

Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church Aug 24th 2025 Bulletin - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Sunday 8:30 am

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Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

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Sun - before Mass & Wed after Mass

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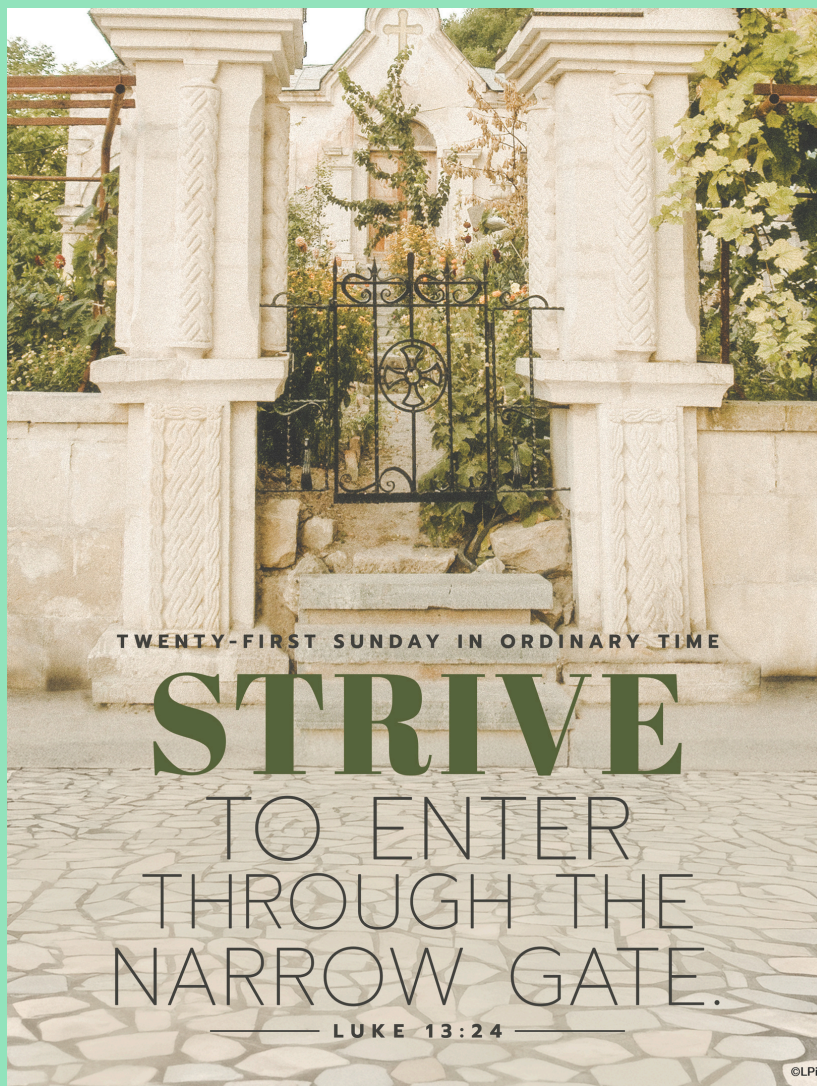
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Welcome Blessings

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

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

8/19/2025

| | Last Week | Month Total | YTD |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Income: | | August | |
| Envelopes | \$1,040.00 | \$4,120.00 | \$13,429.33 |
| Plate (loose) | 167.00 | 656.00 | 1,573.05 |
| Maint. & Repair Fund | 250.00 | 1,875.00 | 5,041.00 |
| Diocesan Collections | 50.00 | 844.00 | 1,394.00 |
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| Trust Fund Withdrawal | | | |
| Other Income | 200.00 | 200.00 | 362.44 |
| Total Income | 1,707.00 | 7,695.00 | 21,799.82 |
| Expense: | | | |
| Salary, Benefits, Mileage | | 3,008.50 | 8,314.71 |
| Maintenance | | 219.38 | 827.86 |
| Telephone & Utilities | | 248.14 | 1,473.08 |
| Insurance | | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Diocesan & Special Collections | 844.00 | 844.00 | 1,394.00 |
| Trust Fund Deposit | | | |
| Other Expenses | 104.99 | 699.47 | 1,640.13 |
| Total Expenses | 948.99 | 5,819.49 | 14,449.78 |
| Increase (Decrease) Funds | \$758.01 | \$1,875.51 | \$7,350.04 |
| Cash in Bank, 7/1/25 | | | \$28,108.86 |
| Cash in Bank, current | | | \$35,458.90 |
| Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds | | | \$24,684.42 |

