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Tradition + Community + Mission

Mass Schedule	Confession
Weekend Mass	Wednesday After Mass
Sunday 8:30am	Sunday Before Mass
Weekday Masses	Other By Appointment
Wednesday 9:00am	Holy Hour Adoration
Friday 9:00am	Wednesday After Mass



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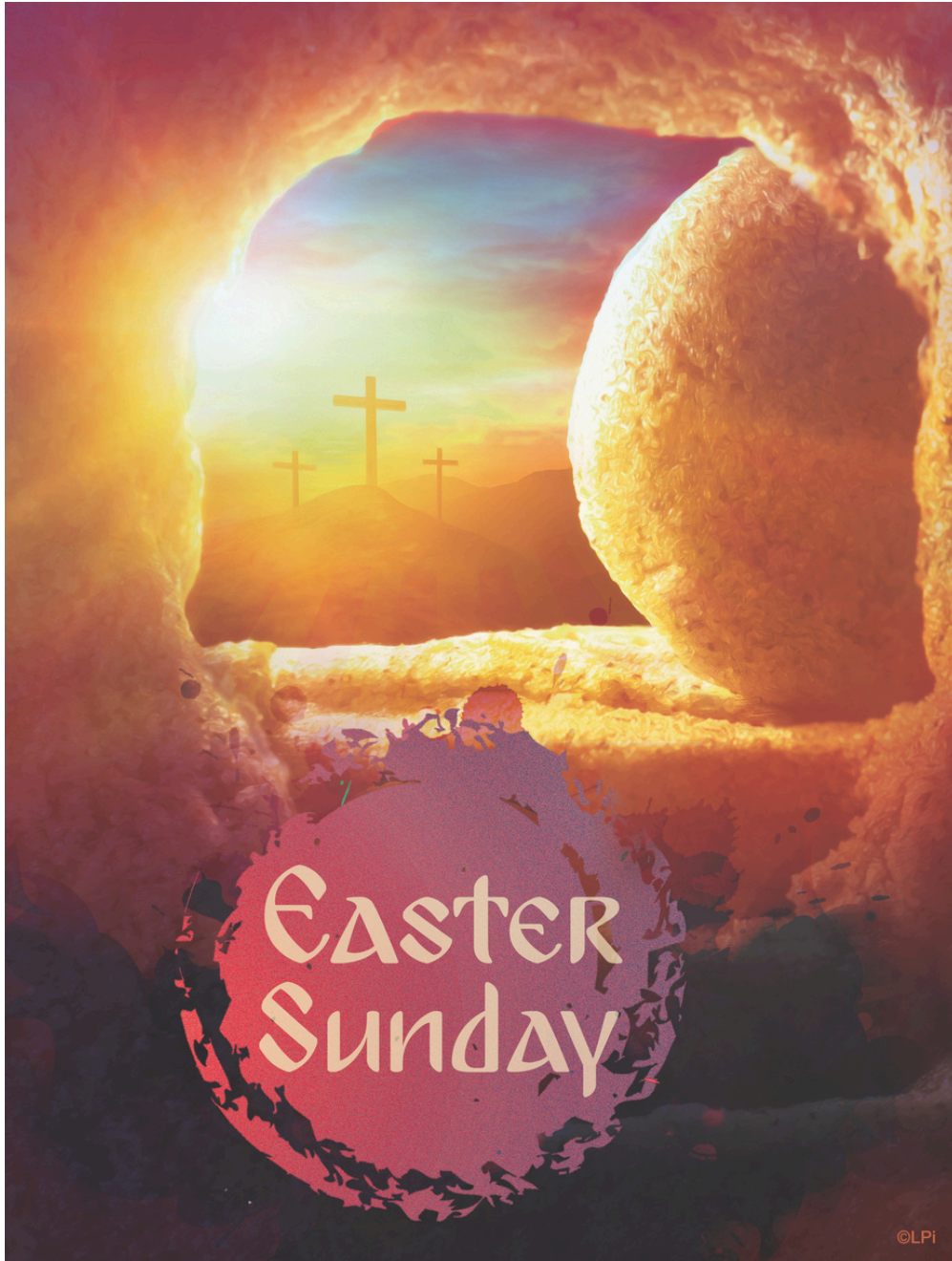
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**Our Lady of the Ozarks
Mission Statement**

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			
3/31/2026			
	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		March	March
Envelopes	\$960.00	\$7,349.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	440.00	1,705.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	152.00	1,887.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 1,552.00	\$ 10,941.00	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	1,998.40	5,043.90	5,489.00
Maintenance	875.00	1,321.36	2,070.00
Telephone & Utilities		317.37	1,991.00
Insurance	14,902.00	15,702.00	13,700.00
Other Expenses	105.31	1,244.68	951.00
Total	\$ 17,880.71	\$ 23,629.31	\$ 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
Sun 4/5	8:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass
Sun 4/5	9:35 am	After Mass light breakfast social in Marian Hall
Wed 4/8	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Wed 4/8	10:00 am	PCCW Meeting
Thu 4/9	6:30 pm	KofC Council 7680 Mtg, Rosary at 6:10 pm
Sun 4/12	9:40 am	KofC Breakfast with Reception for our newest Catholics

