

951 Swan Valley Drive, Forsyth, MO 65653
 417-546-5208 | ourladyoftheozarks@gmail.com

www.ourladyoftheozarks.com

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



Parish Leadership

Father J Friedel

Pastor

417-334-2928 ext 105

FrJFriedel@ollbranson.com

Father Johny M. Augusthy

Associate Pastor

417-334-2928 X 101

johnyvc@dioscg.org

Father Dhaneesh Thomas

Associate Pastor

417-334-2928

Dhaneesh@dioscg.org

Dcn Daniel Vaughn

Parish Administrator

Pastoral Associate

417-546-5208 or 812-204-2625

DcnDanVaughn@gmail.com

Mike Rivera

Bulletin

mikerivera@ollbranson.com

Nancy Loughner

Office Associate

Marilyn Guy

Financial Administrator

Barbara Peterson

PCCW President

Chris Gillen

Parish Pastoral Council President

Laura Cairns

Music Ministry

Buck Hartley

Grand Knight Council 7680

*Month
of the
Rosary*

Cover Design © Liturgical Publications Inc | Photo © Our Lady of the Rosary, www.restoredtraditions.com

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

9/29/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
		September	September
Regular Collections:			
Envelopes	\$1,273.00	\$6,971.00	\$6,490.00
Plate (loose)	144.00	715.90	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	578.00	2,878.00	2,260.00
Total	\$ 1,995.00	\$ 10,564.90	\$ 9,750.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	2,375.61	5,705.96	7,007.00
Maintenance	85.00	3,017.50	1,660.00
Telephone & Utilities		1,894.27	2,032.00
Insurance	463.53	1,263.53	800.00
Other Expenses	1,346.85	2,310.49	2,920.00
Total	\$ 4,270.99	\$ 14,191.75	\$ 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, 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.

For the month of October, the Rosary will be prayed one-half hour before Mass on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday.

All are invited.



Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
SSat 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
Mon 10/12	8:00 am	Rummage Sale items are hauled away, tables and chairs stored away
Tues 10/13	8:30 am	Marian Hall floors are cleaned and waxed
Wed 10/14	9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 10/16	9:00 am	Mary Luberta's Funeral Mass, followed by reception

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 10/4	Kurt Schoch +	Toni / Charlene	Belkin Family
Wed 10/7	Cora Gerken +	Dennis	
Fri 10/9	Dee Walton +	Kathy	
Sun 10/11	Parish Family	Dennis / Kay	Rock Family
Wed 10/14	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Marilyn	
Fri 10/16	Mary Luberta +	Dennis	



October KofC items :

- **Tootsie Roll Drive - All 4 Sundays in October.**
- **October 22nd - Rosary at 6:10pm, all parishioners are invited to come and pray the Rosary with us. Business meeting at 6:30pm.**

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



Norma McKee

March 1937 – September 19, 2026

Last Sunday in my bulletin email release, I mentioned that I had received word that our former parishioner Norma McKee passed away with her family at her bedside. She had recently moved from CedarCreek to Arizona to be with her daughters. She celebrated her 89th birthday in March of 2026. Norma is survived by her 5 children, 15 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Her remains will reside next to her late husband Truman "Bud" McKee at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield. A Mass in her honor will be offered at OLO at a time yet to be determined.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Norma and for her family during this time of loss.

Page 3

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.



Archbishop Fulton Sheen: A Modern-Day Influencer of the Gospel

A week ago, my wife Beth and I traveled to St. Louis to attend the beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The celebration brought together clergy, religious, families, and thousands of faithful whose lives have been touched by his witness. Being present was a powerful reminder that holiness is not just a reality of the past. It remains alive and urgently needed in our world today.

As I stood among the over 50,000 who came to honor this remarkable servant of God, one thought kept returning to me: if Archbishop Sheen were alive today, he would be recognized as one of the most effective Gospel influencers the Church has ever known.

Long before social media transformed communication, Sheen mastered the art of reaching hearts through the media tools of his time. His Emmy Award-winning television program *Life Is Worth Living* attracted audiences of up to 30 million viewers each week, while his radio broadcasts reached millions more. Armed with little more than a chalkboard, a warm smile, and a compelling message, he made the Gospel approachable, personal, and hopeful. He did more than use media; he helped shape the culture.

What made him so influential?

First, Sheen saw media as a missionary field. Much like today's evangelizers use podcasts, livestreams, and social platforms, he used radio and television to meet people where they were. He communicated with clarity, beauty, and a deep understanding of the human heart. His message was simple, yet profoundly meaningful.

Second, he communicated truth with charity. In an age when conversations often become divisive and harsh, Sheen's approach remains refreshing. He did not seek to win arguments; he sought to win souls. He invited rather than condemned, encouraged rather than shamed, and drew people toward Christ through authenticity and trust. His influence was rooted not in controversy but in the peace and joy he radiated.

Third, his public presence was always grounded in mission. As National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, he inspired tremendous support for missionary work worldwide. His broadcasts were never about promoting himself. They were about building the Kingdom of God.

Pope Leo XIV recently reflected on Sheen's legacy, calling him "a light of faith, hope, and love" whose evangelization touched millions including the pope himself as a child. That is the mark of a true influencer: someone whose witness lives long after the camera stops rolling.

As we celebrate his beatification and give thanks for his life, we are reminded that the world still needs modern-day influencers of the Gospel. Sheen shows us how to do it with clarity, charity, courage, and joy. May his example inspire each of us to bring Christ's light into every corner of our own daily lives.

Witnesses of Faith and Joy at the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

As I mentioned in my Hey Deacon article, I was among 50,000 who traveled to The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis on September 24, 2026, for the beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The immense crowd, representing almost every U.S. state and several countries including Italy, Poland, and Brazil, reflected the global reach of Sheen's preaching and the deep affection so many hold for him.

