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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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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16-17

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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

5/26/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		May	May
Envelopes	\$1,878.00	\$11,289.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	271.00	1,226.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	420.00	6,582.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 2,569.00	\$ 19,097.00	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	2,304.71	5,387.21	5,563.00
Maintenance	198.75	335.79	2,125.00
Telephone & Utilities		1,427.11	1,991.00
Insurance		800.00	800.00
Other Expenses	60.63	1,267.68	1,351.00
Total	\$ 2,564.09	\$ 9,217.79	\$ 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
5/31 Knights

Parish Calendar of Events

Date Time Event

- 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 5/31	Tom Kinsella +	Craig / Tom	Knights of Columbus
Wed 6/3	Sang Lee Booth +	Charlene	
Fri 6/5	First Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	
Sun 6/7	Jean Roach +	Dennis / Marilyn	James and Joann Roach
Wed 6/10	Tom Kinsella +	Carla	
Fri 6/12	Lester & Ronnie Droste+	Dennis	

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/>

SCAN ME



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>.





Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Why Popes Write Encyclicals: A Living Tradition of Teaching, Guidance, and Unity

Pope Leo XIV's inaugural encyclical, ***Magnifica Humanitas*** (Magnificent Humanity), was released on May 25, 2026. It addresses the ethical and social implications of artificial intelligence and the protection of human dignity in the digital age. I will offer a summary of that document in a future Hey Deacon column. For now, it's worth asking a more basic question: ***What exactly is an encyclical, and why does the pope write them?***

Encyclicals are formal letters written by the Pope to the bishops and, through them, to the entire People of God. They are not the Pope's personal opinion nor a solemn dogmatic definition. They are among the most authoritative forms of papal teaching and often shape Catholic life for generations.

The roots of the encyclical reach back to the New Testament. St. Paul's letters to early Christian communities were, in a sense, the first encyclicals: authoritative messages meant to strengthen faith, correct errors, and apply the Gospel to real-life challenges. In the early Church, popes also wrote letters to bishops to clarify doctrine or address heresies. These papal letters weren't yet called encyclicals, but they served the same purpose, preserving unity and safeguarding apostolic teaching.

The modern encyclical began to take shape in the 18th century, especially under Pope Benedict XIV, who used such letters regularly to teach on matters of faith, morals, and pastoral practice. But the 19th century truly established the encyclical as a central tool of papal teaching. Pope Leo XIII issued 85 encyclicals, including the landmark ***Rerum Novarum*** (1891), which addressed the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers. It became the foundation of modern Catholic social teaching and showed how encyclicals can speak powerfully to the needs of the world.

One of the most beautiful things about encyclicals is how they demonstrate that Catholic truth is not frozen in the past. Each encyclical takes the unchanging deposit of faith, Scripture and Sacred Tradition, and applies it with clarity to the challenges of the present moment. The truth does not change. The world does. The Pope's task is to make sure the Church speaks that truth faithfully into every age.

Some of the most significant encyclicals in history include ***Pacem in Terris*** (John XXIII) which addressed peace, human rights and the moral foundations of political life during the Cold War, ***Humanae Vitae*** (Paul VI, 1968), which reaffirmed the Church's teaching on marriage and contraception; ***Fides et Ratio*** (John Paul II, 1998), which explored the beautiful harmony between faith and human reason, and ***Deus Caritas*** (Benedict XVI, 2005), which reflected on the nature of Christian love and the Church mission of charity.

Encyclicals strengthen unity. By writing to bishops across the globe, the Pope ensures that the Church teaches with one heart and one mind. These documents become reference points for preaching, catechesis, and pastoral ministry.

An encyclical is, at its heart, a father writing to his family. It is the Pope exercising his office as universal shepherd by teaching, warning, encouraging, and guiding the whole Church through the challenges of a particular moment in history

A Marian Family Exhibit



Come and learn about Our Blessed Mother's Love and Visits, noting that "in the end My Immaculate Heart will Triumph."

Visit and see the FATHER's great love for us as revealed in choosing Mary as JESUS' Mother with the HOLY SPIRIT as her spouse.

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- Relics of Our Lady's Veil and St. Joseph's Cloak, St. Joachim and St. Anne, & St. Carlo Acutis, who was so devoted to JESUS & Blessed Mother.



JUNE 12 - 14, 2026

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI**

Friday, June 12th	Saturday, June 13th	Sunday, June 14th
10 am - Noon Exhibit	10:45 am - Noon Exhibit	10 am -10:45 am Exhibit
12:10 pm Mass in Church	12:10- pm Mass in Church	11 am Mass in Church
1 pm -5 pm Exhibit	1 pm - 5 pm Exhibit	12:15 pm - 5 pm Exhibit

*(20 minute presentations are at the beginning of every hour)
Exhibit in the Laboure' Room - Gift Shop*

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

OUR LADY OF THE COVE
KIMBERLING CITY

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH
FOLLOWING THE
10:00AM MASS



ANYONE WISHING TO
ATTEND THE PROCESSION
SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND
THE 10AM MASS AT OLC

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 completely sold out, and we're looking forward to another incredible day on the course in 2026 so start building your team early!

Find out how to become a sponsor at ccsomo.org/events or scan the QR code.

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Knights of Columbus

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THE LORD'S TABLE IS SET... & YOU'RE INVITED

This invitation is for everyone.

This guide lays out monthly themes & practical suggestions to help you build lasting habits & to focus on placing God back at the center of your life.



JUNE

HONOR YOUR FATHER

Father's Day is June 21st

Say a prayer of thanksgiving to your
Heavenly Father for all the gifts you've received /
Write a thank-you note to your own Father

CELEBRATE CORPUS CHRISTI

Attend a Corpus Christi Procession

Our Lady of the Cove will be hosting one this year
June 7th after the 10AM Mass

VOLUNTEER AS A FAMILY

Volunteer an afternoon or evening to help a local
organization

JULY

AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

Celebrate with family & friends

ATTEND MASS AS A FAMILY

Attend Mass every Sunday this month

SCREEN FREE SUNDAY

Take a break from digital screens –
spend the day at the lake or
take a walk



Forsyth Council #7680



MAY 31ST - ROSARY

- KNIGHTS WILL LEAD THE ROSARY AT 8AM MASS, COME AND JOIN US.

JUNE 11TH - BUSINESS MEETING

- ROSARY AT 6:10PM ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US.
- BUSINESS MEETING STARTS ARE 6:30PM.




Our Lady of the Cove Vacation Bible School

July 6,7 & 8 2026



Registration for the 2026 Vacation Bible School "Rainforest Falls" can be completed by going to Ourladyofthecove.org OR Click on the link Vacation Bible School ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM - Our Lady of the Cove - Kimberling City.






Totus Tuus 2026


St. Joseph the Worker
1796 State Hwy NN, Ozark, MO 65721
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 Most Holy
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Donating online is easy!



Just aim your phone camera at the QR code and follow the link. Or go directly to -

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