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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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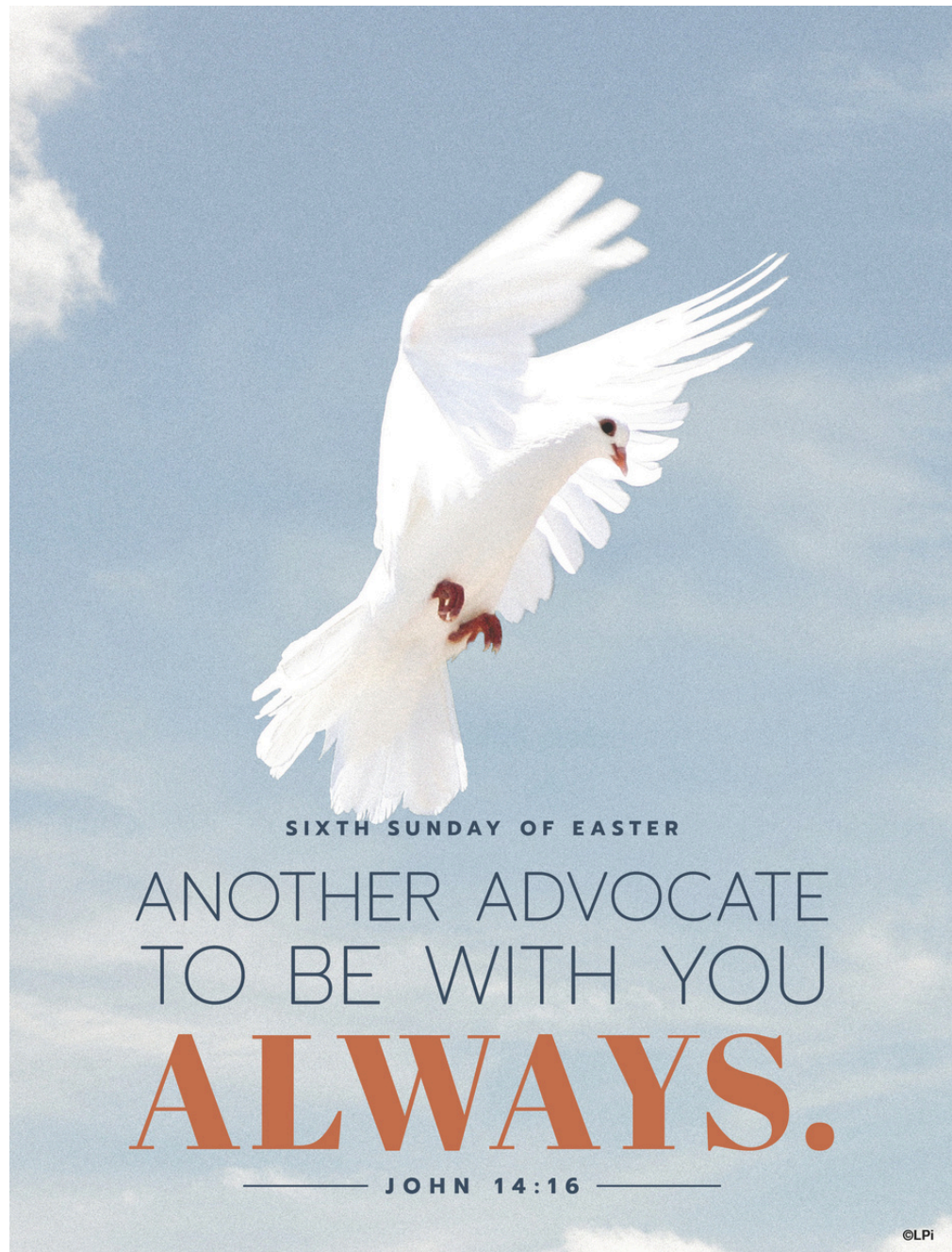
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Our Lady of the Ozarks
Mission Statement

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			
5/5/2026			
	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		May	April
Envelopes	\$7,153.00	\$7,153.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	367.00	367.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	5,150.00	5,150.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 12,670.00	\$ 12,670.00	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	3,082.50	3,082.50	5,563.00
Maintenance	137.04	137.04	2,125.00
Telephone & Utilities	1,121.26	1,121.26	1,991.00
Insurance			800.00
Other Expenses	92.56	92.56	1,351.00
Total	\$ 4,433.36	\$ 4,433.36	\$ 11,830.00



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, Eric Peterson, and Jackie Nieu Kirk.

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, Marilyn Guy's sister, Rosemary Pawloski, Ann Forster's daughter, Susan Wright, James & JoAnn Roach's friend Leslie Floyd, Jackie Nieu Kirk's sister-in-law Diana Leonard, and Deacon Dan and Beth's friend, Marilyn Mattione

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 McCoy Harris.



