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Weekend Mass Time: Confession:

Sunday 8:30 am

Sun - before Mass & Wed after Mass

Weekday Mass Times: Holy Hour Adoration:

Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

Wed - after Mass



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:2

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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			
12/31/2025			
	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
		December	
Income:			
Envelopes	\$1,415.00	\$9,234.00	\$47,833.83
Plate (loose)	400.00	1,331.00	6,513.70
Maint. & Repair Fund	360.00	3,206.00	16,848.00
Diocesan Collections	597.00	802.00	5,528.00
K of C & PCCW		539.73	13,439.73
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	100.00	2,508.00	9,591.65
Total Income	2,872.00	17,620.73	99,754.91
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	2,304.71	5,313.21	32,576.66
Maintenance		214.50	5,505.59
Telephone & Utilities		1,331.25	7,636.14
Insurance		800.00	4,000.00
Diocesan & Special Collections		1,254.00	5,059.00
Trust Fund Deposit			14,605.00
Other Expenses	161.70	414.29	10,038.42
Total Expenses	2,466.41	9,327.25	79,420.81
Increase (Decrease) Funds	\$405.59	\$8,293.48	\$20,334.10
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$48,442.96
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$25,687.01

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: Mary Bloomgren, Kenny & Penny O'Connor, Kathy Strader, Debbie Davis, Gary Hickox, 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, including those in care facilities: Janice Elledge, Ann Forster, Leonard Gross, Mary Lamp, Trini Scholefield, and Joyce Stenger.

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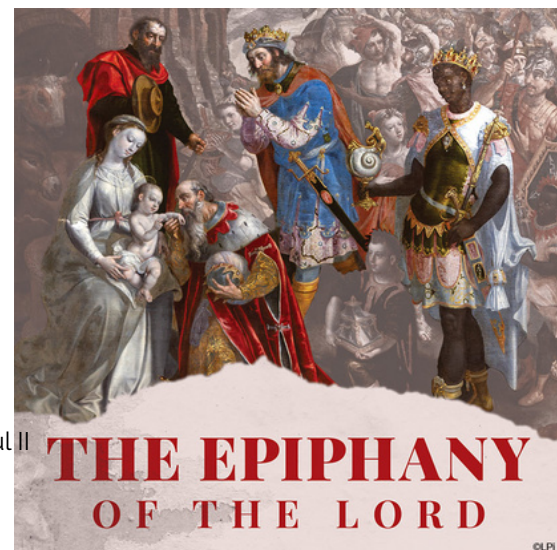
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Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 1/4	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Carla / Toni	Duane & Kay Gerkin
Wed 1/7	Phil Harter +	Charlene	
Fri 1/9	Shirley Lang +	Marilyn	
Sun 1/11	Parish Family	Tom / Kay	Kevin & Jennifer Hutchinson
Wed 1/14	Dee Walton +	Kay	
Fri 1/16	Deceases members of the Perez Family +	Nancy	

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Wed 1/7	9:30 am	Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour
Thu 1/8	6:30 pm	KofC Council 7680 Mtg, Rosary at 6:10 pm
Sun 1/11	9:40 am	KofC Monthly Breakfast after Mass
Sun 1/11	10:10 am	Worship space transformation (take down Christmas decorations)
Wed 1/14	9:30 am	Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour
Wed 1/14	10:00 am	PCCW Meeting
Sun 1/18	9:40 am.	Family Faith Formation: Eucharist – the Catechism & St. John Paul II
Mon 1/19	10:00 am	Eucharistic Monday session

Check each week for updates as things do change.



A tangible, intercessory prayer ritual imploring Mary's help

I recently wrote an article highlighting Mary, the Holy Mother of God, with a special emphasis that she is also our Mother of Hope. When we pray a litany in honor of our Blessed Mother, one of her intercessory titles is Our Lady (Mother) of Hope -- because she accompanies us on our pilgrimage toward eternal life. Our Mother actively intercedes for us, leading us closer to her Son. She carries our prayers close to her heart, giving them to Jesus, and Jesus our mediator, takes them to the Father.

