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Tradition + Community + Mission



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT



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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.

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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			
2/24/2026			
	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		February	February
Envelopes	\$2,447.00	\$8,117.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	189.00	988.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	293.00	2,658.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 2,929.00	\$ 11,763.00	\$11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	2,304.71	5,597.21	5,489.00
Maintenance		593.13	1,245.00
Telephone & Utilities	87.83	2,589.61	1,991.00
Insurance		800.00	800.00
Other Expenses	124.14	849.17	826.00
Total	\$ 2,516.68	\$ 10,429.12	\$10,351.00



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, Joyce Stenger and Norma Harris.

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 3/1	9:45 am	Family Faith Formation – The Catechism on the Eucharist
Wed 3/4	9:30:am	Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 3/6	4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross – KofC leading
Sun 3/8	9:45 am	Family Faith Formation
Wed 3/11	9:30 am	Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour
Wed 3/11	10:00 am	PCCW Meeting
Thu 3/12	6:30 pm	KofC Council 7680 Mtg, Rosary at 6:10 pm
Fri 3/13	4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross, then off to St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark - fish fry dinner

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 3/1	Charles Gerkin +	Toni / Carla	Duane and Kay Gerken
Wed 3/4	Deceased members of the Sakowicz Family +	Marilyn	
Fri 3/6	1 st Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	
Sun 3/8	Parish Family	Kay / Tom	Buck and Charlene Hartley
Wed 3/11	David Hein +	Kay	
Fri 3/13	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Nancy	

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – Registration is open



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

70 YEARS AS A DIOCESE ---Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - August 15, 2026

Close to 900 participants have already registered for this momentous gathering of the people of our diocese! Seating is limited to 3,000 and will be held on a first-to-register basis. What are you waiting for?

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>.

Knights Corner

Forsyth Council #7680



Your Knights of Columbus – Lenten Ministry Baby Item Drive

Our parish Knights of Columbus are collecting new baby items to support new mothers and families in need. This Lent, the Knights are partnering with Options Pregnancy Clinic in Forsyth, ensuring that your donation goes directly to moms who could use a helping hand. Items most needed include:

- Diapers (4 & 5 sizes)
- Baby wipes
- Baby wash and lotions
- Hooded bath towels
- Nose syringes
- Crib Sheets
- Bassinet Sheets
- Thermometers
- Pack & Play sheets
- Sleepers up to 24 months



Look for the port-a-crib in the gathering space to place your donated items. Your questions can be directed to Gary Hickox, 913-645-6659. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our parish stand with life in a practical, loving way.



Lenten Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 4:00

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



Questions about Lent: the obvious and not so obvious – Part 2 of 2

Continuing to address some of the inquiry minds want to know questions associated with Lent, below are a few more of the Q's and A's from Catholic Answers– bringing some clarity to the not so obvious.

May a baby be baptized during Lent?

Yes, infants may be baptized during Lent. There is no Church law or liturgical guideline that prevents or discourages the baptism of infants during the Lenten season. However, it is more common to hold off any baptisms during Lent unless the person is in danger of death.

Are you allowed to have flowers on the altar during a funeral Mass during Lent?

During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), solemnities and feasts are exceptions. Floral decorations should always be done with moderation and placed around the altar rather than on its mensa. (GIRM, 305).

Funerals are not included in the list of exemptions to the prohibition of flowers during Lent.

Are there exceptions for not eating meat on Fridays during Lent?

There are a few exceptions. For example, the Code of Canon Law says, “Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday” (can. 1251).

In the United States, that means if March 19 (St. Joseph’s Day) or March 25 (Annunciation of the Lord) falls on a Friday other than Good Friday during Lent, you would be exempt from meat abstinence, as those dates are normally solemnities.

In addition, sometimes diocesan bishops provide a dispensation on a Lenten Friday, such as, when St. Patrick’s Day (March 17) lands on a Friday. Likewise, if you happen to be traveling to another diocese on St. Patrick’s Day, i.e., when it falls on Lenten Friday again, you should observe the regulation of that diocesan bishop.

Is it acceptable for laymen to participate in a dramatic reading of the Gospel during Lent?

Ordinarily only a deacon, priest, or bishop is allowed to proclaim the Gospel at Mass. The USCCB’s Committee On Divine Worship reminds us that: “The proclamation of the Gospel is reserved to the deacon, if he is present, or to a priest” (Introduction to the Book of the Gospels, 8). An exception is made during Holy Week, when the laity may join in the reading of the Passion. But the Church stipulates that a priest, who ministers in the person of Christ, must read the words attributed to Christ.

Basically, a parish should not be dramatizing the Gospel on the Sundays of Lent—period. There is no official Church documentation to support such practice. (Fr. J respects this preference and limits the practice of multiple readers to the Good Friday service and not on Palm Sunday.

Lord, in this season of Lent, quiet my heart and draw me closer to You. Help me to let go of what distracts me, to walk humbly in Your ways, and to love as You have loved me. Renew my spirit, strengthen my faith, and prepare me to rejoice in the hope of Easter. Amen.

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.dioscrg.org.

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



UPCOMING 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.

Simply explained, the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is for us to become and live out the Good News of Jesus Christ. Upcoming Cursillo Weekends in the diocese:

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

Find more information and Register Online: <https://dioscrg.org/cursillo/> and/or talk to Deacon Dan.



Lent Light Supper

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

Sacred Heart, Springfield:

Adoration & Reconciliation
7-9pm Mondays during Lent

Our Lady of the Lake, Branson

Sunday, March 8 - 3:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi, Nixa

Monday, March 9 - 7:00pm

St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark

Tuesday, March 10 - 7:00pm

Our Lady of the Cove, Kimberling City

Sunday, March 15 - 3:00pm
(Individual Confessions)

Immaculate Conception, Springfield

Sunday, March 15 - 4:00pm

St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield

Tuesday, March 17 - 7:00pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Springfield

Monday, March 23 - 7:00pm

Holy Trinity, Springfield

Tuesday, March 24 - 7:00pm

St. Joseph, Springfield:

Thursday, March 26 - 7:00pm

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

“Poteger”, “Saucier”, “Soup Chef”

Whatever your title, it is time to shine with your culinary skills... we are seeking **soup** and **chili** makers for our

SOUP Supper Fundraiser
March 19th

Sign -Up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Judges for best soup/chili are our Clergy

...desserts also needed...see sign-up sheet



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951 Swan Valley Drive, Forsyth MO 65653

You are invited to join us for...

Our Lady of the Ozarks Soup Supper Fundraiser

‘All you can eat’ Soup Tasting Dinner

MARCH 19 4:00-6:00pm

4:00 Silent Auction is Open

4:30 -6pm Soup Served

Cost: \$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children 6-12, 5 under free
(Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Drinks)

Each meal ticket also includes 1 raffle ticket.
We have lots of fun planned!

Silent Auction, 50/50,Raffle





THE LORD'S TABLE IS SET.. & YOU'RE INVITED

This invitation is for everyone.

This guide lays out monthly themes & practical suggestions to help you build lasting habits & to focus on placing God back at the center of your life.



MARCH

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(free for parishioners)
visit formed.org/signup &
select our Parish by searching zip code
65616 (Our Lady of the Cove/Lake/Ozarks)



SPEND AT LEAST 20 MINUTES IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Spend some quiet time
in prayer and reflection
with the Lord



Our Lady of the Lake,
Sunday, March 8
3:00pm

Our Lady of the Cove,
Kimberling City
Sunday, March 15
3:00pm
(Individual Confessions)



OLL LENTEN MISSION WITH STEVE ANGRISANO

Thursday
March 26th
Time: TBA

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