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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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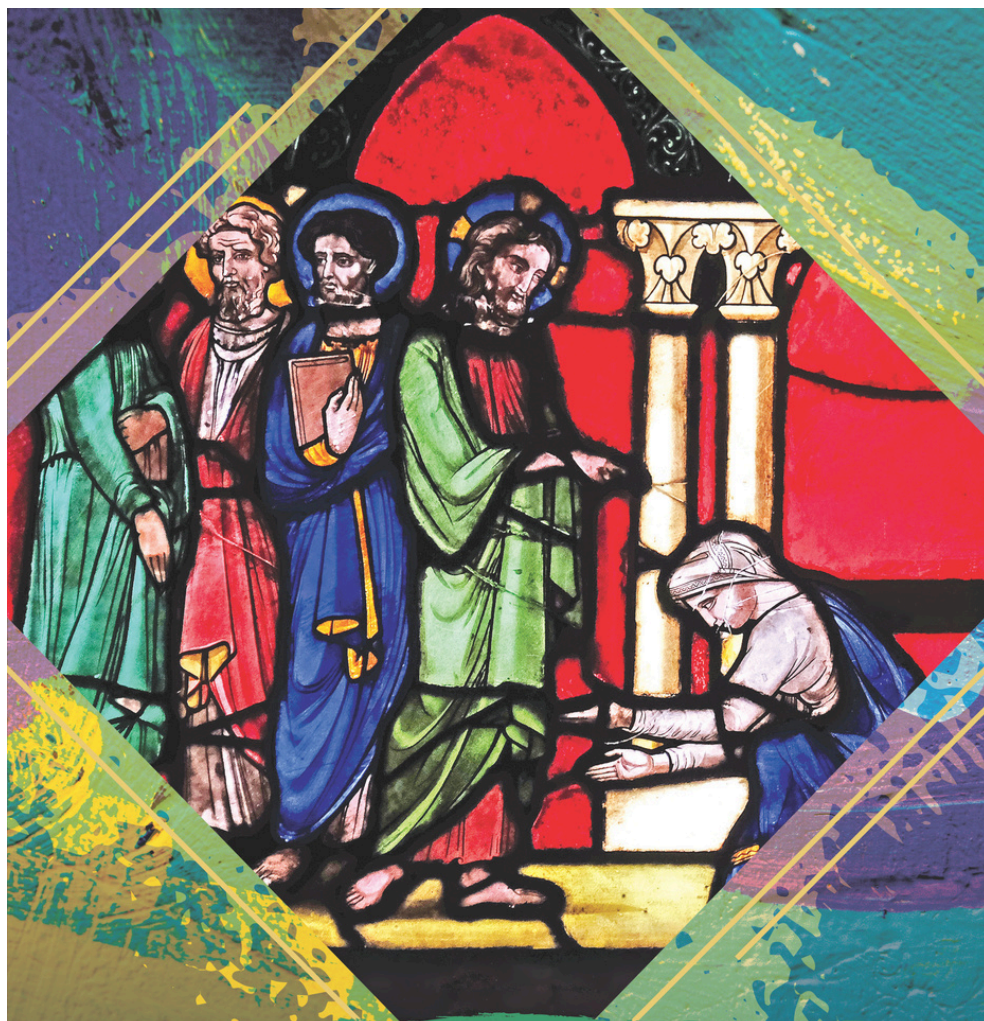
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The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
“Lord, help me.” - Mt 15:25

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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

8/11/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date August	Budget for Month August
Regular Collections:			
Envelopes	\$1,115.00	\$3,302.00	\$7,840.00
Plate (loose)	279.00	503.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	797.00	1,859.00	2,930.00
Total	\$ 2,191.00	\$ 5,664.00	\$11,770.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits		2,353.00	6,608.00
Maintenance		1,990.59	1,410.00
Telephone & Utilities	229.20	1,787.96	2,032.00
Insurance	800.00	800.00	800.00
Other Expenses	552.57	745.61	891.00
Total	\$ 1,581.77	\$ 7,677.16	\$11,741.00

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) Update

As of August 11, our parish family has pledged \$14,280 toward our \$15,645 goal (91%) from 45 households (88%) of our 51-household goal.



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 & Sharon Hickox, Mary Little, 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, Patt Strom's daughter Patti, Pam Strunk's daughter, Crystal Harvey, and for former parishioner Dee Vincent, and former parishioner Nancy Thomas' brother Tony.

