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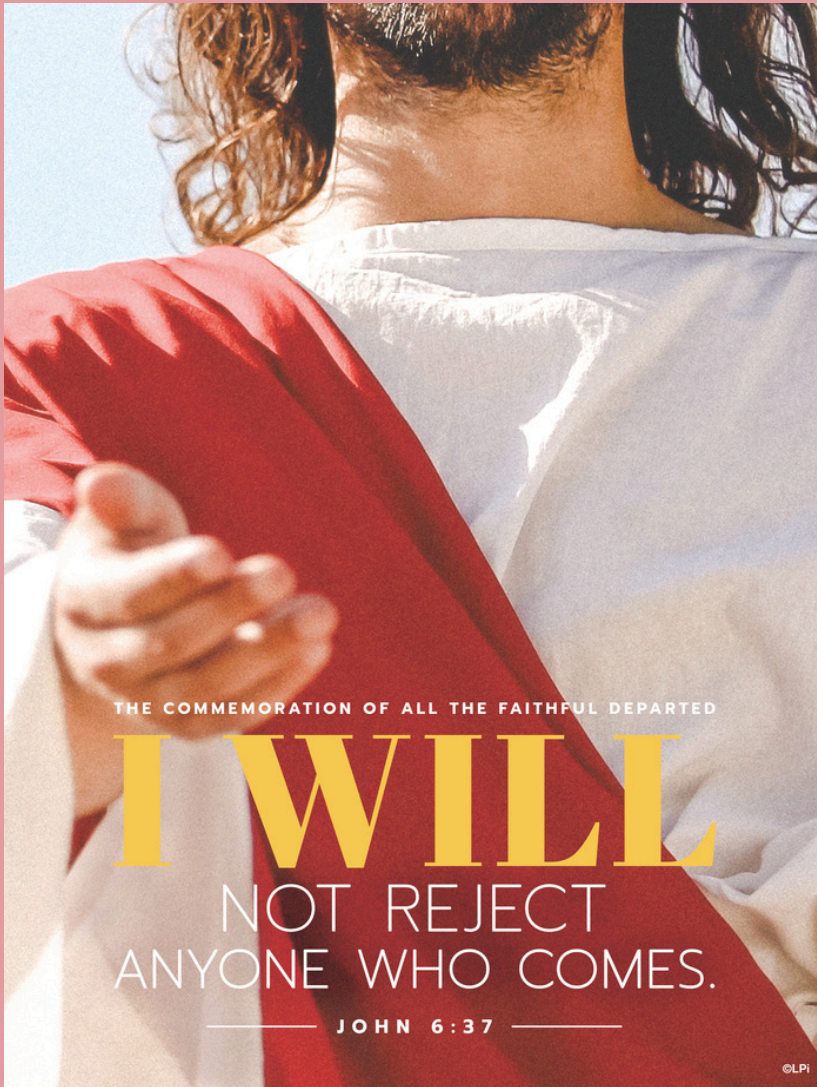
Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

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

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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

10/28/2025

	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
Income:		October	
Envelopes	\$1,345.00	\$7,092.50	\$31,109.83
Plate (loose)	195.00	951.00	3,940.70
Maint. & Repair Fund	335.00	2,123.00	10,544.00
Diocesan Collections	60.00	471.00	3,455.00
K of C & PCCW	12,100.00	12,400.00	12,900.00
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	20.00	1,425.00	2,816.03
Total Income	14,055.00	24,462.50	64,765.56
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	2,304.71	5,276.21	21,950.24
Maintenance		2,504.92	3,482.35
Telephone & Utilities		337.38	4,804.50
Insurance		800.00	2,400.00
Diocesan & Special Collections		605.00	2,984.00
Trust Fund Deposit	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Other Expenses	102.39	1,151.37	7,534.19
Total Expenses	14,407.10	22,674.88	55,155.28
Increase (Decrease) Funds	-\$352.10	\$1,787.62	\$9,610.28
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$37,719.14
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$30,801.66

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, Kenny & Penny O'Connor, Kathy Strader, Leonard Gross, Debbie Davis, Gary Hickox, Arlis Stillings, Tom Kinsella and Mary Little.

For family & friends: Sandy Schumacher's brother, Kirk and niece Lisa, Carolyn Townsend's husband Bud, Patt Strom's niece Shannon and granddaughter Jennifer, David and Carol Sanchez's nephew Julian, Gary Hickox's wife Sharon, and Carla Schmitz's brother-in-law Roger..

