

Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church Aug 10th 2025 Bulletin - 19th 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



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

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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.



AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast day commemorates Mary's body and soul taken directly to heaven.

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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, Arlis Stillings, and former parishioner Mary Little.

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 Carla Schmitz's brother-in-law Roger.

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

Safe Environment - Report Abuse

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Date	Mass Intention	Lectors	Gift Bear
Sun 8/10	Ted Strom +	Toni / Tom	Pat and Angie Strom
Wed 8/13	Dee Walton +	Charlene	
Thu 8/14	Parish Family	Charlene / Carla	
Sun 8/17	Sang Lee Booth +	Marilyn / Dennis	Mo Booth
Fri 8/22	Mike Stenger +	John	

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 8/10		No OCIA / Faith Formation
Wed 8/13		No Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 8/13	10:30 am	Three parish Staff Meeting in Branson
Thu 8/14	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu 8/14	6:00pm	Parish Picnic
Fri 8/15	12 & 7:00 pm	Mass at OLL Branson – Assumption of the BVM
Sun 17	9:45 pm	OCIA / Faith Formation
Tues 8/19	6:30 pm	Knights' Council 7680 Mtg, Rosary at 6:10 pm
Wed 8/20	9:00am	Communion Service - Not a Mass
Wed 8/20	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

Check each week for updates as things do change.

EUCCHARISTIC REFLECTION

"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.

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.



PLEASE join Bishop Edward M. Rice as he kicks off our year of spiritual preparation with an Opening Mass at 8:30 a.m., St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau, Sun., Aug. 17, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE : August 15, 2026, we will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau (Aug. 24, 1956) during our first-ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress (DEC) to be held in the West Plains Civic Center. Leading up to these momentous celebrations, all people of the diocese are invited to participate in a year of spiritual preparation by participating in various activities (more information to come!).



DIocese of SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Icon of the Mother of God of Vladimir – and its history



In June 2023, I was fortunate to go on a Holy Land pilgrimage with Fr. Joji Vincent to the Holy Land. One of the sites we visited was the town of Bethlehem which included a stop at a specialty gift store. It was there that my eyes were drawn to this particular icon of the Most Holy “Theotokos of Bogolyubovo” – Mary the Mother of God. This rendition of the original icon dates to late 19th century and was retrieved from a now defunct Russian orthodox church. I was moved to purchase the icon and it now resides in the gathering space at Our Lady of the Ozarks Parish in Forsyth.

The following is a summary of the story of one of the most well-known icons of the Theotokos.

According to ancient tradition, the Holy Evangelist Luke, Physician and Iconographer, painted three icons of the Theotokos. When the Blessed Virgin Mary looked at them, she said: “May the grace of the One who was born of me, and my grace, be with these Holy Icons.”

One of these icons is now known as the Vladimir icon. This depiction of Our Lady was kept in Jerusalem until 450 AD, after which it was taken to Constantinople. In the first half of the twelfth century Luke Chrysoberges, Patriarch of Constantinople, sent the icon as a gift to Grand Duke Yuri Vladimirovich Dolgoruky, who placed it in the Vyshgorod convent near Kiev, (Ukraine). In 1155 Vyshgorod became a possession of Prince Andrew, son of Yuri Dolgoruky.

When Prince Andrew decided to return to his homeland in Suzdal, he took this icon without his father’s permission. As he traveled, he continually offered intercessory prayers before it. The people of Vladimir-on-Klyazma met their prince with joy. Afterwards the prince wanted to continue on to Rostov, but six and half miles from Vladimir their horses stopped near the Klyazma River and refused to go any further. Even newly harnessed horses refused to proceed. The astounded Prince Andrew fell weeping in front of the icon and prayed. Soon after the Theotokos appeared to him in a dream with a scroll in her hand and ordered him to leave Her image in the city of Vladimir, and to build a monastery on the place of her appearance in honor of her Nativity.

Prince Andrew left the icon in Vladimir, and since 1160 it has been called the “Vladimir” icon. In 1164 Prince Andrew took this icon into battle against Volga Bulgarians. After the prince went to confession and took communion, he prostrated before the image of Theotokos and said: “All who put their trust in Thee, Our Lady, will not perish!” All the soldiers followed their prince to venerate with tears the miraculous icon and went to battle with trust in the aid of the Mother of God. The enemy was defeated. The soldiers held a prayer service giving thanks for Mary’s protection. Then a miracle occurred – a light from the icon and from the Holy Cross illuminated the entire area.

