

951 Swan Valley Drive, Forsyth, MO 65653
417-546-5208 | ourladyoftheozarks@gmail.com
www.ourladyoftheozarks.com

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



Parish Leadership

Father J Friedel

Pastor
417-334-2928 ext 105
FrJFriedel@ollbranson.com

Father Johny M. Augusthy

Associate Pastor
417-334-2928 X 101
johnyvc@dioscg.org

Father Dhaneesh Thomas

Associate Pastor
417-334-2928
Dhaneesh@dioscg.org

Dcn Daniel Vaughn

Parish Administrator
Pastoral Associate
417-546-5208 or 812-204-2625
DcnDanVaughn@gmail.com

Mike Rivera

Bulletin
mikerivera@ollbranson.com

Nancy Loughner

Office Associate

Marilyn Guy

Financial Administrator

Barbara Peterson

PCCW President

Chris Gillen

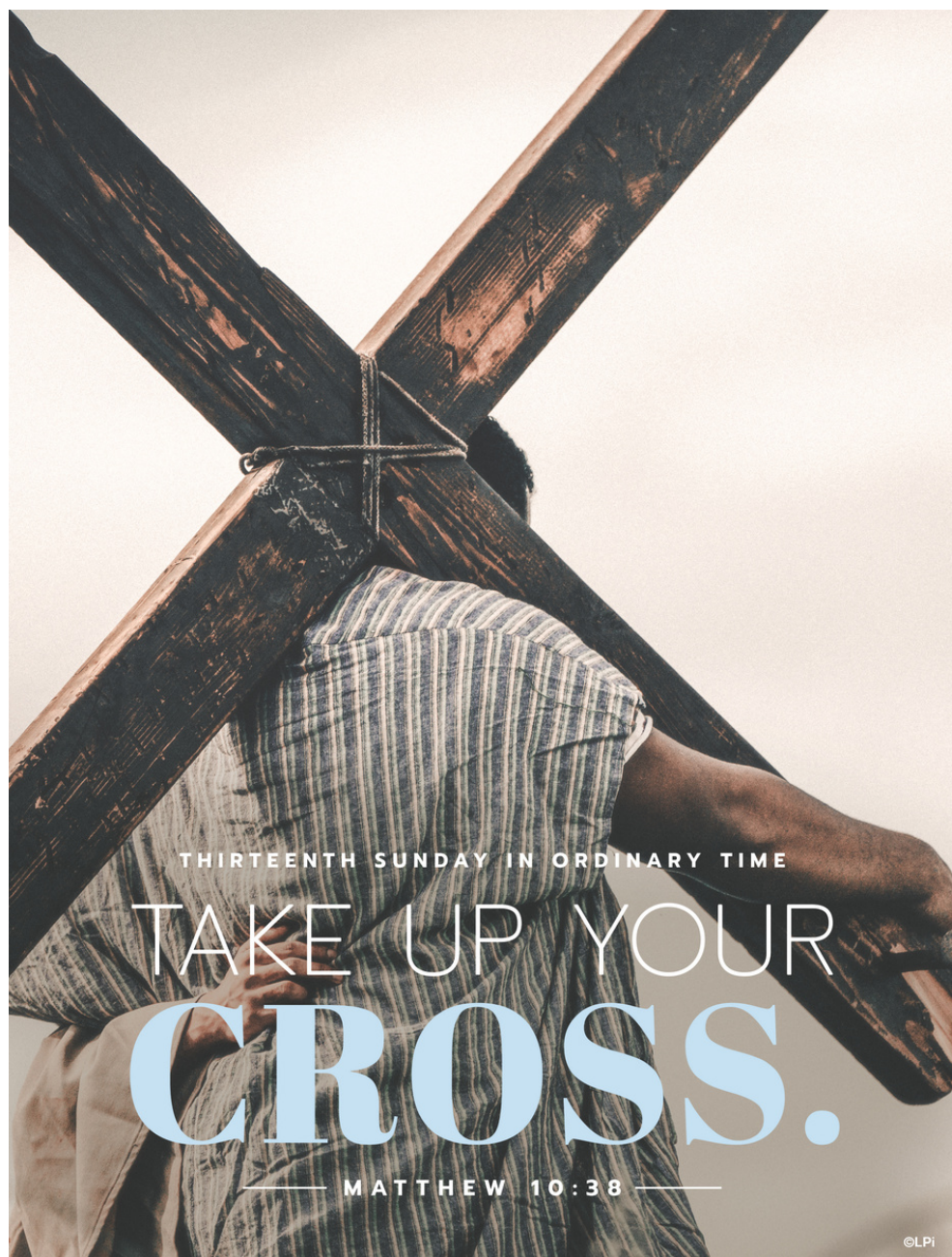
Parish Pastoral Council President

Laura Cairns

Music Ministry

Buck Hartley

Grand Knight Council 7680



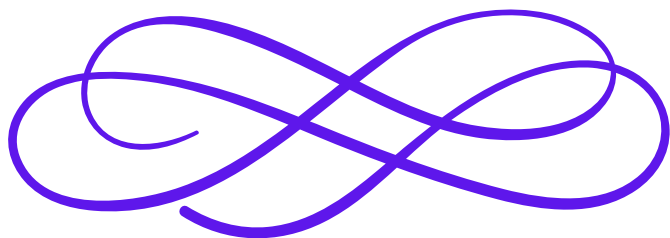
Our Lady of the Ozarks Mission Statement

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

6/23/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		June	June
Envelopes	\$2,168.00	\$11,713.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	200.00	942.55	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	684.00	3,454.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 3,052.00	\$ 16,109.55	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits		3,045.50	5,489.00
