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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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 passing of
 Amendment 3.



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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
9/22/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
		September	September
Regular Collections:			
Envelopes	\$2,395.00	\$5,698.00	\$6,490.00
Plate (loose)	326.00	571.90	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	580.00	2,300.00	2,260.00
Total	\$ 3,301.00	\$ 8,569.90	\$ 9,750.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits		3,330.35	7,007.00
Maintenance		2,932.50	1,660.00
Telephone & Utilities	86.95	1,894.27	2,032.00
Insurance		800.00	800.00
Other Expenses	144.82	963.64	2,920.00
Total	\$ 231.77	\$ 9,920.76	\$ 14,419.00

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 & 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 Nieukirk'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.

Look at the back of the bulletin.

Do you know someone who could benefit from an ad in our bulletin?



Parish Calendar of Events

Date Time Event

Sun 9/27 No Faith Formation this Sunday

Wed 9/30 9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

Fri 10/02 9:35 am First Friday Social with Rosary before Mass

Sat 10/3 10:00 am Forsyth's Harvest Moon Festival (10 am-4 pm) youth encourage to help

Sun 10/4 9:45 am PSR Faith Formation – Mass Participation and the Role of the Laity

Wed 10/7 9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

Thu 10/8 7:00 am Fall Rummage Sales begins - Three grace-filled days of joy

Sun 10/11 9:45 am Restoration of Marian Hall to its former self

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 9/27	Tom Kinsella +	Molly / Dennis	Ethel Kinsella and Mike & Linda Knight
Wed 9/30	John Loughner	Kathy	
Fri 10/2	1 st Friday deceased Souls +	Dennis	
Sun 10/4	Kurt Schoch +	Toni / Charlene	
Wed 10/7	Cora Gerken +	Dennis	
Fri 10/9	Dee Walton +	Kathy	

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



Cursillo: A Three-day Retreat to Deepen Your Walk with Christ

If you've been longing for a fresh spark in your spiritual life, consider making a Cursillo. This three-day retreat helps ordinary Catholics discover how to live as intentional disciples, rooted in prayer, strengthened by community, and sent to bring Christ's love into everyday life. Many from our Branson-area parishes have found Cursillo to be a turning point in their faith.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends in Our Diocese

Women's Weekends:

Oct 15-18, 2026 — Carthage

Nov 19-22, 2026 — Fredericktown

Men's Weekends

Nov 12-15, 2026 — Carthage

Dec 3-6, 2026 — Fredericktown



If you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you toward deeper renewal, this may be the moment. For details or to begin the application process, contact Deacon Dan or visit the Diocesan Cursillo page - <https://dioscg.org/cursillo/>

Deacon has been a part of many Cursillo Retreat teams in the past. My best way to share my thoughts on Cursillo; thinking of a Welcome Retreat on steroids.

Knights Corner

Forsyth Council #7680



October KofC items :

- **October 22nd - Rosary at 6:10pm, all parishioners are invited to come and pray the Rosary with us. Business meeting at 6:30pm.**



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Charisms and Prayer: A Catholic Look at Speaking in Tongues

A couple of weeks ago, I was co-leading an OCIA session on the theme of prayer: how we speak to God personally, the rich variety of prayer in the Christian life, and the beauty of our Catholic traditions. It was one of those evenings where the conversation flowed easily, and the Holy Spirit was truly at work among us.

As often happens when we explore the topic of prayer, someone eventually asks about the Church's teaching on speaking in tongues. The question surfaces from time to time, especially because some Protestant communities, particularly Pentecostal denominations, hold that speaking in tongues is a sign that a person has been "baptized in the Holy Spirit." That naturally leads to a deeper and important question:

What does the Catholic Church actually say about this charismatic, Spirit-filled gift?

The Catholic Church recognizes speaking in tongues as one of the spiritual gifts, or *charisms*, mentioned by St. Paul. These gifts are freely given by the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church, not as signs of superior holiness or as requirements for every Christian. The Church therefore neither rejects the genuine charism nor teaches that all Catholics should seek or possess it.

In Scripture, "tongues" can refer to different realities. At Pentecost, the Apostles spoke languages understood by people from many nations. In Corinth, however, St. Paul describes a form of prayer or inspired speech that was not understood without interpretation (1 Cor 14). The precise nature of each biblical instance is not entirely clear.

St. Paul provides the essential rule: charismatic gifts must serve edification, order, and charity. Speaking in tongues may be helpful in personal prayer, but in a public Christian gathering it should be accompanied by interpretation so that the community can understand and be strengthened. If no interpretation is available, the person should remain silent in the assembly and pray privately.

