

Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church Aug 31st, 2025 Bulletin - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Times:

Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

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Sun - before Mass & Wed after Mass

Holy Hour Adoration:

Wed - after Mass

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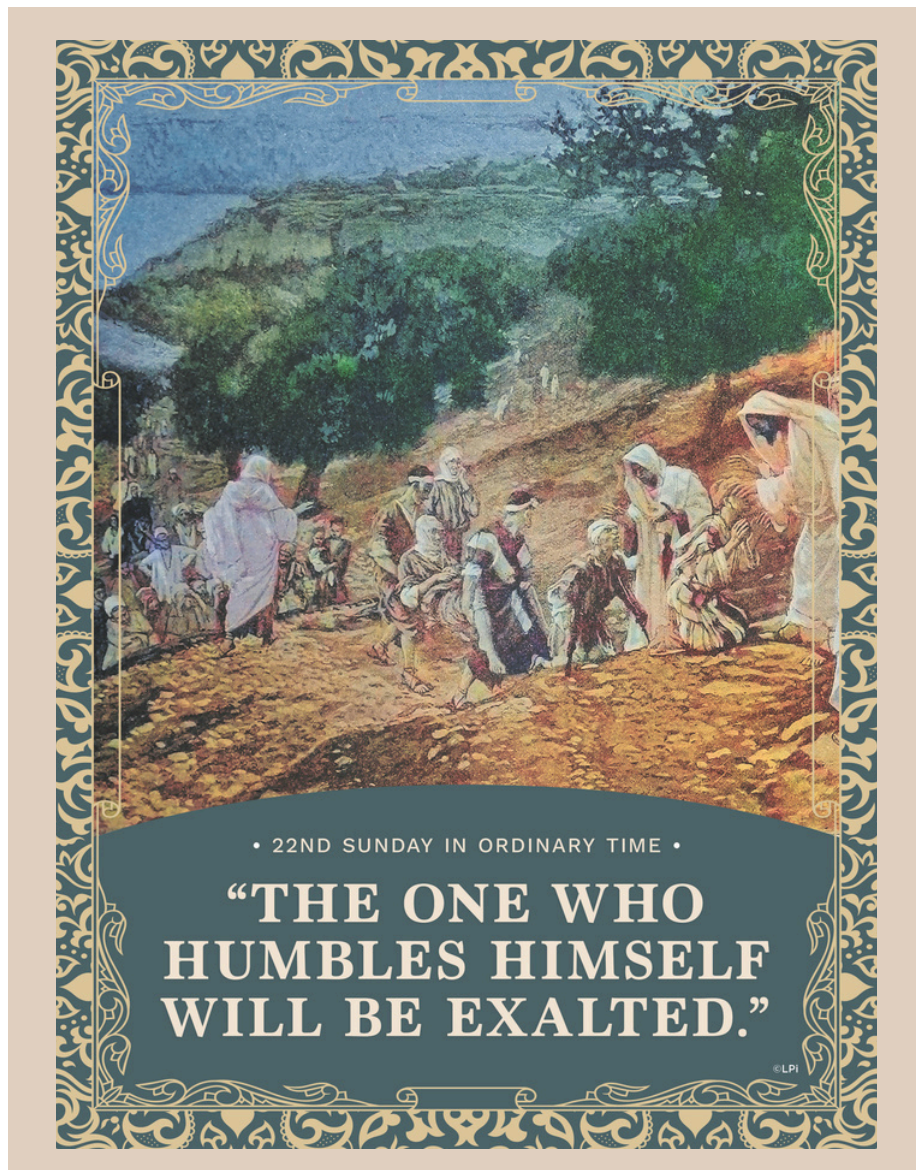
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Welcome Blessings

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.

8/26/2025			
	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
Income:		August	
Envelopes	\$1,574.00	\$5,694.00	\$15,003.33
Plate (loose)	336.00	992.00	1,909.05
Maint. & Repair Fund	125.00	2,000.00	5,166.00
Diocesan Collections		844.00	1,394.00
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Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	115.00	315.00	477.44
Total Income	2,150.00	9,845.00	23,949.82
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	2,414.11	5,422.61	10,728.82
Maintenance	17.94	237.32	845.80
Telephone & Utilities	81.13	329.27	1,554.21
Insurance		800.00	800.00
Diocesan & Special Collections		844.00	1,394.00
Trust Fund Deposit			
Other Expenses	617.94	1,317.41	2,258.07
Total Expenses	3,131.12	8,950.61	17,580.90
Increase (Decrease) Funds	-\$981.12	\$894.39	\$6,368.92
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$34,477.78
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$24,744.82

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
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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 EElledge, 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 8/31	Ed & Alice Schumacher +	Tom R. / Craig	Knights of Columbus
Fri 9/5	First Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	
Sun 9/7	Trudy Krueger +	Tom / Carla	Karl Kreugar and Karen Bohon-Koran
Wed 9/10	John Kartheiser +	Charlene	
Fri 9/12	Lester Droste +	Dennis	

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 8/31	8:30 am	Mass with Bishop Emeritus John Liebrecht 2 nd Collection for humanitarian aid in Gaza
Mon 9/1		Parish Office closed – Labor Day
Wed 9/3		No Mass, No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Wed 9/3	10:00am	PCCW Meeting
Fri 9/5	9:00 am	First Friday Mass followed by social
Sun 9/7	9:45 am	Transfiguration of Marian Hall begins – Rummage Sale setup
Mon 9/8	9:00 am	Mass in Branson – Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 9/10		No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Thu 9/11	6:30 pm	Knights Council 7680 Mtg, 6:10 pm rosary
Sun 9/14	9:45 am	OCIA / Fatih Formation – in the worship space
Check each week for updates as things do change.		

