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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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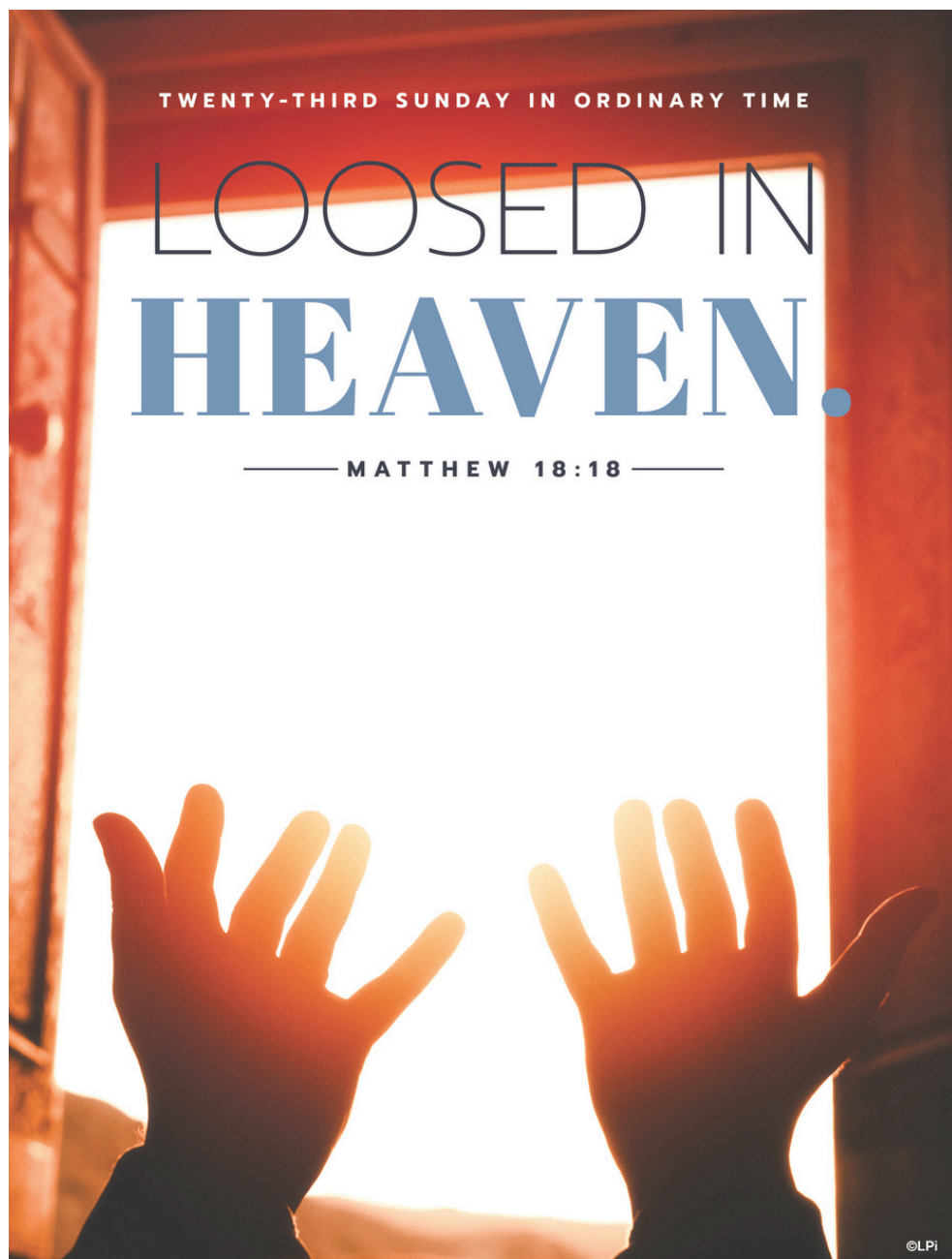
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Our Lady of the Ozarks Mission Statement

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

8/31/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
		August	August
Regular Collections:			
Envelopes	\$1,408.00	\$9,939.00	\$7,840.00
Plate (loose)	225.00	1,068.00	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	630.00	4,179.00	2,930.00
Total	\$ 2,263.00	\$ 15,186.00	\$ 11,770.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits		5,664.61	6,608.00
Maintenance		2,020.58	1,410.00
Telephone & Utilities		1,787.96	2,032.00
Insurance		800.00	800.00
Other Expenses	3.11	1,370.31	891.00
Total	\$ 3.11	\$ 11,643.46	\$ 11,741.00

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) Update

As of September 2, our parish family has pledged \$14,680 toward our \$15,645 goal (94%) from 46 households (90%) 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 Delores Steinmetz.

