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Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00am to 2:00pm

**Weekend Mass Time:**

Sunday 8:30 am

**Weekday Mass Times:**

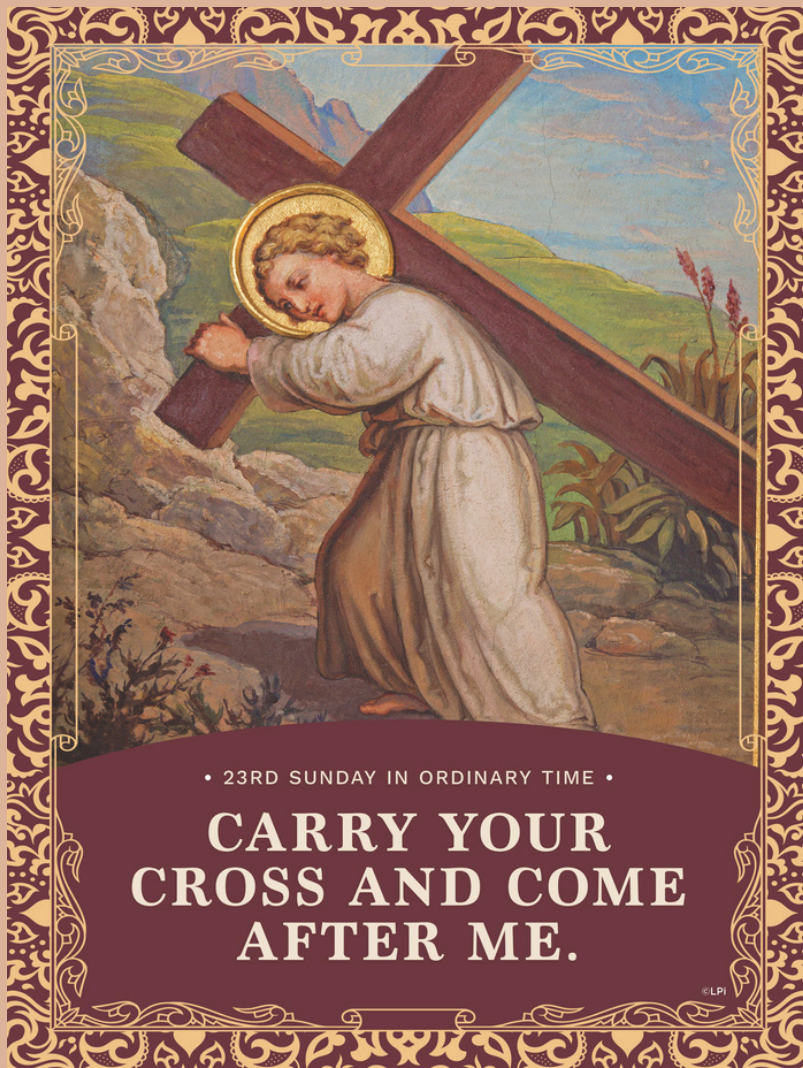
Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

**Confession:**

Sun - before Mass & Wed after Mass

**Holy Hour Adoration:**

Wed - after Mass



### *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

#### **Parish Leadership**

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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			
9/2/2025			
	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
		September	
<b>Income:</b>			
Envelopes	\$2,370.00	\$2,370.00	\$17,373.33
Plate (loose)	288.65	288.65	2,197.70
Maint. & Repair Fund	881.00	881.00	6,077.00
Diocesan Collections	660.00	660.00	2,054.00
K of C & PCCW			
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	5.00	5.00	535.57
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,204.65</b>	<b>4,204.65</b>	<b>28,237.60</b>
<b>Expense:</b>			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	2,330.50	2,330.50	13,059.32
Maintenance	131.63	131.63	977.43
Telephone & Utilities			1,554.21
Insurance			800.00
Diocesan & Special Collections	100.00	100.00	1,494.00
Trust Fund Deposit			
Other Expenses	166.14	166.14	2,425.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,728.27</b>	<b>2,728.27</b>	<b>20,309.96</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) Funds</b>	<b>\$1,476.38</b>	<b>\$1,476.38</b>	<b>\$7,927.64</b>
<b>Cash in Bank, 7/1/25</b>			<b>\$28,108.86</b>
<b>Cash in Bank, current</b>			<b>\$36,036.50</b>
<b>Unpaid Bills &amp; Designated Funds</b>			<b>\$25,416.17</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 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 9/7	Trudy Krueger +	Tom / Carla	Karl Kreugar and Karen Bohon-Koran
Wed 9/10	John Kartheiser +	Charlene	
Fri 9/12	Lester Droste +	Dennis	
Sun 9/14	Parish Family	Kay / Toni	Bari and Kathy Strader
Wed 9/17	Thomas Hein+	Nancy	
Fri 9/19	Dee Walton +	John	

## Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
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
<b>Wed 9/10</b>		<b>No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour</b>
Sat 9/13	11:00 am	Diaconate Ordination – Bryan Burger, St. Augustine Parish, Kelso
Sun 9/14	9:45 am	OCIA / Fatih Formation – in the worship space
Wed 9/17	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Thu 9/18	6:30 pm	Knights Council 7680 Mtg, 6:10 pm rosary

Check each week for updates as things do change.

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**NEVER FORGET**







**Oct 11, 2025**

**catholic women's conference**

*Renewed in Hope*

**keynote speaker**

**Danielle Bean**

**ONLY \$25**  
includes lunch and t-shirt\*

**REGISTER NOW**

**SCAN ME**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
Check-in | 8:00 am  
Conference Begins | 9:00 am  
Closing Mass | 3:30 pm

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**  
2818 E. Bennett, Springfield, MO

SPACES ARE LIMITED!  
Reserve your spot now.  
bit.ly/CWCreg-2025  
\*please register by September 12th to receive a t-shirt

**Registration is now open  
for the 4th annual  
Catholic Women's Conference,  
Sat., Oct. 11, 2025 at  
Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield.**

**This year's theme, Renewed in Hope,  
is based on Romans 5:5  
"Hope does not disappoint."  
The keynote speaker is Danielle Bean,  
a Catholic writer, speaker, and host of the  
Girlfriends podcast.**

**Check-in starts at 8 a.m.  
Conference begins at 9 a.m.  
closing Mass will begin at 3:30 p.m.  
Registration fee of \$25 includes lunch and t-shirt.**

**Registration deadline  
(to receive a t-shirt) is Fri., Sept. 12.  
Register online <https://form.jotform.com> or  
by calling Holy Trinity Parish, (417) 883-3440.**



# Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

## ***I had to show my driver's license in order to attend an all-school Mass.***

This past week, Beth and I attended an all-school Mass. Until now, this parish held its all-school Mass in the church. But because of the senseless and horrific killing at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis the prior week, the Mass was moved to the school's gymnasium for better security. In order for Beth and I to attend Mass, we had to pass through school security which included showing official I.D. The school secretary scanned our driver's license and gave us a visitor badge. A necessary and understandable security precaution in today's world.

Before Mass began, one of the teachers gave a beautiful explanation that celebrating Holy Mass can occur in a variety of places not just in the walls of our church. She said there are times when Mass is celebrated in a large Cathedral, a person's home, outdoors, under a tent, on a school bus, and yes, even in a gymnasium. As long as there is a priest and the offertory bread and wine, Mass is able to take place. She also explained that the word "Mass" comes from the Latin word "missal" which means to be sent out. And in order to be sent out and to share the Good News of Jesus with others we must first gather in worship. Today we gather in the gym, no pews, no kneelers, but Jesus is present.

The shooting in Minneapolis last week still weighs heavy on my heart. Two children dead, 21 injured (18 children, three adults), including one child still in critical condition.

The taking of innocent lives has no place in our society, especially the killing of children. As Christians we believe all life is sacred, the good and the bad. We preach no to abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment. Even the killer who took his own life is a lost soul to the devil. He had so many issues, he was mentally disturbed and possessed by Satan. He needed help for his illness, but the relativism of our society ignored it and even normalized his identity behavior. Now he may be spending eternity in hell. Only God knows his fate.

