

# Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church

July 20th 2025 Bulletin - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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



## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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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

7/15/2025

|  | Last Week         | Month Total       | YTD                |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income:</b>                             |                   | <b>July</b>       |                    |
| Envelopes                                  | \$2,877.33        | \$5,174.33        | \$5,174.33         |
| Plate (loose)                              | 332.00            | 718.05            | 718.05             |
| Maint. & Repair Fund                       | 1,685.00          | 2,695.00          | 2,695.00           |
| Diocesan Collections                       |                   | 50.00             | 50.00              |
| K of C & PCCW                              |                   |                   |                    |
| Trust Fund Withdrawal                      |                   |                   |                    |
| Other Income                               |                   |                   |                    |
| <b>Total Income</b>                        | <b>4,894.33</b>   | <b>8,637.38</b>   | <b>8,637.38</b>    |
| <b>Expense:</b>                            |                   |                   |                    |
| Salary, Benefits, Mileage                  | 873.00            | 3,001.50          | 3,001.50           |
| Maintenance                                | 305.00            | 608.48            | 608.48             |
| Telephone & Utilities                      | 248.27            | 1,143.81          | 1,143.81           |
| Insurance                                  |                   |                   |                    |
| Diocesan & Special Collections             |                   | 50.00             | 50.00              |
| Trust Fund Deposit                         |                   |                   |                    |
| Other Expenses                             | 2.15              | 300.26            | 300.26             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                      | <b>1,428.42</b>   | <b>5,104.05</b>   | <b>5,104.05</b>    |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) Funds</b>           | <b>\$3,465.91</b> | <b>\$3,533.33</b> | <b>\$3,533.33</b>  |
| <b>Cash in Bank, 7/1/25</b>                |                   |                   | <b>\$28,108.86</b> |
| <b>Cash in Bank, current</b>               |                   |                   | <b>\$31,642.19</b> |
| <b>Unpaid Bills &amp; Designated Funds</b> |                   |                   | <b>\$20,663.11</b> |

## 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, Debbie Davis, and Arlis Stillings

**For family & friends:** Sandy Schumacher'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, Gary Hickox's wife Sharon, and Linda Pierce, rummage sale veteran and good friend of Nancy & John and all of us at OLO.

**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](http://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 7/20 | John Kartheiser +    | Tom / Toni    | Sandra Kartheiser and Marilyn Guy |
| Wed 7/23 | Patricia Fehrmann +  | Charlene      |                                   |
| Fri 7/25 | Stormy Shumacher (L) | Dennis        |                                   |
| Sun 7/27 | Lester Droste +      | Kay / Carolyn | Gerken Family                     |
| Wed 7/30 | Cathy Rice +         | Nancy         |                                   |
| Fri 8/1  | Deceased Souls +     | Kay           |                                   |

## Parish Calendar of Events

| Date      | Time    | Event  |
|-----------|---------|--|
| Sun 7/20  |         | No OCIA session (Deacon and Craig with youth)<br>Students return around 2 pm or so |
| Tues 7/22 | 9:00 am | Mass with Fr. Joji Vincent at Our Lady of the Cove                                 |
| Wed 7/23  | 9:45 am | Parish Council Meeting – continuation of goal setting                              |
| Wed 7/23  |         | No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour   |
| Fri 7/25  | 9:45 am | Finance Council Meeting after Mass   |
| Sun 7/27  | 8:30 am | Mass with baptism of Amihan Marie, daughter of David and Gina Luleich              |
| Mon 7/28  |         | OLO's hosts Seminarian Retreat (Mon, Wed, Thu mornings)                            |
| Wed 7/30  | 9:00 am | Mass with Bishop Rice  |
| Wed 7/30  | 9:45 am | Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour  |



## Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) 2025 Update

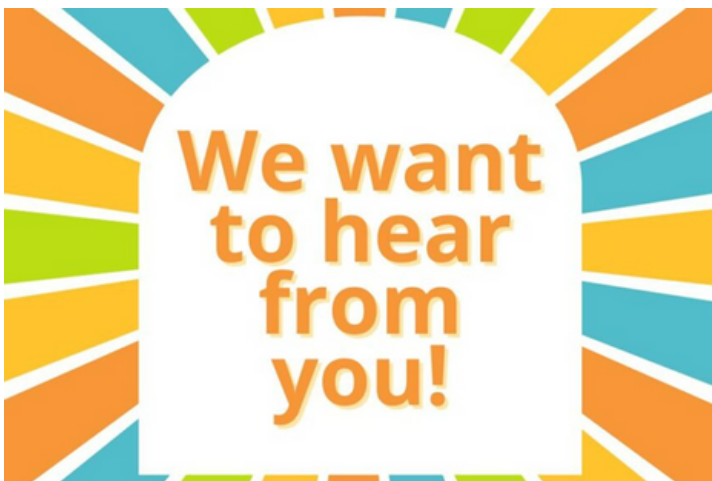
After 10 weeks of our DDF annual campaign, our grade is in.

After having an outstanding A++ year in 2024 we missed making Bishop Rice's honor roll (100% on both our parish goals of dollars pledged and participation). However, the diocesan office informed me that we still have the opportunity for extra credit and still make Bishop's honor roll. I encourage any tardy pledges to still be submitted.



Financial Pledges: \$14,252 of \$15,7 (90%)

Number of Pledges: 47 of 54 (87%)



The week before last I attended the Forsyth Chamber of Commerce luncheon. It was refreshing for me to see the active fellowship of the Chamber's membership.

I saw our good friends at Options Pregnancy, met our banker, and made a few new friendships. One was with Tatum O'Dell with Taney County Health Department (TCHD). She asked if I would pass along the following information as they are conducting a community survey to help better serve Taney and Stone Counties.

Fron TCHD....

We want to hear how you and your family use healthcare in Stone and Taney counties. The information gathered will help support future opportunities to improve access to care in our communities. Please take a moment to share your experiences with us!

[Survey in English](https://form.jotform.com/251506939104052) - <https://form.jotform.com/251506939104052>

[Survey in Spanish](https://form.jotform.com/251804861198161) - <https://form.jotform.com/251804861198161>

If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please call us at (417)344-4544 or stop by the Taney County Health Department.



# Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

## Why we need to be saved -- Why we need a savior

Last week I touched on the topic “Are you saved?” To summarize the Catholic response to this question, we respond like St. Paul, “that I am working out my salvation day by day”. Another more catechetical response would be “Through the grace of God and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, I have been saved, am being saved, and hope to be saved.” This acknowledges the past, present, and future aspects of salvation. Our Catholic theology emphasizes that salvation is a process involving God’s grace and human cooperation. It’s really not that complicated, however, we often fail in communicating our belief.

This week I continue the ‘salvation’ discussion on why we need to be saved and what the Church teaches regarding God’s biblical plan of salvation.

The Church understands that we are all sinners in need of a savior (Rom 5:12-21). We are inheritors of original sin and all of its consequences, and by actual sin we distance ourselves from God. We can’t save ourselves and we don’t need to. Jesus paid the price for our sins. We are reminded of this sacrifice at every Catholic Mass. The Catholic Church teaches that salvation comes through Jesus alone (Acts 4:12), since he is the “one mediator between God and man” (1 Tm 2:5-6).

The saving grace won by Jesus is offered as a free gift to us, accessible through repentance, faith, and baptism. We turn away from our sins, we are sorry for them, and we believe in Jesus Christ and the gospel. Our repentance shows our willingness to turn from things that keep us from God. Our baptism renews us, filling us with the grace necessary to have faith and to live it. This belief is more than just “head knowledge.” Even the demons recognize Jesus as the Son of God and acknowledge His authority (Mk 1:24, James 2:19). It’s more than just believing you’re saved. True, saving faith is one lived and exhibited daily: It is “faith working through love” (Gal 5:6, Jas 2:1-26).

Sometimes the Church is accused of teaching “salvation by works,” but this is an empty accusation. This idea has been consistently condemned by the Church. Good works are required by God because he requires obedience to his commands (Mt 6:1-21, 1 Cor 3:8, 13-15) and promises to reward us with eternal life if we obey (Mt 25:34-40, Rom 2:6-7, Gal 6:6-10 just to name a few). But even our obedience is impossible without God’s grace; even our good works are God’s gift (Rom 5:5, Phil 2:13) which is an important point for all Christians to appreciate.

