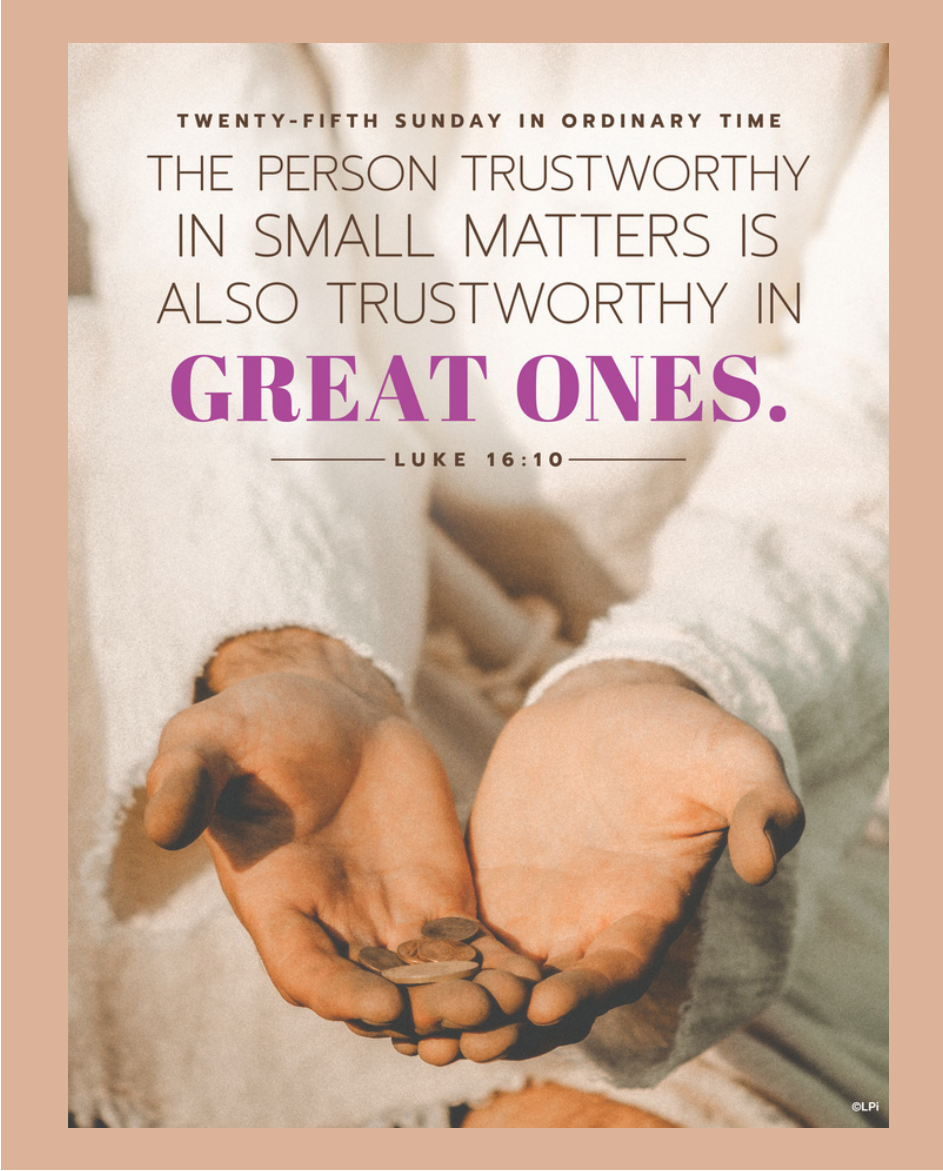


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Confession: Sun - before Mass & Wed after Mass
Holy Hour Adoration: Wed - after Mass



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

9/16/2025

	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
		September	
Income:			
Envelopes	\$1,707.00	\$6,202.00	\$21,205.33
Plate (loose)	106.00	644.65	2,553.70
Maint. & Repair Fund	542.00	2,338.00	7,534.00
Diocesan Collections	860.00	1,520.00	2,914.00
K of C & PCCW	300.00	300.00	300.00
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	710.00	765.00	1,295.57
Total Income	4,225.00	11,769.65	35,802.60
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	873.00	3,240.50	13,969.32
Maintenance		131.63	977.43
Telephone & Utilities	248.14	2,822.08	4,376.29
Insurance		800.00	1,600.00
Diocesan & Special Collections	325.00	985.00	2,379.00
Trust Fund Deposit			
Other Expenses	2.15	2,222.35	4,481.21
Total Expenses	1,448.29	10,201.56	27,783.25
Increase (Decrease) Funds	\$2,776.71	\$1,568.09	\$8,019.35
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$36,128.21
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$26,965.28

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 9/21	Shirley Lang +	Marilyn / Carla	Dennis and Marcia Franko
Wed 9/24	Sang Lee Booth +	Marilyn	
Fri 9/26	Maybelle Loughner +	Charlene	
Sun 9/28	Mary Bush +	Carolyn / Charlene	Laura Cairns and Charlene Hartley
Wed 10/1	Theo Strom +	Dennis	
Fri 10/3	1 st Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	

Parish Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun 9/21	9:40 am	Pre-Sale of Rummage Sales items for parishioners
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
Thu 9/25	7:00 am	Doors Open – Fall Rummage & Bake Sale (continues through Saturday)
Sun 9/28	9:45 am	Clean-up and repacking Rummage Sale leftovers for Charity give-away
Wed 10/1	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

Check each week for updates as things do change.



