

# *Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church* Aug 3rd 2025 Bulletin - 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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**Weekend Mass Time:**

Sunday 8:30 am

**Weekday Mass Times:**

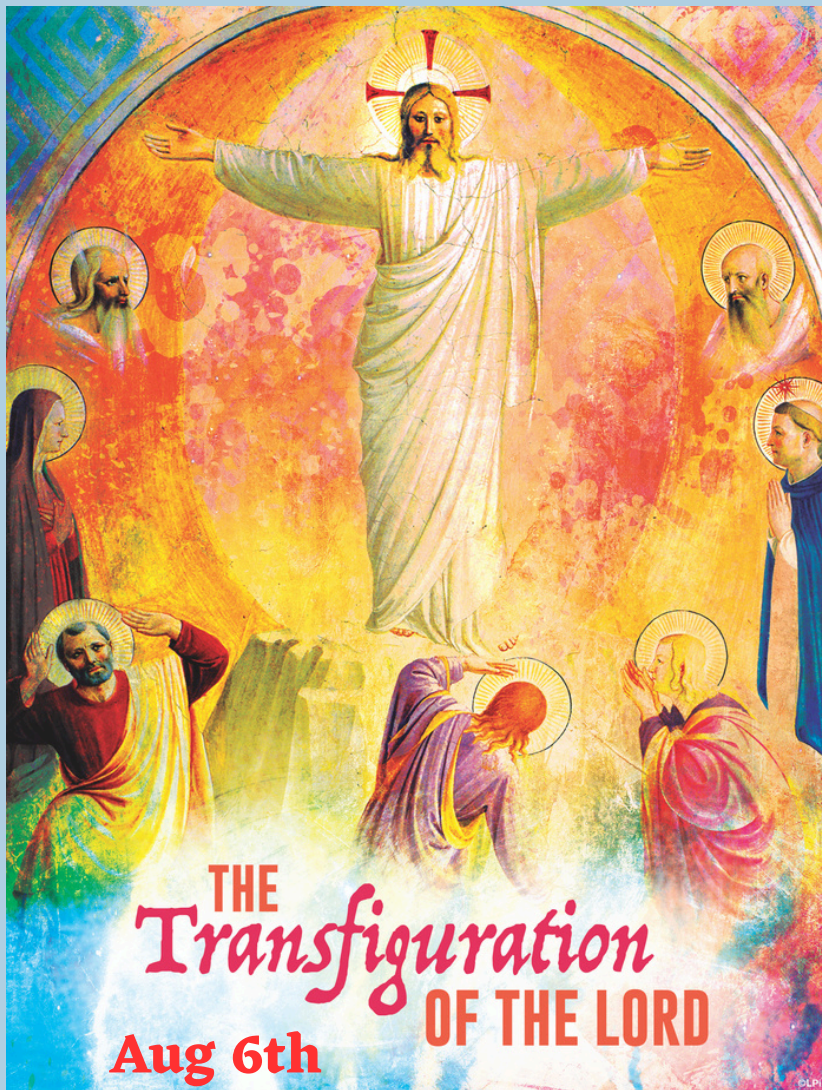
Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

**Confession:**

Sun - before Mass & Wed after Mass

**Holy Hour Adoration:**

Wed - after Mass



**THE**  
**Transfiguration**  
**OF THE LORD**  
**Aug 6th**

## *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

7/30/2025

	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
<b>Income:</b>		<b>July</b>	
Envelopes	\$1,870.00	\$9,309.33	\$9,309.33
Plate (loose)	100.00	917.05	917.05
Maint. & Repair Fund	191.00	3,136.00	3,136.00
Diocesan Collections	500.00	550.00	550.00
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Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income		115.00	115.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,661.00</b>	<b>14,027.38</b>	<b>14,027.38</b>
<b>Expense:</b>			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	2,304.71	5,306.21	5,306.21
Maintenance		608.48	608.48
Telephone & Utilities		1,224.94	1,224.94
Insurance			
Diocesan & Special Collections	500.00	550.00	550.00
Trust Fund Deposit			
Other Expenses	625.23	939.87	939.87
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,429.94</b>	<b>8,629.50</b>	<b>8,629.50</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) Funds</b>	<b>-\$768.94</b>	<b>\$5,397.88</b>	<b>\$5,397.88</b>
<b>Cash in Bank, 7/1/25</b>			<b>\$28,108.86</b>
<b>Cash in Bank, current</b>			<b>\$33,506.74</b>
<b>Unpaid Bills &amp; Designated Funds</b>			<b>\$20,800.47</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, 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](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 8/3	Phil Harter +	Craig / Hunter	James and Joann Roach
Wed 8/6	Lester Droste +	John	
Fri 8/8	Janet Mantsch +	Dennis	
Sun 8/10	Ted Strom +	Toni / Tom	Pat and Angie Strom
Wed 8/13	Dee Walton +	Kay	
Thu 8/14	Parish Family	Charlene / Carla	

### Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
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
Wed 8/6	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 8/10		No OCIA / Faith Formation
Wed 8/13	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Thu 8/14	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 8/15	12:00 & 7:00 pm	Mass at OLL Branson – Assumption of the BVM





## 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.



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### Springfield Pro-Life Event

**Friday, August 22, 2025**

Social 6 - 7p.m. | Dinner 7 - 9p.m.