Rosary Leader

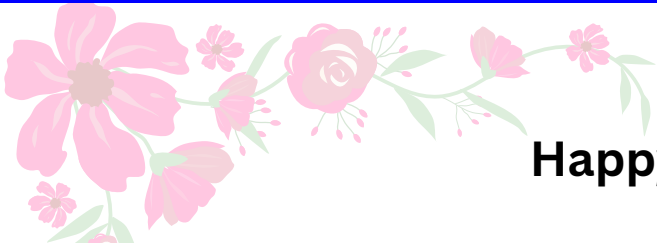
5/10 Barbara
 5/13 Charlene
 5/15 Buck
 5/17 Patt
 5/20 Unassigned
 5/22 Unassigned

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 5/10	9:35 am	KofC Mother's Day Breakfast (free to all our motherly women)
Wed 5/13	9:35 am	No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour - Deacon away
Thu 5/14	6:30 pm	KofC Council 7680 Mtg, Rosary at 6:10 pm
Sun 5/17	9:45 am	PSR - Family Faith Formation
Wed 5/20	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 5/10	Parish Family	Tom / Carla	Dennis and Marcia Franko
Wed 5/13	Theo Strom +	Charlene	
Fri 5/15	Marvin Schmitz +	Nancy	
Sun 5/17	Ted Strom+	Craig / Hunter	Pam & Angie Strom
Wed 5/20	Lester and Ronnie Droste +	Dennis	
Fri 5/22	Larry Morrissey +	Carla	



Happy Mother's Day!

THANK YOU for your donations for the beautiful flowers on the altar today in honor of our mothers, wives, daughters, and other important women in our lives. After Mass please take a flower home with you to enjoy the rest of this special day.

THOSE WE HONOR AND REMEMBER: Our Blessed Mary Mother of All, Tillie Volker, Sharon Jones, Lee Strempeke, Mary Anderson, Daisy Jones, Deborah Davis, Genevieve Lutz, Marcy Wright, Christine Lenz, Leslie Riley, Cora Gerken, Klara Richardson, Barbara Hein+, Julie Guy, Rebecca Guy, Olivia Guy, Delores Guzman, Patti Bloedorn, Virginia Thompson, Flora Hartley, Peggy Houtchens, Laverne Bosserman, Helen Tarnowski+, Ruby Kothe, Louise Scott, Lucille Chale, Agnes Klug, Maybelle Loughner, Katie Plum, Patti Carroll, Ilene Klug, Violeta Moore, Pam Kratz, Laura Elegio, Erlinda Elegio+, Marie Obranovic +, Doretta Foster, Gertrude Sakowicz, Estella Marie King, Gerry Ploshay, Judy Hagglof, Terra Johnson-Dowiat, Coventri Lorenz, Shannon Reitmeier, Jen Johnson, Lorraine Roy, Geraldine Ploshay+, Victoria Ploshay+, Stella Siefert+, Barbara Cooper+, Margie Sharp, Dena Baer, Joanne Schmitz, Nettie McCoy, Laloni Bradberry, Katy Schmitz, Bea Schmitz, Irene McLaughlin, Una Mae Strader, Lillian Keating, Mabel Strom, Keating Sisters, Adele Torri, Carolyn Louise Townsend, Laverne Covelli, Katherine Fetzer, Katherine Mehl, Katherine Stratton.

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Saints Who Were Mothers: Faith, Family, and Holiness in Everyday Life

As we honor Mother's Day with flowers, heartfelt cards, and perhaps a warm Knights of Columbus breakfast after Mass (Our Lady of the Ozarks - Forsyth), each a beautiful gesture, let us also pause to embrace an even greater gift the Church offers, the inspiring witness of saintly mothers whose lives illuminate the path of faith.

Motherhood is often described as a vocation of love, sacrifice, and perseverance. In the Catholic tradition, several canonized saints lived this calling not only as biological mothers but also as spiritual leaders within their families. Their lives remind us that holiness is not reserved for cloisters or pulpits, it can flourish inside and outside the home and in the daily routines of family life. I share with you a summary of five motherly saints.

Saint Monica (331-387) – Patron Saint of Wives and Abused Victims - The Persistent Intercessor

Saint Monica, mother of Saint Augustine, is perhaps one of the most well-known mothers in Church history. Living in the 4th century, she endured years of heartache over her son's wayward lifestyle and rejection of the faith. Through decades of patient prayer, fasting, and gentle witness, Monica's steadfast love became the channel through which Augustine encountered Christ. Her story is a testament to the power of a mother's intercession and the hope that no soul is beyond God's reach.

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla (1834-1888) Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers – The Modern Witness

A pediatrician, wife, and mother of four, Saint Gianna Beretta Molla lived in mid-20th-century Italy. When faced with a life-threatening complication during her fourth pregnancy, she chose to preserve the life of her unborn child, even at the cost of her own. Gianna's decision was not made lightly, it was rooted in her deep faith, professional understanding of life's dignity, and maternal love. She died shortly after giving birth, leaving behind a legacy of courage and self-giving love that continues to inspire pro-life witness today.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (174-1821) – The Educator and Spiritual Mother

The first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton was a widow and mother of five. After converting to Catholicism, she founded the first free Catholic school in the United States and established the Sisters of Charity. Balancing her role as a mother with her mission to educate and serve, she demonstrated that motherhood could extend beyond one's own children to embrace the needs of the wider community.