The Church also insists on discernment. A claimed gift must be consistent with Catholic doctrine, exercised humbly, and evaluated according to its fruits. Pope St. Paul VI taught that spiritual gifts must be tested according to fidelity to the faith, service of the common good, and charity. Whatever contradicts the Church's faith cannot come from the Holy Spirit.

Speaking in tongues should therefore never become a test of whether someone has received the Holy Spirit. Nor should it be used to pressure people, attract attention, disrupt worship, or create divisions. The greatest gift is charity. As Pope St. John Paul II reminded us, St. Paul preferred gifts that directly build up the community and placed love above every other charism.

In Catholic prayer gatherings, this gift can be used when the pastor or prayer leaders judge it appropriate. The Church encourages openness to the Holy Spirit while also reminding us to remain grounded in good order and respect for those who guide the community. Extraordinary gifts are not something we try to force or chase after, and when they do appear, the Church helps discern whether they are genuine and how they should be used.

In short: the Church permits and respects genuine speaking in tongues, but it is neither necessary nor a measure of holiness. It must be guided by Catholic doctrine, ecclesial authority, humility, order, and love.

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 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

Parish School of Religion: Next Session, Sunday, October 4

Next Sunday, we will meet in the Worship space and explore and discuss the beautiful truth that the Mass is not something we watch, rather it is something we do. The Church teaches that every member of the laity has an active, essential role in the Eucharistic celebration, from listening to God's Word to offering our hearts in prayer and joining ourselves to Christ's sacrifice. You and your children are encouraged to come and discover how their presence, their voice, and their faith truly matter at Mass.





FIRST FRIDAY MASS *for* VOCATIONS

Bishop Rice will celebrate the *Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart* for Vocations each First Friday of the month, followed by the Rosary.

All parishes are invited to celebrate First Friday Masses for Vocations as we continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

BISHOP RICE'S SCHEDULE *for* FIRST FRIDAY MASS:

Fri., Oct. 2	St. Agnes Cathedral, <i>Springfield</i>	8:30 a.m.
Fri., Nov. 6	St. Agnes Cathedral, <i>Springfield</i>	5:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 4	St. John Henry Newman Center, <i>SEMO/Cape Girardeau</i>	12:00 p.m.

Forsyth Area Chamber of Commerce Harvest Moon & Highland Games Next Saturday October 3, 2026, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Shoals Bend Park



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 and adults of our parish 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 and a game or two for the youth. However, our main purpose is to just make more friends in the Forsyth community. Stop by and say hello.

Bereavement Healing

Grief is painful and exhausting. The death of a loved one is one of the greatest sorrows in one's life. People's responses to grief will vary, but grief is a normal, healthy response to loss.

It sometimes seems easier to avoid confronting the feelings of grief and loss. But working through sorrow and allowing ourselves to express such feelings can help us recover.

Grief ultimately asks many things of us... including a shift in the way we relate to life. As we walk with each other, we will understand that we are not alone, allow ourselves to be mad and broken, re-discover God's love for us and eventually think and say our loved one's name with hope.

The next Bereavement group will begin Tuesday, October 6th in the Heritage Room (lower level of the Our Lady of the Lake church). You may have recently lost a loved one or time may have passed since your loved one's death. If you are interested in walking together through this time of sorrow, call the Our Lady of the Lake parish office 417-334-2928 to leave your name and number and you will be contacted with additional information.

Father J is inviting all three parishes to come together on this journey.

FORWARD... One Step At A Time





On November 3, 2026, Missourians will be asked to vote on Amendment 3, which will roll back the worst provisions of the pro-abortion constitutional amendment that was narrowly approved in 2024.

Bishop Rice along with all the Bishops of Missouri are encouraging Catholics across the state to learn about and prayerfully consider Amendment 3, This amendment as an important opportunity for Missourians to restore pro-life protections and re-establish health and safety standards that were removed by the 2024 constitutional change on abortion.

Your “Yes” vote for Amendment 3 would:

Reinstate parental consent requirements for minors.

Require that abortions be performed by licensed physicians.

Restore clinic licensing and inspection standards to protect women’s health and safety.

Clarify protections for treatment of miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and medical emergencies.

Establish limits on abortion with narrow exceptions.

Prohibit gender-transition surgeries and puberty blockers for minors.

The Bishops of Missouri have provided statewide parish resources to help Catholics understand the amendment and engage in respectful, informed conversations. They urge the faithful to pray, fast, and participate in the election with a well-formed conscience, guided by the Church’s commitment to the dignity of human life, the protection of women and children, and the responsibility of voters to uphold the common good. To learn more go to - <https://mocatholic.org/amendment-3/>



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