What is portrayed on this depiction of the icon?

This Theotokos is presented in full stature, holding a scroll in Her left hand. Her right hand is turned in prayer to Jesus Christ, who is depicted in an aureole in the upper-right hand corner. Prince Andrew himself is depicted in a prayerful stance on his knees before the Theotokos. In variations of the icon, other saints may appear at the feet of the Virgin, such as saints Zosimus and Sabbatius of Solovki.

A big welcome to our newest Catholic and parishioner --- Amihan Marie Luleich
Amihan is the daughter of David and Gina Luleich.

On Sunday, July 27, Amihan Marie was baptized into the Church of God and claimed by Christ. May our parish community be a source of love, joy, and compassion as Amihan grows to know her Catholic faith.



Options Pregnancy Baby Bottles Fundraiser
Pick yours up in the gathering space

Options Pregnancy is wrapping up their semi-annual fundraiser – now through the end of August. If you can, please take a bottle home and place your loose change into the bottle and bring it back to church. We (Marilyn or myself) will get them returned to Options for you.

RUMMAGE SALE in SEPTEMBER

Storage Bins Available for your Rummage Sale Donations

A huge THANK YOU to John Loughner for getting all those storage bins cleaned and placing them in the entryway to Marian Hall for our use! Take as many as you need, fill them up with your treasures & bring them on September 8th, the first day of rummage sale set up. There will be more information on rummage sale in next week's bulletin...until then, lets fill up those bins and then take a break and join us at our Parish PICNIC!

ASSUMPTION

of the blessed virgin Mary



Mass Times for the Holy Day

Our Lady of the Ozarks

Thursday Vigil, August 14, 5:00pm

Our Lady of the Cove

*20 Kimberling Blvd.
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Thursday Vigil, August 14, 4:00pm

Friday, August 15, 9:00am

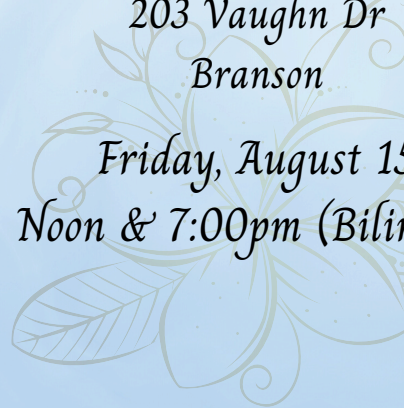


Our Lady of the Lake

*203 Vaughn Dr
Branson*

Friday, August 15

Noon & 7:00pm (Bilingual)



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. (Wis 18:6-7)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

Gospel:

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Lk 12:48)

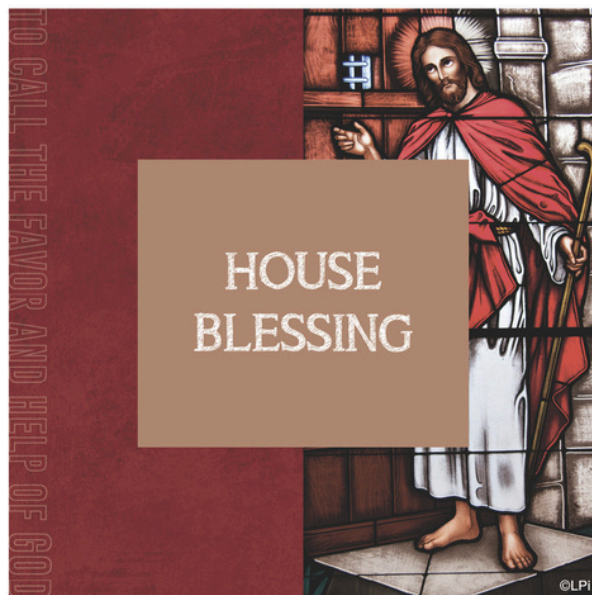
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are the servants and God is our master. He has told us His will, and given us all that we need to carry out His directions. Do we have the courage to act as our master desires? Do we have what it takes to be stewards of God's grace?

Observances for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Clare, Virgin
Tuesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Wednesday:	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Friday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Stephen of Hungary
Next Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it. The Roman Ritual provides two formats for such blessings.

Prayer for Generosity

God who has gifted me every good thing,
Help me to remember what truly matters.
To treasure love above all else,
and to serve readily.
Amen.



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