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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



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COME TO THE FEAST.

— MATTHEW 22:4 —



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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

10/6/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
Regular Collections:		October	October
Envelopes	\$2,427.00	\$2,427.00	\$7,170.00
Plate (loose)	108.93	108.93	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	785.00	785.00	2,560.00
Total	\$ 3,320.93	\$ 3,320.93	\$ 10,730.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits	2,200.00	2,200.00	6,607.00
Maintenance	1,767.19	1,767.19	2,510.00
Telephone & Utilities		0.00	2,332.00
Insurance		0.00	800.00
Other Expenses	487.41	487.41	1,034.00
Total	\$ 4,454.60	\$ 4,454.60	\$ 13,283.00

Quarterly Financial Report

Quarter ended 9/30/2026

	Actual for Quarter	Budget for Quarter
Regular Collections:		
Envelopes	\$26,775.64	\$22,250.00
Plate (loose)	2,655.90	3,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	10,270.76	7,750.00
Total	\$ 39,702.30	\$ 33,000.00
Operating Expenses:		
Salary & Benefits	16,899.18	20,156.01
Maintenance	7,321.74	4,480.00
Telephone & Utilities	4,944.77	6,096.00
Insurance	2,063.53	1,600.00
Other Expenses	5,743.53	5,425.00
Total	\$ 36,972.75	\$ 37,757.01

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, 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.



Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
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 being cleaned and waxed
Wed 10/14	9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 10/16	9:00 am	Mary Luberdas's Funeral Mass, followed by reception
Sun 10/18	9:45 am	PSR / Family Faith Formation - Classes in session
10/19 to 10/23		No Weekday Masses due to Priests' Institute.

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 10/11	Parish Family	Dennis / Kay	Rock Family
Wed 10/14	Lester & Ronnie Droste +	Marilyn	
Fri 10/16	Mary Luberdas +	Dennis	
Sun 10/18	John Loughner	Craig / Hunter	Nancy Loughner and Ethel Kinsella
No weekday Maases due to Priests' Institute			

**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.**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
2nd Collection - Next Sunday - October 18**

World Mission Day was first established by Pope Pius XI, beginning in October 1927. This year the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Day on Sunday, October 18, 2026.

What your donation supports:

The World Mission Sunday collection grants funds to mission dioceses, which help to underwrite the basic physical footprint that keeps missionary life going: where priests live, where sisters live, where children are catechized, where formation and pastoral work can happen, and where Holy Mass can be celebrated, often for the first time.

Part of the funds are used to help missionary dioceses run and survive, while the rest of the funds are used to build churches, seminaries, convents, and pastoral centers. In an average year, WMS helps to fund over 900 infrastructure-related projects for the Church. The takeaway -- those in need receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, hope and peace. Your donation makes this possible.

**Mental Health Sunday - October 11
An awareness of those who struggle with mental illness**

In October 2026, Pope Leo XIV is inviting the world to join him in prayer for Catholic mental health ministries and their work to respond to the global mental health crisis.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have designated Sunday, October 11, 2026, as National Mental Health Sunday, when Catholic communities across the country can pray for all who struggle with mental health and those who accompany them. Additionally, stay connected to the USCCB's National Catholic Mental Health Campaign, a year-round initiative to encourage all people of good will to get engaged in this outreach. More details and resources can be found online at <https://www.usccb.org/mentalhealth>.

Start with the Nationwide Novena. Celebrate Mental Health Sunday. Be ready to act with love.

Additionally, our Knights of Coumbus help provide awareness through their October Tootsie Roll campaign. Your support and the money raised help provide services for those with mental and physical challenges.



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

The Sanctus: Joining Heaven's Praise Through Active Participation

Last Sunday at OLO, our PSR faith formation topic invited us to look more deeply at what the Church means by “active participation” in the Mass. This participation is far more than simply being present in the pews; it is the full, conscious, and active involvement of every baptized member of the faithful in the sacred liturgy, a responsibility and a right that flows directly from our baptism. When we enter the Mass, we are not spectators but participants in Christ’s saving work, joining ourselves to the prayer of the Church.

One of the clearest moments where this participation becomes visible is the Sanctus, proclaimed by the priest and people together after the Preface: “*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.*” This acclamation is not a pause before the Eucharistic Prayer but an essential part of it. The Preface leads us directly into this moment, where the entire assembly joins the praise of the angels and steps into the worship of heaven. In the Sanctus, our voices unite with theirs, lifting a single cry of adoration as we enter the holiest part of the Mass.

The Sanctus serves as a kind of heavenly wake-up call, inviting us to recognize the mystery before us: worshiping the God whose glory fills heaven and earth. Pope John Paul II taught that the Church’s threefold “Holy” proclaims God’s supreme transcendence and perfection. These words come from Isaiah’s vision of the Lord enthroned in glory while the seraphim cry out, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The Book of Revelation echoes this same heavenly worship. John describes the living creatures who proclaim God’s holiness without ceasing. The Mass does not reenact that vision; rather, our earthly assembly joins its praise to the unending praise of heaven. The Roman Missal’s Preface reminds us that we are united with the choirs of angels in singing God’s glory.