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 4/5	Rev. Michael McDevitt +	Toni / Tom	Scott & Lynne Hamling
Wed 4/8	Marvin Schmitz +	Carla	
Fri 4/10	Sang Lee Booth +	Nancy	
Sun 4/12	Parish Family	Carla / Charlene	Mike & Linda Knight
Wed 4/15	Alec Hein +	Kay	
Fri 4/17	Phil Harter +	Marilyn	

Knights Corner

Forsyth Council #7680



The Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive

JOIN US!

Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of the Ozarks Council 7680

We are Catholic Men who LEAD, SERVE, PROTECT and DEFEND.

We share a desire to be better HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS, NEIGHBORS and ROLE MODELS and to put charity and community first!

Meeting on April 9th at 6:30pm with Rosary starting at 6:10pm.



Pancake Breakfast



April 12th Knights Breakfast after 8:30 Mass.

An update of the health and care of parishioner Norma McCoy, wife of Louie Harris

Last winter, Norma and Louie headed to Fairview, Texas to spend the winter months close to Norma's children (an annual routine for two of them). While there, Norma breathing and oxygen level took a turn for the worse. Norma needed to be admitted into nursing care. She is doing better but returning to Forsyth is not very likely. Norma said she misses being with her church family. Thus, to extend the same sentiment back to her from us, here is her mailing address and phone number in case you wish to send her a letter, card, or give her a call.

Norma McCoy
925 Sycamore Ct
Fairview, TX 75069
Phone 940-781-8234



**Please Join
Cassandr  Haygood
Sunday, April 12th at
Our Lady of the Lake, Branson
for the Divine Mercy Chaplet
after the 10:30 Mass
(In the church)**

ALL ARE WELCOME



Why do Christians call Good Friday “Good”?

Growing up in a Catholic family, I found it odd that the Church called the day of the week when Jesus was nailed to the cross, “Good Friday”.

How can the day of Christ’s suffering and death be called “good”? The title seems almost contradictory. Nothing about the events of this day feels “good” in the ordinary sense of the word. And yet, for all Christians, Good Friday is one of the holiest and most hope-filled days of the entire year.

The heart of the answer is simple: Good Friday is “good” because of what God accomplished through it. The Cross, which appears to be the triumph of darkness, is in fact the moment when divine love breaks the power of sin and death. The Church dares to call this day “good” because it is the day our salvation was won.

From the beginning, Christians understood that the Crucifixion was not an accident or a tragic detour in Jesus’ mission. It was the very purpose for which He came. In freely offering Himself, Christ takes upon His shoulders the full weight of human sin—every betrayal, every injustice, every wound we inflict on one another and on ourselves. He enters the depths of human suffering so completely that nothing in our lives is untouched by His redeeming love. The “good” of Good Friday is not found in the brutality of the Cross, but in the love that transforms it.

It is also good because evil was defeated on its own battlefield. What looked like the triumph of darkness was actually its undoing. In offering Himself freely, Jesus broke the power of sin and death. The Cross becomes not a symbol of defeat, but the moment when God’s love proves stronger than every force that opposes it.

And of course, Good Friday cannot be separated from Easter. The Paschal Mystery is one seamless act of redemption:

- On Good Friday, Christ enters death.
- On Holy Saturday, He descends into its depths.
- On Easter Sunday, He rises, carrying humanity with Him.

There is no Resurrection without the Cross. Easter joy is the fruit of the love revealed on Friday. Ultimately, Good Friday is “good” because it reveals who God truly is; a God who would rather suffer for us than lose us. A God whose love does not retreat. A God who transforms the darkest day into the doorway of eternal life.

Finally, Good Friday is good because it changes us. It invites us to stand at the foot of the Cross with Mary, John, and the faithful few who remained. It calls us to remember that Christ’s sacrifice was not a distant historical event, but a personal gift offered for each of us. In the shadow of the Cross, we rediscover our worth, our dignity, and our calling to love as Christ loves.


Good Friday is good because **God is good**, and on this day His goodness was poured out for the world.

