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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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16th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME



"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

- Mt 13:41-43a

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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			
7/14/26			
	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		July	July
Envelopes	\$3,145.64	\$4,852.64	\$7,920.00
Plate (loose)	213.00	323.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	1,460.00	2,245.00	2,560.00
Total	4,818.64	7,420.64	11,480
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits		2,237.00	6,571.00
Maintenance		565.03	1,410.00
Telephone & Utilities	229.20	1,262.54	2,032.00
Insurance			0.00
Other Expenses	67.05	199.26	584.00
Total	296.25	4,263.83	10,597



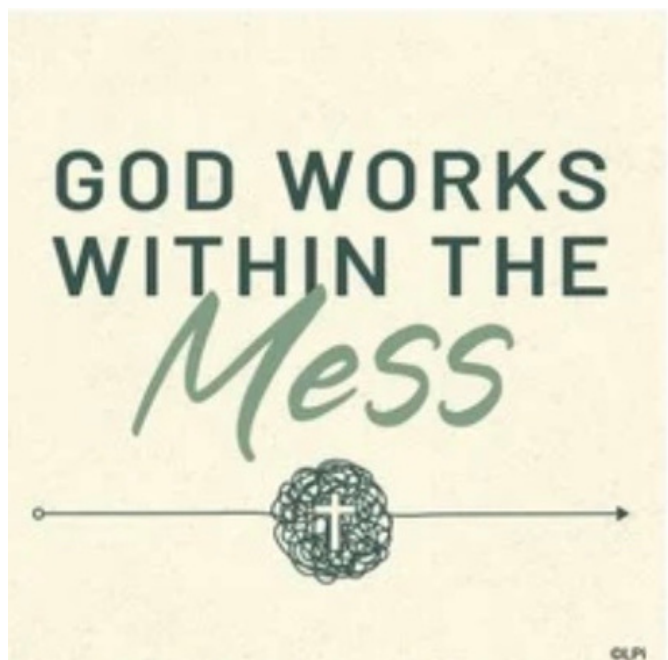
We pray for those who are ill, those in despair, and the homebound. We ask for the heavenly intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she envelope them with her maternal protection.

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 Nieu Kirk, 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 Nieu Kirk's sister-in-law Diana Leonard, Deacon Dan and Beth's friend, Marilyn Mattione, Vickie Ploshay's brother Joe Ploshay, and her friend Normand Roy, and for former parishioner Dee Vincent,

Prayers for restored health and successful medical treatment.

For our homebound, including those in care facilities: Dorothy Althof, Janice Elledge, Ann Forster, Leonard Gross, Mary Lamp, Fred & Verlone Matlage, Trini Scholefield, Joyce Stenger and Norma McCoy Harris.



Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 7/19.	9:45 pm	No Faith Formation Summer Session - Postpone one week
Wed 7/22.	9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 7/26.	9:45 am	Faith Formation - Q&A on upcoming Eucharistic congress
Tue 7/28	10:45 am	Mass with Fr. Stoverink and the Seminarians
Wed 7/29	9:00 am	Mass with Bishop Rice and the Seminarians
Wed 7/29	9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Thu 7/30	8:30 am	Mass with Fr. Stoverink and the Seminarians

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 7/19	Theo Strom +	Craig / Hunter	Pat and Angie Strom
Wed 7/22	Sang Lee Booth +	Dennis	
Fri 7/24	Phil Harter +	Kathy	
Sun 7/26.	Arliss Stillings +	Marilyn / Charlene	Laura and the Choir
Wed 7/29.	Marvin Schmitz +.	Carla	
Fri 7/31.	John Loughner +.	Nancy	



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

“From Outward Appearance to Inward Conversion”

Bishop Rice’s homily highlights from last weekend’s Steubenville Youth Conference



Last weekend, I joined about 50 disciples from OLL, OLC, and OLO as we traveled to the Steubenville Mid-America Conference in Springfield. Together with more than 4,000 teens from across the Midwest, we gathered to encounter Christ in a powerful and life-changing way. The speakers were outstanding, Team Priest Fr. Fernando Camou’s personal witness was deeply moving, and Bishop Rice’s presence and preaching were both inspiring and challenging. It was a blessing to witness transformation unfolding in real time. With that in mind, I wanted to share a few key takeaways from Bishop Rice’s Sunday homily on the “Parable of the Sower.”

Bishop Rice opened his homily with a humorous but pointed observation about modern culture. He noted how obsessed the world has become with outward appearance; anti-aging products, cosmetic procedures, filters, and even the endless search for ways to prevent hair loss. With a smile, he joked that men will try almost anything to keep their hair, and that society pours billions into staying wrinkle-free and “forever young.” The teens laughed, but the bishop’s message was clear: we spend enormous energy trying to look good on the outside while often neglecting the far more important work of becoming good on the inside.

This contrast sets the stage for the heart of his homily. Bishop Rice reminded the youth that while the world is fixated on preserving the exterior, Jesus is focused on transforming the interior. He then turned to the Gospel of the day and invited the young people to consider the condition of their hearts. God, he said, is always sowing seeds of grace. The question is never about the generosity of the Sower, but the readiness of the soil.

He challenged the teens to ask themselves: ***What kind of soil am I?*** Are they rocky soil that receives God’s Word with excitement but quickly fades when life becomes difficult? Are they thorny soil, where distractions, temptations, and cultural pressures choke out spiritual growth? Or are they rich, fertile soil capable of bearing fruit “thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold”?

Bishop Rice emphasized that authentic discipleship cannot be passive or inherited. Faith must be chosen, nurtured, and lived intentionally. He urged the youth not to let the powerful experiences of the conference remain within the walls of the arena. He said, ***“If all of this stays here, then what was the point?”*** The true measure of the weekend is not the emotion of the moment but the transformation that follows once they return home.

