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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



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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

5/19/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		May	April
Envelopes	\$1,218.00	\$9,411.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	229.00	955.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	621.00	6,162.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 2,068.00	\$ 16,528.00	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits		3,082.50	5,563.00
Maintenance		137.04	2,125.00
Telephone & Utilities		1,427.11	1,991.00
Insurance	800.00	800.00	800.00
Other Expenses	954.13	1,207.05	1,351.00
Total	\$ 1,754.13	\$ 6,653.70	\$ 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, Jackie Nieukirk, and Carolyn Townsend.

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 Nieukirk's sister-in-law Diana Leonard, Deacon Dan and Beth's friend, Marilyn Mattione, and Vickie Ploshay's brother Joe Ploshay.

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

5/24 PCCW

5/27 Barb P.

5/29 Patt


5/31 Knights

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 5/24	8:00 am	Pentecost Sunday – wear your 'red'
Mon 5/25		Memorial Day - Office Close
Wed 5/27	9:35 am	No Eucharistic Holy Hour – Deacon Dan not available
Thu 5/28	7:00 pm	Springfield Cardinals ballgame for Catholic Charities
Wed 6/3	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 6/5	9:35 am	First Friday after Mass Social
Sun 6/7	9:30 am	Eucharistic Exposition with final blessing
Sun 6/7	11:00am	Corpus Christ Procession at Our Lady of the Cove – Kimberling City

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 5/24	Sang Lee Booth +	Molly / Kay	Teagarden Family
Wed 5/27	Zeta Leonard +	Marilyn	
Fri 5/29	John Loughner +	Nancy	
Sun 5/31	Tom Kinsella +	Craig / Tom	Knights of Columbus
Wed 6/3	Sang Lee Booth +	Charlene	
Fri 6/5	First Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	



Memorial Day Mass with Bishop Rice

Join Bishop Rice for a Mass of Remembrance!
Monday, May 25 at 9:00 am
Resurrection Cemetery, Springfield

Memorial Day is a special day set aside to remember our dearly departed brothers and sisters, especially those who have died serving our country in the cause of freedom. Please join Bishop Rice for a Mass of Remembrance on Mon., May 25, 9 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery, located at 4528 W Division St., Springfield.

Seating will be available under a large tent. Refreshments will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.

2026 Diocesan Development Fund The Bishop Rice's Annual Appeal

To date our parish has received 17 pledges totaling \$4,200 toward our \$15,645 goal (26%). Thank you. Last year at this time, we had 23 pledges totaling \$6,750. The pledge drive is a mini marathon but this year we are a tad slow out of the gate. If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given, by returning a pledge card.

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, and no later than the end of June.

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

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PCCW Staying Connected section:

The Rosary will be led Sunday morning at 8:00 am, May 24th, by the Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW). We invite everyone to come and pray the Rosary with us as seven of our ladies lead us.

Grant, we beseech thee, Lord, that while meditating on the mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.





The Mass Intention and the Heart's Intention at Holy Communion

Every time the Church gathers for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, something profound happens: Christ Himself offers His perfect sacrifice to the Father, and we are drawn into that mystery. Within this great act of worship, the Church recognizes a real distinction between the Mass intention attached to a specific celebration and the personal intentions of the faithful. When properly understood, both help us enter the Eucharist more deeply and fruitfully.

When a priest receives an offering so that he will celebrate a Mass according to a determined intention, that intention is part of the Church's discipline for applying the Eucharistic sacrifice. The Church teaches that the faithful, by their offering, seek to unite themselves more closely to Christ's sacrifice and cooperate with the needs of the Church.

At the same time, the Church strongly guards against treating Mass intentions in a way that would make sacred things resemble a transaction. The 2025 decree on Mass intentions addresses this directly: it states that it would be illicit to replace the promised application of a Mass with only a general "intention of prayer" during a different kind of celebration (such as a service of the Word) or with only a brief mention at certain moments in the Eucharistic celebration. The stated reasons are justice toward the offerors, keeping the word given, and the duty to avoid even the appearance of commerce" in sacred things.

With that clarity in mind, we can focus on what Holy Communion itself requires. Holy Communion is not merely mental. It is the actual reception of the Eucharist. It is what Catholic teaching calls "sacramental reception" and it requires proper dispositions.

The Catholic Encyclopedia explains that Holy Communion can be received fruitfully when a person has the right interior disposition, especially freedom from at least mortal sin; and it notes that for those in grievous sin, confession is necessary, except where confession is morally impossible and there is real necessity, in which case an act of perfect contrition (with the intention to confess as soon as possible) is required.