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

Safe Environment - Report Abuse

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Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sat 11/1	Kurt Schoch +	Marilyn / Carla	
Sun 11/2	Sang Lee Booth +	Craig / Hunter	Mo Booth & Sam Strunk
Wed 11/5	Mary Davis +	Nancy	
Fri 11/7	1 st Friday deceased souls +	Kay	
Sun 11/9	Parish Family	Tom / Kay	Jackie Nieukirk, Carla and Isaac Schmitz
Wed 11/12	John Kartheiser +	Kay	
Fri 11/14	Jack & Agnes Kling +	Marilyn	

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun 11/02	9:45 am	FFF Topic: Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist (Part 1)
Wed 11/05	9:35 am	NO Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 11/07	9:35 am	First Friday Social (after Mass)
Sun 11/09	9:35 am	KofC Breakfast after Mass
Sun 11/09	10:00 am	FFF Topic: Jesus and the Eucharist (Part 2)
Wed 11/12	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Wed 11/12	10:00 am	PCCW Meting
Thu 11/13	6:30 pm	KofC Council 7680 Mtg, Rosary at 6:10 pm
Sun 11/16	9:45 am	FFF Topic: Jesus and the Eucharist (Part 3)

Check each week for updates as things do change.





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Knights Corner

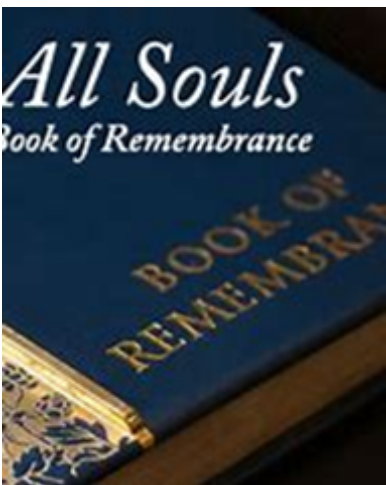
November 9th, in honor of Veterans Day, the Knights will host a Veterans Day breakfast after Mass.

The breakfast is no charge for all Veterans.

Come and enjoy a meal and fellowship, especially any veterans.



All Souls Day Book of Remembrance The Month of November



Parishioners are invited to list the names of family and friends in our parish's Book of Remembrance. This is a beautiful way that our parish family can pray during the month of November.

If you wish to have your loved ones prayed for, simply fill out the form and either email or bring it to the parish, and it will be included in the book. Blank forms are in the gathering space.



Welcome. There is **More to Life**

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Women's Welcome Retreat Our Lady of the Lake in Branson, MO March 7th & 8th 2026

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.

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

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Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

What do the designations in priests' titles mean and what are their responsibilities?

The formal title of a priest is Reverend, but in common speech it is customary to address a priest simply as Father. Both titles describe what a priest is, but other titles more specifically address what a priest does.

The title of Pastor, which is Latin for “shepherd,” is given to a priest to whom a parish has been entrusted. It is the responsibility of the Pastor to teach, sanctify, and govern the parishioners entrusted to his care as he seeks to lead them to heaven. He does this under the authority of the Bishop and, sometimes with the assistance of other priests. The office of teaching includes work in Catholic schools, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, answering questions about the faith, etc. The office of sanctifying includes the administration of the Sacraments, as well as praying for the parishioners and helping them to pray. The office of governing includes the temporal affairs of the parish (insurance, payroll, physical plant, keeping the parish archive and the Sacramental records, etc.).

A priest whose task it is to assist a pastor is called Parochial Vicar, who in a certain sense, shares the voice of the pastor. “As co-workers with the pastor and sharers in his solicitude, they are to offer service in the pastoral ministry by common counsel and effort with the pastor and under his authority” (canon 545 § 1).

The title of Parochial Administrator is given a priest who takes care of a parish for a short time, usually until a pastor is appointed. The title is often given to a priest who is in his first parish leadership role prior to being installed as pastor.

The title of Very Reverend is given to the Vicar General (the bishop’s “second in command”), Judicial Vicars (the bishop’s chief canon lawyers), and Vicar Forane (or Dean). The dean is the bishop’s representative within a diocesan territory called a “vicariate” or “deanery.” In our diocese there are seven deaneries. The dean helps coordinate the pastoral ministry within a deanery, provides support to his brother priests, and ensures proper administration is carried out. Priests retain these titles as long as they retain the office.

The title Monsignor is an honorary title given to priests in certain positions within the diocese or the Roman Curia. There are three “grades” of monsignor. From “highest” to “lowest” they are: (1) Protonotary Apostolic, (2) Prelate of Honor, and (3) Chaplain of His Holiness. The rules on who can be named a monsignor were updated by Pope Francis in 2013. Only priests working within the Roman Curia or Vatican diplomatic service are eligible for all three “ranks.” Diocesan priests are only eligible for the third (lowest) of these honors and only after age 65.

The title of Rector is given to a priest to whom the care of a particular sacred building is entrusted, such as a Shrine or a Cathedral.

More than serving to establish a ranking among priests, these titles help to describe the sacred tasks entrusted to individual priests so that the work of the Church is more fruitfully carried out.