He encouraged them to cultivate their hearts through daily prayer and challenged them to replace “look maxing” with “faith maxing” or “Catholic maxing.” In other words, he invited them to take intentional steps to deepen their interior lives: attending daily Mass when possible, spending time in Eucharistic Adoration, and praying the rosary. These spiritual practices keep the soil of the heart soft, deep, and receptive. Holiness, he reminded them, is not complicated; it is found in daily fidelity, small acts of love, and openness to God’s grace. Even the smallest seeds, when planted in good soil, can bear an abundant harvest.

His homily was both challenging and hopeful. It honored the powerful experiences of the weekend while calling the youth to a long-term, life-changing response. As they left the arena, Bishop Rice’s words echoed: *the seeds have been planted, now it is time to grow.*

Around 50 disciples from OLL, OLC, & OLO attended Steubenville Youth Conference held last week in Springfield

Steubenville STL Mid-America is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. Our conference is an outreach of Franciscan University in partnership with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Two conferences are held every year in July and take place on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.





70 YEARS AS A DIOCESE

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

On August 15, 2026, we will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the foundation of our diocese (Aug. 24, 1956) during our first-ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held in the West Plains Civic Center.

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JULY 31

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IS FIVE WEEKS AWAY!

Over 2300 have already registered. Visit the official Diocesan Eucharistic Congress Webpage to access the registration portal at

<https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress/>



SCAN HERE to learn more!



Visit WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS or scan the QR CODE for more resources, including suggestions for the Year of Spiritual Preparation, updates to the Congress and to help promote the Congress!



Prince Caspian continues the story of the four Pevensie children, who discovered the land of Narnia after walking through a magical wardrobe in the first book of the series, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and now return to the land of Narnia to help the rightful king and heir, Prince Caspian, take the throne!

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Please join Bishop Rice and area clergy
in celebrating the Mass of
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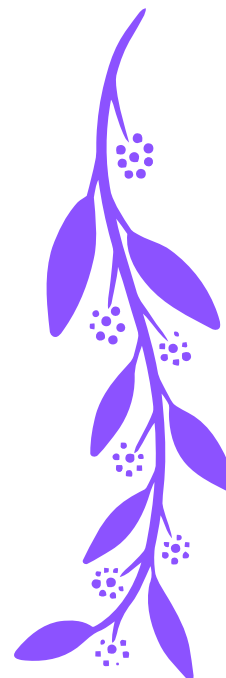
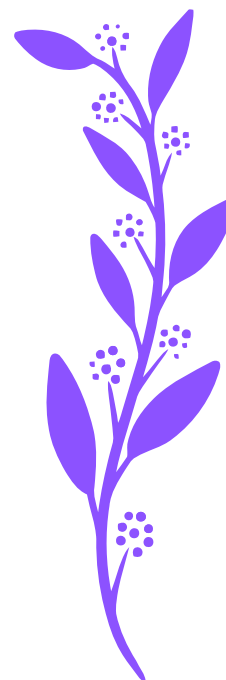
(Front) **Howard Mohn**, Holy Trinity Parish, Marshfield; **James Haston**, St. Lawrence Parish, Monett;
Steven Reddin, Sacred Heart Parish, Webb City; (back) **Kevin Haverly**, SS Peter & Paul Parish,
Pulaskifield; and **Mike Wilson**, Sacred Heart Parish, Webb City.

Saturday, JULY 25TH | 10:30 AM



St. Mary Catholic Church, Joplin

*Lunch reception to follow. Please RSVP by July 17 to
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so that the PCCW may adequately plan for the meal.*



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Springfield Pro-Life Dinner

Friday, August 21, 2026

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Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) 10-week Update Supporting the Mission of Our Diocesan Church

The Diocesan Development Fund (DDF)—Bishop Edward M. Rice's annual appeal—provides the resources needed to support more than 45 ministries and services that strengthen the mission of the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau. Every gift helps ensure that our parishes, schools, and families have access to ministries that no single parish could provide alone.

The DDF supports a wide range of ministries that touch lives every day. These include Catechetical and Faith Formation, Vocations, Marriage Preparation, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Campus Ministry, and the ongoing formation of priests and permanent deacons. It also funds Hispanic Ministry, Family Life, Social Ministry, Respect Life, Post-Abortive Healing, and Evangelization, helping bring the hope of Christ to people throughout southern Missouri.

In addition to these pastoral ministries, the DDF provides important services that benefit every parish. Funding supports the Diocesan Tribunal, Liturgical Planning, Communications and Media, Background Screening and Safe Environment Training, Property and Liability Risk Management, and Construction and Renovation Assistance. The DDF also helps provide opportunities for spiritual growth through Camp Re-NEW-All, diocesan pilgrimages, and other faith formation events.

Your gift to the DDF is an investment in the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel, form disciples, support our clergy and parishes, strengthen families, and serve those in need.

Having completed 10 weeks of the campaign, our parish remains significantly behind the goals set by our diocese. We have \$12,680 pledged toward our \$15,645 goal (81%) from 41 households. Last year at this time we had \$14,250 pledged from 47 households.

We are reminded in Scripture that "the love of Christ compels us" (2 Cor 5:14). Your generosity is an act of love, a reflection of God's grace in our midst. I know that many of you have already stepped forward with gifts, and I want to thank you from the heart for your faithfulness.

The journey to 100% is still possible. I encourage you to consider giving what you can, whether it's a one-time gift or a monthly pledge. Your contribution, no matter the size, helps us move closer to the finish line and to the blessings we have promised to share.

Thank you for supporting the DDF and for helping make these vital ministries possible throughout the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau. --- Deacon Dan

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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