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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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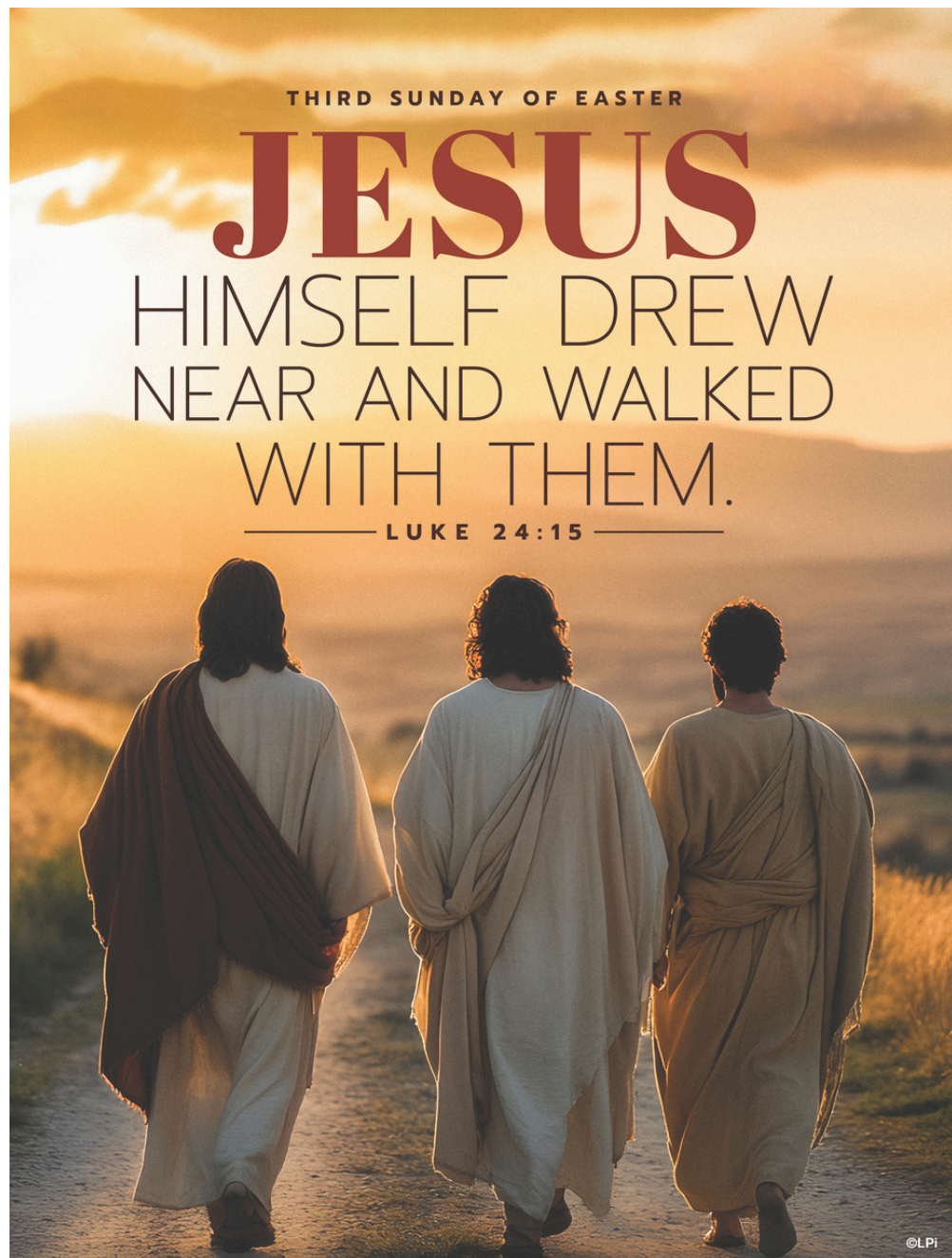
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Our Lady of the Ozarks Mission Statement

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

4/14/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
		April	April
Regular Collections:			
Envelopes	\$2,087.50	\$5,212.50	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	215.00	551.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	767.00	2,197.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 3,069.50	\$ 7,960.50	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits		3,351.81	5,526.00
Maintenance	26.59	286.29	1,195.00
Telephone & Utilities	228.28	4,702.03	1,991.00
Insurance			800.00
Other Expenses	6.23	163.88	1,126.00
Total	\$ 261.10	\$ 8,504.01	\$ 10,638.00



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, Mary Little and Eric Peerson.