Maintenance	202.50	1,676.09	1,195.00
Telephone & Utilities		1,377.24	1,991.00
Insurance		800.00	1,600.00
Other Expenses	125.77	1,687.38	2,052.00
Total	\$ 328.27	\$ 8,586.21	\$ 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.

Parish Calendar of Events

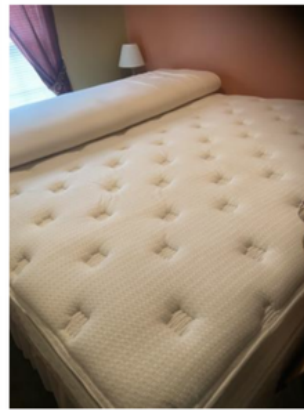
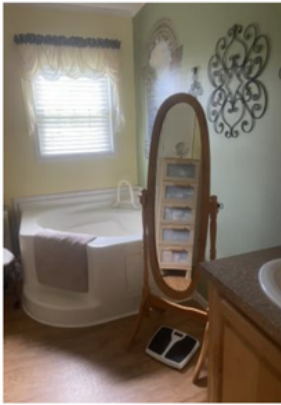
Date	Time	Event
Sun 6/28	9:40 am	Youth group - Steubenville information meeting
Tue 6/30	6:30 pm	OCIA (RCIA) Inquiry Meeting at OLL Branson
Wed 7/1	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 7/3	9:00 am	First Friday Mass followed by social
Mon 7/6	Office Closed - July 4th Weekend	
Wed 7/8	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Thu 7/9	6:30 pm	KofC Council 7680 Mtg, 6:10 Rosary
Fri 7/10	4:00 pm	Youth depart OLO for Springfield - Steubenville Conference

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 6/28	Cesario Lampong +	Kay / Molly	Carolina Carr, Mike & Gloria
Wed 7/1	Shirley Schwartz +	Nancy	Obranovic
Fri 7/3	First Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	
Sun 7/5	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Molly / Toni	Huffman Family
Wed 7/8	Charles Richardson +	Carla	
Fri 7/10	Dee Walton +	Kathy	