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

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sat 8/15	6:30 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
Sun 8/23	9:45 am	Sunday School / Faith Formation in Marian Hall
Wed 8/26	9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 8/16	Dee Walton+	Hunter / Craig	Patt & Angie Strom
Wed 8/19	Deceased members of the Sakowicz Family +	Kathy	
Fri 8/21	Tom Kinsella +	Carla	
Sun 8/23	Linda Thiros +	Marilyn/Molly	Duane & Kay Gerken
Wed 8/26	Dorothy Ratermann +	Charlene	
Fri 8/21	John Loughner +	Nancy	

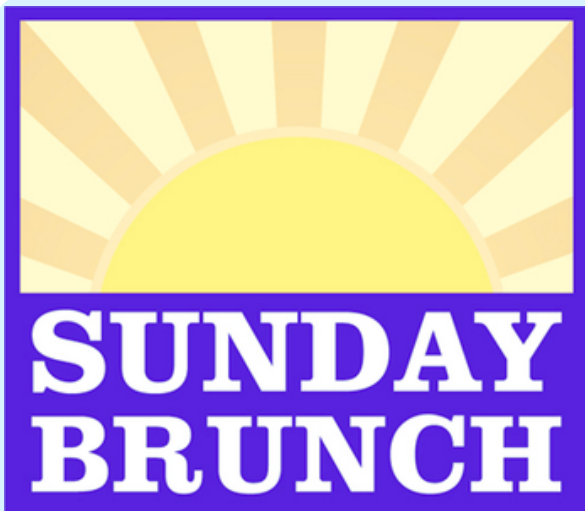


August KofC items :

- 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.



You are invited to join the PCCW in praying the Rosary at 8:00am on August 23rd led by the PCCW leadership team.



PARISH FEAST DAY HOLY POTLUCK BRUNCH AUGUST 30 after Mass FUN, FOOD, BINGO, DOOR PRIZES

What to bring....bring yourself, bring a friend & if you wish to bring a dish, please see food sign up in Gathering Space and to help us get a count for attendance, please sign attendance sheet...thank you.



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Catholics and Orthodox Christians: Shared Roots, Real Differences, and a Hope for Unity

As we get ready to begin OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) in a couple of weeks, one question always returns: *How are Catholic Christians and Eastern Orthodox Christians alike, and where do we differ?* We share a deep apostolic heritage and much of the same sacramental life with our Orthodox brothers and sisters, yet a few real theological distinctions remain. To give our new OCIA participants a clear starting point, I offer this brief reflection on our shared roots and the key differences that endure.

A Common Foundation

Both Churches trace their origins directly to the apostles. They profess the same faith in the Holy Trinity and in Jesus Christ as true God and true man. Both honor the Virgin Mary as Theotokos, the God-bearer, and venerate the saints as holy witnesses who lead us toward Christ. Scripture and Sacred Tradition form the basis of faith in both traditions, and each celebrates seven sacraments as real encounters with God's saving grace.

In a world where many have abandoned Christian belief altogether, this shared foundation is remarkable. Catholics and Orthodox stand together on the most essential truths of the Gospel.

How the Division Happened

The separation between East and West did not occur in a single dramatic moment. Over centuries, cultural distance, political pressures, and disagreements about authority slowly strained communion between the Latin-speaking West and the Greek-speaking East.

The year 1054, often cited as the moment of the Great Schism, involved mutual excommunications between Cardinal Humbert and Patriarch Cerularius. But the deeper rupture unfolded gradually, shaped by misunderstandings, wounded pride, and the slow unraveling of unity across generations.

Key Differences Remain

- **Papal Primacy:** The central issue. Catholics hold that the Pope, as successor of St. Peter, exercises universal jurisdiction over the whole Church. Ecumenical dialogues consistently affirm that papal primacy remains the root question behind most unresolved theological differences.
- **The Creed:** Catholics include the *filioque* clause ("and the Son") to describe the procession of the Holy Spirit. The Orthodox maintain the original wording, emphasizing procession from the Father alone. This reflects broader theological emphases in each tradition's understanding of the Trinity.
- **Eucharist Sacramental practice:** Catholics use unleavened bread, while the Orthodox use leavened bread. Orthodox Christians administer baptism, chrismation, and the Eucharist together for infants, while Catholics celebrate these sacraments at different stages of life.
- **Purgatory:** Catholics define it as a real state of purification after death. Orthodox Christians pray for the dead and affirm purification but do not define it in the same doctrinal terms.
- **The Immaculate Conception:** A defined Catholic dogma. The Orthodox honor Mary profoundly but do not articulate this doctrine in the same way.