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

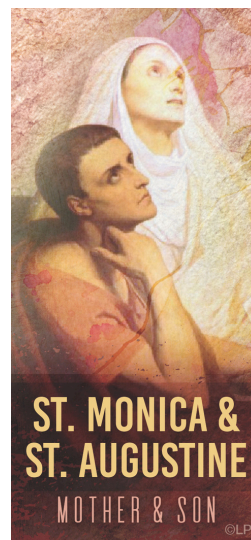
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| Date | Mass Intention | Lectors | Gift Bear |
|----------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sun 8/24 | Frank Carr + | Carolyn / Dennis | Carolina Carr and Gloria Obranovic |
| Wed 8/27 | Dorothy Ratermann + | Dennis | |
| Fri 8/29 | Patricia Fehrmann + | Marilyn | |
| Sun 8/31 | Ed & Alice Schumacher + | Tom R. / Craig | Knights of Columbus |
| Fri 9/5 | First Friday Deceased Souls + | Kay | |

Parish Calendar of Events

| Date | Time | Event |
|----------|---------|--|
| Sun 8/24 | 8:00am | Rosary led by the PCCW |
| Sun 8/24 | 9:45 pm | OCIA / Faith Formation - Topic: Confirmation |
| Wed 8/27 | 9:35 am | Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour |
| Sun 8/31 | 8:30 am | Mass with Bishop Emeritus John Liebrecht |
| Wed 9/3 | | No Mass, No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour |
| Fri 9/5 | 8:00 am | First Friday Mass followed by social |

Check each week for updates as things do change.



St Monica - Aug 27th
St Augustine - Aug 28th



Knights of Columbus – Membership Drive Sunday – August 24th – after Mass



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council #7680 continues to hold a membership drive through August. When you become a member of our council you will find that Knights membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

Across the U.S. during the month of August the Knights of Columbus conduct their annual membership drive. Our Knights, need strong Catholic men to answer the call – to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. If you would like to join, simply go to KofC.org/join and enter council #7680 or speak to one of our Knights after Mass.

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

Visit www.kofc.org/joinus to join or learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.



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

Sep21 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

Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

A look at Pope Leo XIV's first 100 days

I get it, stories about "the first 100 days" are standard fare at the beginning of a U.S. president's four-year term; news articles usually focus on how much the new president was able to accomplish and how quickly. But a pope is elected for life and without having promised voters anything or having presented a platform. But I'm going to do it anyway.

This past weekend, August 16, marked Pope Leo XIV's 100th day since he stepped out onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica as the new pope. Next month he will celebrate his 70th birthday on September 14. While the first 100 days of a pontificate may hint at what is to come, the initial period of Pope Leo's ministry seemed more about him getting used to the role, the crowds, and the papal protocol.

Like his predecessors, Pope Leo confirmed the heads of Curia offices on a temporary basis a few days after his election. Some major nominations are expected in September or early October, starting with his own replacement as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops.

His inaugural words emphasized synodality, peace, and charity: "We want to be a synodal church... close especially to those who are suffering". Two days post-election, he set the agenda: a renewed commitment to the path of Vatican II through six pillars drawn from *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) — primacy of Christ, missionary conversion, collegiality, embracing the faith, care for the marginalized, and dialogue with the modern world.

In these early days Pope Leo has avoided controversy. He emphasizes unity and crafted messages aimed at healing divisions, stressing Christ and peace above personal or political flare. Even his signature issue, artificial intelligence, has been handled in a way that garners broad, cross-spectrum consensus. He is emerging as a bridge-builder: blending respect for tradition with progressive sensibilities.

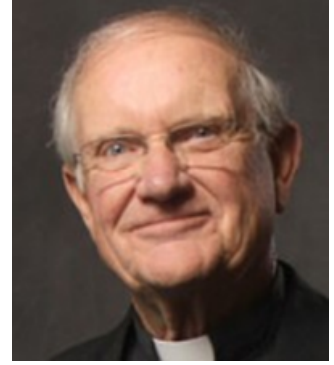
In one of his most significant theological gestures, Pope Leo named St. John Henry Newman, a 19th-century English convert from Anglicanism, a doctor of the Church — a rare title given to just 37 other saints. The title is granted in recognition of an already canonized saint's significant contribution to advancing the Church's knowledge of doctrine, theology, or spirituality.

Pope Leo has also warmly embraced public engagement. He presided over 16 public Masses in the first 14 weeks including Jubilee liturgies and solemn feast celebrations like Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and the Sacred Heart. He drew vast crowds, especially during the Jubilee of Youth, where an estimated 1 million young people gathered in Rome. He encouraged them to "study, work, and love according to the example of Jesus".

His multilingual fluency in English, Spanish, and Italian has bolstered his connection with diverse audiences. His ability to switch between the three languages effortlessly was on full display at the Jubilee of Digital Missionaries and Catholic Influencers and the related Jubilee of Youth. The young people roared with approval as he spoke to them in languages that most could understand. Observers note his approach as a "master class in listening before leading," balancing truth without arrogance and mercy without weakness.