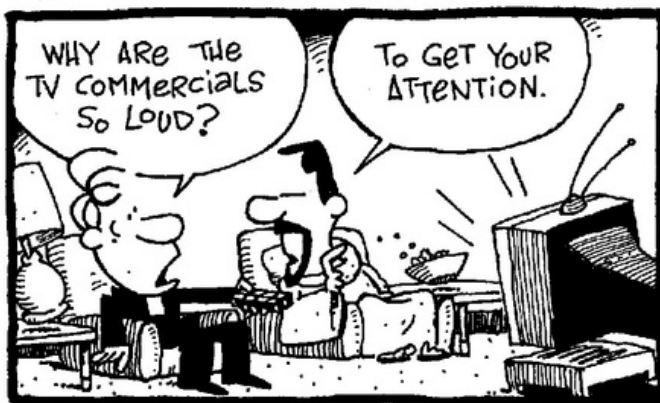
Moving, Items for Sale... One of our Parishioners is moving...

We are selling these items prior to our Rummage Sale: Please see Barbara Peterson or Marcia Franko if you're interested in any item. (Contact information is in the Church Directory)



1. Floor Dressing Mirror - \$35
2. Maroon Accent Chairs \$40
3. Charmglow Electric Fireplace/Heater \$95
4. Three Counter Height Upholstered Chairs \$75
5. Office Chair - \$25
6. Stearns & Foster King Bed with Frame \$200

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

The Catholic Duty to Safeguard America's Founding Principles

As we approach the 250th Anniversary of the United States independence, I continue to seek out themes and historical events that are connected to our Catholic faith. One of my go-to resources for ideas is Aleteia.org.

This week's newsletter featured an article written by Tom Hoopes; [4 Reasons America's future depends on Catholics](#). The article summarizes comments made by Pope St. John Paul II with a papal central theme that American Catholics should turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe to lead us – specifically, to be the “soul” of the Republic. The following is my summary of Tom's article.

Reason 1: America's future depends on religious people because its founding principles are religious principles. Self-government only works with a religious people who obey God's will – when people have no self-control, the government has to control them instead.

Reason 2: Catholics have a deep understanding of the Nation's founding principles. Catholic thinkers influenced the Declaration of Independence directly, and the words of Doctor of the Church, Robert Bellarmine, match key phrases in the Declaration document.

St. John Paul II made the connection explicit: “In a world without truth, freedom loses its foundation, and a democracy without values can lose its very soul. But America possesses a safeguard, a great bulwark, against this happening. I speak of your founding documents: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights.”

Reason 3: Democracy requires moral truth. St. John Paul II said, "The continuing success of American democracy depends on the degree to which each new generation, native-born and immigrant, make its own the moral truths on which the Founding Fathers staked the future of your Republic."

Reason 4: America functions as a “new Rome” and Catholics are called to be its “soul.” Catholics must play the same role early Christians played in Rome: offering a moral compass and spiritual witness. American Catholics are urged to turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe so that the Gospel might transform American culture from within. Pope Francis commented that the principles of the Declaration continue to inspire global movements for human dignity.

St. John Paul II's devotion to Our Lady was lifelong and unmistakable. In contrast to the culture-of-death, he called Our Lady of Guadalupe the Mother of Hope and the Mother and Evangelizer of America. He highlighted this theme at the First Synod of all the Bishops of America in December 1998.

His prayer to her captures it beautifully: "Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, we pray to you for all the Bishops, that they may lead the faithful along paths of intense Christian life, of love and humble service of God and souls."

As America marks 250 years, St. John Paul II's prophetic vision continues to ring true. The future of this Republic rests not on politics or power, but on whether Catholics answer the call to be its soul. May the grace of Our Lady of Guadalupe, of the Ozarks, of the Lake and of the Cove, draw our nation closer to her Son.

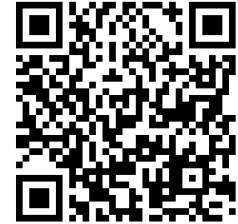
Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) 2026 Update

Having completed week seven of the annual DDF drive. Our parish has pledged \$11,690 (72%) toward our \$15,645 goal with a pledge participation of 36 (71%). WE continue to make 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.



We're Growing!

New Parishioners that joined our community over the last few months.



