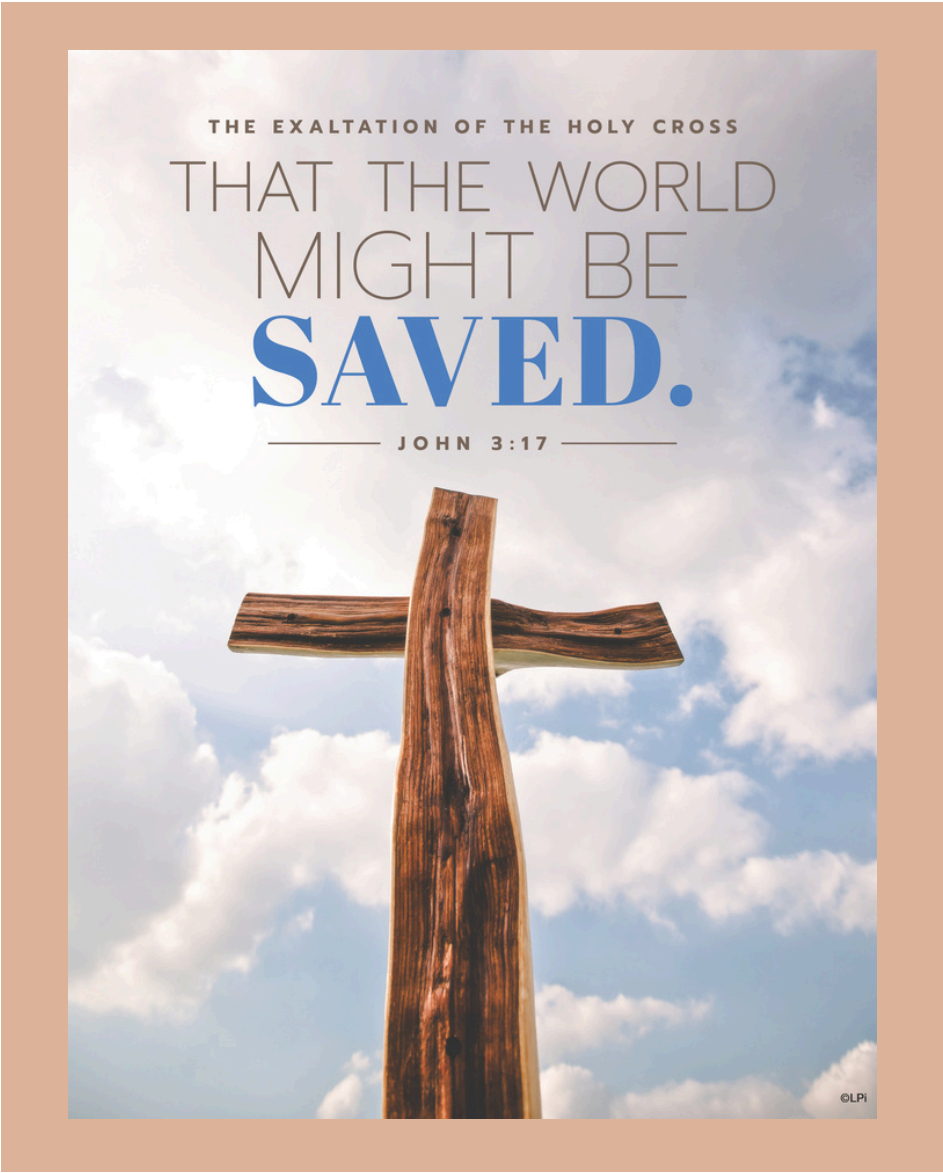


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Weekday Mass Times: Wed & Fri - 9:00 am
Confession: Sun - before Mass & Wed after Mass
Holy Hour Adoration: Wed - after Mass



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

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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			
9/9/2025			
	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
Income:		September	
Envelopes	\$2,125.00	\$4,495.00	\$19,498.33
Plate (loose)	250.00	538.65	2,447.70
Maint. & Repair Fund	915.00	1,796.00	6,992.00
Diocesan Collections		660.00	2,054.00
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Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	50.00	55.00	585.57
Total Income	3,340.00	7,544.65	31,577.60
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	37.00	2,367.50	13,096.32
Maintenance		131.63	977.43
Telephone & Utilities	2,573.94	2,573.94	4,128.15
Insurance	800.00	800.00	1,600.00
Diocesan & Special Collections	560.00	660.00	2,054.00
Trust Fund Deposit			
Other Expenses	2,054.06	2,220.20	4,479.06
Total Expenses	6,025.00	8,753.27	26,334.96
Increase (Decrease) Funds	-\$2,685.00	-\$1,208.62	\$5,242.64
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$33,351.50
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$26,357.76

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 niece Lisa, Carolyn Townsend's husband Bud, Patt Strom's niece Shannon and granddaughter Jennifer, David and Carol Sanchez's nephew Julian, 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, 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 9/14	Parish Family	Kay / Toni	Bari and Kathy Strader
Wed 9/17	Thomas Hein+	Nancy	
Fri 9/19	Dee Walton +	John	
Sun 9/21	Shirley Lang +	Marilyn / Carla	Dennis and Marcia Franko
Wed 9/24	Sang Lee Booth +	Marilyn	
Fri 9/26	Maybelle Loughner +	Charlene	

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sat 9/13	11:00 am	Diaconate Ordination – Bryan Burger, St. Augustine Parish, Kelso
Sun 9/14	9:45 am	OCIA / Faith Formation – in the worship space
Wed 9/17	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sun 9/21	9:45 am	Youth Group (in the church) – Discuss October 4 Forsyth Harvest Moon Festival
Wed 9/24	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Check each week for updates as things do change.		