\$75 per person

White River Conference Center

600 W. Sunshine St. | Springfield, Missouri



**Keynote: Seth Dillon**  
CEO of *The Babylon Bee*

**Seth Dillon** is the CEO of *The Babylon Bee*, "fake news you can trust." Taking on the tone of a traditional news media publication, *The Bee* satirizes real-world events and public figures. Seth now speaks on college campuses and at conferences across the country about the effectiveness of humor, the moral imperative of mockery and the dangers of censorship.

**All proceeds benefit Vitae Foundation.**

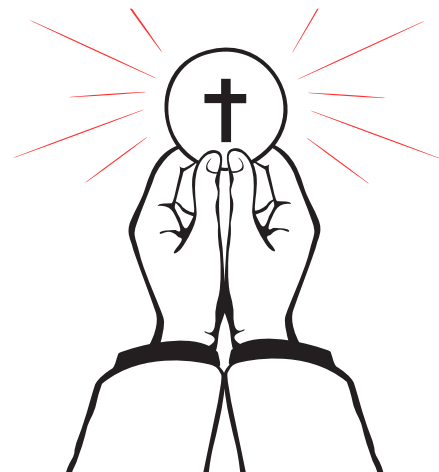
## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL—Year of Mission

### EUCCHARISTIC REFLECTION

During this Eucharistic Revival, Fr. David Coon offers the following quote for reflection on the Eucharist:

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world." —Pope St. John Paul II.

May the Eucharist be the secret of our day.





# Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn



## More about the end-of-life and Catholic funerals

Catholic funerals are not merely a farewell to the departed but a testament to a faith deeply rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This faith shapes the Catholic approach to death, emphasizing not an end but a transition to a new existence in the afterlife. The nearly 1.2 billion Catholics worldwide share this profound belief, which honors the solemn and respectful nature of their funeral rites.

Central to Catholic doctrine is the belief in an afterlife where the soul's destiny is determined by its earthly deeds, also known as particular judgment. Heaven is the ultimate goal, a state of eternal communion with God, reserved for souls purified from sin. Hell, on the other hand, is the final abode for souls that have irrevocably rejected God's love. And then there is 'Purgatory' which occupies a unique place in Catholic theology—a state of purification for souls that, having repented their sins, require cleansing before entering heaven. This underscores the Catholic view of God's mercy and justice, offering hope for salvation even after death.

### What is the Church stance when it comes to cremation?

The Catholic Church's stance on cremation has evolved, acknowledging it as an acceptable practice, provided it is done with respect for the deceased. This means ashes must be buried and not scattered. The preference against scattering ashes stems from the belief in the sanctity of the body, which, even in death, holds the promise of resurrection. And cremains should not be left in a home or a funeral home but interred in a sacred place.

### What about organ donations and autopsies for medical research?

The Church's acceptance of organ donation and autopsies further reflects a commitment to charity and compassion, aligning with the values of love and service to others. By giving and sacrificing the vessel we occupy to help a fellow human is a compassionate act.

The subject of death and end-of-life is often left unspoken, but the reality is that we need to share our desires and our wishes when it comes to end of life issues. It's an opportunity to reflect upon our relationship with God and acknowledge our shortcomings but also God's blessings.

With that in mind, I offer this prayer that was recently shared by one of my Forsyth parishioners. The prayer dates to the mid-1800s and was found in the pocket of an unidentified Confederate soldier. It remains just as relative today as it did during the Civil War.

**I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do great things.  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.**

**I asked for riches, that I might be happy.  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.**

**I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing I asked for—but everything I had hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am, among men, most richly blessed.**



## ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

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

**FUN & GAMES**

**FOOD**

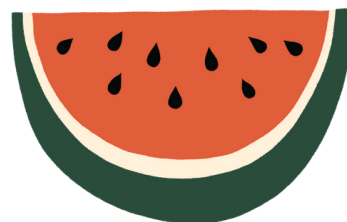
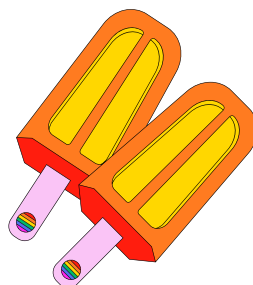
**DOOR PRIZES**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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





## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Congratulations to Victor Zatorski, Thomas Sittmer, Ezekiel Ahern, Jackson Gaeta, and Michael Eftink!

All have been accepted at Conception Seminary College for the upcoming fall semester. Please continue to pray for our seminarians as they continue their summer assignments and as they prepare to return to school. Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

And on that note, nine seminarians discerning the call to the priestly ministry spent a few days in the Forsyth areas including two days here at Our Lady of the Ozarks this past week. Bishop Rice and Fr. Joseph Stoverink, Vocations Director, led the four-day retreat.



Front Row (L-R) Damian Criddle, Jackson Gaeta, Ezekiel Ahern, Nathan Haak, Thomas Dittmer, Fr. Joseph Stoverink, Deacon Dan.

Back Row (L-R) Jared Keohler, Michael Eftink, Bishop Edward Rice, Victor Zatorski, Daniel Dunn, Fr. Brain Straus.





## Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

### Sunday:

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

### Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

### Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 16:13-23

### Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16  
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

### Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47  
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

### Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48  
or 12:35-40



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— *Father John Muir*



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