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. Leslie Floyd friend of James & JoAnn Roach.

For our homebound, including those in care facilities: Janice Elledge, Ann Forster, Leonard Gross, Mary Lamp, Trini Scholefield, Joyce Stenger and Norma McCoy Harris.



Rosary Leader

5/1 Kay

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 4/19	9:45 am	PSR Faith Formation in Marian Hall
Wed 4/22	9:30 am	No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Wed 4/22	9:30 am	Visitation before Tom Kinsella's Funeral Mass
Wed 4/22	10:30 am	Tom Kinsella's Funeral Mass followed by lunch (all invited)
Fri 4/24	9:45 am	Finance Council (moved from Wed 4/22)
Sun 4/26		No PSR Faith Formation
Wed 4/29		No Eucharistic Holy Hour – Deacon at NADD Deacon's Conference
Fri 5/1	9:00 am	May 1 – Mary's May Crowning at the end of Mass
Fri 5/1	10:00 am	Parish Council Meeting
Sun 5/3	9:45 am	PSR Faith Formation

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 4/19	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Craig / Hunter	Stech Family
Wed 4/22	Tom Kinsella Funeral +	Charlene	
Fri 4/24	John Loughner +	Nancy	
Sun 4/26	Jerry Strunk +	Marilyn / Kay	Pam Strunk with Abigail & Chris Rock
Wed 4/29	Deceased members of Sakowicz Family +	Carla	
Fri 5/1	Parish Deceased Souls +	Kay	

Knights Corner

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The Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive

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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!

Thank you! Members of the Parish, for your generosity and support for the Options Pregnancy Clinic Baby Item Drive. Your generosity, provided between \$1,200 - \$1,500 worth of baby supplies.

Thank you all! For generosity and support.

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June 21 - 26, 2026

Day Program (1st - 6th grade):

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Evening Program (7th - 12th grade):

Sunday - Thursday: 7 - 9 p.m.

WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS?

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. A team of energetic young adults will lead the children of the parish in games, skits, lessons, prayer, discussions, and more!

The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire a true longing for holiness in young people, a deep desire for daily conversion, and an openness to their vocation by constantly challenging them to give themselves entirely to Christ through Mary and by continually strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of her.



Scan here to see the all-new Totus Tuus VIDEO!



Scan here to REGISTER for Totus Tuus!



The Call to Holy Orders and the importance of the pre-ordination retreat

Twelve years ago, as I was nearing the end of my diaconate studies and formation, I spent five days on a canonical retreat. This pre-ordination retreat is a sacred and essential moment in the journey of Holy Orders. Required by Canon Law, it provides candidates with intentional time away from daily responsibilities to enter into silence, prayer, and deep reflection. The Church recognizes that ordination, whether transitional or permanent, marks a profound change in a man's identity and mission. As the Director of the Permanent Diaconate for our diocese, I have both the privilege and responsibility to mentor our deacon candidates. This week I join five men on retreat prior to their July ordination.

This retreat allows candidates to deepen their relationship with Christ, reflect on the promises they will soon make, and discern their readiness with clarity and freedom. It prepares them spiritually for a life of service and strengthens their communion with the Church and its mission. While both transitional and permanent deacons share this foundational experience, the focus of their retreats differs because their vocations unfold in distinct ways.

For transitional deacon candidates, the retreat is shaped by their path toward priesthood. These men are seminarians who will serve as deacons for a relatively short period of time before priestly ordination. As a result, their retreat emphasizes the diaconate as a step within priestly formation. The spiritual conferences and periods of reflection often center on celibate chastity, priestly spirituality, and the promises they will soon make as future priests. The tone tends to be more formation-oriented, helping them transition from academic life to the pastoral responsibilities they will soon assume. Their retreat looks ahead not only to diaconal service but also to the priestly identity they are preparing to embrace.

For permanent deacon candidates, the retreat marks the beginning of a lifelong vocation in the diaconate. These men are often married, employed, and deeply rooted in family and community life. Their retreat therefore focuses on integrating ordained ministry with the realities of marriage, family responsibilities, and secular work. The spirituality emphasized is one of service grounded in everyday life, being a bridge between the Church and the world. In many dioceses, the candidate's spouse participates in portions of the retreat, acknowledging the world. The tone is pastoral and practical, aimed at helping candidates understand how their ministry will unfold within the rhythms of their existing commitments.