Retirement Fund for Religious

2nd collection, Sunday, September 14

Each September our diocese designates a second collection for our religious brothers and sisters that have dedicated their lives to serving the Church. This annual appeal helps hundreds of religious communities, providing for their current and future needs. In our diocese we have 20 different religious communities, each with their own charism, living out their vocational call in our midst.

The Retirement Fund for Religious was established to assist religious communities in the United States in caring for their aging members. The fund aims to bridge this gap by providing financial support for their essential care, including healthcare and daily living expenses. Your financial support is appreciated.



Save the Dates

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 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



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Give5 is a local program that invites active retirees to connect with others, learn more about their community, and decide where their unique talents can be utilized for five hours per month to help non-profits in our area.



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Oct 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2025

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March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2026

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it.
The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is
what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we
bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we
live the mercy which has saved us?

Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
Friday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways
today,
to understand the love You have
for me,
to take that love deeply into
myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen.

Oct 11,
2025



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Danielle Bean

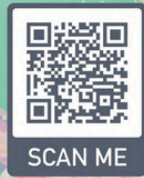
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Check-in | 8:00 am

Conference Begins | 9:00 am

Closing Mass | 3:30 pm

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



SCAN ME

REGISTER NOW

SPACE IS LIMITED!
Reserve your spot now.

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*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.



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)

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ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO HIM,
O LORD, AND LET
PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON HIM.
MAY HIS SOUL
AND THE SOULS
OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL
DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE
MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE.
AMEN

Charlie Kerk

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MAGNOLIAS and MIRACLES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | WHITE RIVER

Let the flowers bloom and the miracles begin: support the 2025 LifeHouse Gala, Springfield: Magnolias & Miracles! All proceeds of the event directly support LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home in Springfield.

LifeHouse in Springfield has welcomed 156 healthy babies and counting since it first opened its doors in 2013, and we invite you to help support this life-changing program. Your support of the LifeHouse Gala, Springfield helps give hope to mothers and their babies during a time of great need!

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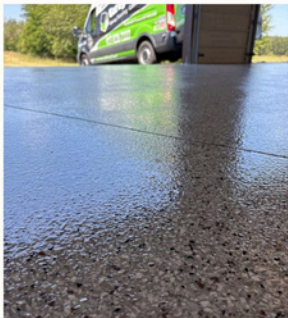
100% of Fund Our Mission donations directly support LifeHouse. This year, you can double the impact of your donation – we have a **matching gift available up to \$65,000** as well as **70% Missouri state tax credits** for eligible donors.

2 **BEACH HOUSE & JEWELRY RAFFLES – BUY ONLINE & WIN FROM ANYWHERE!**

Purchase raffle tickets to win a **6-night stay** for you and 13 guests at a **gorgeous beachfront home** in Gulf Shores, Alabama, OR a **beautiful floral ring**, valued at \$5,000, generously donated by Maxon Fine Jewelry! Raffle tickets are available online, and you need not be present to win.

3 **ONLINE AUCTION – BID ONLINE & WIN FROM ANYWHERE!**

The LifeHouse Gala, Springfield, Online Auction features a variety of fabulous items, from signed Kansas City Chiefs memorabilia, a Branson experience package perfect for the entertainment enthusiast, golf outings, and more, along with the items featured below. Auction items will be available online starting September 5, and winners need not be present to win, meaning you can bid and win big from anywhere!



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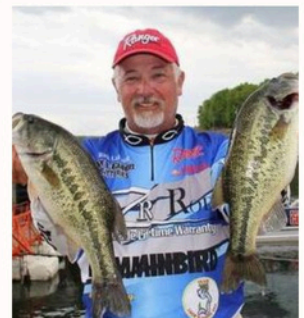
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For more information, scan the QR code or visit <https://onecau.se/lifehousesgf25>





Forsyth Area Chamber of Commerce Harvest Moon & Highland Games
Saturday October 4, 2025 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Our Lady of the Ozarks is having a “Community Friendship Booth” this year with the goal of just making ourselves more visible in the community.

I am asking the youth of our parish if they would not mind assisting Craig Pollard and Myself in manning the booth. We plan to have a few ‘Catholic’ and non-Catholic trinkets to hand out. Hope to have a fun activity to engage the youth that stop by and offer everyone a neighborly smile.

We will have a youth meeting on Sunday, September 21, after the Sunday Mass.

Save the Date

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