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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

FOURTH 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

3/10/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
		March	March
Regular Collections:			
Envelopes	\$1,155.00	\$3,282.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	240.00	550.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	540.00	1,345.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 1,935.00	\$ 5,177.00	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	910.00	3,045.50	5,489.00
Maintenance		121.88	2,070.00
Telephone & Utilities			1,991.00
Insurance	800.00	800.00	13,700.00
Other Expenses	489.63	628.67	951.00
Total	\$ 2,199.63	\$ 4,596.05	\$ 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 3/15	9:30 am	KofC Coffee, Juice and Donuts after Mass – No PSR
Wed 3/18	9:30 am	No Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour
Thu 3/19	4:30 pm	PCCW Silent Auction and Soup Competition Dinner, and Fundraiser
Fri 3/20	4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Wed 3/25	9:30 am	Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour
Wed 3/25	7:00 pm	Bishop Liebrecht – 70 th Priestly Anniversary Mass – SEAS Springfield
Thu 3/26	6:00 pm	Parish Mission OLL Branson – Steve Angrisano, musician and evangelist
Fri 3/27	4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
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	
Sun 3/22	Carol & Chester Haraf +	Marilyn / Toni	Kevin & Jennifer Hutchison
Wed 3/25	Francisca Lampong +	Charlene	
Fri 3/27	John Loughner +	Nancy	

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.



Bishop Rice & The Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive

Bishop Rice recently extended an invitation to all Catholic men, 18 and older, to join the Knights of Columbus. This fraternal brotherhood of faith, service, and charity is important to the life of our parish, our local community and our diocese. The Knights serve in countless ways—supporting families, assisting those in need, and strengthening the life of the Church through prayer and action.

Bishop is encouraging all the parishes in the diocese to conduct a membership drive this weekend and next. Here at Our Lady of the Ozarks, our Knights of Columbus regularly recruit for new members throughout the year. Nonetheless, this weekend is another reminder to consider joining the Knights.

Whether you're looking for fellowship, a way to serve, or an opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith, the Knights offer a place to belong and make a difference.

Grand Knight Buck Hartley and Deputy Grand Knight Mike Obranovic will be available after Mass to address any questions you might have.

Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

The Catholic Church's response to the doctrine of "Once Saved, Always Saved"

Last week I received an email from a Catholic friend on the topic of salvation, specifically, when it comes to the saying, "once saved, always saved." My friend doesn't believe this doctrine; however, he struggles to explain the Catholic Church's teaching when confronted by his protestant friends. While I believe I covered this topic a few years ago, it never hurts to refresh our minds on the Church's teaching.

The doctrine known as "once saved, always saved" asserts that a Christian who has accepted Christ is eternally secure in salvation regardless of future choices or actions. While this teaching is widespread in some protestant traditions, the Catholic Church firmly rejects it, viewing it as a misunderstanding of both Scripture and the nature of salvation. The Church offers a richer, more biblical vision, one that respects both God's grace and the believer's ongoing cooperation with it.

At the heart of the Catholic response is the truth that salvation is not a single moment but a lifelong journey. Baptism truly brings a person into the life of grace, forgiving sin and making the soul a child of God. Yet this new life must be nurtured, protected, and freely chosen throughout one's earthly pilgrimage. Catholic doctrine emphasizes that salvation is dynamic. It begins with God's initiative but unfolds through a continual relationship of faith, obedience, and love.

Scripture itself contradicts the idea of guaranteed salvation. Jesus warns that branches once united to the vine can be cut off if they fail to bear fruit. (John 15:6) St. Paul cautions believers to "continue in His kindness; otherwise, you too will be cut off" and even expresses concern that he himself could be "disqualified" after preaching to others. (Romans 11:22) The Letter to the Hebrews speaks soberly of those who have "tasted the heavenly gift" yet fall away. (Hebrew 6:4-6) These passages reveal that salvation requires perseverance, not presumption.

