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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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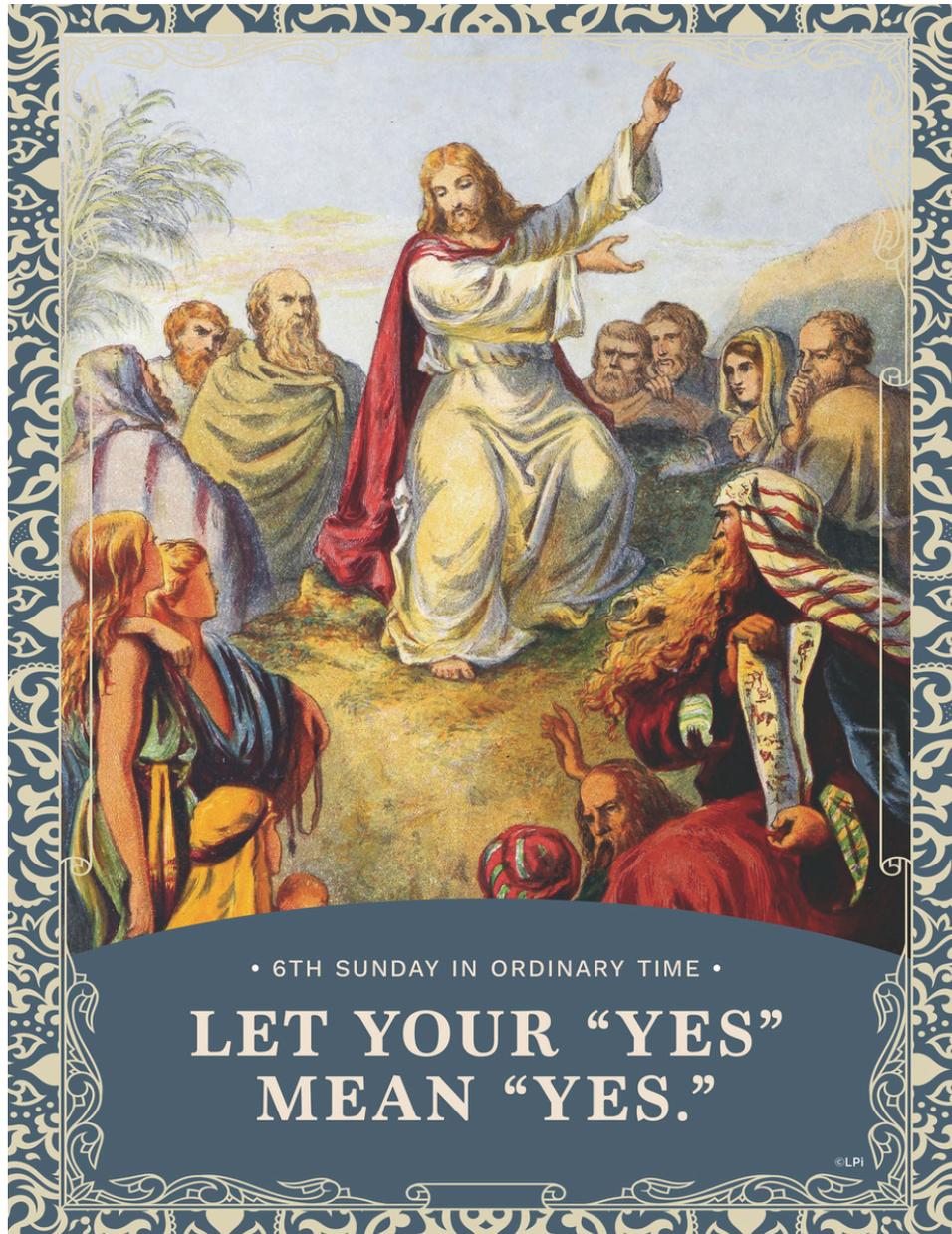
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MEAN "YES."

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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.

