

# *Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church* Aug 17th 2025 Bulletin - 20th 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



## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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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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Grand Knight Council 7680

### **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

8/12/2025

	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
<b>Income:</b>		<b>August</b>	
Envelopes	\$1,185.00	\$3,080.00	\$12,389.33
Plate (loose)	389.00	489.00	1,406.05
Maint. & Repair Fund	605.00	1,625.00	4,791.00
Diocesan Collections	30.00	794.00	1,344.00
K of C & PCCW			
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income			162.44
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,209.00</b>	<b>5,988.00</b>	<b>20,092.82</b>
<b>Expense:</b>			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	1,021.00	3,008.50	8,314.71
Maintenance		219.38	827.86
Telephone & Utilities	248.14	248.14	1,473.08
Insurance	800.00	800.00	800.00
Diocesan & Special Collections			550.00
Trust Fund Deposit			
Other Expenses	409.06	594.48	1,535.14
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,478.20</b>	<b>4,870.50</b>	<b>13,500.79</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) Funds</b>	<b>-\$269.20</b>	<b>\$1,117.50</b>	<b>\$6,592.03</b>
<b>Cash in Bank, 7/1/25</b>			<b>\$28,108.86</b>
<b>Cash in Bank, current</b>			<b>\$34,700.89</b>
<b>Unpaid Bills &amp; Designated Funds</b>			<b>\$25,230.14</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, 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

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 8/17	Sang Lee Booth +	Marilyn / Kay	Mo Booth
Fri 8/22	Mike Stenger +	John	
Sun 8/24	Frank Carr +	Carolyn / Dennis	Carolina Carr and Gloria Obranovic
Wed 8/27	Dorothy Ratermann +	Dennis	
Fri 8/29	Patricia Fehrmann +	Marilyn	

## Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 8/17	9:45 pm	OCIA / Faith Formation
Wed 8/20	9:00 am	No Mass. Office Closed
Thu 8/21	6:30 pm	Knights' Council 7680 Mtg, Rosary at 6:10 pm
Sat 8/23	9:00am	Visitation for Shirley Lang
Sat 8/24	10:00am	Funeral for Shirley Lang with a lunch following the funeral.
Sun 8/24	9:45 pm	OCIA / Faith Formation
Wed 8/27	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 8/31	8:30 am	Mass with Bishop Emeritus John Liebrecht



# Springfield Pro-Life Event

Friday, August 22, 2025

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

\$75 per person

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

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*All proceeds benefit Vitae Foundation.*

## Knights of Columbus – Membership Drive

**Sundays – August 17th & 24th – after Mass**

Across the U.S. during the month of August the Knights of Columbus conduct their annual membership drive. Here at Our Lady of the Ozarks, our active members might be few in numbers but their heart for service and charity is second to none.

Our Knights, need strong Catholic men to answer the call – to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values.

The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call.  
Will you answer?



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**The Order of Christian Initiation Adults formerly R.C.I.A.**  
**It is never too late to enter the vineyard...**

**Do you have questions about the Catholic Church,  
the Catholic faith and Catholic way of life?**

Are you wanting to know more but not sure what to do or who to ask? Or maybe you know someone that has expressed interest in learning more about our faith. An open invitation awaits acceptance.

Our Lady of the Ozarks is teaming up with our big sister parish, Our Lady of the Lake in Branson, to discover the riches of the Catholic faith. The sessions begin Tuesday, August 26. Sessions begin at 6:30 pm and go until 8:00 pm. If this timeslot does not work with your schedule, reach out to Deacon Dan and he will work with you to develop a custom formation schedule. It is our desire is to make our sessions convenient, meaningful, and fulfilling.



# Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

## The Dormition of the Virgin Mary: Did she die or was she merely asleep?

During that same trip to the Holy Land in June 2023, I visited the Basilica of the Dormition, where we were told the Blessed Virgin Mary died. There is also a Catholic theory that she didn't die but was only asleep. Whether she died or simply fell asleep prior to being assumed into Heaven is an open question. In the Latin Catholic Church tradition says Mary did die; in the Eastern Catholic Churches tradition has said she fell asleep and did not die. Either way, we have no solid historical evidence to prove a position.

In 1950 Pope Pius XII solemnly defined the dogma of the Assumption. He said, "the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." That seems to leave open the question of whether Mary died first. Some theologians feel that since death is a consequence of sin, Mary would not have had to die. But others say that, since Jesus himself chose to die, wouldn't it be fitting for his mother to have shared the same fate?

The first full stories of Mary's end-of-life narrative appear not in the canonical Bible but in apocryphal texts from the 4th to 6th centuries, often called *Transitus Mariae* -- "Passing of Mary". These include Greek, Syriac, Coptic, and Latin versions, each with variations. The common storyline is that Mary is told by an angel that her time has come, the apostles are gathered to her bedside (often miraculously transported), she "falls asleep," Christ receives her soul, and her body is placed in a tomb which is later found empty. Some versions are explicit about her death before assumption; others are vague. In other words, we really have no factual evidence.

### Why "Dormition" Instead of "Death"?

In the ancient Christian world, "sleep" (*koimēsis* in Greek) was a common euphemism for the death of the righteous. For example, Jesus says of Jairus's daughter, "She is not dead but sleeping" (Mark 5:39); Paul writes of those who "have fallen asleep in Christ" (1 Thess. 4:14). The term softened the idea of death and emphasized hope in resurrection. For Mary, "sleep" also underscored that she died without corruption, in peace, and was taken to heaven.

It was around the 6th century that the Dormition feast was widely celebrated in Jerusalem and spread to the Byzantine Empire. And by the 8th century, St. John of Damascus preached on the Dormition. It was his theological explanation that became the standard within the Church: 'Mary died like her Son, but her body did not see decay; soon after, she was bodily assumed.'

Over time Western devotion shifted away from the Dormition toward the Assumption - emphasizing the glorification of Mary's body and soul in heaven. When Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption in 1950 (*Munificentissimus Deus*), he purposely left open the question of whether Mary died first.

Official Catholic teaching doesn't define it, but the vast majority of saints, theologians, and liturgy writers assumed she did die and was assumed into heaven. No matter what actually transpired so long ago, we know that Our Blessed Mother was taken into heaven body and soul after passing from this life.

"By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity." CCC 987



## Staying Connected with PCCW

September is only a few short weeks away and that means the PCCW will resume monthly meetings. Our summer has been a busy one. We have lost cherished members of our Parish, we honored the men on Father's Day with a continental breakfast, celebrated a First Communion, a Baptism, and sent off two young men on their next adventure. We were honored to host Bishop Rice and nine Seminarians just a few short weeks ago and to top off the summer we celebrated our Parish anniversary this past Thursday with a Mass & picnic. We thank the Knights and Matt Diekhaus for providing his "award winning" BBQ pulled pork and everyone who shared their culinary gifts with all of us.

The Rummage and Bake Sales have been a blessing to our Parish and Community over the years and this year's sale is quickly approaching. Below is a "Save the Dates" schedule and a special request for lunches. We invite you all to join us in making this event a success by donating goods, your time, your muscle, your culinary talents and your prayers.

Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3th at 10:00am. We would like to take this opportunity to invite all women of the Parish to join us. Our meetings and activities focus on the three pillars of our organization which are Spirituality, Service and Leadership. How can we serve you, our Parish and Community? We encourage you to come share your thoughts and ideas. To make our meeting day more special, join us in praying the Rosary at 8:30a.m., celebrating Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by adoration. Meetings start at 10a.m. and are usually concluded between 11:30 and Noon.