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, Pam Strunk's daughter, Crystal Harvey, Vickie Ploshay's brother Joe Ploshay, and Dee Vincent.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of former parishioner Mary Lubera, also Joseph Enno, and for Angie Strom's brother Jose Rivera, and Nancy Thomas's brother Tony. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 9/6	9:45 am	New Parishioners (last 12 months) – Follow-up Greeting and Q&A Social
Wed 9/9	9:30 am	No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour – Dcn. Dan at NADD Board Mtg.
Thu 9/10	6:30 pm	Knights Council #7680 Meeting, 6:10 pm Rosary
Fri 9/11	8:40 am	Rosary – 25th Anniversary of 911
Wed 9/16	9:30 am	No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour (Resumes on 9/23)
Wed 9/16	9:45 am	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 9/6	Marilyn Hein + and Marc Schoch+	Charlene / Carla	Marilyn Guy & Sandra Karthesier
Wed 9/9	Deceased members of Sakowicz Family +	Carla	
Fri 9/11	Dee Walton +	Marilyn	
Sun 9/13	Parish Family	Tom / Toni	Belken Family
Wed 9/16	Sang Lee Booth +	Charlene	
Fri 9/18	Thomas Hein +	Kathy	

August KofC items :

- September 10th, Rosary at 6:10pm, all parishioners are invited to come and pray the Rosary with us. Business meeting at 6:30pm.
- September 13th KofC breakfast after Mass



Every Wednesday Mass the Rosary will be prayed at 8:30. All are invited.



Altar Server Training and Catechesis, our first Sunday Faith Formation Session, will take place in the worship space after Mass on Sunday, September 20.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Sacred Labor: Labor Day, Saint Joseph, Dorothy Day, and the Gospel of Work

Each September, the United States observes Labor Day, a civic holiday honoring the contributions of workers whose labor sustains families and communities. For Catholics, the day offers a deeper invitation: to reflect on the meaning of human work and why the worker must never be reduced to a mere instrument of production. The Church's teaching on labor is rooted in Scripture, the example of Christ, and the lived witness of saints and modern disciples such as Dorothy Day.

Work in Service of the Human Person

Catholic social teaching begins with the dignity of the human person. Work is important, but the worker is more important than the task performed or the economic product created. Saint John Paul II expressed this clearly:

"The basis for determining the value of human work is not primarily the kind of work being done but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

This principle challenges any economic system that treats people as tools of production. The Church values economic activity yet insists that the economy must serve the human person. Workers deserve just wages, humane conditions, adequate rest, and the freedom to organize for the protection of their rights. When rightly ordered, labor unions contribute to justice and the common good.

Saint Joseph, Patron of Workers

The Church's vision of work is inseparable from Saint Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth and guardian of the Holy Family. Joseph's labor was quiet, faithful, and ordinary. He served God through daily work, responsibility toward Mary and Jesus, and perseverance in his vocation. His example reveals that holiness is found not only in extraordinary achievements but in the steady rhythm of honest labor and family care.

Jesus Himself spent most of His earthly life working alongside Joseph. Saint John Paul II described Christ as "a man of work," teaching that through His labor, Jesus proclaimed the dignity of all human work. Because the Son of God worked with human hands, no honest labor is spiritually insignificant.

Christ and the Sanctification of Work

Work, whether in a workshop, classroom, field, office, or home, participates in God's ongoing creation. When united to Christ, it also participates in redemption. The Church teaches that work can become "a means of sanctification and an enlivening of earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ." Yet work can also be unjust or exploitative. For this reason, the Church insists on social structures that respect workers and uphold the conditions necessary for a dignified life.

Dorothy Day's Witness

Dorothy Day gave concrete expression to Catholic social teaching. When she launched The Catholic Worker newspaper on May 1, 1933, she intentionally chose International Workers' Day to claim the public square. For her, the struggle for workers' rights was deeply rooted in faith. While unions used rallies to fight exploitation, Day used her pen to highlight a spiritual patron who embodied the ultimate laborer: Saint Joseph.

