

Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church July 27th 2025 Bulletin - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00am to 2:00pm

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



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He will get up to give him whatever he needs
because of his persistence." - Lk 11:8

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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

7/22/2025

	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
Income:		July	
Envelopes	\$2,265.00	\$7,439.33	\$7,439.33
Plate (loose)	99.00	817.05	817.05
Maint. & Repair Fund	250.00	2,945.00	2,945.00
Diocesan Collections		50.00	50.00
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Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	115.00	115.00	115.00
Total Income	2,729.00	11,366.38	11,366.38
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage		3,001.50	3,001.50
Maintenance		608.48	608.48
Telephone & Utilities	81.13	1,224.94	1,224.94
Insurance			
Diocesan & Special Collections		50.00	50.00
Trust Fund Deposit			
Other Expenses	14.38	314.64	314.64
Total Expenses	95.51	5,199.56	5,199.56
Increase (Decrease) Funds	\$2,633.49	\$6,166.82	\$6,166.82
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$34,275.68
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$20,721.67

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, Gary Hickox, 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.

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 7/27	Lester Droste +	Kay / Carolyn	Gerken Family
Wed 7/30	Cathy Rice +	Nancy	
Fri 8/1	Deceased Souls +	Kay	
Sun 8/3	Phil Harter +	Craig / Hunter	James and Joann Roach
Wed 8/6	Lester Droste +	John	
Fri 8/8	Janet Mantsch +	Dennis	

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 7/27	8:30 am	Mass with baptism of Amihan Marie, daughter of David and Gina Luleich
Sun 7/27	9:45 am	After Mass celebration with Luleich family (no Faith Formation session)
Mon 7/28		OLO's hosts Seminarian Retreat (Mon, Wed, Thu mornings)
Tues 7/29	9:00 am	Mass with Fr. Joji Vincent at Our Lady of the Cove
Wed 7/30	9:00 am	Mass with Bishop Rice
Wed 7/30	9:45 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 8/1	9:00 am	First Friday Mass - August's Birthday Social after Mass
Sun 8/3	8:30 am	Fr. James Cormack - Congregation of the Mission - The Vincentians
Sun 8/3	9:45am	OCIA / Parish Faith Formation - Worshipping as Community - The Sacraments

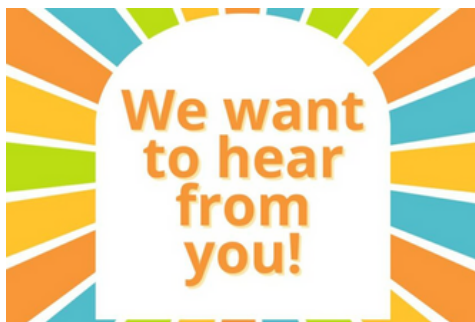
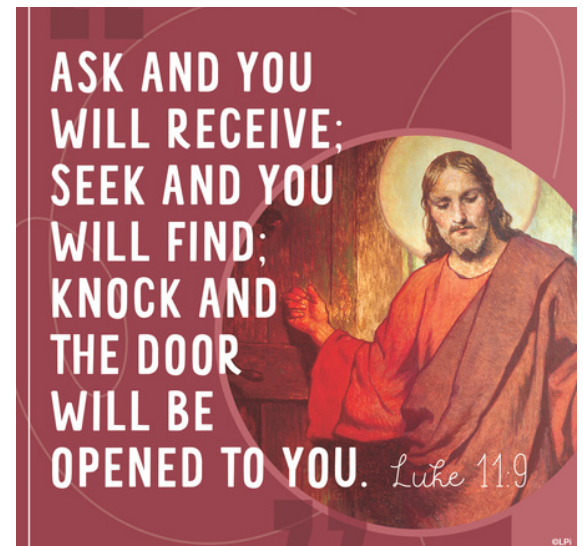
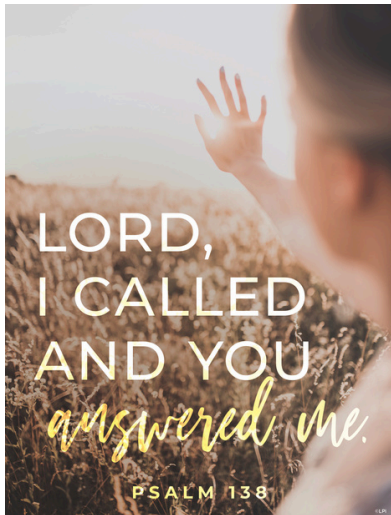
Check each week for updates as things do change.