Garry Hunt



Chris, Kristen, Abby and Adam Rock



Darlene & Gene Ridings



Jeff (Tina) Guzman, Kathy (Bryan) Fisher,
and John Banks



James Roach
with JoAnn



Chelsi (Susan/mom)
Patterson



Debra Philpott



Janet Johnson



Ben, Serinity, and
Harah Smith

**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/wp-content/uploads/2026-2027-Code-of-Conduct.English.pdf> (This is the correct link for 2026-2027.)

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

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**Still Feeling That Tug Toward Faith? OCIA Is Here for You
Next Discussion Session – Tuesday, June 30 at 6:30 pm OLL Branson**

Last week we shared how many people experience a quiet stirring, a desire for something deeper, steadier, more rooted in God. If that description has stayed with you, even just a little, consider it an invitation. The Church has a place designed exactly for that kind of searching: OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).

OCIA is where questions are welcomed, stories are honored, and no one is pressured. It's a simple, grace-filled space to reflect on your life and to discover how God may already be at work within it.

Whether you're curious about Catholic teaching, longing for a stronger prayer life, or simply wondering what faith might look like in your daily routine, you'll find companions on the journey.

Our next Inquiry Session will be held at Our Lady of the Lake on Tuesday, June 30, at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the church. You're welcome to come with questions or simply come and listen.

If you can't attend that evening, Deacon Dan will be glad to meet you here at the parish in Forsyth at a time that works for you.

Christ's promise remains true: "Ask, seek, knock..." The door is open. Come and see!

Donating online is easy!



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

<https://giving.myparishsoft.io//app/giving/WeShare-20001679?tab=home>

PLACE YOUR AD HERE

Options PREGNANCY CLINIC

10726 E 76, Suite E
Forsyth, Mo 65653
417-336-5465

Darrel & Susan Bearden
Snapp Bearden
Funeral Home and Crematory
Ozarks Memorial Park 417-546-4757

Knights of Columbus
PRO LIFE
Forsyth Council #7680

Shepherd of the Hills Estates Apartment Community

1 & 2 Bedrooms
1-1/2 & 2 Baths
417-546-3334
for Carefree Living

shepherdofthehillsestates.com

MR. DON'S BARBER SHOP Don Carr and Wren Carr
173 Shadowrock Drive, Forsyth, MO
Tue — Fri 8:00 — 5:00 and Sat 8 — 12
For Appt 294-1984

Dan Guy, ENROLLED AGENT
D&M Accounting Service
417-546-5086
Highway 160, P.O. Box 808
Forsyth, Missouri 65653

Mr. Bug Killer Inc. PROFESSIONAL EXTERMINATING

Branson (417) 334-0009
Forsyth (417) 546-2009

Caring

Learn more about senior living and senior care by calling 800-558-0653 or go to www.caring.com.

THE BROOK wellness center

Jesus, I trust in you.

OUR LADY OF THE OZARKS PARISH FORSYTH

SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN

ORDERS TO-GO!!

16039 Hwy 160
FORSYTH, MO
417-251-9588

HOME COOKED "COUNTRY" STYLE MEALS
MMMMM GOOD STUFF!

PLACE YOUR AD HERE

Our Lady of the Ozarks
Parish Council of Catholic Women

GERKEN & Associates

Residential • Commercial Real Estate

Duane & Kay Gerken, Brokers
Duane: 417.335.0771 Kay 417.335.0271
GerkenandAssociates.com Office: 417.334.1892

PINEGAR BRANSON PINEGAR CHEVROLET BUICK GMC OF BRANSON

N. Hwy 65 Branson, MO
417-231-4599

<https://www.pinegarbranson.com>
Fletch@pinegarbranson.com

Our Lady of the Ozarks Parish Council of Catholic Women

Safe Environment - Report Abuse

If you suspect or have a concern regarding misconduct or abuse, use the Report Abuse online access via the Diocesan webpage, www.dioscg.org.

Then click on Report Abuse, and/or call the Director of Child and Youth Protection:
William Holtmeyer, 417-866-0841

PLACE YOUR AD HERE

To purchase an ad, contact:
Mike Rivera mikerivera@ollbranson.com 417-527-4367