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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



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHICH COMMANDMENT IS THE GREATEST?

— MATTHEW 22:36 —

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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

10/20/2026

	Last Week	Month To Date	Budget for Month
		October	October
Regular Collections:			
Envelopes	\$2,007.00	\$6,477.50	\$7,170.00
Plate (loose)	184.00	474.93	1,000.00
Maint. & Repair Fund	665.00	2,625.00	2,560.00
Total	\$ 2,856.00	\$ 9,577.43	\$ 10,730.00
Operating Expenses:			
Salary & Benefits		3,136.00	6,607.00
Maintenance	120.00	2,355.36	2,510.00
Telephone & Utilities	329.85	559.01	2,332.00
Insurance		800.00	800.00
Other Expenses	478.70	1,806.53	1,034.00
Total	\$ 928.55	\$ 8,656.90	\$ 13,283.00

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, Delores Steinmetz, and Eric Peterson.

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, 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 10/25	9:45 am	PSR Family Faith Formation – Marian Hall
Wed 10/28	9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 11/01	9:45 am	PSR Family Faith Formation – Marian Hall
Mon 11/02	9:00 am	All Souls Day Mass
Wed 11/04		No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 11/08	9:35 am	KofC Breakfast – Marian Hall (No PSR)
Wed 11/11	10:00 am	PCCW Meeting
Thu 11/12	6:30 pm	Knights Council #7680 Mtg with 6:10 pm Rosary

Check each week for updates as things do change.

Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 10/25	Kathleen Owens + and Cesario Lampong +	Marilyn / Molly	Mike & Gloria Obranovic and Caroline Carr
Wed 10/28	Joesph & Wilma Ratermann +	Charlene	
Fri 10/30	Sang Lee Booth +	Carla	
Sun 11/1	Lestor & Ronnie Droste +	Carla / Tom	Donna Covelli and Vicki Ploshay
Mon 11/2	Marvin Schmitz +	Charlene / Toni	
Wed 11/4	Zeta Leonard +	Nancy	
Fri 11/6	1 st Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	

Forsyth Council #7680

Knights Corner



October KofC items :

- Tootsie Roll Drive - All 4 Sundays in October.



Congratulations!

**Council 7680 has earned the
2025-2026 Star Council Award!**



Our Lady of the Ozarks Parish Knights of Columbus Council 7680 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities. Only 10% of the Councils worldwide each year meet the criteria. I believe it is a first for our Knights to achieve this status.

Thank you, Knights, for all that you do for our parish and for the Forsyth community.



PCCW OCTOBER 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".





Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn



November Remembrance: The Bonds of Love Remain



My father died in November 2014, and my mother followed him home to the Lord nearly five years later. During those years, I witnessed firsthand the challenges of widowhood. While the sharp edges of grief softened over time, the loss never completely disappeared. When I look out at our congregation and see those who have lost a spouse or another dearly loved person, it touches my heart in two ways. First, it reminds me to keep you in my prayers each evening as I pray for those who mourn and for our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. Second, it deepens my gratitude for the years my wife and I continue to share together, while reminding me that all of us will one day face the sorrow of saying goodbye to someone we love.

Perhaps that is one reason the Church's observance of November is so meaningful. During this month, we are invited to bring our grief, our memories, and our hope to the Lord. Through the celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, we remember our deceased loved ones and pray for all the faithful departed. For many, this month awakens memories of spouses, parents, grandparents, children, relatives, and friends whose absence remains deeply felt.

The Church understands the reality of grief because it is woven throughout Sacred Scripture. Jesus Himself stood at the tomb of His friend Lazarus and wept. In that simple moment, He revealed God's compassion for those who mourn and showed that sorrow and faith can exist side by side. Yet Christ's victory over death assures us that grief does not have the final word.

As we enter this month of remembrance, we also hold in a special way the widows and widowers among us. Scripture gives us the example of Anna, the faithful widow who remained devoted to prayer and was among the first to recognize the infant Jesus as the Messiah. Her witness reminds us that even after profound loss, God continues to work through lives rooted in faith. Many widows and widowers in our parish offer that same witness today. Their perseverance, prayer, and trust in God's grace strengthen their families and enrich our parish community.

As Catholics, we believe that our bonds of love do not end with death. Through the Communion of Saints, we remain united in Christ with those who have gone before us. The Catechism teaches that our prayers for the faithful departed are a genuine act of charity and can help those who are being purified on their journey to the fullness of heaven (CCC 958). Every Mass, rosary, visit to a cemetery, and prayer for the dead becomes an expression of love and faith in God's promise of eternal life.

This is why November is not simply a month of remembering. It is a month of prayer, charity, and hope. During this month, let us remember our loved ones by name, pray for all the faithful departed, and offer support to those who continue to mourn. May Christ, who conquered death, strengthen our hope until the day we are reunited with those we love in the presence of God.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen.



Catholic Pilgrimages with Proximo Travel Proximo Travel – Four spiritually rich journeys to Italy, Greece, and/or the Holy Land

Deacon Dan is taking a survey to gauge the interest in taking a pilgrimage to Italy, Italy & Greece, or Holy Land & Rome in the Fall of 2027 or Spring of 2028 (after Easter). If you are somewhat certain you would be interested, please email me at dcndanvaughn@gmail.com with your 1st and 2nd preferences.

