a Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct is required annually and is made available at the beginning of each fiscal year, July 1. The Code of Conduct can be accessed through the diocesan webpage <https://dioscgo.org/child-youth-protection/> and through VIRTUS: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>.

The Code of Conduct is to be read, signed, and submitted to the local Safe Environment Coordinator at the parish or school: that's me, Deacon Dan, your parish compliance officer.

For new employees and volunteers, to begin the process, an account must first be created in VIRTUS. There the Background Screening Application will be prompted and is now completed online through their VIRTUS account. The training, which includes "Protecting God's Children" and "Mandated and Ethical Reporting", are accessible through their VIRTUS account and are also completed online.

Any questions --- talk to Deacon Dan or contact the Associate Safe Environment Coordinator, Shelly Ferry, [sferry@dioscgo.org](mailto:sferry@dioscgo.org) or the Director of Child and Youth Protection, The Catholic Center, (417) 866-0841.



### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

#### Religious Freedom Week 2025: June 22- June 29

#### Witnesses to Hope

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.

June 22: Political Polarization: Pray that Catholics will have the courage to put the truth of the gospel and fidelity to the Church above partisan politics.

June 23: IVF Mandates: Pray for couples who suffer fertility challenges, and that political leaders would promote therapies that respect the dignity of all human persons.

June 24: Catholic Healthcare: Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable.

June 25: Nicaragua: Pray for Christians in Nicaragua, where the Catholic Church faces brutal government persecution.

June 26: Parental Choice in Education: Pray that governments would strengthen the ability for parents to direct the education of their children.

June 27: Immigration Services: Pray that the Lord would protect vulnerable migrants and refugees, and that the Church enjoy the freedom to carry out the ministries that Christ has handed to her.

June 28: Freedom to Serve the Common Good: Pray that government leaders would recognize the contributions that religious charities make to the common good.

June 29: Nigeria: Pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria who are suffering violent religious conflict.



# Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

## Attempting to understand the mystery of the Trinity



The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith, representing the belief in one God who exists in three distinct Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. While we cannot fully understand it, this teaching is foundational to Catholic theology, worship, and the spiritual life of the faithful. It reflects the very nature of God as revealed in Scripture and developed through centuries of theological reflection.

Even though the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct, they are united. They share the same essence, the same substance. This means they are one in being. They are not three separate gods but one God in three persons. This unity is a mystery we believe through faith.

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains this well.*

The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: "The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that which the Holy Spirit is, i.e. by nature one God." CCC 253

This means all three are fully God, sharing the same nature. The Father is the creator of all things. He is the source of everything. The Son, Jesus Christ, became man to save us. He shows us God's love and mercy. The Holy Spirit is our helper and guide. He gives us strength and wisdom.

Knowing about the three persons of the Trinity helps us relate to God better. We can see how each person of the Trinity plays a part in our lives. This understanding deepens our faith and helps us grow closer to God.

*Images and analogies can help us better understand the Trinity.*

One such way is thinking of the Trinity as 'Lover, Beloved, and Love'. St. Augustine famously used this analogy to help explain the relationship within the Trinity. This analogy suggests the Father is the Lover, the one who loves. The Son, Jesus, is the Beloved, the one who is loved. The Holy Spirit is the Love that flows between the Father and the Son. This shows us that God is a relationship of perfect love. However, St. Augustine also cautioned that no analogy can fully capture the mystery of the Trinity, as God's nature surpasses human understanding.

Another image of the Trinity is 'Formlessness, Form, and Energy'. The Father is Formlessness, the source of all things. The Son, Jesus, is Form, who became human and showed us God's love. The Holy Spirit is the Energy, the living force that moves and inspires us. This shows us that God is the force behind all creation. This image helps us understand that God is active in the world.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. Understanding the Trinity helps us understand God better. It shows us that God is not distant but close to us. It teaches us that love and relationships are important. While words and analogies fall short of fully explaining this divine mystery, the doctrine of the Trinity remains a source of deep faith, guiding us in our worship, prayer, and daily life. By embracing this mystery, we find the fullness of God's revelation and His enduring presence in the world.





## Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) 2025 Update

Having completed Week 6 of the DDF Annual Appeal, OLO has recorded \$12,402 in financial pledges (78% of \$15,790) and 37 in pledge cards returned (68% of 54). We are making headway. Thank you!

Reminder letters were mailed this week to parishioners who have yet to respond. (We have a tendency to forget things as we age.) Please do not take offense if you get a reminder letter and have already returned your pledge card. Mail time-travel is difficult to navigate.



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### Shirley Ann Lang Obituary July 11, 1946 - June 6, 2025



Shirley's son, Scott, provided a brief obituary...