“For God so loved the world that he gave us his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

This is the real biblical plan of salvation – a central tenant of our Catholic faith.



## Update of Arlis Stillings' health situation

Many of you all know Arlis, Linda's husband, cantor in the choir, our parish custodian, and all-around good guy. He suffered a stroke last weekend while driving on his way to vacation in Florida. He was feeling a little ill about 90 minutes from home and pulled off to the side of the road. A good Samaritan couple pulled over to see if he needed assistance – and yes, he did. Long story short, Arlis was in the hospital for initial treatment and since has been moved to Mercy Rehab Hospital south of Springfield. He is doing much better but still has a long way to go. He still has his wonderful sense of humor and said he can still easily out sing me despite his stroke.

I will have four get-well cards for all of our parishioners to sign on Sunday. I will pass them along the congregation 10 minutes before Mass (one for each seating section) and then have them laying out in the gathering space of opportunity to sign. Please take the time to sign a card and wish Arlis well.



# CHURCH PICNIC

## ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

**AUGUST 14 at 6p.m.**

**FUN & GAMES**

**FOOD**

**DOOR PRIZES**

What to bring...bring yourself, bring a friend & if you wish to bring a dish, please see food sign up and to help us get a count for attendance, please sign attendance sheet...thank you.



## PIE FILLING NEEDED

Our Rummage & Bake Sale is not too far off and 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!





**"BE SOLDIERS"**

# **LIFE ON MISSION**

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Hello!

For those who don't know me, my name is Sam and I'm a parishioner at Our Lady of the Lake! Many of you may know my mom, also named Sam, who works in the parish office. Yes, I know she's awesome.

I want to invite you to come and hear about the work I've been invited into by the Lord through serving as a FOCUS missionary! FOCUS is short for the Fellowship of Catholic University Students and it is a missionary apostolate that has greatly touched my heart. Our work is centered around knowing Christ deeply and making Him known on college campuses and parishes!

Please see the details for the event below! I hope you come and see!

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**Monday, July 21, 2025 from 5:30PM to 6:30 PM.**

**At Our Lady of the Lake Church in the Faith Formation Room**

**Questions? You can contact me at [samantha.pichardo@focus.org](mailto:samantha.pichardo@focus.org)**



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"  
He replied, "There in the tent."  
One of them said, "I will surely return to you about  
this time next year,  
and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

### Psalm:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

### Second Reading:

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory.  
It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

### Gospel:

The Lord said to her in reply,  
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried  
about many things.  
There is need of only one thing.  
Mary has chosen the better part  
and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

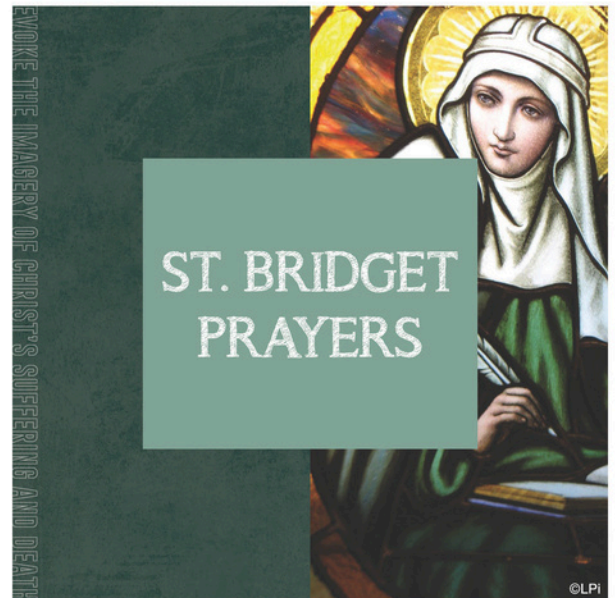
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many "Marthas" — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

## Observances for the week of July 20, 2025

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                 |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | St. Lawrence of Brindisi,<br>Priest and Doctor of the Church |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | St. Mary Magdalene   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | St. Bridget, Religious                                       |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest                                  |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | St. James, Apostle   |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | Sts. Joachim and Anne,<br>Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                 |



## Devotions, *Explained!*

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

## Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.  
And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide.  
Amen.



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