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Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass
Sunday | 8:30am
Weekday Masses
Wednesday | 9:00am
Friday | 9:00am

Confession

Wednesday | After Mass
Sunday | Before Mass
Other | By Appointment
Holy Hour Adoration
Wednesday | After Mass

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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.

BLESSED

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.”

MATTHEW 5:11

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PARISH POLICY FOR WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

Our policy for canceling Mass and other parish activities due to weather, and unsafe driving conditions is:

Weekdays: If the Forsyth Schools are closed, the Church is closed (weekday Masses also canceled). School closings are announced on TV, radio, and school website.

Sundays: If the Church is closed due to weather, a robocall will be sent to all parishioners who have authorized being called. Calls will be made between 6AM and 7AM. When in doubt, don't get out. We want you to stay safe and God does, too.



Weekly Financial Report			
1/28/2026			
	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
Income:		January	
Envelopes	\$990.00	\$5,584.50	\$53,518.33
Plate (loose)		546.53	7,060.23
Maint. & Repair Fund	140.00	1,555.00	18,433.00
Diocesan Collections		50.00	5,578.00
K of C & PCCW			13,439.73
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	55.00	957.00	10,607.55
Total Income	1,185.00	8,693.03	108,636.84
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	2,465.51	5,548.01	38,124.67
Maintenance	1,233.56	2,283.39	7,788.98
Telephone & Utilities	80.53	4,097.34	11,733.48
Insurance		800.00	4,800.00
Diocesan & Special Collections		832.00	5,891.00
Trust Fund Deposit			14,605.00
Other Expenses	644.73	2,094.69	12,135.35
Total Expenses	4,424.33	15,655.43	95,078.48
Increase (Decrease) Funds	-\$3,239.33	-\$6,962.40	\$13,558.36
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$41,667.22
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$21,409.20



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, Gary Hickox's wife Sharon, Carla Schmitz's brother-in-law Roger, and Donna Covelli's niece, Brianne Trenado. Prayers for successful medical treatment and restored health.

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

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 2/1	8:30 am	Sunday Mass with Bishop Emeritus John Leibrecht
Sun 2/1	9:40 am	Knights' Breakfast after Mass – stay and visit with Bishop Leibrecht
Sun 2/1	10:05 am	Faith Formation in Emmaus Room – Story of Carlo Acutis
Wed 2/4	9:30 am	Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 2/8	9:45 am	Faith Formation - February DEC material
Wed 2/11	9:30 am	Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour – Litany prayer for the Sick
Thu 2/12	6:30 pm	Knights Council 7680 Mtg – rosary at 6:10 pm

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 2/1	Jerry Strunk +	Marilyn / Carla	Pam Strunk & Sandra Kartheiser
Wed 2/4	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Charlene	
Fri 2/6	1 st Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	
Sun 2/8	Parish Family	Toni / Kay	George and Deena Paterson
Wed 2/11	Phil Harter +	Kay	
Fri 2/13	Dee Walton +	Charlene	

This Sunday all remaining poinsettias are now available for adoption

Our Eastern Rite Catholics concludes their Christmas season on February 2 (tomorrow) making the timing more than proper to give away all remaining poinsettias. Please take home one or two but make sure they are the real-deal and not the 'silk' poinsettias.

May they rest in peace in the comfort of your home.



Our Lady of the Ozarks is having a “REGISTRATION DRIVE”

Our parish is blessed with a vibrant, faith-filled community and we are excited to welcome new members into our family of believers. Whether you are new to the area, returning to the Church, or have been attending Mass with us for some time without formally registering, we invite you to take the next step and become an official member of our parish.

Why Register?

- **Belonging:** Registration helps you become part of the spiritual and social life of the parish.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and Christian Burial typically require parish registration.
- **Pastoral Support:** Being registered allows our clergy and staff to better serve you in times of need.
- **Community Growth:** Accurate records help us plan ministries, events, and outreach that reflect the needs of our parish family.