The Church's presence was striking. Close to 90 bishops, about 1,000 priests, 1,600 men and women religious, and nearly 250 deacons joined the faithful in prayer. Families, parish groups, young adults, and longtime admirers filled the arena with many carrying rosaries or Sheen's books, eager to witness this long-awaited moment. Before the Mass started, many of the faithful participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spent time in Eucharistic Adoration.

The liturgy was marked by beauty and solemnity. A procession of hundreds of clergy entered wearing vestments embroidered with "JMJ" (Jesus, Mary, Joseph), a beloved symbol Sheen wrote atop every page of his notes. Choirs and orchestra filled the Dome with hymns that lifted hearts and gave the vast space a sense of reverent unity. The beatification decree, proclaimed between the Penitential Rite and the Gloria, formally declared Sheen "Blessed," affirming his presence in heaven as worthy of belief.

Several notable witnesses added depth to the celebration. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, serving as papal delegate, presided at the Mass and read the apostolic letter from Pope Leo XIV. Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, the apostolic nuncio, concelebrated alongside dozens of bishops. Archbishop Timothy Dolan offered remarks on behalf of the Archdiocese of New York. Paul Cunningham, Sheen's great-nephew, read a brief biography during the liturgy. And in a particularly moving moment, James Engstrom, whose miraculous healing as an infant was accepted as the miracle for Sheen's beatification, helped present a relic from Sheen's remains.

Yet the most powerful witness came from the faithful themselves. Tens of thousands stood together in prayer, gratitude, and joy, revealing that Sheen's mission continues to bear fruit. Their devotion testified that his call to bring souls to Christ remains alive, inspiring believers today to evangelize with courage and love. Here are a few pictures from the event. (Bishop Rice, 3rd pic, headshot next to tabernacle.)



REMINDER: BAKE SALE Donations

Bring your baked goods on Wednesday, October 7 and the morning of Oct 8. Thank You



Rummage & Bake Sale :

- Oct 4 –Sunday-Early Bird shopping for parishioners after Mass.
- Oct 5 - Monday-Set Up Outside Tables and set out items – NEED YOUR HELP as we have only three days to get the outside items set out and priced.
- 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 – Pick Up remaining items
- Oct 13- Floor Cleaning in Marian Hall

Parish School of Religion: The Mass: The Heart of Our Faith

The Mass is not something we simply watch. It is something we enter into with our minds, hearts, voices, and prayers. When we actively participate by listening attentively to God's Word, joining in the prayers and hymns, and offering ourselves with Christ in the Eucharist, we become more open to His grace and more aware of His presence in our lives. Active participation strengthens our relationship with God, deepens our understanding of the faith, and helps us live as joyful disciples of Jesus throughout the week.



Want to learn more? Join us this Sunday for our Parish School of Religion session as we explore what it means to participate fully, consciously, and actively in the Mass. Discover the beauty and meaning behind the prayers, responses, gestures, and rituals of the liturgy, and learn practical ways to make every Mass a more powerful encounter with Christ.

"The more we engage in the Mass, the more the Mass transforms us.



Vote YES on Amendment 3

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Missouri from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us!



YES ON 3

PROTECTS WOMEN & CHILDREN

- Reinstates health and safety standards and allows for inspections at abortion clinics
- Prohibits sex-change surgeries, cross-sex hormones, and puberty blockers for children
- Reestablishes ability to sue physicians or facilities for malpractice, injury, or death for abortion procedures

MISSOURI
CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE



Learn more at
www.mocatholic.org
or scan QR code



STATE-WIDE PRAYER CAMPAIGN



YES ON 3

Women's Health - Child Safety

Join the Missouri Bishops in
"Vote Yes to Amendment 3"
to safeguard Women's Health
and Child Safety.



www.dioscg.org/respect-life





10126 E 76, Suite E
Forsyth, Mo 65653
417-336-5465

Darrel & Susan Bearden
Snapp Bearden
Funeral Home and Crematory
Ozarks Memorial Park 417-546-4757



Knights of Columbus
PRO LIFE
Forsyth Council #7680



1 & 2 Bedrooms
1-1/2 & 2 Baths
417-546-3334
for Carefree Living

shepherdofthehillsestapts.com



MR. DON'S BARBER SHOP Don Carr
173 Shadowrock Drive, Forsyth, MO and
Tue — Fri 8:00 — 5:00 and Sat 8 — 12 Wren Carr
For Appt 294-1984

Dan Guy, ENROLLED AGENT
D&M Accounting Service
417-546-5086 Highway 160, P.O. Box 808
Forsyth, Missouri 65653

Mr. Bug Killer Inc.
PROFESSIONAL
EXTERMINATING

Branson
(417) 334-0009
Forsyth
(417) 546-2009



Learn more about senior living and senior care by
calling 800-558-0653 or go to www.caring.com.



Jesus, I trust
in you.

OUR LADY OF THE OZARKS PARISH
FORSYTH



Residential • Commercial Real Estate

Duane & Kay Gerken, Brokers

Duane: 417.335.0771

Kay 417.335.0271

GerkenandAssociates.com

Office: 417.334.1892



PINEGAR CHEVROLET BUICK GMC OF BRANSON

N. Hwy 65 Branson, MO
417-231-4599

<https://www.pinegarbranson.com>

Fletch@pinegarbranson.com



Safe Environment - Report Abuse

If you suspect or have a concern regarding misconduct or abuse, use the
Report Abuse online access via the Diocesan webpage, www.dioscrg.org.

Then click on Report Abuse, and/or call the Director of Child and Youth
Protection:

William Holtmeyer, 417-866-0841



To purchase an ad, contact:

Mike Rivera mikerivera@ollbranson.com 417-527-4367