The Sanctus continues with: “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*” These words recall Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and appear in Psalm 118. “Hosanna,” once a plea for salvation, became a joyful cry of praise. At Mass, this acclamation expresses both our longing for God’s saving help and our welcome of Christ, who comes among us in the Eucharist.

Because the Sanctus is the prayer of the assembly, it should never be treated as a performance. The Roman Missal directs that priest, and people ordinarily sing or speak it together. Whether sung or spoken, the whole assembly is invited to participate with one voice.

The next time you pray the Sanctus, pause inwardly over its words. We are not merely repeating a familiar text, we are praising the holy God, joining our voices to the angels, and welcoming Christ who comes to save us. At the heart of the Mass, the Church on earth lifts its voice in praise that reaches toward heaven.

Missouri Amendment 3 (2026): What It Does and the Yes Vote



RESTORE • PROTECT • ENSURE

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.

VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 3

A YES Vote Is a Vote For: Women's Safety • Parental Rights • Medical Accountability • Protection of Children • Support for Families

- ✓ Protect women's health and safety
- ✓ Preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies
- ✓ Increase oversight and accountability of abortion facilities
- ✓ Support informed consent and patient education
- ✓ Protect parental rights
- ✓ Safeguard minors from gender-transition procedures
- ✓ Expand support for mothers and families
- ✓ Promote transparency in reproductive health care
- ✓ Defend vulnerable children, born and unborn
- ✓ Foster a culture of life and compassion

Vote YES on Amendment 3

Protecting Women, Children, and Babies

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



All are invited.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Thank You !

Thank you for your donations & purchases!

Thank you for your delicious lunches & desserts!

Thank you for your Baked Goods for the Bake Sale!

Thank you for answering the call and for saying YES!

Most of all, THANK YOU for your time, your energy and your willingness to help! We could not have done this without YOU!

May God continue to bless you and all you do!

PCCW OCOTBER SERVICE PROJECT...
help support children entering into Foster Care.
Won't you join us?

The PCCW is hosting a donation drive for "Suitcases for New Beginnings" October 11 – November 1st. This local organization gives children entering foster care a sense of dignity and hope by providing a duffel bag for each child filled with much needed items. Founder Cheryl Adair was a Special Ed Teacher at Forsyth Elementary and is now a Taney County CASA Supervisor.

Please help if you can by putting your donation in the SUITCASE located in the Gathering Space. The following items are appreciated: Baby Shampoo, Kids Shampoo, Baby Wipes, Kids Body Wash, Kids Toothpaste, Diaper Rash Cream, a Duffel bag or a Diaper bag. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please give monetary donations to Donna Covelli. Checks can be made out to "Suitcases for New Beginnings".





In Memory of Mary Edna Lubberda
October 14, 1940 – August 30, 2026

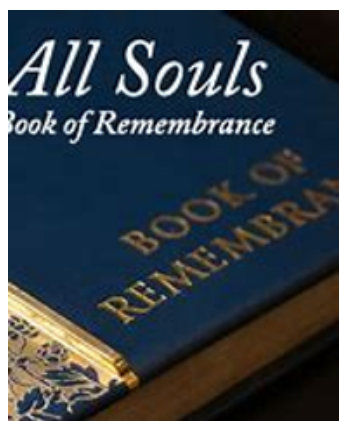
Our Lady of the Ozarks parish extends its prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Edna Lubberda, who entered eternal life on August 30, 2026, at the age of 85.

Born in Danvers, Massachusetts, Mary, known affectionately as Edna by her family, later made her home in the Chicago area, where she met her husband, Richard N. Lubberda. Together they shared 43 years of devoted marriage and raised five children in a home centered on love, faith, and family.

A dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Mary devoted herself to her family and to the education of children. She volunteered extensively through school organizations and later served as a Learning Resource Center aide, helping create welcoming educational environments for young students. After moving permanently to Forsyth in 1998, Mary embraced her new community with warmth and generosity. She volunteered at the public library resale shop, assisted with election certification through the county clerk's office, and mentored a local elementary student in reading and mathematics.

Following the death of her husband, she found renewed comfort, friendship, and spiritual strength through her parish family at Our Lady of the Ozarks, where her faith became an even more treasured part of her life. Mary will be remembered for her kind heart, joyful spirit, commitment to service, and deep love for both family and faith. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and bring comfort to all who mourn her passing. The Memorial Mass for Mary will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church on October 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Followed by a meal in Marian Hall. All are welcome. Interment will be at Ozark Memorial Cemetery in Branson.

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



All Souls Day Book of Remembrance
The Month of November

Parishioners are invited to list the names of family and friends in our parish's Book of Remembrance. This is a beautiful way that our parish family can pray during the month of November.

If you wish to have your loved ones prayed for, simply fill out the form and either email or bring it to the parish, and it will be included in the book. Blank forms are in the gathering space.



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