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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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THIRD 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.

**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

3/3/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		March	March
Envelopes	\$2,127.00	\$2,127.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	310.00	310.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	805.00	805.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 3,242.00	\$ 3,242.00	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	2,135.50	2,135.50	5,489.00
Maintenance	121.88	121.88	2,070.00
Telephone & Utilities			1,991.00
Insurance			13,700.00
Other Expenses	139.04	139.04	951.00
Total	\$ 2,396.42	\$ 2,396.42	\$ 24,201.00

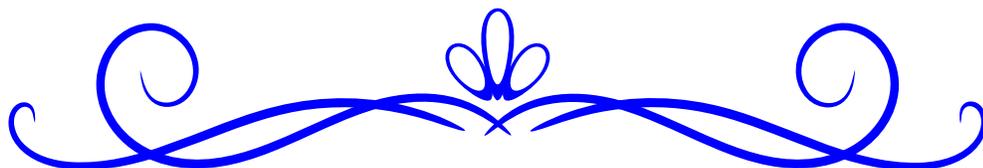


We pray for those who are ill, those in despair, and the homebound. We ask for the heavenly intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she envelope them with her maternal protection.

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 3/8	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
Thu 3/19.	4:00 pm.	Soup Supper and raffle

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 3/8	Parish Family	Kay / Tom	Buck and Charlene Hartley
Wed 3/11	David Hein +	Kay	
Fri 3/13	Arliss Stillings +	Nancy	
Sun 3/15	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Craig / Hunter	The Choir
Wed 3/18	Sang Lee Booth +	Marilyn	
Fri 3/20	Deceased and Living members of Sandra Schumacher Family	Carla	

Soup Supper TICKETS on sale after Mass this Sunday and next Sunday, March 15th. They can also be purchased on March 19th, the day of the event.
\$8 for Adults, \$4 Children, 5 and under FREE.

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.



Latest News on the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.)

This past Sunday, five members of our parish community participated in the beautiful Catholic ritual called the “Rite of Sending.” These five individuals are forming their conscious and hearts as they prepare to enter the Catholic Church at Easter. Four of the five (and their sponsors) attended the Rite of Sending at the 10:30 am Mass in Branson last Sunday while Gene Ridings (not picture) was with us in Forsyth. Those who could make it, traveled to Springfield that afternoon for the Rite of Election with Bishop Rice.

Debra, Janet, James and Garry are attending O.C.I.A. sessions in Branson, held on Tuesday evenings. Gene is meeting with Deacon Dan on Monday mornings in Forsyth.



Debra Philpott with sponsor Karen Hebert



Janet Johnson with sponsor Christe Colburn



Garry Hunt with sponsor Christe Colburn



James Roach with sponsor JoAnn Roach



Bishop Rice with his faithful friends from OLL and OLC

Walking the Way of the Cross: Through the eyes of our Blessed Mother

Last Friday, Our Lady of the Ozarks' PCCW led the Stations of the Cross in Forsyth. They chose a Marian devotional Way of the Cross, praying the Stations with Mary the Mother of Jesus. I am familiar with this meditative version as I am sure most of our area Catholics from Our Lady of the Lake and Our Lady of the Cove. But what many of you may not know is that "Mary's Way of the Cross" is rooted in the mystical vision of Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich.

Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich (1774–1824), a German Augustinian nun and mystic, is remembered for her vivid visions of the life of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her accounts, recorded by the poet Clemens Brentano, offer a contemplative lens through which to experience the Passion. In one particularly moving depiction, she describes the Blessed Mother revisiting the places of her Son's suffering after His Resurrection, walking the path of Calvary in prayer and silence, long before the devotion of the Stations of the Cross was formally established.

Blessed Anne's vision of the Stations includes three falls, moments not recorded in Scripture but deeply rooted in Christian meditation. Her visions give these falls spiritual meaning:

- **The First Fall** reveals the shock of suffering. Jesus collapses under the sudden weight of the Cross. Mary's heart trembles, yet she remains steadfast, offering Him her silent strength.
- **The Second Fall** reflects the discouragement of repeated pain. Jesus is bruised, exhausted, and surrounded by cruelty. Mary sees Him struggle and unites her own anguish to His mission of love.
- **The Third Fall** shows the total exhaustion of the Savior. Jesus falls with nothing left to give but love itself. Mary's soul is crushed with Him, yet she consents again to the Father's will.

In each fall, Mary is the compassionate Mother who walks the road with her Son. She does not intervene to stop the suffering; she accompanies Him through it. Her presence teaches the Church how to love Christ in His weakness and how to remain faithful in our own.

When the faithful pray the Stations with Mary, the devotion becomes more intimate and transformative. Mary helps us:

- **See Jesus with a mother's eyes**, full of tenderness and sorrow.
- **Feel the weight of the Cross**, not as a burden imposed but as love offered.
- **Recognize our own falls** and rise again with Christ.
- **Learn compassion**, especially for those who suffer silently.
- **Grow in trust**, surrendering our fears as Mary surrendered hers.

For the faithful, Blessed Anne's vision offers a powerful invitation: to walk the Way of the Cross not only as an act of penance, but also as an act of love and gratitude. Lent is not merely about recalling the pain of Christ's Passion; it is about entering into the mystery of a love so great that it transforms suffering into salvation. By meditating on each station through Mary's eyes, we are reminded that the Cross is not the end - it is the doorway to eternal life.

As Lent continues to unfold, we are reminded to walk the Way of the Cross not as spectators, but as disciples who allow Christ and His Mother to draw us deeper into the mystery of His redeeming love.



Safe Environment - Report Abuse

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William Holtmeyer, 417-866-0841

Area Fish Frys during Lent – Road Trip to Ozark, March 13

After the Stations of the Cross, next Friday, March 13, some of us will be traveling up to Ozark, Missouri to support the local KofC council of St. Joseph the Work Parish by feasting at one of their Friday Lenten Fish Frys. It's the least we can do. Make plans to join us as we share our love of the Gospel and fried fish with the good people of St. Joseph the Worker parish and neighborhood friends.

OZARK—The Knights Council #10200 will have its Fish “FRYDAYS” in Lent. Choice of fried catfish or cod, served with hush puppies, fresh potato chips, green beans, mac & cheese, okra, coleslaw, dessert, and a drink. Cost: adults-\$15; child, ages 6-12-\$10; Family (with children under age 12)-\$40. A spaghetti plate is available for \$5.



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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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



**Catholic Relief Service
Next Sunday's 2nd Collection – March 15**

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Memorial Mass for Arliss Stillings – Friday, March 13, at 9 am.

It has been just over two months since the Lord summoned Arliss to His heavenly home. Our prayers remain with Linda and the family. The pain of separation from our loved ones never completely goes away. We have some consolation knowing that Arliss is resting peaceful in the arms of Jesus. On Friday, March 13, we will celebrate Arliss life with a Memorial Mass. It is a time of remembrance, to gather as one family, one community, and to offer our prayers for the repose of Arliss' soul. Please join us in remembering Arliss and his endearing love of Jesus.



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