**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			
2/10/2026			
	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:	February		February
Envelopes	\$2,015.00	\$4,880.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	169.00	605.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	920.00	2,035.00	2,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,104.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,520.00</b>	<b>\$11,300.00</b>
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	1,110.00	3,292.50	5,489.00
Maintenance	0.00	593.13	1,245.00
Telephone & Utilities	0.00	2,273.44	1,991.00
Insurance	800.00	800.00	800.00
Other Expenses	396.61	720.32	826.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,306.61</b>	<b>\$ 7,679.39</b>	<b>\$10,351.00</b>



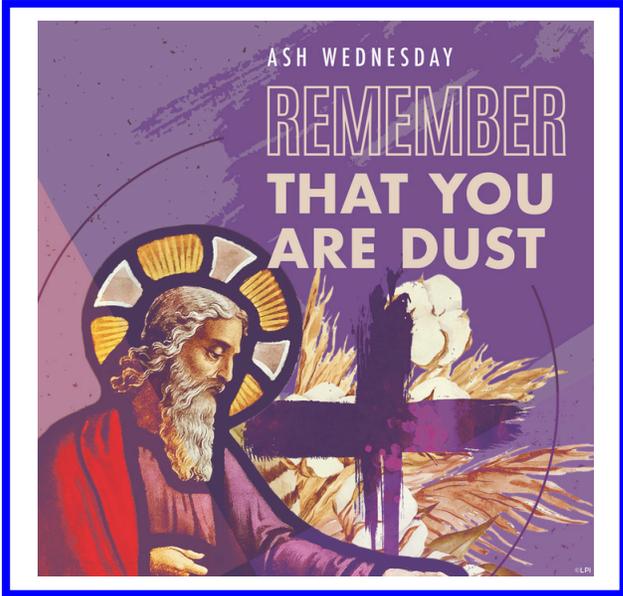
**We pray for those who are ill, those in despair, and the homebound. We ask for the heavenly intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she envelope them with her maternal protection.**

For parishioners; for health-related issues: Mary Bloomgren, Kenny & Penny O'Connor, Kathy Strader, Debbie Davis, Gary and Sharon Hickox, Tom and Ethel 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, 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.

Our parishioners on hospice care: Nancy Moore is battling stage four lung cancer. Please keep Nancy and family in prayer during this time of both sorrow and the anticipation of heaven.



**Parish Calendar of Events**

Date	Time	Event
Sun 2/15	9:45 am	Faith Formation – Foundational Catechism of the Eucharist.
Wed 2/18	9:00 am	Ash Wednesday Mass, Rosary at 8:30 am
Fri 2/20	4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sun 2/22	9:45 am	Faith Formation – What is this Sacrament Called?
Wed 2/25	9:30:am	Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 2/27	4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Fri 2/27		Light Supper - Following Stations

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 2/15	Sang Lee Booth +	Hunter / Craig	Maurice & Dorothy Baker
Wed 2/18	Frieda Boehnke +	Marilyn / Charlene	Vicki Ploshay and Nancy Loughner
Fri 2/20	John Loughner +	Nancy	
Sun 2/22	Deceased member Johnson Family +	Tom / Charlene	Charles and Evangelina Johnson
Wed 2/25	Darrell, Carey, Valirea Shriver +	Carla	
Fri 2/27	Ted Strom +	Charlene	

## DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – Registration is open



Please sign up for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress (DEC). Over 500 participants have already registered in the first two weeks. Seating is limited to 3,000.

The Congress is being held in West Plains on Saturday, August 15, 2026. No need to be concerned about driving as Fr. J has OLL's staff coordinating the bus transportation from Branson / Forsyth. Plans are to leave around 6 am return around 8:30 pm.

The cost for registration is only \$10 per individual with a maximum cost of \$25 per household. Visit the official Diocesan Eucharistic Congress webpage to access the registration portal at <https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress>.



## UPCOMING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKENDS

The Cursillo® Movement pursues two purposes or objectives. The immediate purpose is to provide a conduit for living what is fundamental for being a Christian, namely, the on-going and total conversion of the person. The end purpose is to vertebrae Christianity in society by means of these persons who live what is fundamental for being Christian (the love of God and neighbor) in their daily lives.

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.

For more information and to Register Online: <https://dioscg.org/cursillo/>



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March 7 & 8, 2026!**

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meaning, hope, peace and love in their lives  
through Christ.  
It's a great opportunity to deepen your  
Lenten journey!*

**For more information call  
Lisa Welko @ 417-830-3034**

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Several women from your parish have previously experienced this amazing Retreat,



## Lenten Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 4:00

We will walk the Stations using a different mediation each week.



