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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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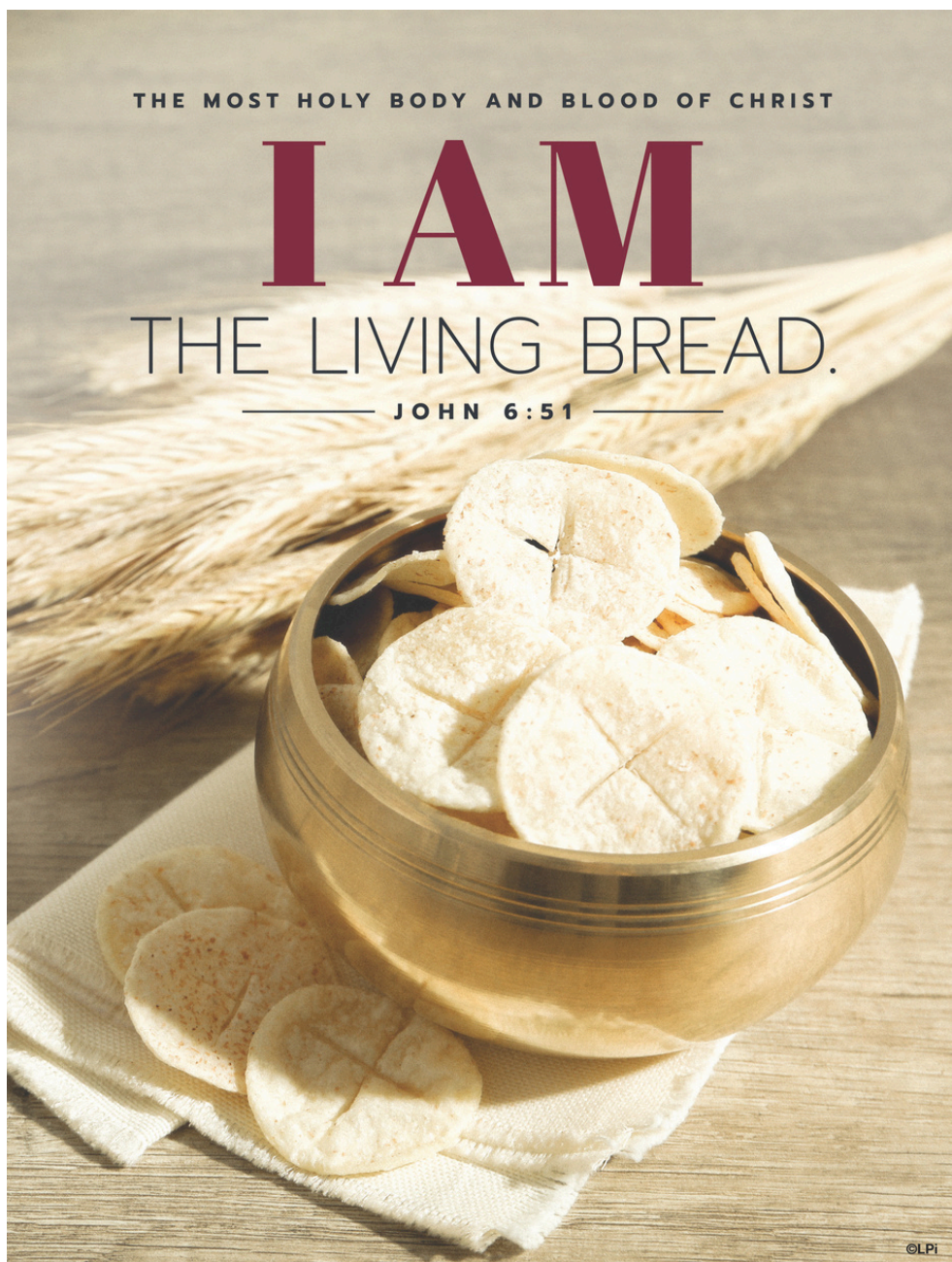
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Laura Cairns

Music Ministry

Buck Hartley

Grand Knight Council 7680



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

6/2/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:	June		June
Envelopes	\$6,260.00	\$6,260.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	244.55	244.55	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	1,295.00	1,295.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 7,799.55	\$ 7,799.55	\$11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	2,172.50	2,172.50	5,489.00
Maintenance	1,473.59	1,473.59	1,195.00
Telephone & Utilities	1,148.22	1,148.22	1,991.00
Insurance			1,600.00
Other Expenses	291.32	291.32	2,052.00
Total	\$ 5,085.63	\$ 5,085.63	\$12,327.00

A note of appreciation from Ann Forster on the occasion of her 99th Birthday

Ann sent in the following note: My sincere 'Thank you' to all my parish friends at OLO for the overwhelming gifts of birthday greetings, prayers, and love. At 99, I am a bit restricted from attending Mass, but I manage to learn about the many ministries at church – at beautiful Our Lady of the Ozarks. God love you all --- Ann Forster.