A. Italy Regular Pilgrimage – 9 Days (\$4,999)

A beautiful introduction to the heart of Catholic Italy. Pilgrims visit Rome's major basilicas, the Catacombs, St. John Lateran, the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. The journey continues to Assisi to pray at the tombs of St. Francis, St. Clare, and Blessed Carlo Acutis, followed by Florence's Renaissance masterpieces and Venice's St. Mark's Square. A prayerful blend of devotion, history, and Italian beauty.

B. Rome, Assisi, Padre Pio & Shrines of Italy – 11 Days (\$5,599)

This extended pilgrimage adds Italy's most beloved shrines and Eucharistic miracle sites. After the foundational Rome visits, pilgrims travel to Orvieto, Assisi, Loreto, and Lenciano. Two days in San Giovanni Rotondo allow for a deep encounter with Padre Pio's life and ministry, followed by visits to Monte Sant'Angelo, Pietrelcina, and Monte Cassino. Ideal for those seeking a more intensive spiritual journey through the saints and miracles of Italy.

C. Holy Land & Rome Pilgrimage – 10 Days (\$5,599) or 14 days (\$6,599)

This 10-day pilgrimage traces the life of Christ in the Holy Land before continuing to the heart of the Church in Rome. Pilgrims begin in Galilee with Capernaum, Tabgha, the Mount of Beatitudes, Cana, and Nazareth, then journey through the Jordan Valley into Jerusalem for Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, the Upper Room, Dormition Abbey, St. Peter in Gallicantu, Bethlehem's Basilica of the Nativity, the Stations of the Cross, the Holy Sepulcher, the Western Wall, and Ein Karem. The final days unfold in Rome with the Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, St. John Lateran, the Scala Santa, a visit to Assisi, and the Papal Audience (when available), concluding with Rome's iconic piazzas before returning home spiritually renewed.

D. Italy & Greece Pilgrimage – 11 Days (\$5,799) or 15 days (\$6,599)

This 11-day pilgrimage blends Rome's most important Catholic sites with a three-day cruise through Greece and Turkey. After visiting St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, the Catacombs, St. John Lateran, the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, pilgrims enjoy the Papal Audience (when available) and Rome's iconic piazzas. The journey continues to Athens and then to Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Heraklion, and Santorini. Highlights include the House of Mary, Ancient Ephesus where St. Paul preached, the Monastery of St. John, the Grotto of the Apocalypse, and the breathtaking cliffs of Santorini. The pilgrimage concludes with the Acropolis and Parthenon before returning home.

Trip Features (Included on All Pilgrimages)

All pilgrimages include flights (roundtrip from Springfield), daily Mass, luxury transportation, 4- or 5-star hotels, breakfasts and dinners, professional guides, luggage handling, and all tips.

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

All are invited.





THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Bishop Rice has joined his brother bishops across the state of Missouri to urge Catholics to vote YES on the pro-life Amendment 3 on the ballot November 3. A link to the video in support of Amendment 3 is available below. And Bishop Rice will celebrate a Pro-Life Mass, Monday, November 2, 5:30pm, at St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield.

<https://youtu.be/sDBE8yjZrzU?si=TblA5C2RnREIPBu0>

Missouri Amendment 3 (2026): Vote Yes!

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

Two years ago, Missouri made a grave mistake, enshrining abortion as a constitutional right by less than 2%. Courts have been dismantling pro-life protections ever since. On November 3rd, we can correct it.

Amendment 3 restores protection for the unborn, requires parental consent for minors, and guarantees real medical care for mothers in crisis. It is the most important vote Missouri Catholics will cast this decade.

The Catechism is clear: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception" (CCC 2270). This is not opinion. This is truth. Learn more: www.mocatholic.org

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." — Jeremiah 1:5

Our Lady of the Lake



**ALL HALLOWS
TRICK OR TREAT
CELEBRATION**

Join the Trick or Treat Fun!
Grab your costume and
candy bag



Wednesday,
Oct. 28th

**LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH
NOT A DROP OFF
PARENTS MUST ATTEND**



Welcome.
There is **More** to Life

A Special Opportunity for Women of Our Lady of the Ozarks!

Do you feel that if you
weren't so busy you would be
happier, healthier, more
effective, more fulfilled,
and maybe a better person?

Do you sense that
something's missing in
your life?

**Come to the next
Women's Welcome Retreat!
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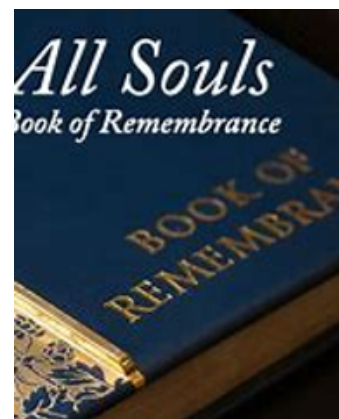
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All Souls Day Book of Remembrance

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.

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:

Nov 19–22, 2026 — Fredericktown

Men's Weekends

Nov 12–15, 2026 — Carthage

Dec 3–6, 2026 — Fredericktown



Treat yourself! You deserve it. Find peace and fellowship and a deeper sense Catholic renewal.
Contact Deacon Dan for more information or visit the Diocesan Cursillo page



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FORSYTH

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