More specifically, your registration helps:

- Deacon Dan in reporting accurate parish census information to the diocese.
- You receive The Mirror, our diocesan newspaper.
- Our hospitality ministry formally welcomes you with a “Welcome Basket”.
- Prepare our annual in-house parish directory (your photo and contact information).
- Parish communications: Receive bulletins via email. You can be placed on the robocall list (optional), to be notified of Sunday Mass cancellation due to weather and upcoming unforeseen funerals.
- To provide you and your family with name badges which are useful for everyone when conversing.

Did you know that many people chose not to register because they do not want to receive envelopes?

Giving online through ‘We Share’ is an option. Or maybe your preference is to give via the loose plate collection for whatever reason. We respect your privacy. But please know that regular financial contributions do help the parish in budgeting and planning annual needs. You can still register and simply note that you do not wish to receive collection envelopes.

Also, if you are registered at Our Lake of the Lake or Cove, we will take care of transferring your registration to our parish.

Nancy Loughner is our volunteer parish administrator who coordinates registration. She has placed registration papers and robocall form on the table in the gathering space. She will be in the gathering space after Mass to answer any questions and/or assist you. Completed forms can be given to Nancy or placed in the collection basket.

Thank you for helping our parish continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.



Are Catholic Priests required to celebrate Mass daily?

Many Catholics wonder whether priests are required to celebrate Mass every day. This question was brought forth this past week due to the winter storm that led to Bishop Rice issuing a dispensation to the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. But what about priests and their obligation to celebrate Mass, specifically daily Mass. The answer is simple: no - daily Mass is not an absolute obligation. But the fuller picture reveals something beautiful about the heart of the priesthood.

The Church teaches that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life,” and for priests, it is also the center of their ministry. Canon Law emphasizes this in Canon 904, which states that priests are “earnestly invited to celebrate the Eucharist daily.” The language is intentional: it is not a command but a heartfelt exhortation. The Church recognizes that daily celebration of Mass nourishes the priest’s soul, strengthens his bond with Christ, and spiritually benefits the entire Church.

While daily Mass is encouraged, there is no canonical requirement that a priest must celebrate Mass every single day. Life’s realities, illness, travel, retreats, emergencies, or pastoral duties, can make daily celebration impossible at times. The Church understands this and does not impose an absolute obligation.

However, priests are required to celebrate Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation if they have pastoral responsibility for a parish or community. In those cases, the faithful depend on them for the Eucharist, and the priest’s duty is clear.

Why the Church Encourages Daily Celebration?

The encouragement toward daily Mass is rooted in several spiritual and pastoral reasons:

- Union with Christ’s Sacrifice: Each Mass makes present the saving sacrifice of Christ. Celebrating it daily deepens the priest’s participation in that mystery.
- Sanctification of the Priest: The Eucharist is not only for the people; it sanctifies the priest himself.
- Intercession for the Church: Every Mass is offered for the salvation of the world. A priest’s daily celebration becomes a powerful act of intercession.
- Pastoral Availability: Even when not publicly scheduled, a priest’s daily Mass keeps him spiritually attuned to the needs of his people.

In practice, many priests choose to celebrate Mass daily out of devotion. For them, it becomes the rhythm of their spiritual life, a moment of grace that anchors their ministry. Others, depending on their assignments or circumstances, may not be able to do so every day. Both remain faithful to the Church’s expectations.

Ultimately, daily Mass is not a legal requirement but a loving invitation for priests to draw close to Christ and to offer His saving sacrifice for the good of all.



EUCCHARISTIC REFLECTION – Reflection quote
for February

"In the quiet glow of the monstrance,
February's stillness becomes a whisper of God's
love – reminding us that even in the coldest
seasons, His presence is our warmth and our
spring."

– inspired by sentiments from St. Francis de
Sales



**Support the collection for the Church in
Latin America - 2nd Collection - Sunday, Feb 1st, 2026**

Due to last weekend's winter road conditions, Mass
was cancelled. However, we still have to do the right
thing and take up a 2nd collection on behalf of our
universal Church --- Specifically, the Church in Latin
America.