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.

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
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
Wed 6/10		No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour – Deacon is away
Wed 6/10	9:40 am	Listen Session with Fr. J (Three Questions – in the bulletin)
Thu 6/11	6:30 pm	KofC Council 7680 Mtg with Rosary at 6:10 pm
Fri 6/12	9:00 am	Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 6/17	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 6/21	9:40 am	Father's Day After Mass – Coffee & More fellowship

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 6/7	Jean Roach +	Dennis / Marilyn	James and Joann Roach
Wed 6/10	Tom Kinsella +	Carla	
Fri 6/12	Lester & Ronnie Droste+	Dennis	
Sun 6/14	John Kartheiser +	Carla / Toni	Sandra Kartheiser and Marilyn Guy
Wed 6/17	Eugene Leonard +	Marilyn	
Fri 6/19	Dee Walton +	Kay	

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. Nearly 2000 people from across the diocese have already signed up. Seating is limited to 3,000.

No need to drive yourself, Bus transportation available.

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.

There is a signup list in the gathering space. As of now, we have a bus designated for OLO that will leave and return form Forsyth. There are 40 seats on the bus. Let's fill up all the seats.

BTW, plans are to leave around 7 am and 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>.



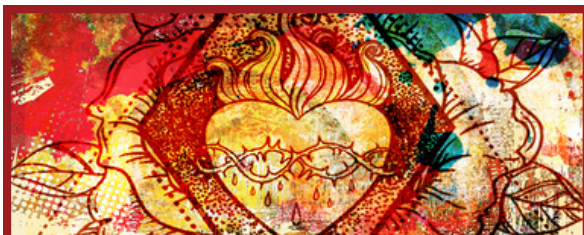
CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

OUR LADY OF THE COVE
KIMBERLING CITY

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



ANYONE WISHING TO
ATTEND THE PROCESSION
SHOULD PLAN TO
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Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Reverence During Daily Mass: Why It matters for our entire parish

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the beauty of sacred silence before Mass and during Mass. I received a follow-up question regarding whether it was okay for activities in the parish hall while daily Mass is being celebrated. While there is no “Canon Law” that forbids activities in a parish hall during Mass, I would argue that Mass is always a greater priority and the parish should avoid scheduling activities during times when the Eucharist is being celebrated.

Daily Mass is one of the quiet treasures of parish life. Even when only a few people are gathered in the church, the Eucharist is the same sacred mystery celebrated on Sundays: Christ becomes present among us offering Himself to the Father for our salvation. Because of this, the Church invites us to cultivate an atmosphere of reverence not only inside the church itself but throughout the parish environment whenever Mass is celebrated.

However, the deeper question is not legal but pastoral. Even though the parish hall is not a sacred space in the same way the church is, the “Church” asks that nothing nearby take place that would distract from prayer or disrupt the celebration of the Eucharist. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal highlights the importance of silence and recollection, and Canon 1210 reminds us to avoid anything “discordant with the holiness of the place.” While these norms apply directly to the church, the spirit behind them naturally extends to the surrounding areas.

For this reason, most dioceses follow a simple and sensible pastoral practice. Quiet activities, such as small meetings, office work, food pantry operations, or school tasks that do not create noise, are perfectly appropriate during Mass. But loud or disruptive activities, sports, parties, rehearsals or anything that causes significant foot traffic, should be paused until Mass has ended. The guiding principle is straightforward: if it disrupts the Mass or distracts the faithful, it should not happen.

This approach reflects a deeper truth. Mass is not just “one event among many.” It is the source and summit of parish life. Even if the hall is not a sacred space, the parish environment should reflect reverence, unity of purpose, and respect for the Eucharistic mystery taking place just a few steps away. Pausing activities for a short time is not a burden, it is an act of love for the Lord and for one another.

A simple way to express this is that the Church does not forbid activities in the parish hall during daily Mass, but out of reverence for the Eucharist and respect for those attending, we avoid anything that could create noise or distraction. The goal is not to restrict parish life, but to honor the sacred moment happening just a few steps away.

In a world filled with noise, distraction, and constant motion, the quiet that surrounds the Eucharist becomes a powerful witness. By keeping the parish hall peaceful during daily Mass, we honor the Lord who comes to us in the Eucharist and strengthen the spiritual heart of our parish.

