

Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church Sept 28th 2025 Bulletin - 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Weekend Mass Time:

Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Times:

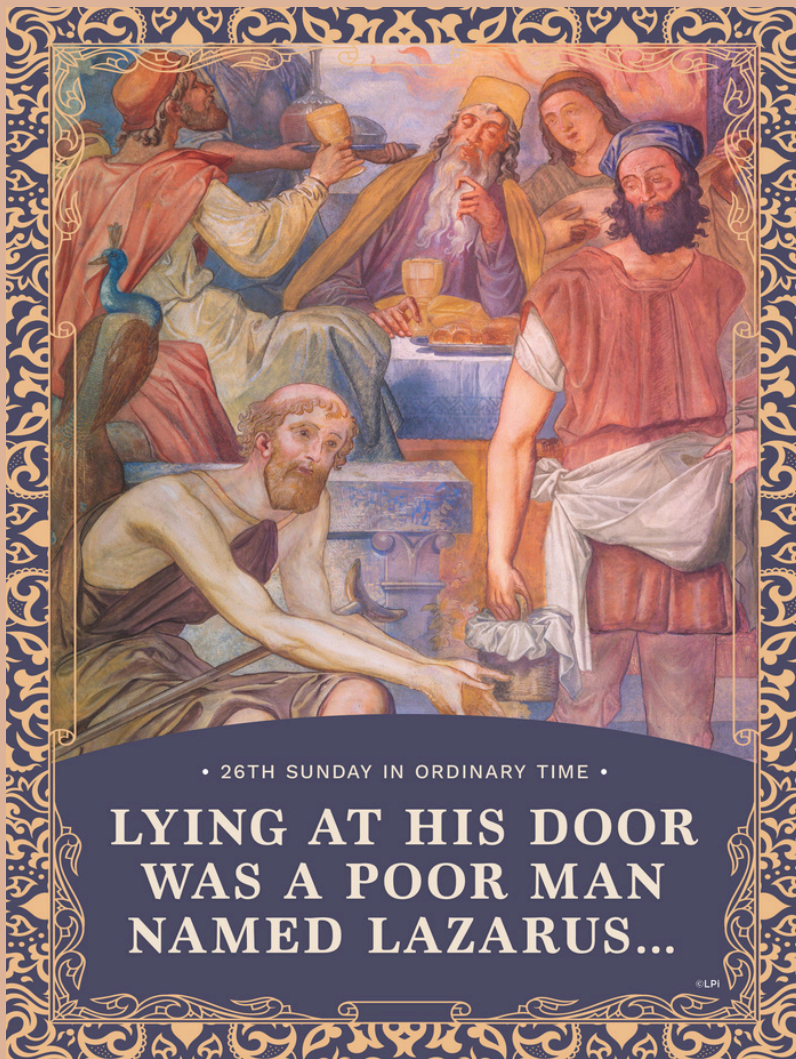
Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

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

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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

9/23/2025

	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
		September	
Income:			
Envelopes	\$1,882.00	\$8,084.00	\$23,087.33
Plate (loose)	175.00	819.65	2,728.70
Maint. & Repair Fund	590.00	2,928.00	8,124.00
Diocesan Collections	20.00	1,540.00	2,934.00
K of C & PCCW		300.00	300.00
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	245.00	1,010.00	1,540.57
Total Income	2,912.00	14,681.65	38,714.60
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	400.00	3,640.50	14,369.32
Maintenance		131.63	977.43
Telephone & Utilities	90.83	2,912.91	4,467.12
Insurance		800.00	1,600.00
Diocesan & Special Collections		985.00	2,379.00
Trust Fund Deposit			
Other Expenses	92.35	2,314.70	4,573.56
Total Expenses	583.18	10,784.74	28,366.43
Increase (Decrease) Funds	\$2,328.82	\$3,896.91	\$10,348.17
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$38,457.03
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$27,112.56

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 9/28	Mary Bush +	Carolyn / Charlene	Laura Cairns and Charlene Hartley
Wed 10/1	Theo Strom +	Dennis	
Fri 10/3	1 st Friday Deceased Souls +	Kay	
Sun 10/5	Dee Walton +	Craig / Hunter	Pollard Family
Wed 10/8	Ed & Alice Schumacher +	Kay	
Fri 10/10	Barbara Hein +	Dennis	

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun 9/28	9:45 am	Clean-up and repacking Rummage Sale leftovers for Charity give-away
Wed 10/1		Caring Community arrive to pick up leftover rummage sale items
Wed 10/1		Detail Kitchen cleanup after Mass
Wed 10/1	8:35 am	October is a before Mass Rosary Month
Wed 10/1	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 10/3	9:35 am	First Friday Social after Mass
Sat 10/4	10:00 am	Forsyth's Fall Festival (10-4)
Sun 10/5	8:00 am	Deacon Dan & youth head to Mountain View - Mass with Fr. Nicholas

Rosary Leaders

10/1 Buck

10/3 Patt S.

