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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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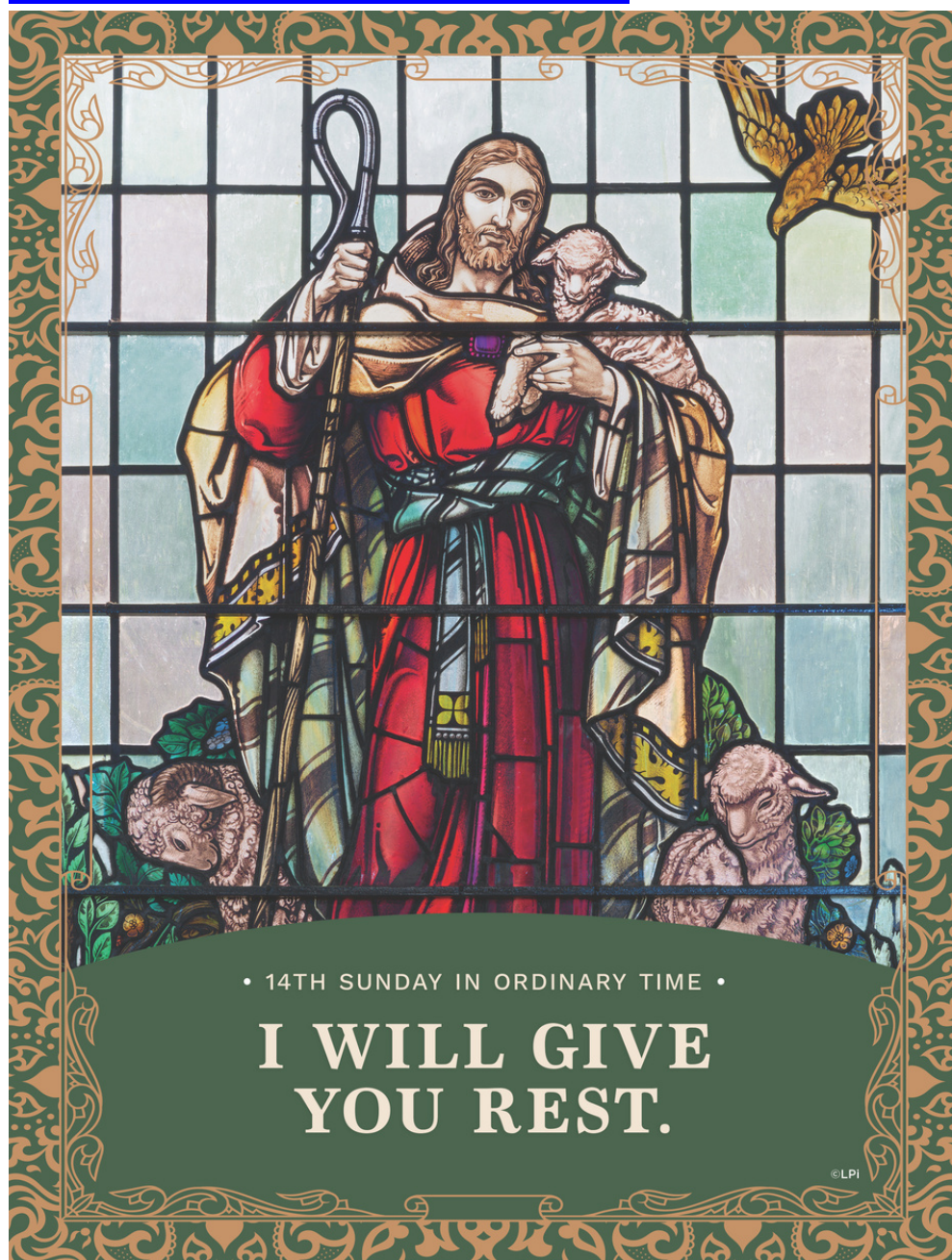
Parish Pastoral Council President

Laura Cairns

Music Ministry

Buck Hartley

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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

6/30/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date June	Budget for Month June
Regular Collections:			
Envelopes	\$1,405.00	\$13,118.00	\$7,500.00
Plate (loose)	305.00	1,247.55	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	212.00	3,666.00	2,800.00
Total	\$ 1,922.00	\$ 18,031.55	\$ 11,300.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	2,304.71	5,350.21	5,489.00
Maintenance	3,989.81	5,665.90	1,195.00
Telephone & Utilities		1,377.24	1,991.00
Insurance	800.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Other Expenses	550.97	2,238.35	2,052.00
Total	\$ 7,645.49	\$ 16,231.70	\$ 12,327.00

Have a Blessed & Safe Fourth of July!



