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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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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WITH COMPASSION.

— MATTHEW 18:27 —



### 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

9/8/2026

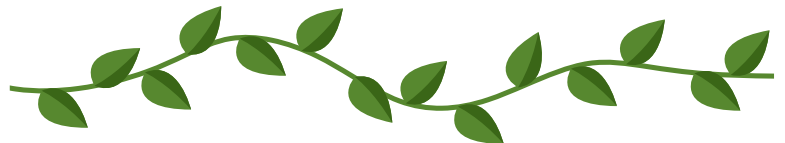
|                             | Last Week          | Month To Date      | Budget for Month    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                             |                    | September          | September           |
| <b>Regular Collections:</b> |                    |                    |                     |
| Envelopes                   | \$2,147.00         | \$2,147.00         | \$6,490.00          |
| Plate (loose)               | 108.00             | 108.00             | 1,000.00            |
| Maint. & Repair Fund        | 1,040.00           | 1,040.00           | 2,260.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$ 3,295.00</b> | <b>\$ 3,295.00</b> | <b>\$ 9,750.00</b>  |
| <b>Operating Expenses:</b>  |                    |                    |                     |
| Salary & Benefits           | 3,330.35           | 3,330.35           | 7,007.00            |
| Maintenance                 | 497.50             | 497.50             | 1,660.00            |
| Telephone & Utilities       | 1,578.47           | 1,578.47           | 2,032.00            |
| Insurance                   | 800.00             | 800.00             | 800.00              |
| Other Expenses              | 742.96             | 742.96             | 2,920.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$ 6,949.28</b> | <b>\$ 6,949.28</b> | <b>\$ 14,419.00</b> |

**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, Dee Vincent and Delores Steinmetz.

**For family & friends:** Sandy Schumacher's brother, Kirk and niece Lisa, Carolyn Townsends 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 daughters Susan and Bonnie, JoAnn Roach's friend Leslie Floyd, Jackie Nieu Kirk's sister-in-law Diana Leonard, Pam Strunk's daughter, Crystal Harvey, Vickie Ploshay's brother Joe Ploshay, and Phil Harters (+) brother Steve Harter.

**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.



### Parish Calendar of Events

| Date      | Time    | Event                                                            |
|-----------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed 9/16  | 9:30 am | No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour                               |
| Wed 9/16  | 9:45 am | Parish Pastoral Council Meeting                                  |
| Sund 9/20 | 9:40 am | Setting up Marian Hall for Fall Rummage Sale (many hands needed) |
| Sun 9/20  | 9:45 am | Faith Formation – The Ministry of the Altar Server               |
| Wed 9/23  | 9:30 am | Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour                                  |

*Check each week for updates as things do change.*

| Date     | Mass Intention           | Lectors        | Gift Bear             |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Sun 9/13 | Parish Family            | Tom / Toni     | Belken Family         |
| Wed 9/16 | Sang Lee Booth +         | Charlene       |                       |
| Fri 9/18 | Thomas Hein +            | Kathy          |                       |
| Sun 9/20 | William Watson +         | Craig / Hunter | JoAnn and James Roach |
| Wed 9/23 | Phil Harter +            | Dennis         |                       |
| Fri 9/25 | Lester & Ronnie Droste + | Marilyn        |                       |

# Knights Corner

**Forsyth Council #7680**

August KofC items : .

- September 13<sup>th</sup> KofC breakfast after Mass



**Pancake  
Breakfast**



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



## **The Ministry of the Altar Server – Learning to Lead the Faithful in Prayer After Mass - Sunday September 20**

After Mass next Sunday, our parish will host a brief faith-formation session to help the community better understand the ministry of the altar server. This ministry is more than assisting at the altar, it is a way of teaching our young people (and adults) how the Church prays, why the liturgy matters, and how reverence shapes our encounter with Christ. By learning the meaning behind the gestures, vessels, and roles of the Mass, the whole parish grows in appreciation for the beauty of our worship. All are invited to attend.



## **Forsyth Area Chamber of Commerce Harvest Moon & Highland Games**

**Saturday October 3, 2026, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Our Lady of the Ozarks is having a "Community Friendship Booth" again this year with the goal of just making ourselves more visible in the community.

I am asking both the youth of our parish and adults who if they would not mind assisting Craig Pollard and myself in manning the booth. We plan to have a few 'Catholic' and non-Catholic trinkets to hand out. Most likely have a fun activity to engage area youth that stop by and offer everyone a neighborly smile.





# Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

## The Quiet Beauty and Sacred Importance of Being an Altar Server

In every parish, there are moments during the Mass when heaven feels especially close, moments of silence, reverence, and awe. Often, standing closest to these mysteries are our altar servers. Their ministry is quiet, humble, and easily overlooked, yet it is one of the most beautiful forms of service in the Church.

Altar servers do more than assist the priest. They help the entire parish pray. Their movements, posture, and attentiveness become a living reminder that the liturgy is not ordinary work but sacred worship. In a world filled with noise and distraction, altar servers model what it looks like to be still before God.

The Church has long recognized the importance of this ministry. Many priests first discovered their vocation while serving at the altar, drawn by the closeness to the Eucharist and the rhythm of the liturgy. Studies consistently show that a large percentage of new priests and religious once served as altar boys or girls. Something profound happens when young people stand near the mystery of Christ made present, faith deepens, reverence grows, and hearts become more open to God's call.