Saint Zélie Martin (1823-1894) – The Mother of a Saintly Family

Saint Zélie Martin, along with her husband Louis, raised nine children, five of whom survived to adulthood, all becoming nuns. Among them was Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the "Little Flower." Zélie's letters reveal a woman deeply devoted to her children's spiritual formation, attentive to their personalities, and committed to guiding them toward heaven. Her life shows that the home can be a fertile ground for nurturing saints.

Saint Felicity – Patron Saint of Mothers - The Martyr Mother

Saint Felicity, a 2nd-century martyr, was a pregnant Christian imprisoned for her faith. She gave birth in prison and was executed shortly afterward. (Her child was adopted by a Christian mother.) Felicity's courage in the face of persecution and her willingness to suffer for Christ, even as a new mother, stand as a profound witness to the strength of faith under trial.

These saints, Monica, Gianna, Elizabeth Ann, Zélie, and Felicity, represent different eras, cultures, and circumstances, yet they share a common thread: they lived their motherhood as a path to holiness. Whether through prayerful perseverance, sacrificial love, educational leadership, or martyrdom, they reveal that the vocation of motherhood is a sacred calling capable of transforming both family and society.

Their stories invite today's mothers to see their daily sacrifices, joys, and challenges as opportunities for sanctity. In the Catholic vision, every diaper changed, every meal prepared, every prayer whispered over a sleeping child can be an offering to God, an act of love that echoes the lives of these holy women.

LECTOR TRAINING

All lectors and those who have expressed interest in being a lector are asked to attend the half-hour training on May 17th following Mass.

Please let Kay Gerken, 417.335.0271 know if you will not be able to attend or if you have any questions.



Knights Corner

Forsyth Council #7680



May 10th - KofC Mothers Day Breakfast

* Breakfast complementary to all Mothers

May 14th - KofC meeting

* Rosary at 6:10pm. All parishioners are invited to come and pray the Rosary with us. Business meeting at 6:30pm

May 31st - Rosary

* Knights will lead the Rosary at 8am Mass, come and join us.

Parish Photo Directory
Spring 2026



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Mary's May Crowning



**Diocesan Development Fund
The Bishop Rice's Annual Appeal**

Last Sunday we kicked off the 2026 DDF drive. Thanks to Charlene Harley, who pinch-hit for Buck, proving his testimony on the value of DDF and the various diocesan causes that benefit from your giving to Bishop Rice's appeal.

As mentioned in my bulletin note from last week, and emphasized in Charlene's talk, please return your pledge card even if you are unable to give financially to the campaign. DO NOT throw it away; we need it back. If you are on a strict budget, instead of giving \$5 or \$10 to the parish, instead use that money as your DDF pledge. And if you are unable to give at all, I ask that you to still return your blank pledge and pray for the DDF's success. All financial pledges by check should be made out to "Our Lady of the Ozarks" and not the diocese unless you are paying directly to the diocese. Please drop off your pledge card in the collection basket It is my hope to complete this campaign by the middle of June.

<https://dioscg.org/ddf-2026/>

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Expressions of love and gratefulness

From Norma Harris

Norma sent a note thanking our parish family for sending her lovely cards and for remembering her in your prayers. Now living full-time in Fairview, Texas to be closer to her son and to receive her daily medical assistance. Her son takes her to her doctor's appointments and to church on Sunday. Many blessings there. She does miss our parish family greatly. She also has one prayer request – please keep Louie in prayer as he travels back and forth, making the eight-hour drive, between Fairview and Forsyth.

From Ethel Kinsella

Ethel wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the kindness shown to her and the family following the death of Tom. Your prayers, cards, meals, and gentle acts of support have been a true comfort. The love of this parish community has been a blessing to her, and she is deeply grateful for your care.

From Deacon Dan

I don't say it often enough, but I want to express my appreciation to the parish family that gives me great joy in being your parish administrator and more importantly, your trusted friend. You make coming to the Lord's vineyard a joy. I offer a special shoutout to the PCCW for the wonderful Easter fellowship breakfast and in putting together a spiritual day of retreat for the ladies. And for our Knights for their ministry work behind the scenes and in hopeful thanksgiving to elevate themselves as a "Star Council" in recognition for their works of charity in the parish and in the community.

And for the older youth of our parish in their service to our parish and in the community. For Molly in her leadership at school and in Sunday liturgy. For Mateo in giving the speech at his 8th grade graduation, For Davien and Kady in their dedication to Jr ROTC. For Sequioa and Paul in their dedication to attend faith formation when many 18 and 19 years old would pass – likewise for Robbie and his love to learn more about the Catholic faith. And for his younger brother Jack who has begun a new role in Sunday Mass as an altar server, and for Ainsley In helping teach Jack in this ministry.

And lastly, for my faithful sidekick Craig Pollard. A big thank you for devoting his time and talent in helping lead our groups of adults and youth in faith formation.

Forsyth High School Graduation Notice

On Friday, May 15, Robbie Huffman, Kady Vanvolkenburg (Davien's girlfriend), and Sequia Jennings will be graduating from Forsyth High School. We will have a basket in the gathering space for congratulatory cards and well wishes.

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