Volunteer(s) Wanted – Bulletin Advertisers Solicitations

Five years ago when I became your Pastoral Associate and Parish Administrator, Our Lady of the Ozarks had then budgeted \$2000 per year in our annual budget to help offset costs associated with printing our weekly bulletins. Last year that revenue fell to \$900. It costs us approximately \$1000 a year to cover printing (ink) and paper. Our bulletin is not meant to be a "money-maker" but revenue generated above the costs does offset other operating costs at the parish.

Deacon Dan is looking for a few good people, men and women, to collaborate to increase advertising in our bulletin. Parishioners and visitors still do look at who advertises in the bulletin as a way to utilize their services and thank them for the small but effective way of supporting our parish. Let me know if you feel you can take on soliciting a few businesses in the Forsyth-Branson area.



From TCHD...

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.

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 a Catholic funeral matters

I was recently talking with a Catholic priest who was visiting from Minnesota. Most of our conversation centered on parish life, our Catholic youth, and the young adults that cease to practice their faith upon leaving home. That led to another important topic regarding how important a Catholic funeral Mass is vital to our faith and how to convey that importance to family members who have walked away.

There have been many times I have been contacted by adult children and asked to visit their home and pray for their parent who is close to death. Later I ask if I could assist them in planning their parent's Catholic funeral. Often their answer is no. They have no desire in having a Catholic liturgy since they no longer consider themselves Catholic and do not feel a need for a Mass or other services.

It is important to remember why we have funerals and that they are not just for the loved one who passed away and the family. They are also for the living – the deceased friends, extended family and the parish community.

While there are many reasons we have funerals, here are four primary reasons the Church has funerals.

First, we have funerals to praise God. In this time of need we return to the Creator and praise him for creating us and our loved ones with love.

Second, we thank God for His mercy and love. It is His mercy and love that gives us hope in everlasting life. At the funeral, we are reminded of God's mercy and love through our thanksgiving for the life of our deceased loved one.

Third, we pray for our deceased loved one's soul. Christ is very clear in the Gospels that not everyone will go to Heaven. As a Church, we believe that our prayers assist people in their purification in purgatory and their journey to the Heavenly Father. A significant reason we have a Mass, and the other stages of the Order of Christian Funerals is to pray for the soul of the loved one who passed away, which brings significant graces to them.

Finally, we have funerals to fill the void of loss with faith. When we lose someone we love, there is a void in our life. Too often this void is filled with unhealthy and potentially harmful behavior. The funeral allows us to come together as a community and fill that void with the love of God. The beauty of the Catholic funeral is often a catalyst that helps family members who have left the Church to reflect and return to the faith.

If you are the last Catholic 'standing' within your family circle, be sure to make known your desire for a Catholic funeral. There is no greater example of love than Jesus' dying on the cross for each of us. The funeral Mass is our final opportunity to participate in this mystery of our faith. It is a moment to thank God for His mercy and love which provides hope in everlasting life. It is the final opportunity to receive God's grace this side of heaven.



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!

The Society of Propagation of Fatih Mission Appeal Sunday for OLO is August 3rd

Making a difference in our communities

Fr. James Cormack will be with us on Sunday, August 3rd to share his story and how we can support his missionary appeal.

For more than 200 years, the Vincentian priests and brothers in America have dedicated their lives to caring for the less fortunate in society. The Western Province of the Congregation of the Mission continually seeks out ways to help vulnerable populations, including food and clothing programs, rent and utility assistance, and more, as well as food, medical, education, and training programs for the poor in Kenya.