The bishops of the United States established this
annual collection as a practical expression of unity
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– John Edwards



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Healing Mass

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a rite where a
priest anoints a seriously ill, elderly, or struggling person
with blessed oil, offering spiritual healing, peace, and
strength, and sometimes physical recovery, by uniting
their suffering with Christ's, not just for those near
death but for anyone needing God's healing grace,
incorporating prayers and laying on of hands.

**Anyone in need of this Sacrament is encouraged
to attend one of these Masses**

Our Lady of the Lake
Tuesday, February 3rd 9:00am

Our Lady of the Cove
Tuesday, February 10th 9:00am

Our Lady of the Ozarks
Wednesday, February 11th 9:00am

If you cannot attend, please contact the Parish
office to schedule a time to receive this
Sacrament

Welcome.

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Knights Corner



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

Forsyth Council #7680

Knights Breakfast this Sunday February 1st,
2026 after Mass.

Come and enjoy a meal and fellowship,



Next Knights business meeting is
February 12th, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Rosary starts at 6:10pm. Come join us
for the Rosary.



"The Rosary is one of the most powerful devotions entrusted to us by Our Lady, and in these turbulent times, it remains a sure path to peace, conversion, and deeper love of Christ.

Pope Leo XIV

Prayers for World Day of the Sick is February 11th We will have special anointing of sick during February 11th Mass

World Day of the Sick is a special observance in the Catholic Church, held every year on February 11, on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It was established in 1992 by Pope St. John Paul II as a day for the faithful to:

- Pray for those who are ill and suffering.
- Recognize and honor caregivers, healthcare workers, and volunteers.
- Reflect on the Christian call to show compassion and solidarity with the sick.

Our Wednesday Mass liturgy will include the Anointing of the Sick for those wishing to be anointed. After the conclusion of Mass, as we transition into Adoration Holy Hour, we will pray a litany for the sick.



It's time to sign up for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress (DEC) that will take place in West Plains on Saturday, August 15, 2026. The cost for registration is only \$10 per individual with a maximum cost of \$25 per household.

We will travel to DEC by commercial bus/coach. It is a day trip, leaving Branson and Forsyth around 6:00 am in the morning and returning that evening.

Visit the official Diocesan Eucharistic Congress webpage to access the registration portal at <https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress>.

REAL PRESENCE

*Understanding Christ
in the
Eucharist*

A mini retreat at Catholic Campus Ministry
Sunday February 8, 4-8:30 PM
with special guest

Dr. Bruce D. Marshall

All are welcome to join us for a contemplative evening aimed at deepening understanding of the Catholic doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Dinner will be provided, and the retreat will conclude with Mass at 7:30 PM. Students—\$5 All others—\$15



Dr. Marshall (PhD, Yale University) is a Catholic theologian who has held the Lehman Chair in Christian Doctrine at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology since 2011 and has recently held distinguished visiting positions at Providence College and the Angelicum in Rome. He is a past president of the Academy of Catholic Theology. Dr. Marshall is the author of several books and dozens of articles, and he is a frequent speaker for the Thomistic Institute.

UPCOMING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKENDS

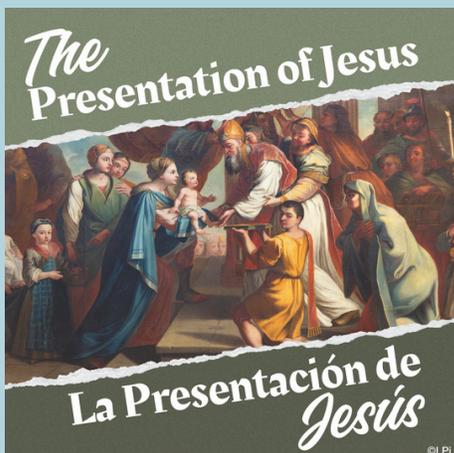
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Upcoming Cursillo Weekends in the diocese:

Men's Weekend: Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2026 in Fredericktown.

Women's Weekends: March 19-22, 2026 in Fredericktown; April 23-26, 2026 in Carthage.

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February 2nd, 2026

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