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Weekend Mass Time:

Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Times:

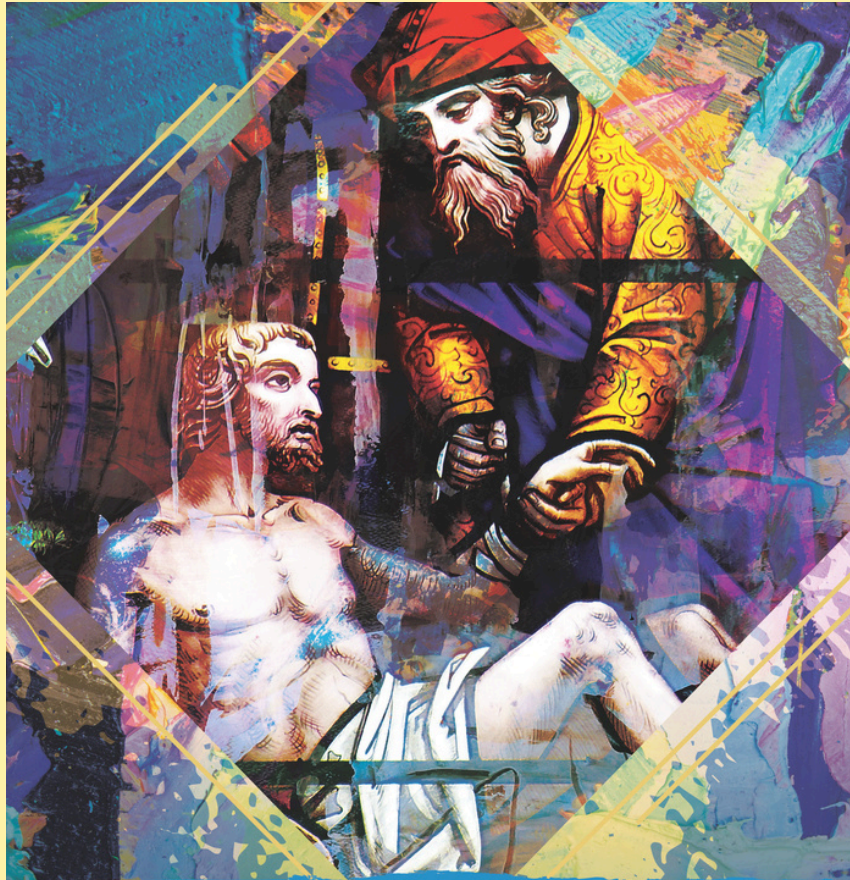
Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

Confession:

Sun - before Mass & Wed after Mass

Holy Hour Adoration:

Wed - after Mass



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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Welcome Blessings

Whether you are visiting, recently moved here or are returning to your Catholic faith, we want to welcome you to Our Lady of the Ozarks.

Our parish is committed to inviting and supporting every parishioner to become a disciple of Christ, building His Kingdom through prayer, fellowship and service to others.

We look forward to meeting you and encourage you to connect with the people and ministries of our parish community. Please call the parish office and let the friendship begin.

Serving with the joy of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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 | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 7/8/2025 | | | |
| | Last Week | Month Total | YTD |
| Income: | | July | |
| Envelopes | \$2,297.00 | \$2,297.00 | \$2,297.00 |
| Plate (loose) | 386.05 | 386.05 | 386.05 |
| Maint. & Repair Fund | 1,010.00 | 1,010.00 | 1,010.00 |
| Diocesan Collections | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| K of C & PCCW | | | |
| Trust Fund Withdrawal | | | |
| Other Income | | | |
| Total Income | 3,743.05 | 3,743.05 | 3,743.05 |
| Expense: | | | |
| Salary, Benefits, Mileage | 2,128.50 | 2,128.50 | 2,128.50 |
| Maintenance | 303.48 | 303.48 | 303.48 |
| Telephone & Utilities | 895.54 | 895.54 | 895.54 |
| Insurance | | | |
| Diocesan & Special Collections | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Trust Fund Deposit | | | |
| Other Expenses | 298.11 | 298.11 | 298.11 |
| Total Expenses | 3,675.63 | 3,675.63 | 3,675.63 |
| Increase (Decrease) Funds | \$67.42 | \$67.42 | \$67.42 |
| Cash in Bank, 7/1/25 | | | \$28,108.86 |
| Cash in Bank, current | | | \$28,176.28 |
| Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds | | | \$20,534.73 |

Sacrament Preparation

Have questions regarding the Sacraments or seeking information about the Catholic Church? Please contact the Office / Dcn. Dan.

Marriage: Requires at least six months advance notice for preparation and scheduling. (If you have been married before, an annulment may be necessary.)

Infant/Youth Baptism: Your family needs to be registered in the parish and it is necessary to have had class / catechesis regarding baptismal preparation.

OCIA Adult Baptism/Confirmation: Interested in becoming a Catholic or are a Catholic adult who has not been Confirmed? Let's talk about your next steps.