But the beauty of altar serving is not only vocational. It forms character. Servers learn responsibility, teamwork, and the meaning of offering one's best to God. They discover that details matter: the way a candle is carried, the way a book is held, the way one stands in prayer. These small acts of care teach a lifelong lesson. When we serve God, we give Him our very best.

Altar servers also enrich the prayer of the whole community. Their reverence encourages our reverence. Their attentiveness invites our attentiveness. Their quiet dignity reminds us that the Mass is not a performance but an encounter with the living God. When servers carry themselves with devotion, they help the entire parish lift its heart to heaven.

For parents, encouraging a child to become an altar server is a gift. It places them close to the Eucharist, gives them a role in the Church's most sacred prayer, and helps them grow in confidence and faith. For adults, serving at the altar can be a powerful way to deepen one's spiritual life and contribute to the beauty of the liturgy.

Our three Our Lady parishes are blessed by every young person and adult who serves at the altar. Their ministry is a quiet but radiant sign of faith. May God continue to raise up generous hearts who desire to serve Him with reverence, humility, and joy.

*Lord Jesus, Thank You for the privilege of serving at Your altar. Help me to be reverent, attentive, and joyful. May my service draw others closer to You, and may my heart be formed by the mystery I serve. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for me. Amen.*

# RUMMAGE SALE

## 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.

## Rummage & Bake Sale HELP NEEDED...come join us to get ready for the SALE:

- Sept 18 -Friday-After Mass – start setting up hall...set up tables, pack up Good Counsel Room and move items from the Emmaus Room
- Sept 20-Sunday - Bring in shelving and racks
- Sept 21-Monday- Bring donations (not furniture) to Marian Hall
- Sept 21 – 26 -Monday thru Saturday- Set Up Days 9am-2pm and Sat 9-Noon
- Sept 28- Oct 3-Monday thru Saturday- Set Up Days 9-2 and Sat 9-Noon
- Oct 4 –Sunday-Early bird shopping for parishioners after Mass and put out large rummage sale signs
- Oct 4 or 5 -Sunday or Monday-Set Up Outside Tables
- Oct 5 –Monday- Accepting furniture and last day to bring in donations
- Oct 5 – 7 –Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday- Set Up Days 9-2
- Oct 7 & 8 – Wednesday & Thursday morning- bring in baked goods for bake sale
- Oct 7 – Put out rummage sale yard signs
- Oct 8,9,10 Actual Sale Days Thursday 7-4pm, Friday 8-4, Sat 8- Noon
- Oct 10 – Saturday Noon – end of sale, clean up Gathering Space and pick up signs
- Oct 11- Sunday – Shopping for a goodwill offering and pack up remaining items & clear Hall
- Oct 12 - Remaining Items will be picked up.
- Oct 13 - Clean hall

## Faith Formation, Sunday School, and Mondays, too!



Here at OLO the plan is to return to breaking out the 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 have 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 accordingly.

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.

## Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection – Sunday, September 20



Next weekend our parish will participate in the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This fund supports senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have spent their lives in service, teaching, nursing, praying, and building up the Church, often with little compensation.

Many religious communities, such as, Sr. Charollette's religious community – the School Sisters of Notre Dame, face financial challenges in providing for the ongoing care of their elderly members. Your generosity helps ensure safe housing, medication, and dignified retirement care for those who have given so much.

Thank you for your prayerful support of the women and men whose quiet, faithful witness continues to bless the Church.

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### **Upcoming Cursillo Weekends in the Diocese:**

#### **Women's Weekends**

*Date: October 15-18, 2026*

Location: Carthage, MO

*Date: November 19-22, 2026*

Location: Fredericktown, MO

#### **Men's Weekends**

*Date: November 12-15, 2026*

Location: Carthage, MO

*Date: December 3-6, 2026*

Location: Fredericktown, MO

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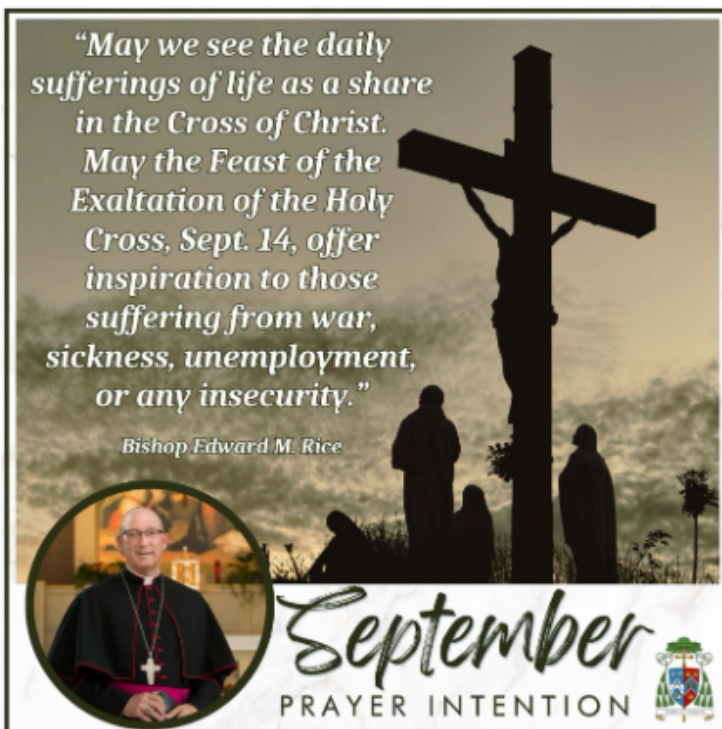
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