In that same article I mentioned how my wife and I seek out her aid when praying for those who have strayed away from the faith. We include the names of our adult children in our desire for them to be more zealous in the faith.

I was reminded in an article by Fr. Dan Reehill, on a Marian prayer ritual that is designed to make our prayers more “visible” in our homes. This is what Fr. Dan suggested:

He said, take a picture of your child(ren) or grandchild(ren) and get a good statue of Our Lady. You should have one in your home already anyway, She doesn't have to be big, but she should be there with a crucifix, bible and your rosary, make a little altar. Place the picture of your child (or children) under the feet of Our Lady, and then say this prayer (Fr. Dan's words, not mine).

“Blessed Mother, I have done as much as I could. We did our best but the world took over and the tsunami of the world got my kid and they are far from Jesus. I am now giving you your rightful position as that mother of my Child to take over where I left off and now you bring him/her back.”

Fr. Dan mentioned that Mary takes this seriously, very seriously.

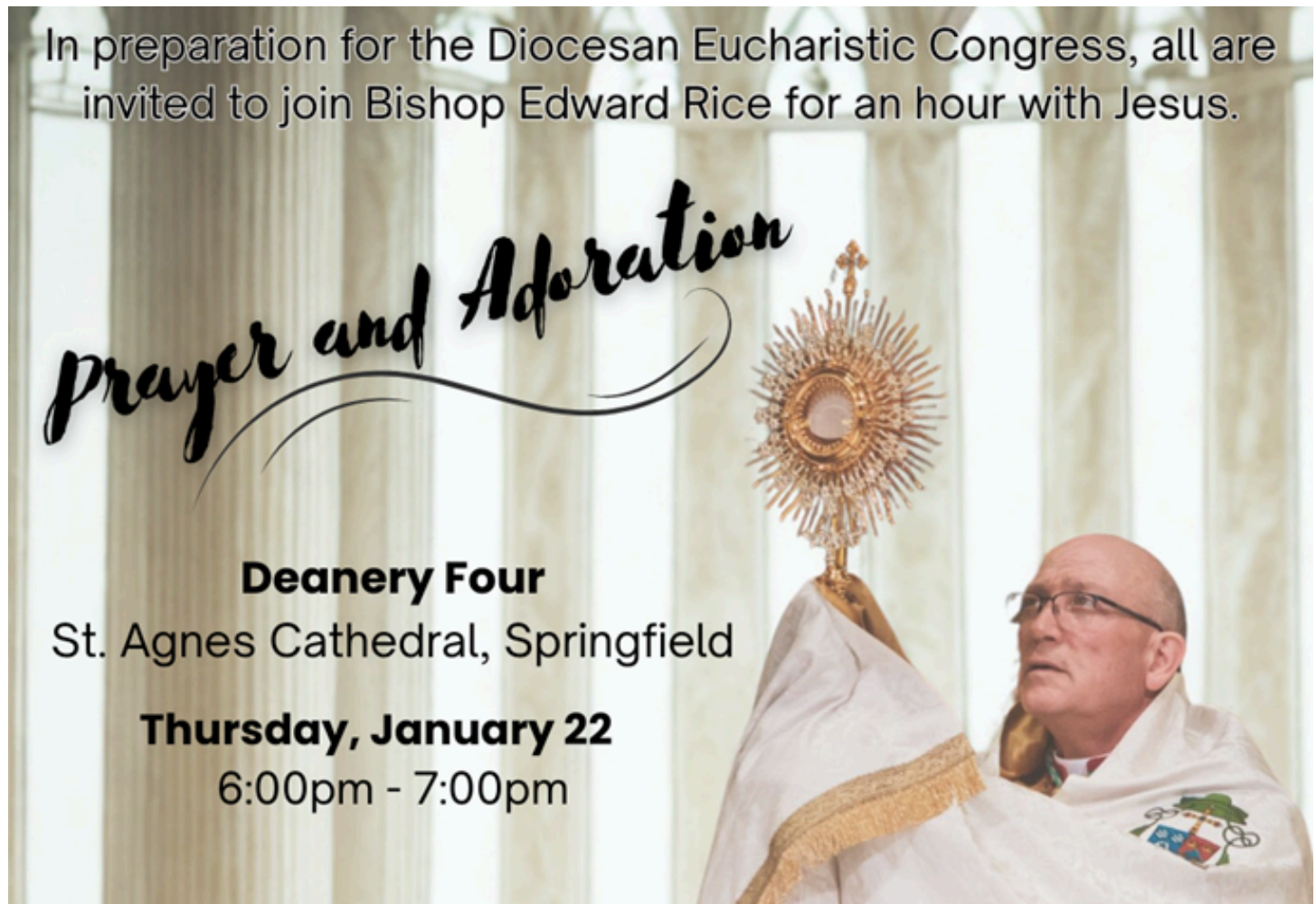
Next you are to pray a prayer of consecration for your child to Our Lady, and you leave it in her hands. Finally, pray the rosary every day requesting Our Lady's intentions and ask her to pray for your intentions as well. She will do this. Fr. Dan has seen miracles happen through this exchange of prayer.