Our September meeting will focus on the details of the rummage sale, getting flyers out, announcements in newspapers, etc. This Parish-wide event takes all of us working together. There are many ways to serve: donate items, provide a lunch, help sort and organize goods on tables, cashier, work at the jewelry table during the sale... many hands make for light work and we can use every hand during set up...until then, stay connected.

– Barbara Sakowicz Peterson



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



**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.

FYI Summer Stats: Through June of this year there have been 73 babies born and 65 more due across Taney County. Your financial support helps create a positive change in our local community.

## **RUMMAGE SALE - Storage Bins Available for your Rummage Sale Donations -**

Bins are located in the entryway of Marian Hall for your taking. 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.

ALSO... Would you like to provide a LUNCH FOR WORKERS

This year we do not have a "lunch coordinator" to call Parishioners and coordinate lunches as we have in the past. If you would like to help by providing a lunch, a sign -up sheet in the form of a calendar is in the Gathering Space.

Please sign-up on the day of your choice to provide a simple lunch for workers during rummage sale set-up days. Simply write your name and phone number on your chosen day, you may write what you will bring or simply surprise us...your favorite dish or casserole, or for some ideas: sandwiches, hotdogs, chili, soup, salad, pizza, tacos anything you would like .

To satisfy our sweet tooth, we will have ice cream in the freezer. We expect 12-15 workers. Questions?-Call Barbara at 417-251-0041

### **FALL Rummage & Bake Sale Save the Dates**

Sept 7 Sunday - After Mass set up tables and props in hall-ALL HANDS ON DECK for this one...your help is much appreciated!

Sept 8 Monday -Start to bring donations (not furniture) to Marian Hall

Sept 8-12, 15-19, 22-24 - Set Up Days 9am-2pm

Sept 21 Sunday - Parishioners can shop after Mass

Sept 22 Monday- Furniture can be brought -Last Day for Donations

Sept 24- 25 Wed & Thurs morning- bring in baked goods for bake sale

Sept 25-27 Days of Rummage & Bake Sale

Sept 28 Sunday - pack up remaining items & clear Hall

Sept 29th Monday - Pick-Up Remaining Items

Sept 30 Tuesday - Mop Marian Hall & Oct 1 Wednesday - Set up table and chairs in Marian Hall

### **Resurrection Cemetery Fundraiser**

#### **A Message from Bishop Rice**

Each person is created in the image and the likeness of God. In Baptism we become a new creation, becoming children of God. In the Eucharist we are nourished for the journey of life. Through Confirmation we become temples of the Holy Spirit. And at the end of life's journey, Catholic cemeteries are an extension of the parish where we lived out our sacramental life. Catholic cemeteries are a constant reminder that death is just a part of the journey that leads to eternal life in Christ. Therefore, Catholic cemeteries are sacred spaces for the mortal remains of our loved ones as we await the second coming of Christ.

To that end, the Springfield Catholic Cemetery Board has announced a capital campaign to address drainage issues, road repair and regular maintenance with a goal of \$165,000. I encourage anyone who has a loved one at the cemetery or those planning to use Resurrection or St. Mary's in the future to support the Capital Campaign with a donation. You can donate by visiting Springfield Catholic Cemetery and scroll down to the Improvement Campaign 2025. You may also call Russ Koeneman at 417-866-6720.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.  
Amen





# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite  
to take three men along with him,  
and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern  
before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

### Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin  
that clings to us  
and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to  
the earth. What can we give him as kindling?  
Let us look into our souls and see where the  
fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that  
our souls may be consumed by its life-giving  
flames.

## Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John Eudes, Priest
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Pius X, Pope
<b>Friday:</b>	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, Gregorian chant is a form of sacred music used in liturgical settings and prayer. It has been synonymous with Catholic musical worship since the first millennium.

## Prayer for Bravery

Dear God,  
In the moments when my faith  
is met with others' disdain or  
ridicule, give me the grace to  
be grounded in You. Remind me  
that Your mission matters, and  
that You alone bring comfort,  
healing, and salvation.  
Amen.



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