There are a few elements that differ between the two diaconal retreats. Transitional deacons prepare for a ministry that anticipates priesthood, with an emphasis on preaching, teaching, and liturgical leadership as preparation for future sacramental responsibilities. Permanent deacons, by contrast, prepare for ministries rooted in charity, outreach, and pastoral presence within the parish and local community. And while transitional candidates focus on celibate priestly identity, permanent candidates reflect on holiness within marriage and the call to serve while remaining fully present to their families.

At the heart of this call to Holy Orders lies the moment when the bishop lays his hands upon the candidate, invoking the Holy Spirit and linking him to the unbroken apostolic tradition. This gesture, simple yet immense in meaning, signifies that the man no longer serves by his own strength but is configured to Christ the Servant for the sake of the Church. Entering retreat with this reality in view invites a deeper surrender, a readiness to be shaped, claimed, and sent by God.

Please join me in praying for our five deacon candidates: James Haston, Kevin Haverly, Howard Mohn, Steve Reddin, and Mike Wilson. May the grace of the Holy Spirit prepare their hearts and clarify the call as they embrace a life of service.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

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

Over 1300 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. 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.

Thomas Kinsella
May 15, 1941 – April 10, 2026

Thomas “Tom” Kinsella, a beloved friend, brother Knight, parish servant, and a faithful disciple, entered eternal life on April 10, 2026. Tom was 84 years young.

Tom was best known in our parish as the smiling face at the door -- the greeter and usher who made every person feel seen, welcomed, and valued. For countless parishioners and visitors, he was the first “Good morning” they heard each Sunday, offered with a warmth that could lift even the heaviest heart. Tom had a gift for remembering names, noticing who had been missing, and caring enough to follow up. If he hadn’t seen you in a while, you could expect a phone call, not out of obligation but out of genuine concern and friendship. His ministry of hospitality was simple, steady, and deeply Christlike.

Born on May 15, 1941, Tom carried throughout his life a spirit of kindness, humor, and generosity. He believed that small acts of welcome could change a person’s day, and it often did. His presence in the gathering space, Sunday after Sunday, became a quiet anchor for our community.

Beyond the church doors, Tom was a loyal friend, a devoted husband and father, and a man who never hesitated to lend a hand. He enjoyed life in the Ozarks, cherished time with friends, and lived with a humility that made others feel at ease.

Tom is survived by his wife of 43 years, Ethel, three daughters, Dayna, Carole and Helen, and son, Thomas, along with family spouses, in-laws, grandchildren, etc. All will forever treasure his steady love and gentle wisdom.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on April 22, 2026, at Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church. Visitation at 9:30, Mass at 10:30 am with lunch to follow in Marian Hall. Tom’s burial will take place at a later date.

In gratitude for Tom’s life and witness, may we, the parish family, continue the ministry he lived so naturally: greeting one another with joy, noticing those who are missing, and extending the love of Christ in simple, everyday ways.

May the angels lead him into Paradise, and may he rest in the peace of the Lord he served so faithfully.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

2nd Collection next Sunday, April 26



The U.S. bishops established the Catholic Home Missions Appeal in 1998 to support the missions here in America. The Appeal is taken up in most parishes on the last weekend in April each year. The money collected stays in the U.S. helping the mission dioceses --- like Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

Every year, parishes across the U.S. take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Because of those generous donations, the Appeal is able to provide +\$7 million in grants to nearly 75 dioceses in the U.S.

To support the collection with an online donation, visit: USCCB - <https://www.igivecatholic.org/story/USCCB-CHM>

To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit Catholic Home Missions | USCCB website - <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions>

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2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

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DDF SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026



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Women's Day of Reflection

Join the women of Our Lady of the Ozarks

With Bishop Liebrecht and Lynn Melendez



Saturday, May 9, 2026

9 am to 3 pm

Bishop Liebrecht presents St. John Paul II, Mulieris Dignitatem "The Dignity and Vocation of Women" and

Lynn Melendez presents "I Am Not Equipped" based on the Gospel reading on feeding the 5000

Registration \$10.00 (includes lunch)

Deadline May 3rd

Contact Kay Gerken to register. Phone 417.335.0271 or Email: Kay@GerkenandAssociates.com. Make check payable to PCCW and mail to Kay Gerken, 480 Woodsong Lane, Branson, MO 65616

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