Remembering John Loughner

September 30, 1953 – October 22, 2025

My first introduction to John Loughner was during my time of formation for the permanent diaconate. He greeted me with his larger than life personality and smile and asked me a simple question, "where do you want me to back my trailer?" He arrived at our home to pick up gently used items for the upcoming OLO rummage sale. And the friendship began.

I recall during my early years as a deacon, Fr. Rick Jones asked me to promote "Christ Renews His Parish" to the faithful in Forsyth. I was persuasive enough in getting the ex-Marine to sign up along with a few other men from the parish. John shared with me he had some hesitation in coming to the Saturday-Sunday retreat and almost backed out, but there he was on Saturday morning. By the time Saturday afternoon rolled around, John pulled me aside and informed me that he and the boys from OLO would not be back for the Sunday session. The poster drawing, skits, and songwriting, and faith sharing was not his cup-of-tea. Maybe, if there was a team competition fishing tournament he would have stayed?

Fast forward to February 2020. I was assisting at Sunday Mass with Fr. Dave Hulshof. At the end of Mass, Fr. Dave announced that Sister Charlotte was retiring from her role as pastoral associate of the parish and that I had been named her replacement. After Mass, John was one of the first to congratulate me. John shared that Fr. Dave made a good choice and was happy to have someone with an established tie to the parish step in.

As the summer of 2020 was winding down, John reminded me it was time to begin preparation for our Fall Rummage Sale. I mentioned that I was told that the Fall 2020 sale would be the parish's last sale and that the "Posse Boys" were retiring. He said, "Someday that will be true, but that is not the case now!" After experiencing my first rummage sale, I too found the joy in the days building up to the sale and in the sale itself. It was more than a fundraiser. It was community building, faith sharing, fellowship and thanksgiving – all in one. John knew that and now I did, too.

Over these past five years, I have gotten to know and appreciate the love that John had for this parish family. There was no doubt that Nancy was his rock and love of his life. He cherished his time with family and his grandchildren. It was also very obvious he loved his parish, the people and the visitors. He made it a point to greet anyone who walked through our doors to make them feel welcome. And John being a convert to the Catholic faith made it a point to volunteer to assist with R.C.I.A., willing to share his faith story, help lead discussion, and be a sponsor to anyone in need of one.

John loved to fish and loved to hunt. And he loved Jesus even more (although fishing was a close second). He was a proud Marine but even a prouder Catholic. He didn't just wear his faith on his sleeve, he wore a large crucifix on the outside of his shirt. No matter the occasion, whether he was riding his mower, hauling furniture, or thrill riding on his ATV, John stayed close to Jesus – both inside and out.

John left this world way too soon. He is already greatly missed. It will take some time for our tears to pass but we know there is great joy in knowing that Jesus has already prepared a room for John in His heavenly kingdom. You have run the good race. Rest in peace my friend. – Deacon Dan



SAVE THE DATE: Diocesan Eucharistic Congress 2026

On August 15, 2026, we will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the foundation of our diocese (Aug. 24, 1956) during our first-ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held in the West Plains Civic Center.



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love. (Wis 3:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)
OR
Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you
are with me.

Second Reading:

But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Gospel:

"For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:40)

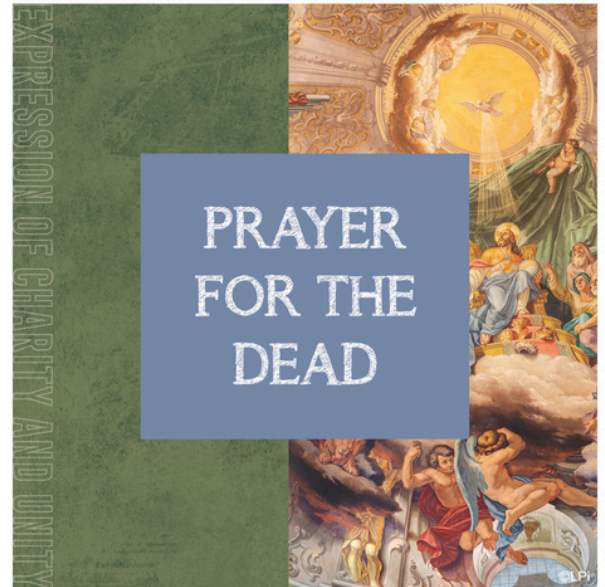
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To live with Christ, we must die with him.
But what does this mean? What does this
look like in the ordinary life of a Christian?
We must ask God for the wisdom to see
our own crosses, so that we may carry
them into the newness of life.

Observances for the week of November 2, 2025

- Sunday:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day);
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Monday:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Election Day
- Next Sunday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



Devotions, *Explained!*

God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity which exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

Prayer during Loss

O God,
In the midst of my grief, be with me.
Cover this season with Your comfort and consolation,
help me to know Your presence and Your grace.
Bring comfort to my affliction,
and hope to my heart.
Amen.



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