This is echoed in *Redemptionis Sacramentum*: anyone conscious of grave sin should not receive without prior sacramental confession, "except for grave reason" when confession is lacking; then the person must make an act of perfect contrition including the intention to confess as soon as possible.

The saints consistently teach that the moment of Holy Communion is the most powerful moment to present our intentions to the Lord. As we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we should ask for the grace we most need: healing of memories, strength in trials, deeper faith, help for our families, or mercy for the departed. This is not a distraction from the liturgy. It is the heart of personal encounter with Christ.

As you come to Mass each week, consider taking a quiet moment beforehand to name your intentions. Offer them to God during the Offertory, unite them to Christ during the Eucharistic Prayer, and bring them again to Him as you approach Holy Communion. The Lord delights in receiving the desires of your heart and returning them to you transformed by His grace.



May 31st - Rosary

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 22 | 12 PM | Fremont Hills Country Club
Nixa, MO

Play a round of golf to support LifeHouse in Springfield!
Sponsorships, team registrations, and individual player spots are
available now for this year's tournament. Last year's event
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Gracious God,

We thank You for the immense courage and sacrifice of our servicemen and women. We are eternally grateful for their dedication, their bravery, and their willingness to defend our freedoms. Help us never to forget their contributions and the high price of the peace we enjoy. Inspire us to live lives that honor their memory, by embracing the values of service, sacrifice, and love for one another. May our gratitude be expressed not only in words but in our actions and our commitment to justice and compassion.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – Registration continues



DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD-
CAPE GIRARDEAU

Bishop Rice's Invitation to join him in West Plains

If you plan of attending the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on August 15 in West Plains (and I hope you do), please don't procrastinate. Get signed up. Over 200 people from across the diocese have already signed up. Seating is limited to 3,000.

Fr. J has reserved three buses, one for each parish, to provide transportation to and from West Plains, the site of the Congress. We need a headcount for those who wish to ride the bus from our parish. Deena Patterson is our liaison and in charge of working with OLL. Please let Deena Patterson or Deacon Dan know if you want a seat on the bus. Plans are to leave around 7 am return around 8:30 pm. The cost for registration is only \$10 per individual with a maximum cost of \$25 per household.

Visit the DEC webpage to registration at <https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress>.



Congratulations



To
Deacon Dan Vaughn
who is celebrating his
12th year of Ordination

Heavenly Father,
We give You thanks for Deacon Dan and his twelve years of faithful ministry. You have called him to serve at the altar, proclaim Your Word, and bring Christ's love to those in need.

Bless him with renewed strength, joy in service, and a heart always open to Your will. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Stephen, may he continue to be a faithful witness to the Gospel.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wheat Harvest Farmers Mass

Join Bishop Rice on the farm in Southeast Missouri to celebrate Holy Mass in honor and recognition of our farmers.

When: May 31st 2026 at 1:00 pm

Where: Hulshof Farms, 674 County Highway 506 Benton, MO 63736

Mass at 1:00 pm: This does count as your Sunday obligation.

Meal provided at 2:00 pm: Pork Steaks and Baked Potatoes following Mass.

Bring your own chair to sit in for Mass.

Bring any side dish to share in the meal following Mass if you would like.

All are welcome to attend!



IT'S TIME FOR

Catholic Night

AT THE SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS!



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THURSDAY, MAY 28

HAMMONS FIELD | 7:05 PM

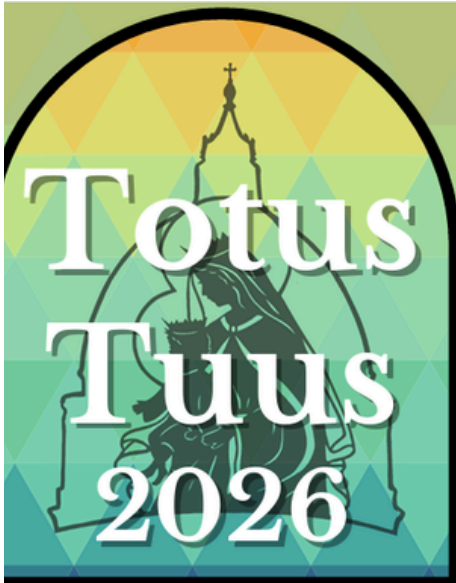
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June 21 - 26, 2026

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!

Save the Date

2026

Our Lady of the Cove

Vacation Bible School

July 6, 7 & 8



Registration for the 2026 Vacation Bible School "Rainforest Falls" can be completed by going to Ourladyofthecove.org

OR

Click on the link

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