## Black History Month and the Catholic Church: A Catechetical Reflection

Each February, the Church in the United States joins our wider community in observing Black History Month. While the Catechism of the Catholic Church does not mention this observance by name, it provides the theological foundation for why the Church honors the history, dignity, and contributions of Black Catholics—and why she confronts the sin of racism with clarity and hope.

At the heart of the Catechism is the truth that every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. The Church teaches that all people share the same dignity and are equal before the Lord (CCC 1934). Because of this, the Catechism states plainly that any form of discrimination “must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God’s design” (CCC 1935).

Black History Month is a time to remember that racism is a sin, a wound against charity, justice, and the unity of the human family. The Catechism calls Christians to actively work to remove “structures of sin” and to promote justice and solidarity (CCC 1888; 1928–1948). This month invites us to examine our hearts, heal divisions, and recommit ourselves to the Gospel’s call to love.

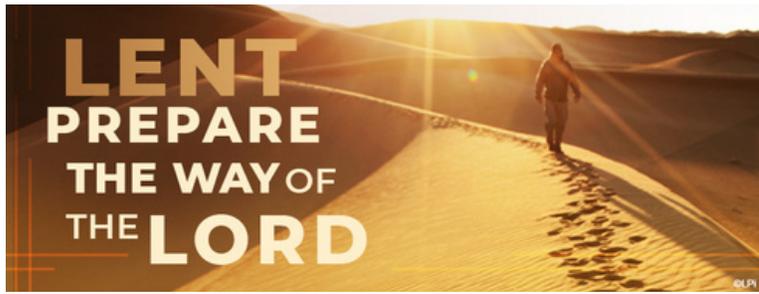
The Church also uses this month to celebrate the deep and enduring faith of Black Catholics, whose witness has strengthened American Catholicism for centuries. From the earliest days of Christianity, shaped profoundly by African saints such as Augustine, Monica, and Cyprian, to the perseverance of enslaved Africans who clung to the hope of the Gospel, the story of Black Catholics is woven into the very fabric of our faith.

In the United States there are six African American Catholics currently on the path to sainthood, each being a powerful witness of holiness and perseverance -- the Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853), Mother Mary Lange (1784 -1882), Henriette Delille (1813-1862), Julia Greeley (1833-1918), Sister Thea Bowman (1937-1990) and Father Augustus Tolton (1854–1897). Fr. Tolton is from Missouri, born into slavery in Brush Creek, Ralls County, and baptized at St. Peter’s Catholic Church. He escaped Missouri with his family during the Civil War and later became the first recognized Black American priest.

The Church also highlights the importance of Catholic institutions that have served the Black community. Xavier University of Louisiana, the nation’s only Catholic historically Black university, continues to form leaders in education, science, medicine, and public service. Parishes, schools, and diocesan offices across the country offer liturgies, educational programs, and service opportunities that honor Black Catholic heritage and promote racial reconciliation.

Ultimately, the Church’s role during Black History Month is rooted in her mission: to proclaim Christ, to uphold human dignity, and to build a community where every person is welcomed, valued, and loved. As Catholics, we are called to remember the past with honesty, celebrate the present with gratitude, and work for a future marked by justice, unity, and peace.

May this month inspire us to learn, to listen, and to allow the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts so that the Church may more fully reflect the Kingdom of God, where people of every race and nation stand together in praise of the Lord.



**EUCCHARISTIC REFLECTION – Reflection quote for this week**

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." - St. Maximilian Kolbe



+You are invited to join the PCCW in praying "Mary's Way" Stations of the Cross on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 4p.m.

+We also invite you to join us for a light supper following the Stations in Marian Hall.

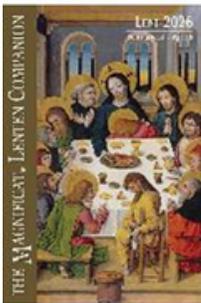
**Church in Central & Eastern Europe  
Second Collection – Sunday, February 15**

Each year, the diocese takes up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE). This collection supports the rebuilding and strengthening of the Catholic Church in countries still recovering from decades of communist rule, economic hardship, and, in many places, ongoing conflict and displacement.

Your generosity helps provide: formation for seminarians, priests, and religious, support for youth and young adult ministry, restoration of churches and parish centers, humanitarian outreach to families and refugees, and resources for evangelization and catechesis. Thank you for your prayerful support.