Looking for a new prayer ritual for the new year? Get out your picture of the Blessed Mother or a statue or icon of her and place it on your mantel or another place of prominence in your home. There is no need to be discreet. Then turn to our Mother of Hope and seek her aid. She will not disappoint you.

Mary, Mother of Hope, pray for us. Amen.

OLO'S PARISH SCHOOL OF FORMATION & THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

To help prepare the faithful for the DEC, the Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Family Ministry has put together a seven-part monthly series (one per month) of inspirational and educational resources. Parishes are encouraged to incorporate these resources into their faith formation classes. Our Lady of the Ozark will be doing such, beginning on Sunday, January 18, after Mass in Marian Hall. We will meet two or three Sundays per month as per our regular PSR/ faith formation schedule. We will do so through July. Deacon Dan will also offer to repeat the session on the Mondays following the Sunday sessions. Pay attention to the parish calendar of events for what days and time.



In preparation for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, all are invited to join Bishop Edward Rice for an hour with Jesus.

Prayer and Adoration

Deanery Four
St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield

Thursday, January 22
6:00pm - 7:00pm

January is Respect Life Month

Join Catholics Nationwide for the 9 Days for Life Novena, January 16-24, 2026

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message..

Go to the link below to pray for life: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>



Knights Corner

Forsyth Council #7680

Next meeting is January 8th, 2026. Meeting starts at 6:30pm with Rosary at 6:10pm.

Knights Breakfast on January 11th, 2026 after Mass.
Come and enjoy a meal and fellowship,



Is your life stuck in a rut? Is your faith feeling stale?

Join hundreds of men for a day of life-changing motivation at the 7th annual Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Catholic High School.

This year's Keynote speaker, Marcel LeJeune, will help you take your faith to the next level! He has decades of experience leading men closer to Christ — so they can lead those around them to Christ. No matter where you are in your faith journey, you will gain the knowledge and motivation you need to be a true disciple. We're building a culture of men who will transform our families & communities. Don't miss this opportunity. Register for free today by visiting www.CatholicConference.men.