CATECHETICAL Sunday

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Save the Dates

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 Monday- Rest
Sept 30 Tuesday - Rest
Oct 1 Wednesday – Caring Community to pick-up remaining items
Oct 1 Wednesday after Mass - Kitchen Clean Up - Help needed



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March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2026

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Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Bye, bye Miss America Pie... the day the music died: Remembering Charlie Kirk



CHARLIE KIRK
IN MEMORIAM
1993-2025

On September 10, I was traveling to Tampa, Florida to attend the National Association of Diaconate Directors (NADD) board meeting. As the board member representing Region 9 (Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa) of the USCCB, I have the responsibility to communicate the “state-of-the-diaconate” for my region. I was in between flights when I heard the news that Charlie Kirk had been shot by a would-be assassin. After I landed in Tampa, I learned that he had died.

Charlie Kirk, 31-years old, was a good Christian man, a husband, and a father of two young children. A conservative man having high moral character. He was always willing to debate those who had a different view but without belittling them. His hope was to help them to think for themselves, to see things differently in the hope of changing their hearts and minds.

It was just 24 years earlier, on September 11, 2001, that the world changed due to an attack on the U.S. from a terrorist nation. The attack shook us to the core. American’s rallied and came together. We put political differences aside and united ourselves in a common bond of faith, freedom, and liberty.

On September 10, 2025, America was changed again. This time for the worse, because the evil came from within. Kirk, a rare, young, new and generational leader, was murdered for having vision of an America that focused on returning to conservative Christian values. A return to faith, family, and moral living. He desired to end division, violence and hatred. He envisioned an America where public discourse can be freely and peacefully debated; to bring about independent thinking and rejecting today’s extreme ideologies.

One of Kirk’s dear friends, Gia Chacon, had this to say about Charlie in an article she wrote for “National Catholic Reporter”.

“As a Catholic, I cannot look at Charlie’s assassination and stop at grief because that can lead to despair. Our faith teaches that suffering, even when it seems senseless, can bear fruit.” Chacon went on to referenced Tertullian, an early writer of the Church, quoting, “The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.” Charlie was not a martyr in the technical sense, but his life and his death will not be wasted. It is my hope that his legacy and voice will shape generations to come.

Ironically, Kirk was asked just a few months ago how he would want to be remembered upon his death. He responded, “I want to be remembered for courage for my faith. That would be the most important thing. The most important thing is my faith.”

After the senseless shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis last month, Kirk was asked if there is a God, why is there evil in the world? He responded, “The cross is God’s answer to evil. The question should not be ‘why does evil exist?’ Instead, it should be ‘what has God done about it?’ And the cross is the answer.”

Throughout his career, Kirk encouraged young people to get married and start families, argued against abortion and gender ideology, and worked to inspire college students to follow Christ.

Charlie’s death is a warning of how far our country has strayed. But it is also a call to action; to live with the courage he exemplified, to speak truth without fear and, to bring faith into public life without apology. Charlie’s life demands this of us. And it may be the only answer that can save this nation.

And the three men I admire most
The Father, Son and the Holy Ghost
They caught the last train for the coast
The day the music died



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Women's Weekend

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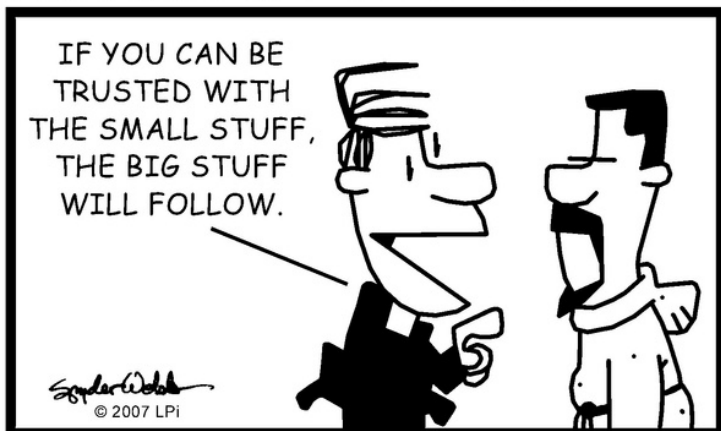


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THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

SPRINGFIELD – Sep 24 thru Nov 2

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. It is held every year in the fall and during Lent. It has helped close 181 Planned Parenthood centers and saved over 25,000 lives.

This fall, the campaign will be held September 24 through November 2, 2025, at Springfield Planned Parenthood, 626 East Battlefield Rd, Springfield. You, your family, friends, and/or group are invited to sign up:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/springfieldmo>



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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