Where Things Stand Today

Despite their differences, Catholics and Orthodox Christians share a deep love for Christ and a commitment to the apostolic faith. Dialogue between the two traditions continues today, with sincere hope that one day these ancient branches may be reconciled. By learning about each other with charity and clarity, we honor Christ's prayer "*that they may all be one.*" – John 17:31

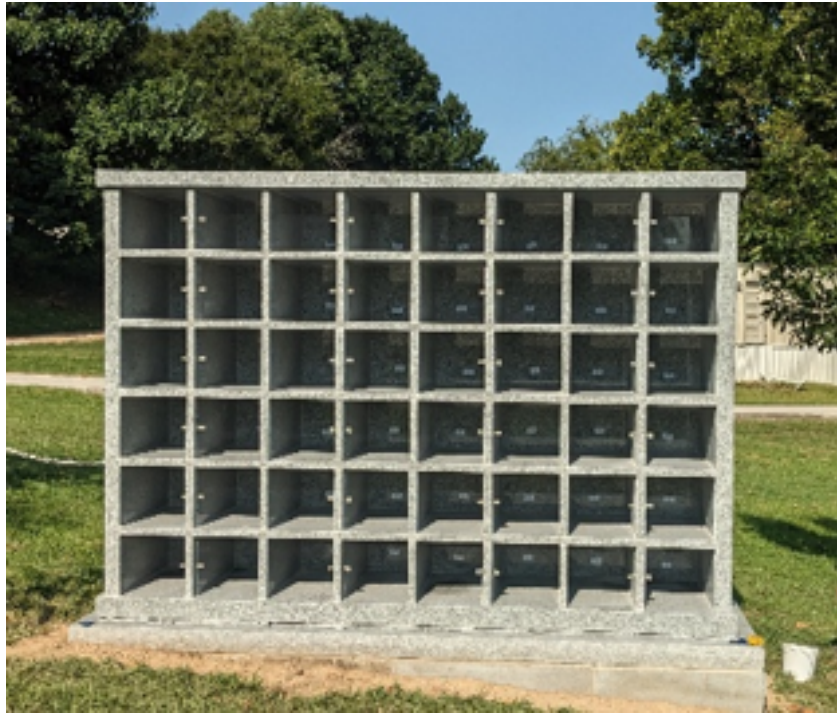
Columbarium Has Arrived

I am pleased to share that our parish's new columbarium has arrived at Snapp Cemetery in Forsyth. It is in place; however, the actual individual niche doors are waiting installation. This sacred addition to our parish life will provide a dignified and prayerful place of rest for the cremated remains of loved ones, honoring our Catholic hope in the Resurrection.

We haven't finalized the purchase price per niche for our parishioners, but it is expected to be around \$900 and has space for the cremains of two urns. I will provide more updates and details in the coming weeks.

FYI, we do plan to add a Catholic cemetery monument next to the columbarium and do so landscaping as well. An information packet with cost is forthcoming. Likewise, a dedication and blessing date.

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



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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.

Do you have questions about the Catholic Church, the Catholic faith and Catholic way of life?



Are you wanting to know more but not sure what to do or who to ask? Or maybe you know someone that has expressed interest in learning more about our faith. An open invitation awaits acceptance.

Our Lady of the Ozarks will again team up with our big sister parish, Our Lady of the Lake in Branson, to discover the riches of the Catholic faith. The sessions begin Tuesday, August 25. Sessions begin at 6:30 pm and go until 8:30 pm. (Fr. J is leading the first two sessions). If, by chance, this timeslot does not work with your schedule, reach out to Deacon Dan and he will work with you to develop a custom formation schedule. It is our desire is to make our sessions convenient, meaningful, and fulfilling.

SPRINGFIELD PRO-LIFE EVENT



Vitae Foundation will have its Springfield Pro-Life Event, Friday, August 21, 2025, at the White River Conference Center, located at 600 W. Sunshine St., Springfield, MO. Social begins at 6 p.m., with Dinner, 7-9 p.m. Keynote is Riley Gaines.

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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