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
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	3:00 pm	Youth depart OLO for Springfield – Steubenville Conference
Sun 7/12	9:40 am	Knights Council 7680 Donuts After Mass
Sun 7/12	3:00 pm	Youth Return to OLO

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 7/5	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Molly / Toni	Huffman Family
Wed 7/8	Charles Richardson +	Carla	
Fri 7/10	Dee Walton +	Kathy	
Sun 7/12	Parish Family	Kay / Tom	Paul Lautenschlager & Killian
Wed 7/15	Eugene Leonard +	Charlene	
Fri 7/17	Roman Hein +	Marilyn	

**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 if are in a role that is considered placed you around our youth and/or any vulnerable adult, you are required to be Virtus trained. Training is online, in the comfort of your home. The training session is painless, leaving no excuses for not getting trained

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

The 2026-2027 annual Code of Conduct form that is to be signed link <https://dioscrg.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-2027-Code-of-Conduct.English.pdf>

Please read and sign page 5 and return it to the parish office or placed in the basket in the gathering space. Blank forms are in the gathering space for your convenience as well. Thank you – DD.

**Men's
Breakfast**



**CATHOLIC
MEN'S
CONFERENCE**

The Catholic Men's Conference would like to invite all men to attend our Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast.

This event includes breakfast, short presentation, small group discussion, and prayer.

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 7:00-8:30 AM---Donations Accepted

Place: Immaculate Conception Church-Community Room A

To properly plan food preparation, please RSVP by clicking on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2wb3mnui> or scanning this QR code





HIS EXCELLENCY
MOST REVEREND EDWARD M. RICE
By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

DECREE

Regarding the First Diocesan Eucharistic Congress,
the Celebration of the Solemn Pontifical Mass, and the Modification of Parish Mass Schedules on
August 14–16, 2026

Whereas, the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau celebrates the 70th Anniversary of its canonical erection as a Diocese, having been established by Pope Pius XII on August 24, 1956;

Whereas the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau will celebrate its First Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in West Plains, Missouri, on Saturday, August 15, 2026, as a principal observance of this jubilee year and as a sacred occasion of worship, renewal, and unity centered on the Most Holy Eucharist;

Whereas, the Eucharistic Congress is intended to gather the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Diocese as one diocesan community around the altar of the Lord, manifesting the communion of the Church and our common faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament;

Whereas, after consultation with the Vicar General and the Presbyteral Council, it has been judged pastorally beneficial to encourage the fullest possible participation of the clergy and faithful in this diocesan celebration;

Whereas, the celebration of a Pontifical Mass presided over by the Diocesan Bishop, together with the priests, deacons, religious, and faithful of the Diocese, and the participation of the clergy in the Eucharistic Congress and this solemn diocesan liturgy, will visibly manifest the unity of the local Church gathered around its shepherd, express the communion of the presbyterate with the Bishop, and strengthen the unity of the entire diocesan community nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ;

Whereas, although the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation in the Year of Our Lord 2026, it remains a feast of great significance for the faithful, and it is therefore pastorally beneficial to provide for the celebration of a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity throughout the Diocese on the evening of Friday, August 14, 2026;

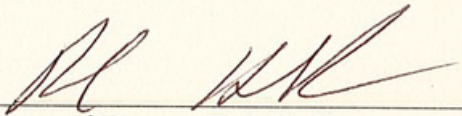
Therefore, by virtue of my authority as Diocesan Bishop and in accord with canons 381 §1 and 838 §4 of the Code of Canon Law, **I hereby decree** that all regularly scheduled Saturday evening Vigil Masses in the parishes, missions, chapels, and other places of worship within the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau are canceled on Saturday, August 15, 2026.

I further decree that pastors and parochial administrators shall celebrate a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the evening of Friday, August 14, 2026, according to the liturgical norms of the Roman Rite.

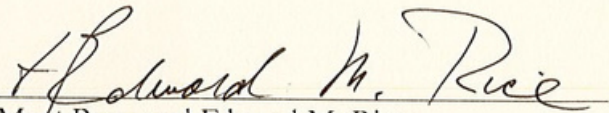
Pastors and Parochial Administrators are hereby directed to make suitable pastoral provision for the faithful by celebrating a Mass on Sunday evening, August 16, 2026, in substitution for the regularly scheduled Saturday evening Vigil Mass that is canceled by virtue of this decree.

