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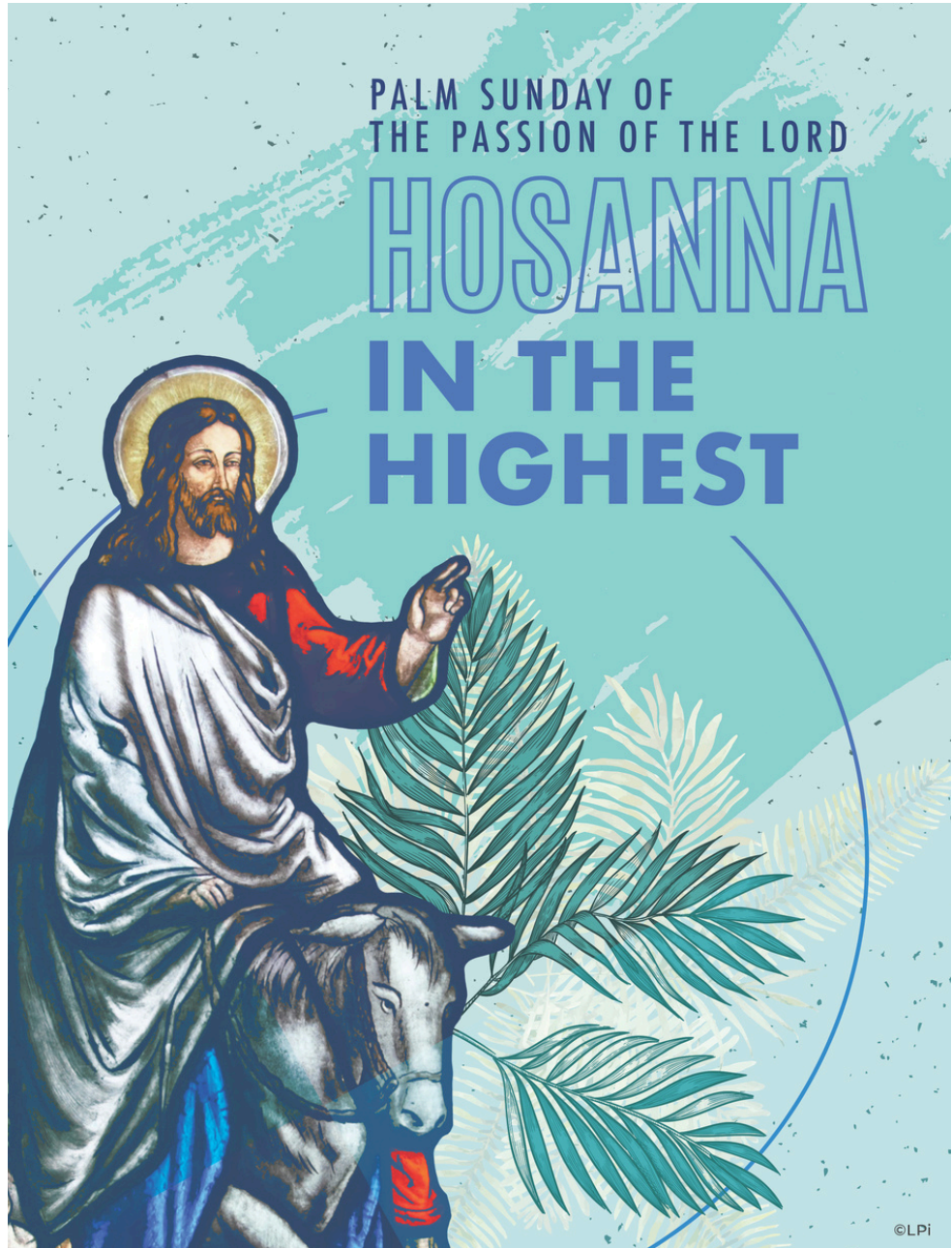


Mass Schedule

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.