Visitation of the Sick: If you know someone who is homebound and desires Communion, call Deacon Dan. Anointing of the Sick: please call Our Lady of the Lake Church (417) 334-2928 and request to speak to a priest.

Prayers Requested from Parishioners

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: Denny & Darlene Bissell, Mary Bloomgren, Penny O'Connor, Kathy Strader, Leonard Gross, Jim Schaefer, and Debbie Davis

For family & friends: SandySchumacher's daughter Stormy and Sandy's brother, Kirk, and their niece Lisa, Carolyn Townsend's husband Bud, Patt Strom's niece Shannon and granddaughter Jennifer, David and Carol Sanchez's nephew Jullian, and Gary Hickox's wife Sharon.

Our homebound includes those in care facilities: Janice Elledge, Ann Forster, Mary Lamp, Trini Scholefield, and Joyce Stenger.

And those who have recently died: For the repose of the soul of James Schaefer, 82 years young, husband of Carol, and son of Mark (and Sundi) Shaefer, who passed on to eternal life on July 9th

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.dioscg.org, then click on Report Abuse, and/or call the Director of Child and Youth Protection: William Holtmeyer, 417-866-0841

| Date | Mass Intention | Lectors | Gift Bear |
|----------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sun 7/13 | Parish Family (L) | Dennis / Marilyn | Norma and Mari McKee |
| Wed 7/1 | Sang Lee Booth + | Nancy | |
| Fri 7/18 | Theo Strom + | Marilyn | |
| Sun 7/20 | John Kartheiser + | Tom / Toni | Sandra Kartheiser and Marilyn Guy |
| Wed 7/23 | Patricia Fehrmann + | Charlene | |
| Fri 7/25 | Stormy Shumacher (L) | Dennis | |

Parish Calendar of Events

| Date | Time | Event |
|----------|---------|--|
| Sun 7/13 | 9:45 am | OCIA / Parish Faith Formation – One Body, The Church |
| Wed 7/16 | 9:35 am | Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour |
| Thu 7/17 | 9:00 am | PCCW meeting |
| Fri 7/18 | 3:00 pm | High School youth leave for Steubenville Conference, Springfield |
| Sun 7/20 | | No OCIA session (Deacon and Craig with youth) |
| Wed 7/23 | 9:45 am | Parish Council Meeting – continuation goal setting |
| Wed 7/23 | | No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour |
| Sun 7/27 | 8:30 am | Mass with baptism of Amihan Luleich |

Check each week for updates as things do change.



**OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION – Please Read and Comply
Safe Environment Requirements for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers**

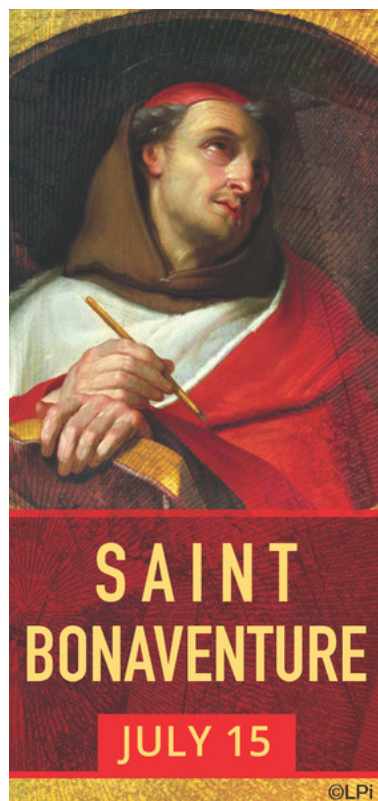
Safe Environment Requirements for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers

If you are a volunteer at the parish and are in a role that is considered to be around our youth and any vulnerable adult, you are required to be Virtus trained and sign your Annual Safe-Conduct Form. This means if you volunteer to serve – you need to sign and return the annual Safe Conduct form.

Please read and sign and return to the parish office. Hard copies will be in the gathering space. Thank you.



<https://dioscgo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-2026-Code-of-Conduct.Adults.pdf>



Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) 2025 Update

Having completed Week 9 of the DDF Annual Appeal, OLO has recorded \$14,252 in financial pledges (90% of \$15,790) and 47 returned pledge cards (87% of 54). Unless we receive a Marian miracle, we will fall short of both goals. My biggest surprise is that we fell far short in the number of returned pledge cards. In my five years as your pastoral associate, the lowest number of returned pledge cards has been 52. We typically reach 55 returned cards.

As the DDF campaign comes to a close, let's continue to pray that our diocese will reach its 2025 overall goal of \$3.2 million.

Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Are you saved?

That question is often heard from well-meaning Christians who want to help others know Jesus Christ. As Catholics whose faith is centered in Him, we can appreciate their good intentions and admire their willingness to talk about God.