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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Hey Deacon!

What is “Catholic Guilt” and is it good or bad?

Have you ever felt bad for falling short in doing the “right thing”? Have you shared this concern with a friend only to tell you that you have “Catholic Guilt”? What is Catholic Guilt? Why is it labeled Catholic?

The phrase Catholic Guilt was coined in reference to the understanding that Catholics are held to follow a lot of rules. Consequently, when a person breaks one of those rules they commit “sin” which separates us from God. This “sin” is strongly emphasized regarding morality in the Catholic Church, which seems to be emphasized more than all the good we do.

While all of this is true about the Catholic faith, there is more to the complete context of Catholic Guilt. I think that if properly understood, people will find that Catholic Guilt is a necessity not only in our faith life but in our everyday actions as well.

The root of Catholic Guilt is linked to moral development, or how we train ourselves to make either good or bad decisions. As we grew up our parents taught us the difference between right and wrong, and through our faith we have guiding principles like the 10 Commandments and the Beatitudes which help us to make right decisions as well. But God also gave us the gift of free will and conscience. Guilt is a feeling that flows from our conscience. Guilt is that feeling of heaviness in the pit of our stomach that lets us know there is something wrong.

There is a tendency to view guilt as a negative feeling. But I argue that guilt can also be a gift. If our conscience is properly formed, meaning that we have trained our conscience to know the difference between right and wrong, then our conscience will inherently know when we have committed a wrong action. Nobody is perfect, so being in touch with your conscience and understanding why you are feeling guilty for a decision becomes important.

The beauty of Catholic guilt lies in its role as a spiritual tool that guides individuals towards introspection, repentance, and a closer relationship with God. It is a universal human experience that reflects our awareness of sin and encourages us to correct our actions. In the Catholic context, guilt is not merely a negative feeling but a gift that prompts us to seek forgiveness and healing through the sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament offers both healing and peace from God, allowing us to be forgiven no matter what we have done.

This scripture verse from Philippians reminds us that our God is a compassionate and understanding God and we should turn to Him when faced with anxiety.

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” -- Phil 4:6-7

The stereotype of Catholic Guilt needs to be understood in the context of our conscience in our moral development and understanding of why we are feeling guilty in the first place. When I am confronted with a moral decision, I asked myself will my choice bring me closer to God or further away from God. This helps me in making the right choice.

The next time you feel that Catholic Guilt, pray for clarity and thank God for the gentle reminder. And if it is of grave matter, seek out the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God’s healing forgiveness.

Rummage & Bake Sale UPDATE...



IF YOU GOT MUSCLE



WE GOT KRISPY KREME

We need your help on Sunday September 7th after Mass. We will be converting and setting up Marian Hall for our Rummage Sale space. This will require putting up the chairs, moving tables, bringing in the bookshelves and clothes racks from the outside shed...as you can see we need your MUSCLE.

Please plan to join us and enjoy fellowship, the blessings of physical activity and reward yourself with a Krispy Kreme donut!

Monday, September 8th, you can start to bring in your items and stay to help us sort and put up items. We will be working from 9 to 2, lunch will be provided . Any and all help will be appreciated...work an hour or two, half a day or all day.



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

Sep 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 Bake Sale

Sept 28 Sunday – pack up remaining items & clear Hall

Sept 29th Monday- TBD-

Sept 30 Tuesday – Remaining items picked up and Mop Marian Hall

Oct 1 Wednesday – Set up table and chairs in Marian Hall



Red Cross Blood Drive
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Friday, September 12, 2025

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Walk in or visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and enter 'Forsyth' to schedule your appointment



Federal court rules against Little Sisters of the Poor in latest contraception lawsuit

A federal district court ruled against the Little Sisters of the Poor on Wed., August 13, 2025, in their long-running legal dispute over government contraception mandates. The court sided with Pennsylvania and New Jersey to force the Little Sisters of the Poor to provide contraception and abortion coverage in their healthcare plans. The Little Sisters have vowed to appeal the decision of this federal district court.

Mark Rienzi, the president of Becket and the lead attorney for the Little Sisters, said it was "bad enough that the district court issued a nationwide ruling invalidating federal religious conscience rules but even worse is that the district court simply ducked the glaring constitutional issues in this case after waiting five years and not even holding a hearing."

The Little Sisters of the Poor, founded in 1839 by St. Jeanne Jugan, are dedicated to caring for the elderly poor. According to the community's Website, the sisters, "serve more than 13,000 elderly poor in 31 countries around the world." In the U.S. they run 23 homes for low-income elderly men and women.



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends in the Diocese:

Women's Weekend

Date: October 9 - 12, 2025

Location: Carthage, MO



The Cursillo® Movement pursues two purposes or objectives. The immediate purpose is to provide a conduit for living what is fundamental for being a Christian, namely, the on-going and total conversion of the person. Simply explained, the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is that we become the Good News, and that our actions naturally turn out to be evangelical in our daily lives.

Sign-Up Online below and list Deacon Dan as your sponsor, your Cursillista (Cursillo Alum)

<https://form.jotform.com/91428400503144>



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 this 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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