Weekly Financial Report			
3/24/2026			
	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		March	March
Envelopes	\$1,972.00	\$6,389.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	323.00	1,265.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	280.00	1,735.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 9,389.00	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits		3,045.50	5,489.00
Maintenance	324.48	446.36	2,070.00
Telephone & Utilities	89.03	317.37	1,991.00
Insurance		800.00	13,700.00
Other Expenses	441.02	1,139.37	951.00
Total	\$ 854.53	\$ 5,748.60	\$ 24,201.00

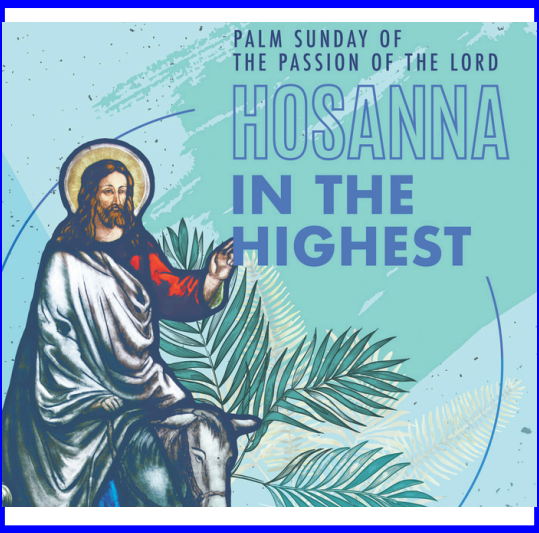




We pray for those who are ill, those in despair, and the homebound. We ask for the heavenly intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she envelope them with her maternal protection.

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, Donna Covelli's niece, Brianne Trenado. And Marilyn Guy's sister, Rosemary Pawloski. Prayers for restored health and successful medical treatment.

For 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
Tue 3/31	7:00 pm	ChrisM Mass – SEAS Springfield
Wed 4/1	9:30 am	Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour
Thu 4/2	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Mass – Washing of the Feet
Thu 4/2	8:00 pm	Holy Hour – quiet prayer time in front of the Altar of the Repose
Fri 4/3	3:00 pm	Good Friday Service – Veneration of the Cross
Sat 4/4	9:00 pm	Easter Vigil Service at Our Lady of the Lake – Branson
Sun 4/5	8:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass
Sun 4/5	9:35 am	After Mass light breakfast social in Marian Hall

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 3/29	Phil Harter +	Craig / Tom	The Knights of Columbus
Wed 4/1	Ted & Mabel Strom +	Nancy	
Thu 4/2	Parish Deceased Souls +	Charlene / Carla	
Fri 4/3		Marilyn / Toni	
Sun 4/5	Rev. Michael McDevitt +	Toni / Tom	Scott and Lynne Hamling
Wed 4/8	Marvin Schmitz +	Carla	
Fri 4/10	Sang Lee Booth +	Nancy	



Holy Week: A history of the Church's “Week of Holy Tears”

Holy Week is often called the most sacred stretch of days in the Christian year. But it is also, in a very real sense, a week of tears—tears shed by Jesus, by His disciples, and by the Church herself. These tears are not signs of defeat. They are the holy waters through which God prepares us for resurrection.

The earliest Christians in Jerusalem were the first to walk this path of holy tears. By the second and third centuries, they gathered at the very places where Jesus suffered, prayed, and died. Their observances were simple yet profoundly emotional: fasting, Scripture reading, and heartfelt lament for the Lord’s Passion. The fourth-century pilgrim Egeria recorded how believers retraced Christ’s steps with tears and devotion, showing that from the beginning, Holy Week was meant to move the heart as much as the mind.

It was in the fourth century when Christianity was legally recognized by the Roman Empire, Holy Week began to take on a more formal shape. The Church established specific days to commemorate key moments in Christ’s passion. Palm Sunday emerged as the celebration of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, marked by the blessing and procession of palms. Holy Thursday honored the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist, while Good Friday became a day of fasting and solemn remembrance of Christ’s crucifixion. Holy Saturday, a day of quiet anticipation, culminated in the Easter Vigil, the most important liturgy of the year.

During the Middle Ages, the Church’s understanding of Holy Week as a time of holy tears deepened. Passion plays, processions, and devotional practices helped ordinary Christians enter emotionally into the Gospel story. The faithful knelt before the cross, kissed the wounds of Christ, and listened to the haunting chants of the Passion. These expressions were not meant to produce despair but to awaken compassion and conversion. The Church understood that tears shed for Christ open the soul to grace.

