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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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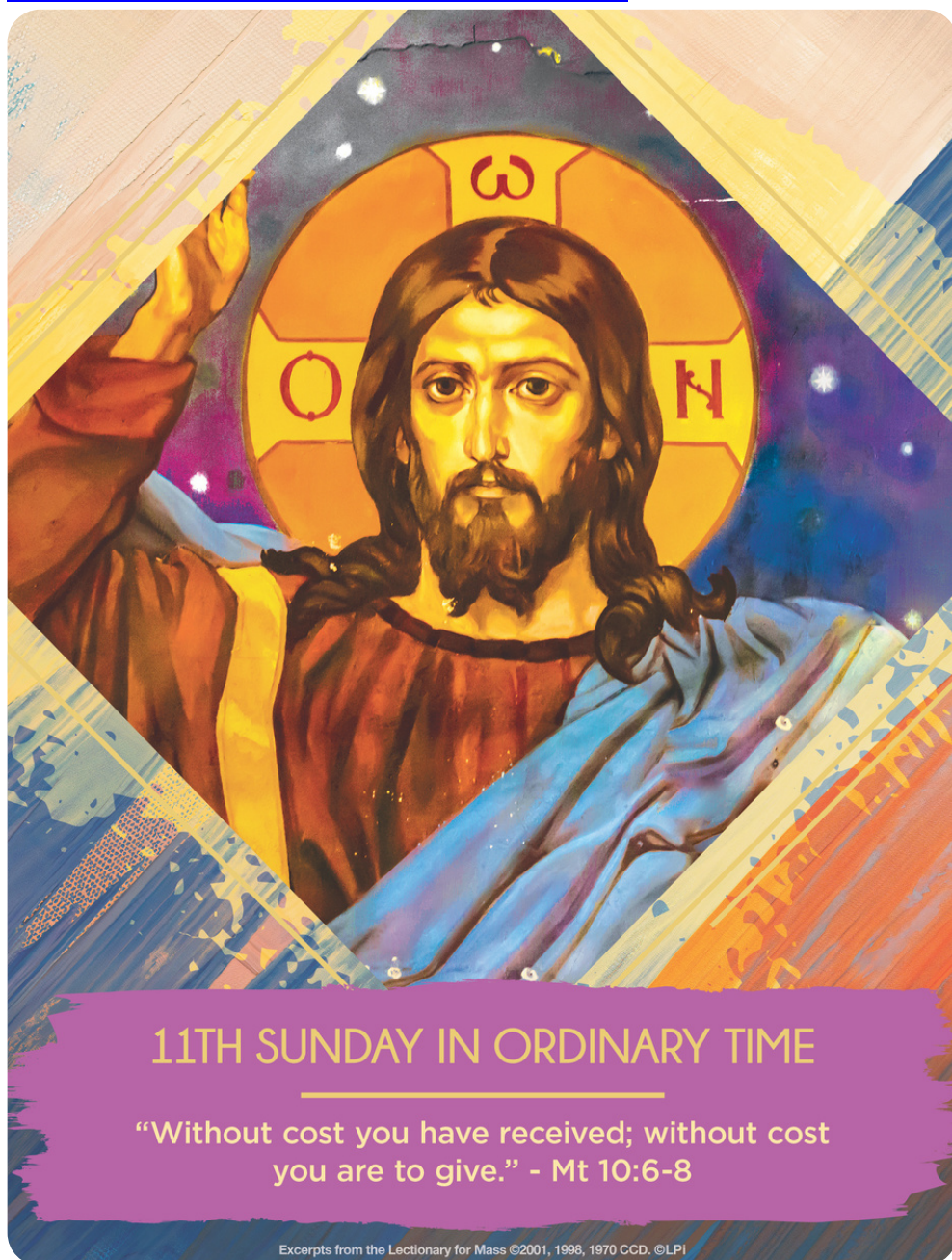
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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Without cost you have received; without cost
you are to give.” - Mt 10:6-8

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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

6/9/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		June	June
Envelopes	\$1,920.00	\$8,180.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	202.00	446.55	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	1,110.00	2,405.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 3,232.00	\$ 11,031.55	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	873.00	3,045.50	5,489.00
Maintenance		1,473.59	1,195.00
Telephone & Utilities		1,148.22	1,991.00
Insurance	800.00	800.00	1,600.00
Other Expenses	601.75	893.07	2,052.00
Total	\$ 2,274.75	\$ 7,360.38	\$ 12,327.00



The PCCW is hosting a Father's Day Breakfast Sunday, June 21st following Mass.

Come join us in celebrating all Fathers on their special day. All are invited!



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
Wed 6/17	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 6/21	9:40 am	PCCW hosting Father's Day Breakfast after Mass
Wed 6/24	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 6/28	9:40 am	Youth group - Steubenville information meeting
Tue 6/30	6:30 pm	OCIA (RCIA) Inquiry Meeting at OLL Branson

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 6/14	John Kartheiser +	Carla / Toni	Sandra Kartheiser and Marilyn Guy
Wed 6/17	Eugene Leonard +	Marilyn	
Fri 6/19	Dee Walton +	Kay	
Sun 6/21	Parish Family	Craig / Hunter	Gene Ridings
Wed 6/24	Phil Harter +	Charlene	
Fri 6/26	John Loughner +	Nancy	

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – Registration continues



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

No need to drive yourself, Bus transportation available.
(No, it will not be horsedrawn carriage. Made you look!)



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. There are 40 seats on the bus. Let's fill up all the seats.

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>.



