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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



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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.

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, Norma McKee, and Joe Enno

For family & friends: Sandy Schumacher's brother, Kirk and niece Lisa, Bud Townsend - Carolyn's husband, 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, JoAnn Roach's friend Leslie Floyd, Jackie Nieukirk's sister-in-law Diana Leonard, for former parishioner Dee Vincent, and former parishioner Nancy Thomas' brother Tony.

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Prayers for restored health and successful medical treatment.

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Weekly Financial Report

8/4/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
		August	August
Regular Collections:			
Envelopes	\$2,187.00	\$2,187.00	\$7,840.00
Plate (loose)	224.00	224.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	1,062.00	1,062.00	2,930.00
Total	\$ 3,473.00	\$ 3,473.00	\$ 11,770.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	2,353.00	2,353.00	6,608.00
Maintenance	1,990.59	1,990.59	1,410.00
Telephone & Utilities	1,558.76	1,558.76	2,032.00
Insurance			0.00
Other Expenses	79.10	79.10	891.00
Total	\$ 5,981.45	\$ 5,981.45	\$ 10,941.00

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) Update

As of August 4, our parish family has pledged \$13,480 toward our \$15,645 goal (86%) from 44 households (86%) of our 51-household goal. (No new pledges from the prior week.)



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Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 8/9	9:45 am	PSR / Family Faith Formation – Intro to Lectio Divina
Wed 8/12	9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
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	7:00 am	Departure, day trip to Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, West Plains
Sat 8/15	5:15 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass in West Plains, MO with Bishop Rice
Wed 8/19.	9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 8/9	Parish Family	Toni / Tom	Chris Gillen Family
Wed 8/12	Klara Richardson +	Dennis	
Fri 8/14	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Marilyn	
Sun 8/16	Dee Walton+	Hunter / Craig	
Wed 8/19	Deceased members of the Sakowicz Family +	Kathy	
Fri 8/21	Tom Kinsella +	Carla	

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.**

A note of thanks from Seminarian Daniel Dann

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hello! May God's Grace and Blessings help you to have a great day, a good night, and a good nap in between.

Thank you for your prayers and support for myself and my brothers in the seminary. Your prayers help strengthen us, help us pass our tests and papers, as we try to understand just what our formators are trying to tell us.

Your support helps us to pay for medications, fix our cars, and on occasion get a pizza when the cafeteria is serving the same meal for the third night in a row.

Thank you to the Knights, the PCCW, the Deacon and Father. I'm sorry that I'm slow with these letters but now that I've graduated, they should start arriving more frequently. Currently, I'm working on an update letter to the parish and the entire Diocese, similar to the Christmas letters that I receive and that are always read.

Thank you also for hosting me and my brother seminarians Fathers Belken and Father Stoverink, and Bishop Rice this week. Thank you for the good food, the walking sticks, and most importantly, the good company. Thanks, and God bless.

Peace, Daniel Dunn

P.S. Sorry about the piano bench! Jared wasn't hurt. I think it can be fixed.





Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

The Fourteen Holy Helpers: Powerful Intercessors in Times of Need

Two weeks ago, I wrote an article about St. Christopher, a third century martyr whose life attested to his faithful witness. While I mentioned that there is limited information about his life, he is remembered by the legendary story for carrying travelers and even the “Christ Child” across a dangerous river. He is the patron saint of travelers, and one of the “Fourteen Holy Helpers.” This brings me to this week’s article on some history behind these fourteen saints and the Catholic devotion connected to them.

The Fourteen Holy Helpers hold a distinctive and consoling place. They are a group of saints invoked together for their powerful intercession, especially in moments of illness, danger, and hardship. Their collective devotion arose in 14th century Germany during the devastation of the Black Death, when the faithful—facing suffering beyond human remedy—turned to heaven for protection and hope. During that time of fear and faith, these saints became trusted companions for Christians seeking God’s mercy.