The Council of Trent in the 16th century standardized many Holy Week practices, ensuring consistency across the Catholic world. However, it was not until the 20th century that Holy Week underwent its most significant modern reform. In the 1950s, Pope Pius XII restored the ancient timing and structure of the Holy Week liturgies, returning the Easter Vigil to its rightful place after sunset and encouraging greater participation from the laity. These reforms revitalized the week’s spiritual impact and reconnected Catholics with early Christian traditions.

Today, Holy Week remains a profound journey through the heart of the Christian story. From the joyful procession of Palm Sunday to the quiet reverence of Good Friday and the triumphant celebration of Easter, Catholics around the world enter into a sacred rhythm that has been shaped by nearly two millennia of faith. It reminds us that Christ’s suffering is not distant history but a present gift. And it invites every believer to enter this “week of holy tears” so that, purified and renewed, we may share fully in the joy of Easter.

Kitchen Upgrade UPDATE ...

The Soup Supper event raised a total of \$1715...a successful evening indeed! The proceeds, less expenses, will go towards the purchase of the new appliances. The stove and refrigerator have been ordered and both refrigerators in the kitchen have been sold and picked up. The refrigerator in the back is still there for our use. One of the refrigerators was sold to SMC Café in Taneyville to be picked up after the Soup Supper. As providence would have it, the café refrigerator stopped working the day after our soup supper (Friday) and on Saturday they picked up the one we had for sale. We are also selling our Garland Stove and are asking \$1600.

Many of our parishioners dine at Shirley's Kitchen after Mass on Sundays. We want to thank Shirley's Kitchen for their generous donation and apologize for skipping them in our list of donors in last week's bulletin. We thank all our friends in the Community for their generosity:

Shirley's Kitchen, Forsyth

Wagon Wheel, Forsyth

John's Frosted Mug, Forsyth

Forsyth Hardware, Forsyth

Baker Creek, Mansfield

Piccolo Contemporary Italian, Nixa

Hollywood Wax Museum, Branson

Thousand Hills Golf, Branson

Cracker Barrel, Branson

Fr. J, Phil Harter, Angie Strom, The Knights of Columbus, PCCW

Our Soup Chefs, Bakers and all those in attendance.

El Lago, Forsyth

Oaxaca, Forsyth

Yummy Donuts, Forsyth

SMC Café, Taneyville

Springfield Cardinals, Springfield

Sight & Sound Theatre, Branson

Acquarium at the Boardwalk, Branson

Olive Garden, Branson

Culvers, Branson

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



Over 1200 pilgrims have now 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 22, has 20 parishioners registered. If you know you want to attend, please sign up. It helps Fr J decide on the final number of busses or passenger vans needed.



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

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.dioscg.org.

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April 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

Register for the April Give 5 classes at www.OLLBranson.com/Give5

Spend your Thursdays learning more about your community and discovering where your unique skills, talent, interests, and extra time can make a difference.



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951 Swan Valley Dr. - Forsyth

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 2nd
7:00PM

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3rd
3:00PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5th
8:30AM



Our Lady of the Lake

203 Vaughn Dr Branson

Schedule for Holy Week

Holy Thursday - April 2nd
7:00PM

*Adoration following Mass
in the Chapel until Midnight*

Good Friday - April 3rd
Stations of the Cross in the Garden
Noon

*(Outside lower-level parking lot)
(In case of inclement weather - in the
Church)*

Good Friday Service
7:00PM

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - April 4th
9:00PM - Bilingual
(No 5:00PM or 7:00PM - MASS)