"We want to show that the Catholic Church has a social program, that there are men and women working for social justice who are motivated by the love of Christ." — Dorothy Day, The Catholic Worker (1933)

Labor Day and Catholic Reflection

Labor Day is not a liturgical feast, yet it offers a moment to consider whether our economic life truly serves the human person. It invites gratitude for workers, remembrance of the unemployed, and renewed commitment to justice. Viewed through the lens of Saint Joseph, Christ the worker, and Dorothy Day, Labor Day becomes an opportunity to honor every worker as a bearer of God's image and to remember that work is sacred when it serves human dignity and the common good.



Upcoming Meeting – Wednesday, September 16 at 9:45 am.

Deacon Dan is calling to order members of the Parish Pastoral Council for the 2026-2027 service year. Returning members are George and Deena Patterson (at-large), Donna Covelli (Welcoming), member of the PCCW, a member of the Knights Council, Jackie Nieukirk (Outreach), and a need of one more at-large member (open). BTW, all meetings are open.

We only met one time last year and Deacon Dan is on mission to make sure we meet four times a year, September, November, February, and April. We will meet during the day since that seems to work best. Thus, if you have a day job, you are lucky that you will not be badgered to serve. If you do wish to serve on the PPC, please reach out to Deacon Dan.

New Parishioner meeting is on Sunday September 6th after Mass.

Please stop in for a few minutes to give feedback on our welcome process and to let us know how we can help you. Also, we will answer any questions you may have related to parish life.



Bins Available for your Rummage Sale Donations

Have items to donate to the rummage sale? Now is the time to start gathering and packing. Bins will be available in the entry way to Marian Hall for pick up. We will continue to restock bins if necessary until we run out. You can start to bring in your donations on September 20th.

PIE FILLING NEEDED

Marcia is once again ready to make pies for the bake sale. We could use extra PIE FILLING and are asking for donations of pie filling...can or two...apple, cherry blackberry, blueberry, peach, strawberry-rhubarb. (please no pumpkin or lemon as they do not hold up well without refrigeration). The "PIE FILLING Basket" will be in the Gathering Space... a huge THANK YOU!



Jewelry Donations for Rummage Sale

There is a "Treasure Chest" in the Gathering Space for any Jewelry you wish to donate to the rummage sale.



Special Mass of Remembrance on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of 911

The 25th Anniversary of 911 is fast approaching, next Friday, September 11. Here at Our Lady of the Ozarks, and at Our Lady of the Cove, the Mass will include the Prayers of the Memorare (Requiem). We will remember the faithful departed, have special prayers honoring and commending them to God's mercy. Like a funeral Mass, we entrust their souls to the Lord, affirming our hope in the resurrection.

Faith Formation, Sunday School, and Mondays, too!

Public School is in session and soon, Sunday School will be too.

Here at OLO the plan is to return to breaking out of Sunday School of Fatih into two distinct groups. We will have a class that will be tailored to our younger youth, 6th grade and younger. And we will be a second class set aside for our middle school, high school and adult parishioners. Deacon Dan will be the primary teacher for the younger youth and Craig Pollard will be the primary lead for the older disciples.

The Sunday sessions will take place after Mass, 9:45 am – 10:35 am in Marian Hall. The days that we will meet are as follows: September 20, October 4, October 18, October 25, November 1, November 15, November 22, and December 6.

To make this possible, Deacon Dan needs a verbal or email commitment so he and Craig can plan. Finally, for those interested about the Catholic faith and discerning the possibility of becoming Catholic, there are two options. Option one is attending the O.C.I.A. sessions (Order of Christian Initiation) at Our Lady of the Lake in Branson on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Sessions have begun but new inquirers are welcomed to start anytime. Or Deacon Dan is happy to hold sessions here, in Forsyth, on Monday mornings at 10:00 am.





God of peace and mercy,

On this anniversary of September 11, we lift up to you all who died in the terrorist attacks.

Comfort the families who still grieve their loss.

Protect our service members and first responders who put themselves in harm's way.

Grant us the courage to build a culture of true peace, love, and understanding.

Heal the wounds of our nation and our world, and lead us away from hatred and into your light.
Amen





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