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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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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more
than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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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

6/16/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		June	June
Envelopes	\$1,365.00	\$9,545.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	296.00	742.55	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	365.00	2,770.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 2,026.00	\$ 13,057.55	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits		3,045.50	5,489.00
Maintenance		1,473.59	1,195.00
Telephone & Utilities	229.02	1,377.24	1,991.00
Insurance		800.00	1,600.00
Other Expenses	668.54	1,561.61	2,052.00
Total	\$ 897.56	\$ 8,257.94	\$ 12,327.00



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, Carolyn Townsend, Norma McKee, and Joe Enno.

For family & friends: Sandy Schumacher's brother, Kirk and niece Lisa, Carolyn Townsend's husband Bud, Patt Strom's niece Shannon, granddaughter Jennifer, and daughter Patricia, 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, Vickie Ploshay's brother Joe Ploshay, and for former parishioner Dee Vincent.

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.



The PCCW is hosting a Father's Day Breakfast following today's Mass.

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

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
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
Wed 7/1	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 7/3	9:00 am	First Friday Mass followed by social
Mon 7/6	Office Closed - July 4th weekend	

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 6/21	Parish Family	Craig / Hunter	Gene Ridings, Isaac Schmitz, and Bari Strader
Wed 6/24	Phil Harter +	Charlene	
Fri 6/26	John Loughner +	Nancy	
Sun 6/28	Cesario Lampong +	Kay / Molly	Carolina Carr, Mike & Gloria Obranovic
Wed 7/1	Shirley Schwartz +	Nancy	
Fri 7/3	First Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	

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>.





Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn



Christ the King and Our Nation: The Sacred Heart Consecration and America's 250th



On June 11, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops consecrated the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This solemn act, previously approved during their November 2025 general assembly, was undertaken in anticipation of the nation's 250th anniversary of independence in 2026. By making this consecration, the bishops sought not only to honor a historic milestone but also to reaffirm the foundational truths upon which the country was established. These truths recognize that every human being is endowed with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. In turning the nation toward the Sacred Heart, the bishops invited all people to seek deeper unity with Christ, the source of authentic freedom and peace.

This consecration to the Sacred Heart is far more than a ceremonial gesture. As Pope Leo XIII described in his 1899 encyclical, *Annum Sacrum*, a consecration should be voluntary in which individuals or communities freely acknowledge Christ's authority and entrust themselves to His loving rule. In offering our hearts to Jesus, we bind ourselves to Him in fidelity and love, recognizing Him as King and placing our confidence in His mercy. This act of belonging expresses a desire to live under His guidance and to allow His Heart to shape our own.

Such a consecration becomes especially meaningful in times of cultural or moral turbulence. Pope Pius XI observed that when societies drift from divine and natural law, when public life attempts to exclude Christ, acts of consecration serve as a courageous witness. They proclaim that "Christ must reign," even when His sovereignty is ignored or denied. A public consecration is therefore both a plea for divine assistance and a declaration of hope. It seeks spiritual renewal not only for believers but for the entire human family, asking that the flame of charity be rekindled and that those who walk in darkness may be drawn toward faith and holiness.

This raises an important question about how such devotion intersects with civic life in the United States. The Church's engagement in public affairs is not about partisanship but about forming consciences, helping Catholics discern moral truth and apply it to social and political realities. The bishops describe conscience as the "voice of God" urging us to choose good and avoid evil. Properly forming this conscience requires effort, prayer, and openness to the teachings of Christ.

A national consecration, then, becomes a collective appeal for conversion. It expresses a desire that Christ's authority be acknowledged in the hearts of all people and that His grace transform the culture. This is particularly fitting as the nation marks its 250th year. Aligning the consecration with such a moment offers a providential opportunity -- it invites reflection on our national identity, our moral responsibilities, and our need for God's mercy.

Ultimately, consecration to the Sacred Heart is about giving ourselves to Jesus and allowing His love to renew our lives. It is a timeless call to reparation, conversion, and hope, one that speaks not only to individuals but to nations seeking true peace and enduring freedom

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) 2026 Update

Having completed week six of the annual DDF drive, our parish has pledged \$10,640 (68%) toward our \$15,645 goal with a pledge participation of 34 (67%). This compares with 37 pledges and \$12,402 (78%) for the same period last year. We are making progress. Thank you! 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.

To give to DDF - Use the QR Code or going directly to the DDF Website

<https://dioscg.givevirtuous.org/donate/donate-to-ddf>



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*

ALL ARE WELCOME

2026 Peter's Pence Collection 2nd Collection – Sunday, June 28

Support the Works of the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection

From his first appearance after his election in May 2025, Pope Leo XIV has called upon Catholics to live in peace and unity with one another within the Church and to share this invitation to peace and unity with the whole world.

Throughout history, Catholics have shared the peace and unity of Christ with the world by proclaiming the Gospel and performing works of mercy.

For centuries, Catholics have expressed our unity with the Pope by giving to the Peter's Pence Collection, which supports his mission to proclaim Christ's message of unity and peace with the world. Our gifts to the Holy Father are "concrete signs of hope" to Pope Leo XIV that fulfill the two aims of Peter's Pence:

Next Sunday, most parishes in the U.S. will hold the Peter's Pence collection. Your participation will help support for the needs of the Catholic Church around the world and the charitable works it carries out.

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he serves in compassion, and for the success of his appeal. And please give if you are able. Even a small gift can go a long way in supporting the work of the Holy See.





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.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION – Please Read and Comply



Safe Environment Requirements for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers

If you are a volunteer at the parish and are in a role that is considered to be around our youth and any vulnerable adult, you are required to be Virtus trained. Please complete and sign your 2026-2027 Annual Safe-Conduct Form. This means volunteers with the potential to interact; active in the Knights or PCCW, teach PSR, homebound ministry, etc. are required to be Virtus trained.

The Safe Environment training is accessible online. Any new volunteer can create an account and register for the required Safe Environment {VIRTUS} training at <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>. (Online account)

The annual Code of Conduct form that is to be signed link <https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>. I will also have a printout of the form for your review & signature in the gathering space.

Thanks for all you do – including getting the signed form back to me – Deacon Dan

Thinking About the Catholic Faith? You're Not Alone

Every year, men and women from all walks of life find themselves feeling a quiet tug toward something deeper -- toward prayer, toward community, toward God. If you've been wondering about the Catholic Church, or if you simply have questions, you've never had the chance to ask, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a gentle place to begin.

OCIA is not a commitment to join the Church. It's a place to explore:

- What Catholics believe and why
- How prayer can shape daily life
- What it means to follow Christ in today's world
- How God might be working in your own story



You'll meet others who are asking the same questions, and you'll have space to listen, learn, and discern at your own pace.

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, seek, knock and the door will be opened to you." — Matthew 7:7

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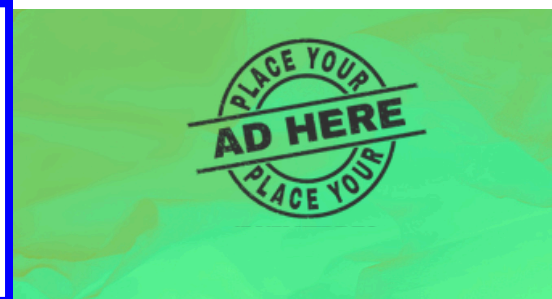
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Then click on Report Abuse, and/or call the Director of Child and Youth Protection:

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