At the heart of his papacy lies a quiet, attentive style: one that avoids personal spotlight while spotlighting Christ and unity. His foundational 100 days have set a tone of reflective leadership, bridging divides and building trust, suggesting that his papacy, though unflashy, could wield enduring influence through integrity and dialogue.

Fr. Johny can't do it all while Fr J and Father Dhaneesh are away on vacation. So, we have two priests and one retired bishop stepping in and leading us in worship over the next week.



Fr. Fergus, retired diocesan priest, will be with us on Friday, August 22; Fr. Nick Muenks from Fr. J's hometown of Florissant, MO, will celebrate Mass here on Wednesday, August 27 and Friday, August 29. On our beloved retired bishop, Bishop Leibrecht, will be her on Sunday, August 31.

Options Pregnancy is wrapping up their semi-annual (August) fundraiser.



Consider supporting Options through donating via their baby-bottle campaign. Please take a bottle home and place your loose change into the bottle and bring it back to church. Or even better, just place a \$10 or \$20 in a bottle after Sunday Mass and toss it at Deacon Dan. He or Marilyn will get them returned to Options for you.



The Order of Christian Initiation Adults formerly R.C.I.A. Class sessions begin on Tuesday, August 26 in Branson.

"There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be."

— Fulton J. Sheen

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

Our Lady of the Ozarks is teaming up with our big sister parish, Our Lady of the Lake in Branson, to help inquiry minds discover the riches of the Catholic faith.

Sessions begin on Tuesday, August 26. The 90-minute sessions start at 6:30 pm in the OLL Faith Formation room, lower level of the church. Fr. J, Fr Johny, Fr Dhaneesh, and Deacon Dan are part of the formation team, along with dedicated and knowledgeable lay team leaders.

If the Branson schedule does not work for you personally, reach out to Deacon Dan and he will work with you to develop a custom formation schedule. It is our desire to make these sessions convenient, meaningful, and fulfilling.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Do You Know Him, or Just Know About Him?

Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of social media can be powerful tools of communication. They allow people to stay in touch. They provide an avenue for fresh ideas. People can be engaged in conversations and be exposed to issues of the day in ways few could have dreamed of just a few decades ago. But social media can also give the false sense of really knowing someone, when only the surface has been scratched about who a person is in reality.

You don't really know someone just because you know a lot about him or her and are linked to a profile online. Unfortunately, people develop emotional attachments to the idea of a person all the time. If they do find themselves fortunate enough to meet the person face-to-face one day, they can often find out they never really knew the person in the first place.

There are people who believe they know Jesus so very well. They can readily share their view of what Jesus would do or wouldn't do in a given situation. They own items like crosses and Bibles that seem to provide evidence of this person they know so well. Sometimes, they even strongly admonish others because their view of Jesus is certainly not in line with their own.

But in Luke 13, Jesus speaks about those who claim to know him, but they really do not belong to him at all. They make claims based upon what they have seen and heard, but they have never allowed Jesus to truly change them. They are like Facebook followers; seemingly close, but with no real relationship at all. Do you know Jesus? Don't just be a fan. Invite Jesus into your life and let the real relationship begin.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I know their works and their thoughts,
and I come to gather nations of every language;
they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.
(Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel:

For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough." So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help.

Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

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|---------------------|--|
| Sunday: | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday: | St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest |
| Wednesday: | St. Monica |
| Wednesday: | St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| Friday: | The Passion of St. John the Baptist |
| Next Sunday: | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |



Special Collection for the People of Gaza

Bishop Rice has sent a request to all of the parishes in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeking financial aid and prayer for the people of Gaza. The following is an excerpt from Bishop Rice's letter.

"Pope Leo XIV and Catholic ambassadors around the world have highlighted with great concern the unfolding humanitarian crisis and mass starvation in Gaza, with the pope calling the situation "dire".

At the request of Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the USCCB, I am joining bishops across the United States in asking parishioners to participate in a second collection for emergency humanitarian aid for the starving people of Gaza, a crisis that has reached catastrophic levels. There is terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza who are struggling to survive, to protect their children, and to live humanely in tragic circumstances.

All funds from the special collection will be used by Catholic Relief Services, which is on site in Gaza and partnering with local Church entities to provide food, shelter, financial assistance, hygiene supplies and trauma assistance; and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, which is providing "vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded."

A special collection will be taken in support of this request at all Masses Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31.

If you will not be at the Masses next weekend, donations for Gaza can be dropped off at or mailed to the parish office. Simply mark your donation "Gaza" so that we can apply your gift properly. All forms of electronic giving are also available for this purpose. Again, indicate that your gift is for Gaza.

Thank you for your generosity and your prayers for the people of Gaza.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Matthew 25:35-36





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