**"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."** -- St. Francis of Assisi

Options
PREGNANCY CLINIC

Walk for Life

DEFEND the FUTURE



**SATURDAY,
APRIL 11TH**

REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM
WALK: 9:00 AM

LOCATION:
BRANSON RECPLEX
1501 BRANSON HILLS PKWY, BRANSON, MO. 65616, PAVILION D

Each year Options Pregnancy Clinic hosts the Walk-for-Life to raise awareness for life, stand for life, and to raise much needed funds for the ministry. Last year, our parish made donations through the pledges raised by Linda and Arliss Stillings. This year, Marilyn Guy will be participating in this fundraising activity and will be welcoming pledges after Mass this weekend. Linda Stillings will be doing the same. Feel free to make a pledge through either of them -- it's not a competition. Also, you may be moved to attend the Walk-for-Life yourself.

The WFL is next Saturday, April 11, at Branson's Recplex.

Welcome



**OCIA
MEMBERS**

Biography on Gene Riding and his desire to join the Catholic Church

Vernon 'Gene' Ridings began his inquiry to the possibility of becoming Catholic a few years ago, but it was last November when he started to come to Mass at Our Lady of the Ozarks. He felt pulled to know more about the faith and wanted to experience the Mass and get his questions answered. Gene is a retired Baptist minister of 40 years. He and his wife, Darlene, reside in Rockaway Beach. They will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on April 16. Please join me in welcoming Gene to our parish family.



**Our Lady of the Ozarks
Candidate: Gene Riding
Sponsor: Dcn Dan Vaughn (Right)**



Biography on Debra Philpott

Born and raised in Springfield, I began my education at Drury Univeristy and later graduated from Missouri State with a BS in Marketing and Management. I've called the Forysth area home for more than 30 years and spent several years serving the community as a Realtor before retiring. I'm blessed with two daughters and a lively crew of grandchildren who keep my days full and joyful.

Our Lady of the Ozarks
Candidate: Debbie Philpott
Sponsor: Karen Hebert (left)

Biography on Garry Hunt

Born 6/20/1937 in Galena, Mo.
Moved to Chicago In 1941
Graduated high school Crystal Lake, Il. 1955.
Married Dolores Hansen Hunt 1956
Worked for large insurance salvage company, started 2 businesses, had 2 children and then moved to Forsyth, Mo. in 1975 .
Wife died in 2019 after 63 years of marriage.
I now live alone in our home in Forsyth.



Our Lady of the Ozarks
Elect: Garry Hunt
Sponsor: Christe Colburn (left)

Biography on Janet Johnson and her desire to join the Catholic Church



Janet began to discern more seriously about the Catholic faith through her good friend and sponsor Christe Colborn. Janet said Christe sharing her love for the faith caused her to think more seriously about what might be missing in her own protestant faith. She loves her protest friends, but it was a desire for Jesus in the Eucharist that caused her to desire more. Janet is 65 years young, a widow with four children and 10 grandchildren.

Our Lady of the Ozarks
Candidate: Janet Johnson
Sponsor: Christe Colburn (left)

Biography on James Roach and his desire to join the Catholic Church

James Roach was born and raised in Greenville, South Carolina. He pursued many interests after high school. He acquired many skills; however, because of his God-given gift as a singer, his best achievement was the pursuit of music. After his time in the Army he began touring the Gospel music circuit, where he performed in Churches and large convention centers for a year. He and his wife traveled to Branson where they finally settled in 1996. He has been employed at Silver Dollar City for the past 30 years. His recent role is the Marshall and lead over image characters and the Homestead Pickers. He also provides crowd control for the Park.



Our Lady of the Ozarks
Candidate: James Roach
Sponsors: Joann Roach (left) & **Deacon Dan**

Easter Prayers & Cards & Reception – for our newest Catholics

Our Lady of the Ozarks parish family has five members that entered the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Lake in Branson. season. They are Janet Johnson, Garry Hunt, Gene Ridings, Debra Philpott, and James Roach. I had originally mentioned that James was waiting for his Catholic paperwork at the Diocesan office to be finalized. I am happy to say all is good-to-go.

Please join me in praying for all them as they bathe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fullness of grace the Sacraments of Initiation. May their love of God and their Catholic faith set their hearts a blaze.

There is a basket for in the gathering space in case you wish to offer a congratulatory Easter card. We will have a reception for them after Mass, on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

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

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.

Easter Flowers Offering - In Memory / Honor of...

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 envelope 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, Johnson, Kinsella, Knight, Loughner, Knight, Obranovic, Patterson, Peterson, 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 Ellegio, Tony Obranovic, Marie Obranovic, Peter Butitta, Josephine Butitta, Linda Arello, Jean Roach, Eric Peterson Sr., Estella Marie Peterson, Stanislaw Sakowicz, Gertruda Sakowicz, Cosme Perez, Rosa Peres, Leonila Perez, Mary Davis, Eloisa Rodriguez, Rosalinda Rodriquez, Hellen Tarnowski, Ruby Kothe, Trudy Krueger, and Vaughn-Kaiser family members.



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