I continue to struggle with why these murderous acts continue to occur. When they happen, they tend to be politicalized quickly by both sides. I believe we need more resources to help those who mentally struggle. I believe in the 2nd Amendment but also believe commonsense legal measures can be taken to minimize the ability for easy access to assault style guns. A person should not be able to just walk in and purchase an assault rifle. I need a background check to be with around children in youth ministry. I need a special driver's license if I want to be commercial driver. It takes testing and certification. Maybe not the best analogies but you get my point.

We even hear comments that our prayers are senseless by those who don't believe in God or at the least don't understand the purpose and need for prayers. The good people at Franciscan University have this powerful statement about prayer.



Prayer is not an escape from reality. It is the very place we meet Christ, who Himself was unjustly slain. We will continue to pray, not because we are passive, but because we know only God can bring true justice, healing, and peace. Evil wants us to stop praying and to despair. We will not. We cling to Christ, who has conquered death. "The prayer of a righteous person has great power in its effects." -James 5:16

Please continue to pray for those at Annunciation Catholic Church. Their lives will never be the same. I personally know the parish. My nephew and his wife were married there 14 years ago. I was an extraordinary minister at their wedding. Their three children attend school there. Yes, they were in Mass the morning of the shooting. By the grace of God, they were physically unharmed, however, the oldest daughter Cora (center) did witness two of her friends getting wounded. The included picture is Cora at the prayer service for the victims.



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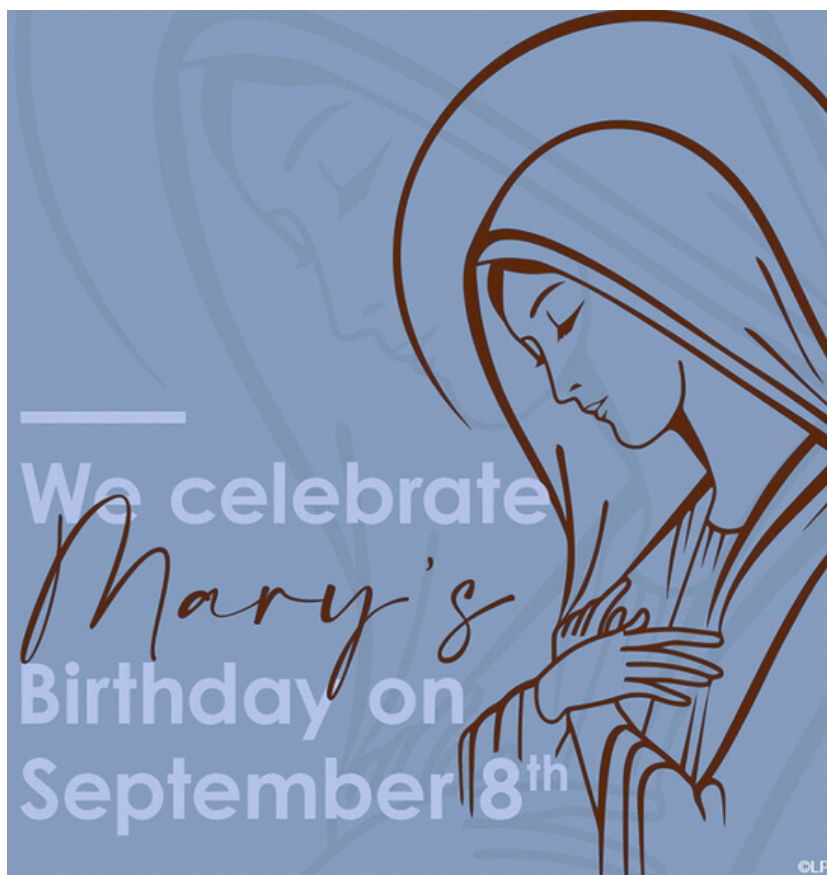
Friday, September 12, 2025

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

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



## Grandparents' Day September 7



### 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>

# Rummage & Bake Sale UPDATE...



## IF YOU GOT MUSCLE



## WE GOT KRISPY KREME

**We need your help today, 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 29<sup>th</sup> Monday- TBD-

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

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



# YOU'RE INVITED TO THE LIFEHOUSE GALAS!

## SPRINGFIELD

### MAGNOLIAS *and* MIRACLES

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE CENTER  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY *THE GET DOWN BAND*

#### TWILIGHT COCKTAIL HOUR

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025**



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## CAPE GIRARDEAU

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