With profound sadness, we say goodbye to Shirley Ann Lang of Willard, Missouri, born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, whose vibrant spirit touched the lives of many. Shirley Ann left this world on June 6, 2025, at the age of 78, leaving a void in the lives of so many people. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family. Shirley Ann Lang Obituary (1946-2025) | Willard, MO

Though Shirley Ann may no longer walk beside us, her memory will forever be enshrined in the fabric of the lives of those Shirley Ann touched, a beacon of light guiding us through the darkness. In her absence, her spirit lives on — a gentle whisper in the breeze, a ray of sunlight on a cloudy day, a reminder that love knows no boundaries.

She was loved and cherished by many people including: her son Scott Lang (Julie); her grandchildren, Brooke and Shawn Lang; and her great grandchild Bailee Wilson.

Shirley's funeral Mass date will be sometime in late August. Final details pending.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**SAVE THE DATE**

***Our Lady of the Cove - Kimberling City***

**July 7-9th**

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**

**9:00am - 12:45pm**

**Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Registration Deadline is June 20th**

**Registration is available  
online at**

**[www.ourladyofthecove.org](http://www.ourladyofthecove.org)**

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# Trinity Sunday

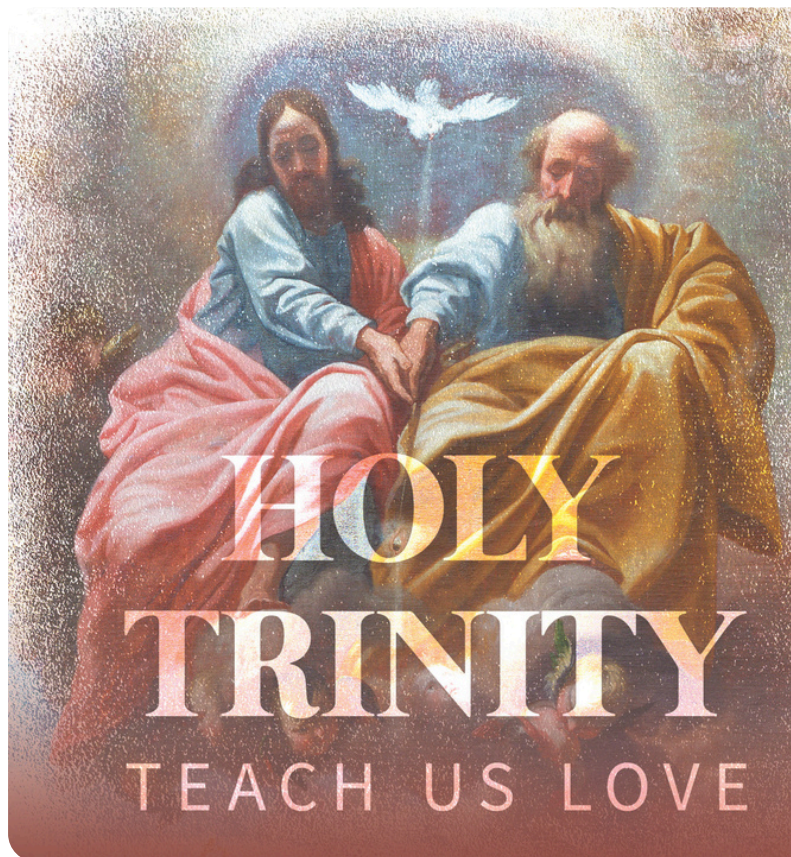


## SAVE THE DATE

**IT'S BACK! CATHOLIC NIGHT**

Plan to attend Catholic Night  
with the Springfield Cardinals  
Sun., Aug. 3, 6:05 p.m.

Ticket information and other  
details will be available soon!



June 25th after the 5:30 Mass at  
Our Lady of the Lake.

The North Star Boys Choir from Maple  
Grove Minnesota will perform.

The North Star Boys' Choir is devoted  
to the traditional boy choir repertoire  
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## STARS ACROSS AMERICA 2025 CONCERT TOUR



JUNE  
**25**

Our Lady of the Lake  
Branson, Missouri

Concert: 6:00 PM

Free will offering



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there,  
when he marked out the vault over the face  
of the deep;  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; (Prv 8:27)

### Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!  
(Ps 8)

### Second Reading:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
(Rom 5:1)

### Gospel:

Everything that the Father has is mine;  
for this reason I told you that he will take from what  
is mine  
and declare it to you." (Jn 16:15)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus knew how it would be. He knew we  
would stumble in the dark, grasping for  
answers. And so he sent us a light: the Holy  
Spirit, the illumination of all that is true. Dare  
we look into the light? Are we ready to see  
the truth?

## Observances for the week of June 15, 2025

**Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day  
**Thursday:** St. Romuald, Abbot  
**Friday:** World Refugee Day  
**Saturday:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious  
**Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary's intercession in an hour of dire need.

### Prayer of Christian Love

Glory be to God the Father,  
God the Son, and God the  
Holy Spirit, who calls us  
into communion with Him,  
a life of grace and mystery,  
reconciliation and unity.  
Amen.



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