Devotions, Explained! Memorare

Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary's intercession in an hour of dire need

Readings for the week of June 14, 2026

Sunday:

Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/
Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday:

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/
Mt 6:7-15

Friday:

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14,
17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:

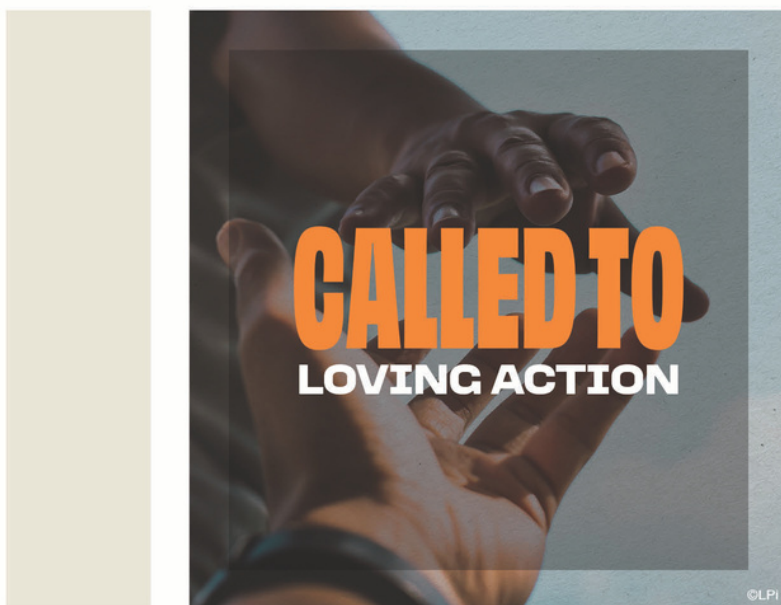
2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32,
33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is **“moved with compassion” for the crowd, for they were “like sheep without a shepherd.”** (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

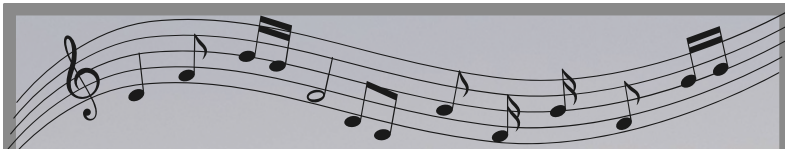
— Father John Muir



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.



**How Sweet the Sound
Retreat**

A lyrical reflection on
“Amazing Grace”

**Wednesday, July 29th
6:30pm to 8:30pm
Our Lady of the Lake
(In the Church)**

**Explore the text and reflect on
each verse of this piece
by Sarah Hart.**

**Let its message touch our hearts
and draw us closer to God.**

**Presented by
Dorene Oesterreicher**

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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
REGISTER for
Totus Tuus!**



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 there is a need for four (4) new parish council members. The Parish Council typically 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 to 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.

Thank you to those who responded to last week's bulletin plea. I am running it again this week as my ministries' door remains open for more time to respond.





**Are You Searching for Something More?
The Catholic Church is ready to walk with you.
Interested in Becoming Catholic? OCIA Inquiry Session**



OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process of study, exploration, faith-sharing, and faith formation for those who are curious about the Catholic faith, whether unbaptized adults or baptized Christians from another tradition who are drawn toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

This journey involves prayer, catechesis, and participation in the life of the Church, culminating in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

OCIA is not merely a program or a class it is a sacramental formation process that prepares individuals and communities for a particular way of life as Catholic Christians. Conversion is at its heart: a turning around, a change that happens when we allow God to love us into something new.

There is no pressure and no commitment simply by showing up. No one will force you to enter into the Church, it must be your own free choice. You can join simply to have questions answered and grow in your understanding of the Catholic faith.

The next Inquiry Session will be held at Our Lady of the Lake on Tuesday, June 30, at 6:30 pm. (The meeting place is located in the lower level of the church.)

For more information, contact Deacon Dan (parish office). If you can't make the session, Deacon Dan will be happy to meet with you here at the parish in Forsyth.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." — Matthew 7:7

A Holy Spirit inspired thought from Deacon Dan's retreat experience

I was on silent retreat this past week with 11 other deacons. I was a guest of the Archdiocese of Kansas City. They had one opening and invited me to join them on retreat. Their kind invite was in part due to our diocese having four men in diaconal formation in their diocese, but more likely because they needed someone to replace Judas in restoring order back to the number 12. It was a wonderful, peaceful retreat experience allowing me to keep fresh in my ministries.

At the retreat, I noticed a deacon wearing a T-shirt highlighting his parish's mission statement. His parish is Mother of Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church in Topeka, Kansas. The T-shirt had an image of St. Mother Teresa on the front, and on the back was their mission statement. It read:

"Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church exists to cultivate a prayerful faith community based on the example of our patroness, Mother Teresa of Calcutta. United in the Eucharist and sharing Christ's love with all, we hold sacred our commitment to Christian formation, prayer, hospitality, and service to the most vulnerable in our parish, community and world."

The thought made me reflect upon our parish, Our Lady of the Ozarks, possibly doing something similar in the future – maybe a T-shirt with "Our Lady" on the front and our mission statement on the back. In the meantime, I had fun drafting up an offtake of their Mother Teresa's sentiment and applying it to our parish. It reads like this:

"Our Lady of the Ozarks exists to cultivate a prayerful faith community, united in Christ through the Eucharist, guided by Mary's example, and sent forth to share His love throughout the Ozarks and beyond."

I am not suggesting a change, but it is a beautiful prayer and sentiment. Blessings to all of you.

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