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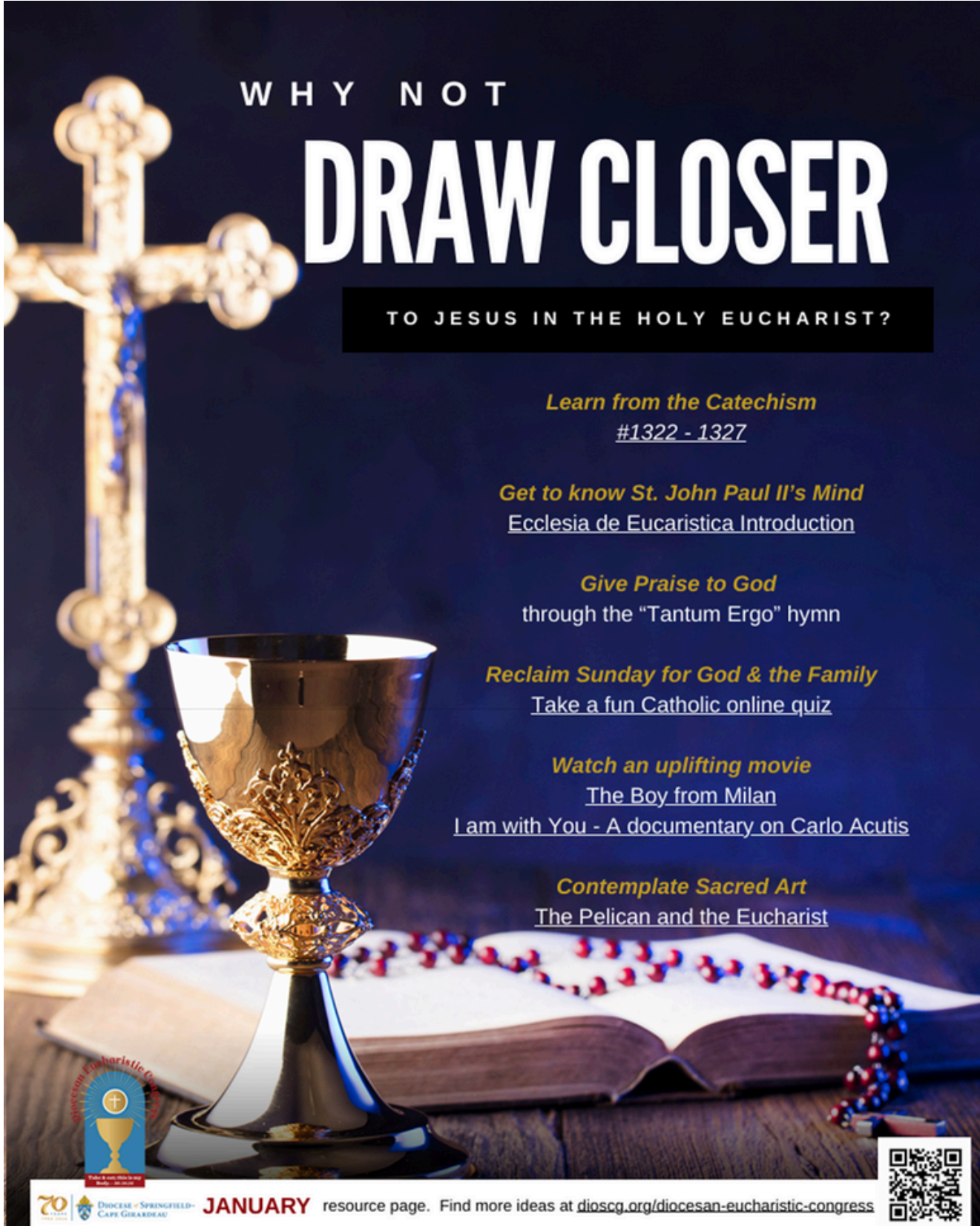
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— John Edwards

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A note of thanks from Fr. Dave Hulshof

I had a brief phone conversation this past week with Fr. Dave. He asked that I pass along his gratitude for the many Christmas cards and well wishes he received from our parish community and the parishioners in Branson. He truly enjoyed his time serving as pastor of both Our Lady of the Ozarks and Our Lady of the Lake. He offers his prayers and blessings to us in the year ahead.



WHY NOT

DRAW CLOSER

TO JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST?

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Get to know St. John Paul II's Mind
[Ecclesia de Eucaristica Introduction](#)



Give Praise to God
through the "Tantum Ergo" hymn


Reclaim Sunday for God & the Family
[Take a fun Catholic online quiz](#)

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Contemplate Sacred Art
[The Pelican and the Eucharist](#)



  **JANUARY** resource page. Find more ideas at dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress



DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Bishop Rice is encouraging all parishioners to participate in activities that will spiritually prepare us for Eucharistic revival in our diocese and for participation in the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress (DEC). It will take place in West Plains on Saturday, August 15, 2026. Online registration will open on Monday, January 12. Seating at the Congress is limited and will be filled on a "first to register" basis.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



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