**Lenten Reading Material  
Pick up your copy of "The Magnificat Lenten Companion".**



The booklets are located on the table in the gathering space. One per family unless you have more than four family members at home, then please feel free to take an additional copy.

Next Sunday, any remaining unclaimed booklets are available to all others wishing for a second copy.

**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.dioscgo.org](http://www.dioscgo.org).

Then click on Report Abuse, and/or call the Director of Child and Youth Protection: William Holtmeyer, 417-866-0841

**Lent Light Supper**

Feb 27 - Light Supper following Stations of the Cross - No cost

March 19 - Soup Supper Fundraiser with Silent Auction & Raffle 4pm -6pm in Marian Hall.

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE for C.A.M.Forsyth**  
**February 22-March 22, 2026**



Please join us this Lent as we collect food for our local Food Pantry. Below is a list of needed items. Monetary donations are also accepted and can be given to Sandy Soderstrom, Marilyn Guy or Barbara Peterson.

**SHOPPING LIST:**

- Personal hygiene items (i.e.- shampoo, razors, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine products, etc.)
- Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, plates, cups, etc.)
- Baby/Adult items (diapers size 3 or higher, diaper wipes, Depends)
- Protein shakes (i.e. - ensure, glucerna, premiere protein, etc.) (only given to people with diabetes etc.)
- Cleaning Supplies (laundry soap, dish soap, all-purpose cleaners, etc.)
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly (plastic or squeeze)
- Canned meat
- Pancake mix
- Fruit or pudding cups
- Granola bars/snack bars
- Pasta/Rice and sauces
- Pasta/rice mixes (i.e. Rice A Roni, Knorr's sides, etc.)
- Cereal (boxed/bagged, oatmeal)
- Spices (salt, pepper, cinnamon, etc.)

**Please avoid glass containers**

Thank you for being a blessing to someone in need.  
Make this your BEST LENT EVER  
Your Parish PCCW

*Ash* **Wednesday**  
MASS TIMES  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Our Lady of the Ozarks  
Forsyth  
9:00AM

Our Lady of the Cove  
Kimberling City  
9:00AM  
6:00PM

Our Lady of the Lake  
Noon  
7:00PM

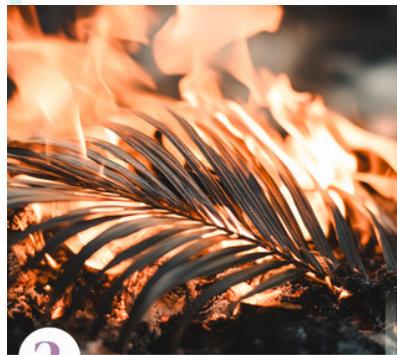
"Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return"



**Three fun facts**  
about *Ash*  
**Wednesday:**



**1.** Many Christian denominations celebrate Ash Wednesday. It is an ecumenical observance.



**2.** The ashes used are made from burning the palms blessed in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.



**3.** Ash Wednesday was officially instituted by Pope Urban II in 1091.



Register for the March Give 5 classes at [www.OLLBranson.com/Give5](http://www.OLLBranson.com/Give5) and spend your Tuesdays learning more about your community and discovering where your unique skills, talent, interests, and extra time can make a difference.

This session is being hosted Stone County Health Department in Reeds Spring. Bring a friend and make some new ones too!



To register - Please use our QR Code or use the website address below.

<https://ollbranson.com/give5signup2026>

40 Days for Life  
will begin on  
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026.

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

All Knights of Columbus, DCCW, Scripture study, youth groups, and families are invited to prayerfully consider signing up for an hour to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood on Battlefield Rd., in Springfield.

For more information, and to sign up, visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).



FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 29  
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**HELP SAVE LIVES IN  
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1. Visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) and register for an account.
2. Bring a friend. Bring a sign.
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For questions and details, please contact Sr. Janine at [jtran@dioscrg.org](mailto:jtran@dioscrg.org) or 417 - 866 - 0841

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## SAVE THE DATE

Monday - Feb. 23rd  
Our Lady of the Cove - 9:00am

Tuesday - Feb. 24th  
Our Lady of the Lake (Part 1) - 10:00am  
Our Lady of the Lake (Part 1) - 6:00pm

Wednesday - Feb. 25th  
Our Lady of the Lake (Part 2) - 10:00am  
Our Lady of the Lake (Part 2) - 6:00pm  
(after 5:30 Mass)

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