A key point emphasized in Catholic teaching is the reality of mortal sin. Mortal sin is not a minor fault but a deliberate turning away from God in a grave matter. It destroys charity in the soul and ruptures one's relationship with God. If salvation could never be lost, then Christ's warnings about sin, repentance, and judgment would be meaningless. The Church teaches that God never withdraws His love, but the human person can freely reject it.

The Catholic position is not one of fear, but rather a message of hope, responsibility, and divine mercy. God continually offers forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation, and His grace strengthens believers to grow in holiness. The Church stresses that the Christian life is a path of ongoing conversion, one in which God's grace is always available, but never forces itself upon the human heart.

Ultimately, the Church rejects "once saved, always saved" because it reduces salvation to a legal guarantee rather than a covenant relationship. Love must be freely chosen, again and again. God remains faithful, but He invites us to respond with perseverance, humility, and trust.

In the Catholic vision, salvation is assured not by a past declaration but by a life lived in Christ. As Catholics we can confidently say:

I have been saved by Christ's grace, I am being saved as grace transforms me, and I will be saved if I remain in Christ to the end.

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



DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Over 1000 pilgrims 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.

Our Lady of the Ozarks, as of March 6, has 13 parishioners registered. If you know you want to attend, please sign up. It helps Fr J decided on the final number of busses or passenger vans needed for the three area Catholic parishes. Presently, there are three buses reserved for 132 pilgrims.

<https://dioscrg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress>.

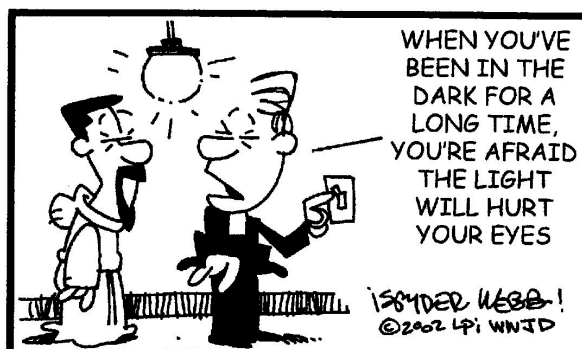
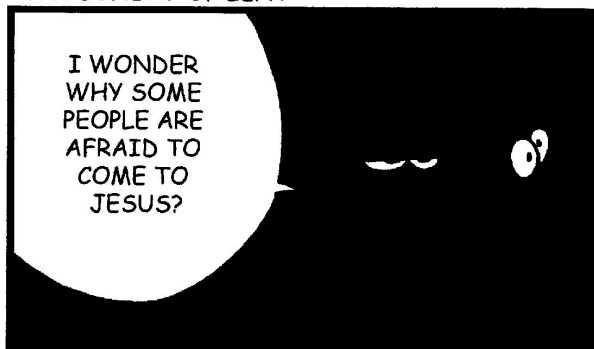


Soup Supper TICKETS on sale after Mass this Sunday and next Sunday, March 15th. They can also be purchased on March 19th, the day of the event.
\$8 for Adults, \$4 Children, 5 and under FREE.

RUMMAGE SALE SURVEY

Next Sunday, March 22nd the PCCW will be distributing surveys regarding our rummage sale. We would like your input and ask that all adults take one and return the completed survey by April 12th. A basket will be placed in the Gathering Space for surveys. We look forward to hearing from you.
Thank you.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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



Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church
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



RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

items will be available for viewing and bidding after Mass in Marian Hall, tickets will also be sold.

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

Help fight world hunger. Donate to families facing the global food crisis.

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Your donation also assists the work of the U.S. Bishops' Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and Pastoral Care, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, and the relief work of the Holy Father. CRS is another of our annual Lenten almsgiving missions.



Sacred Heart, Springfield:
Adoration & Reconciliation
7-9pm Mondays during Lent

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

Celebrating
Bishop John J. Leibrecht
70 Years a
Priest!



"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you ..."

John 15:16

Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
2200 W. Republic Rd., Springfield, Missouri

Reception following

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

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