ATTENTION PLEASE



WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

**Parishioners' Listening Session with Fr. J.
at all three Our Lady's parishes**

**Tuesday, June 9th, 10:00am
Our Lady of the Cove**

**Wednesday, June 10th, 10:00am
Our Lady of the Ozarks**

**Wednesday, June 10th, 6:00pm
Our Lady of the Lake
Faith Formation Room**

***You are invited to take part in any of the Listening Sessions.
Your feedback is truly important to us.***

Please read and reflect on the questions below.

- What signs of hope and faith do you find in the Catholic Church in your region? How can those seeds be cultivated and supported by your region and by the diocese?
- What do you see as the three greatest priorities for growing as Catholics in your area? For growing as a diocese?
- How can we use the momentum of the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to continue growing in unity and faith?

If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to email your feedback to your parish office.
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Annual Catholic Communication Campaign 2nd Collection – Sunday, June 14



The annual Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC), celebrated June 13-14 this year, helps connect people to the life-saving message of the Gospel by using modern media tools to inform, inspire, and enlighten. Half of your contribution to this annual CCC collection stays right here in our diocese, funding local evangelization and communication efforts through diocesan print resources, radio, Internet, social networks and film.

Through your donations, the universal Church and our diocese are able to bring Christ's message of hope to all people, globally and locally. Please consider giving.

CONSECRATING THE UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

As part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the US bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart. Here at Our Lady of the Ozarks, we will have Mass with Fr. Nicholas Newton and Sacred Heart Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on June 12 at 9 am.



Help Wanted & Needed

Bulletin Coordinator, PSR Teachers, Homebound, Parish Council, etc.

OLO needs a new Bulletin Coordinator. Mike Rivera, who has been graciously managing our bulletins for the past three and half years, is stepping down. Mike was recently hired by Our Sunday Visitor and needs to back away from some of his volunteer work at both Branson and Forsyth. The job entails coordinating the parish news, inputting the information using the bulletin software, and positioning the articles into our bulletin format for print. Deacon Dan will provide backup but really can't be the primary bulletin coordinator.

Our Parish School of Religion has begun summer break, and now is the time to begin planning for the next faith formation year. Deacon Dan and Craig Pollard will continue teaching; however, we can use one or two more catechists. It is my hope to have catechism tailored closer to age specific formation and any needed sacrament preparation. Of course, we can continue Family-style, one room classroom formation but I want to make sure we address the needs of our parish.

There is also a need to expand our homebound ministry – taking communion to our shut-ins. Deacon Dan does get to visit most of our homebound (not all) but can't do it as often as he would like. Please consider being part of this ministry. Remember Jesus said, "it was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

And as we prepare to take on more growth, more evangelization opportunities in our Forsyth community, the parish needs three new parish council members to offer their support, their vision in bringing more people to Christ. The Parish Council meets four to five times a year (or it should) to help Fr. J and Deacon Dan navigate the spiritual needs of the parish and those in our community. We are beginning to see growth in our membership due implementing last year's goal of making our parish more visible in the community through service and simple name recognition. Talk to Deacon if you have interest in being on the Council.



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.

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) 2026 Update

We are entering our 5th week into this year’s DDF campaign. I wish to thank those who have already returned their pledge envelope and encourage those who have yet to do so sooner rather than later.

To date our parish has received 25 pledges totaling \$5,405 toward our \$15,645 goal (35%). Thank you.

Last year at this time, we had 31 pledges totaling \$8,902 (56% of our goal). Looking back at OLO’s past DDF participation, the data shows that we are running behind prior years after the first four weeks of the campaign. The data comparison is for awareness purposes only.

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.

Dollar Amount							
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cum Wk 1	5,515	4,783	4,960	7,294	9,495	4,650	2,750
Cum Wk 2	7,775	8,583	7,310	9,874	10,770	5,750	4,210
Cum Wk 3	8,900	9,933	8,460	10,324	13,995	7,625	5,295
Cum Wk 4	<u>9,250</u>	<u>10,383</u>	<u>10,710</u>	<u>10,999</u>	<u>15,145</u>	<u>8,902</u>	<u>5,405</u>
DDF Goal	13,597	13,597	15,143	14,205	14,819	15,790	15,645
% of Goal	68%	76%	71%	77%	102%	56%	35%
Pledges							
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cum Wk 1	27	21	18	21	28	17	10
Cum Wk 2	35	32	25	30	36	21	17
Cum Wk 3	40	40	29	34	43	27	23
Cum Wk 4	<u>42</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>25</u>
DDF Goal	63	55	55	54	52	54	51
% of Goal	67%	76%	62%	74%	87%	57%	49%



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