Each of the Holy Helpers is known for a particular patronage rooted in their witness, miracles, or martyrdom. Among them is **Saint George**, the courageous soldier martyr; **Saint Blaise**, protector against throat ailments; **Saint Erasmus**, invoked for abdominal and intestinal disorders; **Saint Vitus**, patron for those suffering from nervous diseases; **Saint Christopher**, guardian of travelers; and **Saint Catherine of Alexandria**, a model of wisdom and courage for students and philosophers. The others include **Saint Barbara** (against sudden death), **Saint Margaret of Antioch** (kidney diseases), **Saint Denis** (against demonic possession), **Saint Cyriacus/Saint Elmo** (deathbed temptations), **Saint Acacius** (headaches, agony of death), **Saint Eustace** (family troubles), **Saint Giles** (crippling illness), and **Saint Pantaleon** (lung diseases). Together they form a spiritual arsenal against both physical and spiritual dangers.

This devotion beautifully reflects the Catholic understanding of the Communion of Saints. Scripture reminds us, “*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight*” (Hebrews 12:1). The saints are not distant figures of the past but living members of Christ’s Body who intercede for us before God. The Catechism affirms this truth, “*Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness*” (CCC 956). Their prayers strengthen us, encourage us, and draw us more deeply into the life of grace.

While the Fourteen Holy Helpers are not part of formal dogma, their veneration is a cherished example of popular piety, a reminder that the Church’s devotional life is broad, rich, and rooted in centuries of lived faith. In Europe, **their feast is celebrated on August 8**, honoring their witness and inviting the faithful to seek their intercession.

In turning to these saints, Catholics acknowledge that holiness is attainable and that the saints accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage. Their stories inspire courage, perseverance, and trust in God’s providence. As we reflect on the Fourteen Holy Helpers, may we be renewed in our confidence that the saints pray for us, walk with us, and lead us ever closer to Christ, our Divine Physician and unfailing hope.

The Litany of the Fourteen Holy Helpers

Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Chris have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Saint George, brave witness to Christ, pray for us.
Saint Blaise, protector against illness, pray for us.
Saint Erasmus, comforter in suffering, pray for us.
Saint Vitus, strength of the afflicted, pray for us.
Saint Christopher, guardian of travelers, pray for us.
Saint Catherine of Alexandria, model of wisdom, pray for us.

Saint Margaret of Antioch, steadfast in trial, pray for us.
Saint Barbara, refuge in danger, pray for us.
Saint Denis, fearless preacher of the Gospel, pray for us.

Saint Cyriacus, helper of the oppressed, pray for us.
Saint Acacius, companion of the dying, pray for us.
Saint Eustace, faithful in adversity, pray for us.
Saint Giles, friend of the poor and wounded, pray for us.

Fourteen Holy Helpers, powerful intercessors, pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Let us pray. O God, who in Your mercy have given us the
Holy Helpers as companions in times of need, grant
that through their prayers we may be strengthened in
faith, protected from harm, and brought ever closer to
You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.



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DIocese of SPRINGFIELD-
CAPE GIRARDEAU

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress AUGUST 15, 2026

REMINDER!

If you signed up to ride the chartered bus to West Plains, it will depart from Our Lady of the Ozark SAT. AUG. 15TH at 6:30AM It will depart West Plains at 6:45pm



Click on the link below for the schedule of events, West Plains Civic Center Floor Plan & list of exhibitors

<https://dioscg.org/wp-content/uploads/DEC-Program.pdf>

Columbarium Pending Arrival

I am pleased to share that our parish's new columbarium is scheduled to arrive soon at Snapp Bearden Cemetery in Forsyth. I was told it is in transit to Missouri. This sacred addition will provide a dignified and prayerful place of rest for the cremated remains of loved ones, honoring our Catholic hope in the Resurrection.

Once the columbarium is delivered, I will provide more updates on installation timelines, niche availability, advance pricing, and the date for its blessing and dedication. An information packet will be prepared.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare this meaningful space for our parish family.

Parish Feast Day Celebration will be on Sunday, August 30

Due to the upcoming Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, we have moved the parish feast day celebration from August 14 Assumption Vigil Date to Sunday, August 30. The PCCW is coordinating with the Knights to get all things in place. All families will be asked to RSVP, and if possible, bring a dish to share. The PCCW will have a list of suggested potluck food to claim and bring. Additional details to come via the PCCW and Knights.

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