Easter Sunday - April 5th
8:00AM
10:30AM



Our Lady of the Cove

20 Kimberling Blvd. - Kimberling City

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 2nd
7:00PM

*Adoration following Mass
in the Parish Hall until Midnight*

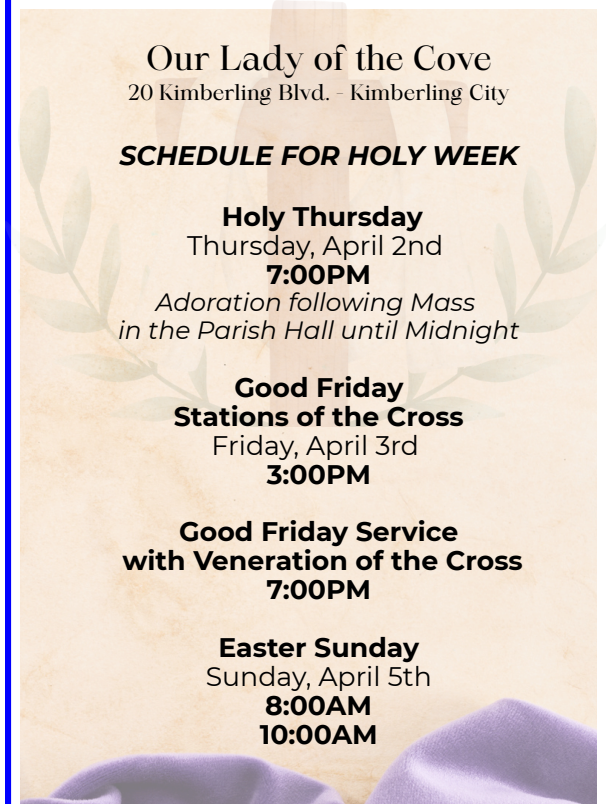
Good Friday
Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 3rd
3:00PM

Good Friday Service
with Veneration of the Cross
7:00PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5th
8:00AM
10:00AM



Easter Prayers & Cards for those entering the Church

Our Lady of the Ozarks parish family has five members preparing to enter the Church during the Easter season. Four of them, **Janet Johnson, Garry Hunt, Gene Ridings,** and **Debra Philpott,** will be received into the Church at the 9 pm Easter Vigil Mass in Branson, Our Lady of the Lake. **James Roach** (JoAnn's husband) is needing to finalize some Catholic paperwork which should be completed in a few weeks. It is James and our hope that he will enter the Church no later than Pentecost Sunday.

Please join me in praying for all them as they prepare to profess their faith, receive the Sacraments of Initiation, and step fully into the life of our parish community, may the Holy Spirit guide their hearts, strengthen their trust in Christ, and fill them with lasting joy.

There will be a basket for each of them in the gathering space in case you wish to offer a congratulatory Easter card.

RUMMAGE SALE SURVEY

Thank you for taking time to complete the rummage sale surveys. They will help us determine how much help we will have and plan work days. Please return surveys by April 12th. If you did not receive one, extras are in the Gathering Space.

Thank you.



Easter Flowers Offering

We appreciate our parishioners who are able to donate toward OLO's Easter Flower Offering. If you have not yet done so, please turn in your designated offertory envelop and list the names of your loved ones, living and/or deceased so we can remember them in our prayers.

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for our donors: Baker, C. Carr, Forster, Gerken, Guy, Hanley, Hickox, Houtchens, Knight, Loughner, Obranovic, Patterson, Ratermann, Roach, Schmitz, Silvis, Strader, Strunk, and Vaughn.

We remember our living and deceased loved ones. We pray for: Frank Carr, Karen Hanley, Dee Walton, Hein family members, Guy family members, Katherine Conour, Emilie Daniello, Bonnie Duplessis, Angie Franceschini, Richard Forster, William & Catherine Nethercot, Jerry Strunk, JoAnn Strunk, Arnold Strunk, Loretta Wilbur, Karen Taylor Steven Taylor, M/M Glenn Bosserman, M/M Bill Houtchens, Denise McCathy, Chris Houtchens, Peggy Houtchens (L), Bert Houle, Mike Stenger, Shirley Lang, Jose Placzek, John Loughner, Arliss Stillings, Jonas Stillings, Caral Haraf, Fr. Phil Conlon, Ratermann family members, Beckmann family members, Knight family members living & deceased, Mary Ann Meiners Hickox, John Meiners, Carles Meiners, Catherine Meiners, Michael Meiners, Susan Meiners, Adele Torru, Antonio Torri, Albert Torri, Bud Townsend (L), Media Silvis, Angie Francesmini, M/M Robert McLaughlin, M/M C.L. Strader, Kathy Strader (L), Marvin Schmitz, Margie Sharp, Dale Sharp, Dena Baer, Mary Jo Mullin, Manuel Elegio, Erlina Elegio, Tony Obranovic, Marie Obranovic, Peter Butitta, Josephine Butitta, Linda Arello, Jean Roach, and Vaughn-Kaiser family members.



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