Most often, Christians who asks this view salvation as a past event that took place when they made a confession of faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. This act of faith, they believe, guarantees them a place in heaven, no matter what they may do for the rest of their lives. Okay, that statement might be too general but there is the belief that once saved, always saved -- that you will not face the punishment of hell for your sins.

The teaching of the Catholic Church helps us understand that this is actually a mistaken notion of salvation. Jesus Christ came to give us much more than a kind of eternal fire insurance policy. Salvation in the fullest sense is an ongoing process that won't be complete until after we die. And in the meantime, it's still possible to turn away again from God.

If someone asks you if you are saved, perhaps the best short answer is to paraphrase Philippians 2:12 and say, "I'm doing what the apostle Paul tells us to do in the Bible: I'm 'working out' my salvation day by day."

We love Jesus and His Church, but we sometimes get intimidated when asked questions about our faith. We know that God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from the terrible fate of sin, so that we might have eternal life with Him. We know that Jesus' life, death and resurrection offers the hope of eternal life and an escape from eternal punishment. He reconciles us from sin, opening the door to a full restoration with Him.

Salvation, in its fullness, is God's new creation (born again). To save us, He remakes us in His likeness — a lifelong process requiring our cooperation so that we can once again think and love as He thinks and loves and aligns our will to that of the Father. This process finds its completion only in heaven, where eternal life is enjoyed in perfect harmony with Him. Those who are joined there with God forever will achieve their greatest destiny. We will become what we were made to be.

All Christians know that salvation isn't guaranteed by something we've done. The gift of free will is part of God's likeness in us. But with free will we still have the ability to turn away from God. It's a chilling possibility because there is so much temptation, so much evil in the world.

We can be confident that God desires our salvation, and He's faithful to help us. God created us for himself, for nothing less than to know, love, serve and enjoy Him in this life and the next. And if we are ever tempted to forsake Him, He'll grant us the power to resist that temptation.

Praise be Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

The Evangelical Catholic's "Reach More" program is coming to both to Our Lady of the Ozarks and Our Lake (first informational sessions will be held at OLL but available to OLO through the same license agreement at no cost to OLO). And you ask, what exactly is 'Evangelical Catholic's Reach More'?

Evangelical Catholics' initiative aims to empower lay leaders to effectively evangelize and engage their communities. Here are some key points:

- **Training and Formation:** The program trains mission leaders to reach people in their lives, fostering vibrant parish communities.
- **Missionary Discipleship:** "Reach More" focuses on sending out robust missionary disciples, with updated training content to enhance effectiveness.
- **Community Impact:** Over 20 years, the Evangelical Catholic has helped launch evangelizing movements in parishes and university ministries, impacting thousands of leaders.
- **Personal Faith Sharing:** The initiative equips Catholics to share their personal faith, with many participants engaging in the program.
- **Core Principles:** It emphasizes seeking intimacy with Jesus, sanctifying ordinary life, and investing in relationships to build the kingdom.

Discover Jesus' Proven Method of Evangelization.

The world needs Jesus. But many do not know God's love. To reach them, the Church needs more than great programs and resources. We need a vibrant movement of lay people who can reach more.

For more information will be available soon. You can visit the official website of the Evangelical Catholic at:

<https://evangelicalcatholic.org/>



**Plan to attend Catholic Day
At The Springfield Cardinals
Sun., Aug. 3, 1:05 p.m.**

**Catholic Charities of Southern
Missouri will host this fun night
of faith and fellowship—plan to
join along with Bishop Rice for a
summer Sunday at the ballpark!**

Tickets purchased **before July 25** will be available for pickup at St. Anne's Campus (424 E. Monastery St.) starting July 29.

Tickets purchased **after July 25** and all t-shirts will be available at Hammons Field before the game. Stay turned for more information about game day pickup time and location.

\$12 Single Ticket

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This Week on Formed

Week of July 13, 2025



St. Kateri Tekakwitha | God's Princesses

Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!



St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. Join Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan as they explore the life of this great saint.



Carmelite Spirituality

On July 16, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Learn more about Carmelite Spirituality and how you can live it in this incredible series on Formed.

To access our Parish Formed Subscription (which is offered free to all parishioners), visit formed.org/signup and select our Parish by searching zip code 65616. (Our Lady of the Cove/Lake/Ozarks)

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No, it is something very near to you,
already in your mouths and in your hearts;
you have only to carry it out." (Dt 30:14)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)

Gospel:

*You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself.* (Lk 10:25)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love
and those we can't stand, the people we
agree with and the people whose opinions we
hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we
must not only see ourselves in every person
we meet — we must see him, too.

Observances for the week of July 13, 2025

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Friday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Spiritual direction is the practice
of seeking counsel from someone
who is learned in the faith for the
purpose of discerning the will of
God in one's life.

Prayer for Charity

Give me the grace, Lord, to
truly see those around me: the
overlooked, the uncomfortable,
the odd and disliked.
Your kingdom is one of belonging,
help us to be the types of
neighbors who see and respond
with Godly generosity.
Amen.



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