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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



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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

7/28/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		July	July
Envelopes	\$1,715.00	\$9,415.64	\$7,920.00
Plate (loose)	278.00	872.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	588.00	3,153.76	2,560.00
Total	\$ 2,581.00	\$ 13,441.40	\$ 11,480.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	2,375.61	5,548.61	6,571.00
Maintenance	54.38	2,283.66	1,410.00
Telephone & Utilities	0.00	1,262.54	2,032.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	1,808.03	2,028.11	584.00
Total	\$ 4,238.02	\$ 11,122.92	\$ 10,597.00



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 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 8/2	8:30 am	Fr. Dan Luekenotte (retired priest from Jeff City) is our celebrant
Wed 8/5	9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 8/9	9:45 am	PSR / Family Faith Formation – Intro to Lectio Divina
Thu 8/13	6:30 pm	KofC Council 7680 Mtg with 6:10 pm Rosary
Fri 8/14	4:00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 8/15	6:00am	departure, day trip to Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, West Plains

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 8/2	Sang Lee Booth +	Carla / Dennis	Mo Booth
Wed 8/5	Ted Strom +	Charlene	
Fri 8/7	First Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	
Sun 8/9	Parish Family	Toni / Tom	Chris Gillen Family
Wed 8/12	Klara Richardson +	Dennis	
Fri 8/14	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Marilyn	



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Why a Eucharistic Congress Matters for the Life of the Church

Last Sunday after Mass in Forsyth, I offered a brief overview on how we might prepare our minds and hearts for the upcoming Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in West Plains on Saturday, August 15th. I first set the framework for discussion through watching a brief four-minute video by Chris Stefanick from the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress.

Chris offered a striking reminder that resonated deeply with the tens of thousands gathered: "Christianity is a love story that must be told again and again." His words captured the heart of the Congress and the purpose behind every Eucharistic gathering. He urged the faithful not to leave such an encounter unchanged, but to allow Jesus in the Eucharist to reshape their identity, renew their mission, and rekindle the joy of evangelization. The Eucharist, he emphasized, is not merely a devotion but the beating heart of the Church, the place where God reveals His love and sends His people forth with confidence.

A Eucharistic Congress is far more than a large gathering or special event. It is a moment of grace for an entire diocese. When the Church comes together around the Eucharist, she remembers who she is: a people formed, fed, and sent by the Real Presence of Jesus. The greatest fruit of a diocesan Eucharistic Congress is renewed communion with Christ in the Eucharist, which then transforms the life of the entire local Church, its people, its parishes, its ministries, and its mission.

Spiritual fruits emerge first. For some people, it is a rediscovery of the Real Presence not as an idea but as a lived encounter. Reverence deepens, devotion awakens, and hunger for the sacraments grows. Confession lines lengthen, prayer becomes more intentional, and hearts open to healing. A Congress re-centers the diocese on the truth that the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of everything we do.

The Congress also bears communal fruits, strengthening the Body of Christ. Parishes that rarely interact suddenly pray side by side. Families, clergy, religious, and lay faithful gather as one. New friendships form, and the diocese begins to feel more like a single household of faith. Public processions and joyful gatherings become a quiet but powerful witness to the wider community.

There are also profound pastoral fruits. Priests, deacons, musicians, catechists, and volunteers return home with renewed zeal for beautiful, reverent worship. Congress themes spill into OCIA, youth ministry, adult formation, and sacramental preparation. Many dioceses see lasting increases in Mass attendance, adoration hours, and parish involvement. Shared prayer deepens fraternity among clergy and strengthens parish life.

From these springs forth missionary fruits. A Eucharistic Congress reminds us that the Eucharist sends us forth: *Ite, missa est*. People rediscover their missionary identity and begin to share their faith with joy. Vocations are strengthened, new ones begin to take shape, and outreach to the poor and forgotten grows naturally from Eucharistic spirituality.

Finally, the long-term fruits endure well beyond the event. A diocese often experiences a lasting shift: a deeper sense of hope, a clearer identity as a Eucharistic people, and renewed confidence that Christ is truly with His Church. The Congress becomes a turning point, a moment the faithful look back on as the beginning of something new.

May our hearts be open to the graces God desires to give. May our love for the Eucharist deepen. And may Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament, continue to unite, heal, and strengthen His people.



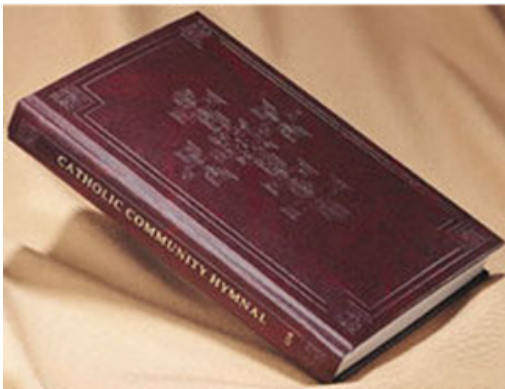
The month of July has come to a close and we have concluded 12 weeks of the DDF campaign. Our parish family has pledged \$13,480 toward our \$15,645 goal (86%) from 44 households (86%) of our 51-household goal. Thank you to all of you who have turned in your pledge card.