Congregation of the Mission

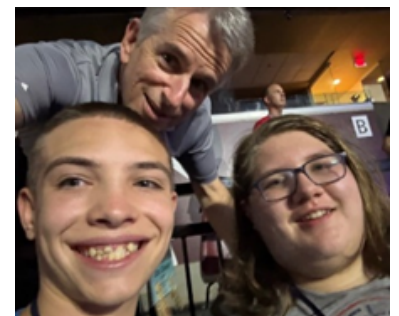
(Vincentians)

who we are; our values, purpose, hopes, priorities



Memories of our 2025 Steubenville Youth Conference at Missouri State Univeristy – July 18-20.

Photos of kneeling in Adoration before Mass, Team Steubenville with Sister Marian, Altar Calls for the nonbaptized (Robbie) and vocation discernment (Molly is ithere somewhere), Seminarian Jackson (the other Jackson), the crowd on opening night, OLO's youth (centered) and DQ treat for Deacon Dan on our way back home, our whole group (OLO,OLC,OLL) And getting to stop by and visit Arlis on our way to the conference.



Did you know?.....



Fr. Johny M. Augusthy
(Associate Pastor)

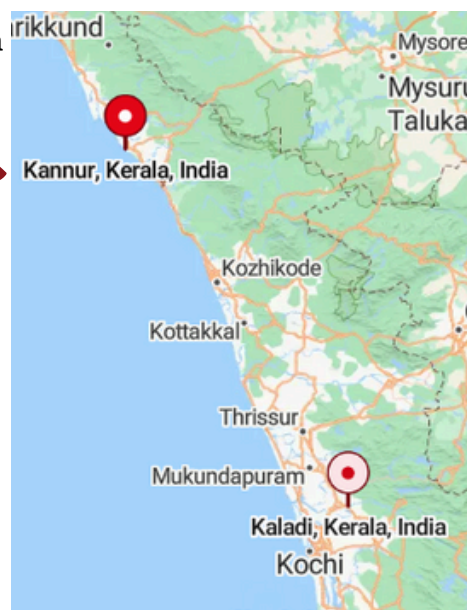
Fr. Johny is from the District of Ernakulam, which is in Kerala, India. He has six brothers (one of which is his twin) and three sisters. His road to the priesthood started when he was 13 years old. He was an altar server and attended mass daily as he lived close enough to walk there. Father Johny was selected to attend a vocational camp which led him to the seminary. After 12 years of seminary, he was ordained a priest on January 3rd, 1989.

His first assignment was in India as a Parish Pastor & Director of a boy's home for 8 years. He then spent 3 years as the Rector of Seminary in AP, one of the states of India. From there he was the Finance Administer of Marymatha Province of the Vincentian Congregation. In 2013, he moved to New Jersey to become the Superior Administrator of the Vincentian House & Divine Retreat Center in Washington, NJ. Father Johny then moved to Branson in July 2024 to become Associate Pastor for Our Lady of the Lake, Our Lady of the Ozarks and Our Lady of the Cove. He goes back to India once a year to visit his family. In his freetime, he enjoys reading. He also likes to watch basketball.



India

Father Dhaneesh



Fr. Dhaneesh Thomas
(Associate Pastor)

Father Dhaneesh is from the District of Kannur, which is in Kerala, India. He has an older sister and a younger brother. He gets to see his family once a year.

His plan was to be a fashion designer, but God had a different plan. In May 2006, he was invited to attend a vocational camp for Priestly formation, and you can guess what happened next.

Father Dhaneesh became a priest in 2019. He spent 3 months in India, followed by a 2 ½ year assignment in Italy. He returned to India for an additional 2 ½ years. He began his assignment here at Our Lady of the Lake, Our Lady of the Ozarks and Our Lady of the Cove in December 2024. He speaks Malayalam (the language spoken in the Indian state of Kerala), Italian, English and is currently learning Spanish. In his freetime, Father Dhaneesh likes to read, play basketball, volleyball, and soccer. He also enjoys fishing and swimming. His favorite sport to watch is soccer, especially Lionel Messi whose current team is Inter Miami.



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