Pastors and Parochial Administrators are further directed to communicate this decree clearly and promptly to the faithful through Diocesan Newspaper, Mirror, parish announcements, bulletins, websites, social media, and other appropriate means.

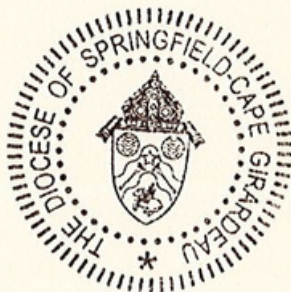
Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau on this 24th day of June 2026.



Reverend Deacon Rob Huff
Chancellor



Most Reverend Edward M. Rice
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau





Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

A Brief History of the Catholic Church in America - Celebrating Our Nation's 250th Anniversary

When we hear 'Church history' we tend to think about the early Church, the Milam Edict, the Crusades, the Reformation, etc. We often overlook that the Catholic Church has been present on this land far longer than the United States itself, quietly shaping communities, caring for the vulnerable, and forming the moral imagination of generations. The following provides a lookback at U.S. Catholic history.

Before the Founding (1500s–1700s)

Catholic missionaries were among the first Christians to set foot in North America. Spanish Franciscans and Jesuits established missions from Florida to California. French Jesuits evangelized the Great Lakes and Mississippi River regions, often at great personal cost. The first permanent Catholic parish in what would become the United States was founded in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1565, over two centuries before the Declaration of Independence.

The Founding Era (1776–1850)

At the time of the Revolution, Catholics were less than 1% of the population and often faced suspicion or legal restrictions. Yet religious liberty allowed the Church to grow. In 1789, the same year the Constitution took effect, Pope Pius VI appointed Fr. John Carroll the first Catholic bishop in the United States, with Baltimore as the seat of the first diocese. Catholic schools, charities, and religious orders flourished, including the pioneering work of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who helped shape American Catholic education.

Immigration and Expansion (1850–1950)

Waves of immigrants from Ireland, Germany, Italy, Poland, and later Latin America and Asia transformed the Church into one of the nation's largest faith communities. Parishes became centers of community life where newcomers learned English, found work, and preserved their faith. Catholic sisters built hospitals, orphanages, and schools, becoming one of the largest providers of social services in American history. This era also produced heroic Black Catholic leaders such as Venerable Augustus Tolton, the first priest openly recognized as Black in America.

The Church in the Ozarks (1920s–Today)

As Catholic life expanded into rural America, the Ozarks became home to new communities of faith.

- Our Lady of the Lake in Branson began as a mission church in 1922 serving settlers, railroad workers, and homesteaders with a permanent church being dedicated in 1936, long before Branson's modern growth.
- Our Lady of the Cove in Kimberling City, established in 1960, arose alongside Table Rock Lake and quickly became a welcoming home for residents and visitors alike.
- Our Lady of the Ozarks in Forsyth, founded in 1964, grew from the determination of local families seeking a Catholic presence in eastern Taney County and remains a warm, prayerful community today.

Together, these three parishes embody the American Catholic tradition of anchoring, uplifting, and evangelizing their local regions.

From frontier missions to the parishes of the Table Rock Lake area, the Catholic Church has walked with America through every chapter of its history. As we celebrate 250 years, we give thanks for the faith that has sustained generations and renew our call to serve, heal, teach, and bring Christ's love to our corner of the Ozarks.



July KofC items:

- July 9th - Meeting, Rosary at 6:10 pm, all parishioners are invited to come and pray the Rosary with us, business meeting at 6:30 pm.
- July 12th - Coffee and Donuts after Mass.



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Forsyth Community – Elks Lodge

Wednesday, July 8, 2025

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

To schedule by phone, call 1-800-733-2767

Schedule a Blood, Platelet or Plasma Donation
American Red Cross

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>



Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) 2026 Update

Having completed Week 8 of the DDF Annual Appeal. OLO has recorded \$12,280 in financial pledges which is 78% of our \$15,645 goal from 38 household (also 75% of our goal). Last year after 8 weeks, OLO had recorded \$14,202 (90%) in dollars pledged from 46 households (85%).

Like the Little Engine that can, I am cautiously confident that OLO will finish strong and do its best. The diocesan office has assessed OLO with a fair and reasonable DDF goal. With 80 registered households, and everyone doing even a small part, we can make our financial goal—being stretched is good!

We share our treasures best when we give not from our excess, but from our love.

If you haven't yet made a pledge, even a small one, please consider doing so.
Thank you.



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

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

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