As promised, I will not be nagging you, my brothers and sisters, any longer. But if you have been meaning to make a pledge but keep forgetting to do so... pray to St. Jude.

Every gift helps ensure that the 45 diocesan ministries are funded. These ministries include support for our Mission parishes, our Catholic schools, PSR programs, and continue education needs of our clergy.

Do you want an historical piece of literature from OLO's archives – free, no charge?

Your wait is over!



OLO's has released stored away copies of our "Catholic Community Hymnal" from GIA Publications. These copies were published in 2002 and were used in the parish before switching over to our Breaking Bread Hymnal. The hymnal has the verbiage of the older Mass prayers and responses prior to the changes made in 2012. The Community Catholic Hymnals are hardbound copies and should last another 25 years or more --- a timeless classic.

If you would like a copy or two or three for yourself and/or a friend, grab "one" after Mass. We have more than 100 copies left. The hymnals are located on a table in the gathering space. They are in excellent condition.

Knights Corner

Forsyth Council #7680



August KofC items :

- KofC August 13th meeting at 6:30 pm. Rosary at 6:10 pm. All parishioners are invited to and pray the Rosary with us.
- August 30th, The KofC will lead the Rosary at 8:00 am. before Mass, all parishioners are invited to come and pray the Rosary with us.

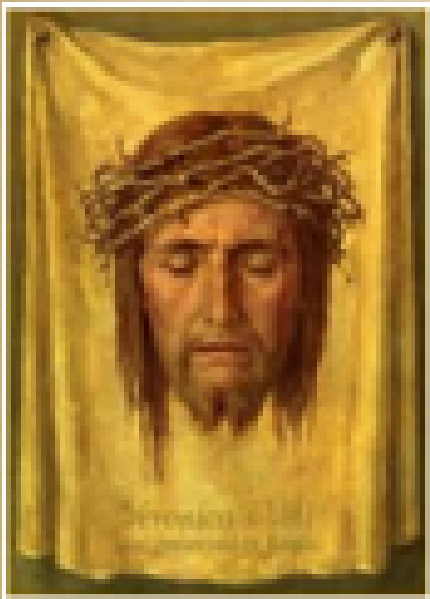
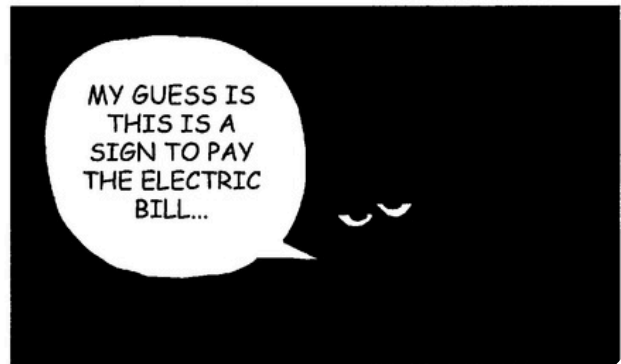
SAVE THE DATE

Looking ahead toward the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Lake-area Mass schedule and the date for OLO's Annual Parish Feast Day Celebration.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, August 15, falls on a Saturday this year, therefore not a Holy Day of Obligation but still a Holy Day we diligently observe. Because many of us will be in West Plains for the **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on August 15**, Fr. J has instructed the parishes to celebrate the Holy Day with a Vigil Mass on Friday evening, August 14. Mass times are: 4 pm in Forsyth (OLO), 5 pm in Kimberling City (OLC), and 6 pm in Branson (OLL).

Now, regarding the change in date for OLO's annual feast day celebration. Recently, we have been holding the parish celebration with a dinner and social after the Vigil Assumption Mass on August 14. Because of the Eucharistic Congress, the parish planning team has chosen to have this celebration on **Sunday, August 30, after Mass with a Holy Brunch** – more than your typical breakfast after Mass. Details are forthcoming but want to Save-the-Date on your calendar.

TRANSFIGURATION



ALL ARE INVITED

The Holy Face Devotion: Perfect Reparation

Screening of Video by Father Chris Alar
Thursday, August 6 9:30am - 11:00am
St. Joseph the Worker Church
Ozark, MO ~ Monsignor Eftink Room
Contact Susan Eichenberger @ 817-521-7020

Regarding the CELEBRATION OF MASS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD- CAPE GIRARDEAU on Aug. 14 & 15, 2026

On June 24, 2026 Bishop Rice issued a 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 Sat., Aug. 15, 2026** and further decreed 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 Fri., Aug. 14, 2026, according to the liturgical norms of the Roman Rite.

DEC is about one month away!

Over 2,500 participants have registered and around 600 seats are available.

Unless all seats are filled before then,
REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JULY 31.

Share the opportunity with others and get registered today at <https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress/>.



Vigil Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, Aug. 14th



Our Lady of the Ozarks - 4:00PM

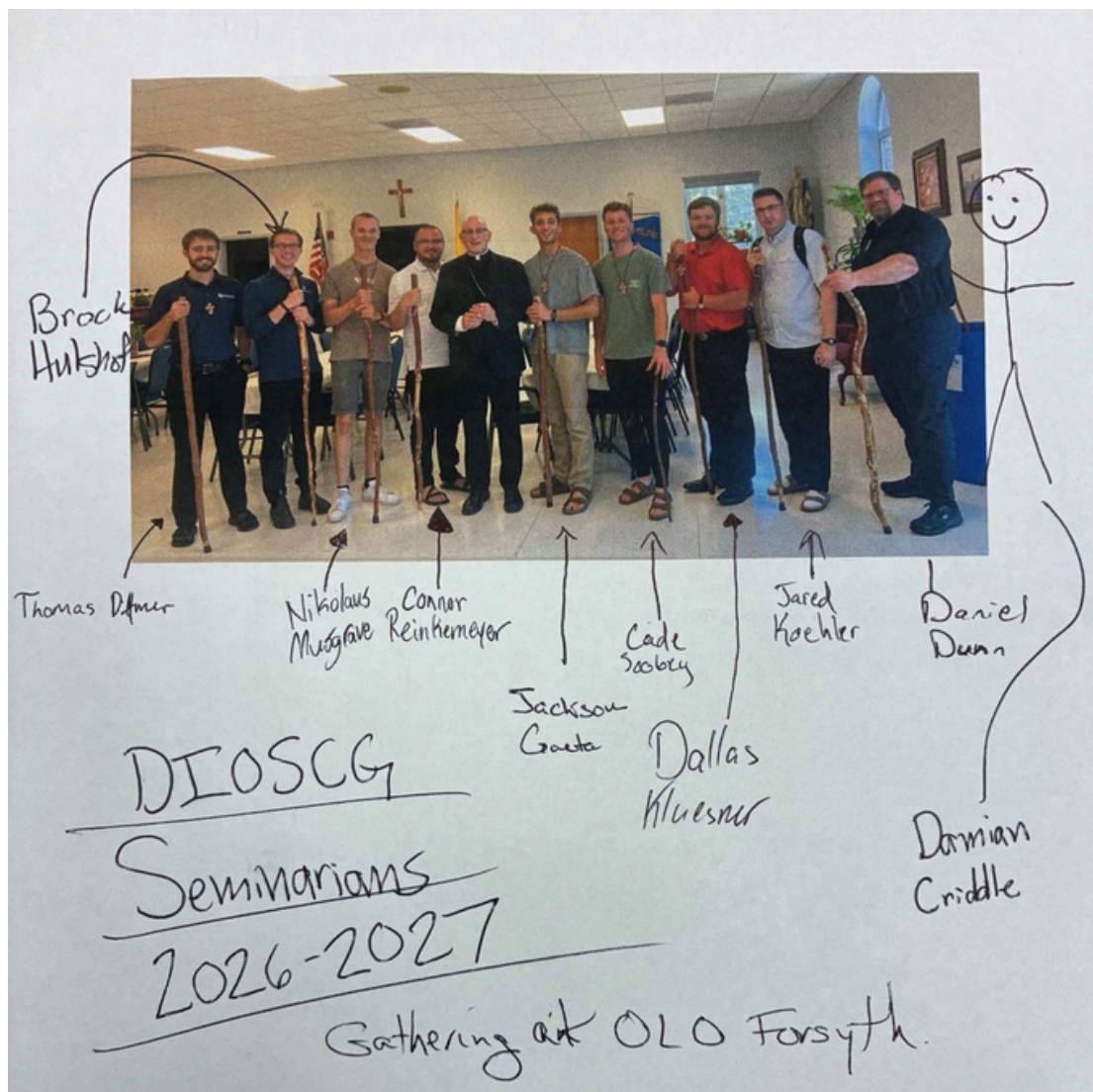
Our Lady of the Cove - 5:00PM

Our Lady of the Lake - 6:00PM

Our Diocesan Seminarians gathered at OLO Forsyth this past week.

Bishop Rice joined Fr. Joseph Stoverink, Director of Vocations, and Fr. Daniel Belken, Director of Divine Worship. We have 10 men in formation (Seminarian Damian was not present for the photo) that will soon be heading back to their perspective seminaries later this month.

A big thank you to the PCCW's social & food committee. (Also known as the Martha and Mary Sisters.)



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