10/5 Jake

10/8 Donna

10/10 Louie Harris

10/12 Kay G.

10/19 Dan R



Ascend: A Day of Prayer and Formation

All catechists and youth ministers are invited to a day of prayer, fellowship, and formation. This is a great opportunity to gain Franciscan Catechetical Institute credit as well as be renewed spiritually. The day will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m., a light lunch will be provided.

There is no cost but please register by using the QR code to attend one of the dates and locations:



Sat., Sept. 27— St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Joplin
Sat., Oct. 4— St. John Vianney Parish, Mountain View
Sat., Oct. 18— Sacred Heart Parish, Dexter
Sat., Nov. 8— Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield



Five Great Reasons To Join a Give 5 Session

1. Meet new people.
2. Learn more about your community.
3. Visit local nonprofits and see what they do.
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March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2026

June 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2026

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October
Tootsie Roll Drive
after Mass

Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

The importance of Catholic Liturgy

I was listening to Catholic radio to a testimony by a former protestant regarding his conversion story to the Catholic faith. One of the primary reasons that drew him to the Church was the liturgy of the Mass. He said he was looking for a little more structure, a little more “rhythm” to his Christian faith and a friend suggested he check out the Catholic Church. His first reaction was no. However, God has His way of drawing people to the faith once the seed has been planted.



The word liturgy comes from the Greek word leitourgia, meaning “public work or work for the people.” A “work” being done by an individual or a group was a liturgy on behalf of the larger community. All worshipers are expected to participate actively in each liturgy, for this is holy “work,” not entertainment or a spectator event. Every liturgical celebration is an action of Christ the High Priest and of his Mystical Body, which is the Church and requires the participation of the People of God in the work of God.

Liturgy is also intended to be a constant dialogue of love between the three persons of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The USCCB states:

“Liturgy is centered on the Holy Trinity. At every liturgy the action of worship is directed to the Father, from whom all blessings come, through the Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit. We praise the Father who first called us to be his people by sending us his Son as our Redeemer and giving us the Holy Spirit so that we can continue to gather, to remember what God has done for us, and to share in the blessings of salvation.”

In the Roman Rite, the Mass — the central liturgical service — is comprised of two principal parts: the Liturgy of the Word which consists of readings from Scripture and the Liturgy of the Eucharist which consists in the breaking of the bread as a remembrance of Jesus’ Last Supper. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is present in the liturgy through the person of the priest, the assembled people of God, the Word of God, and in the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist.

Liturgical celebration is at the very heart of Catholic life. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

“The liturgy as the sacred action par excellence is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, and it is likewise the font from which all her power flows. Through the liturgy Christ continues the work of our redemption in, with and through his Church.”

The collective, public nature of liturgical celebration comes with the added benefit that enables Catholics to form stronger relationships with their fellow parishioners and become a true community of faith. Liturgy helps give shape to the liturgical year. We have the various liturgical seasons and our holy days, feast days, and special observances that fall within each of these seasons that provide us a vibrant and healthy spiritual life.

I am reminded of the emphasis that Pope Francis placed on the importance of the Catholic liturgy stating that, “A Christianity without liturgy, I would dare say is perhaps a Christianity without Christ, without the whole of Christ.”

May the work of the Church, her liturgy and truth, be a source of peace and joy for each of us.



OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

October is Respect Life Month

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. The First Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. These materials are designed to be brought to life as tools in your hands.

These resources may be downloaded, printed, and reproduced for your use and in our parish.

<https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

September 28 is Priesthood Appreciation Sunday

Priesthood Sunday is a day to honor and show appreciation for our priests. It serves as an opportunity for Catholic parishes and communities to affirm the vital role of the priesthood, thank our priests for their service, and encourage young people (Hunter, Mateo, to name a few) to learn about the priesthood and religious vocations.



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their soul

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. **Amen.**



Courtesy of USCCB.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel:

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses
and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from
the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

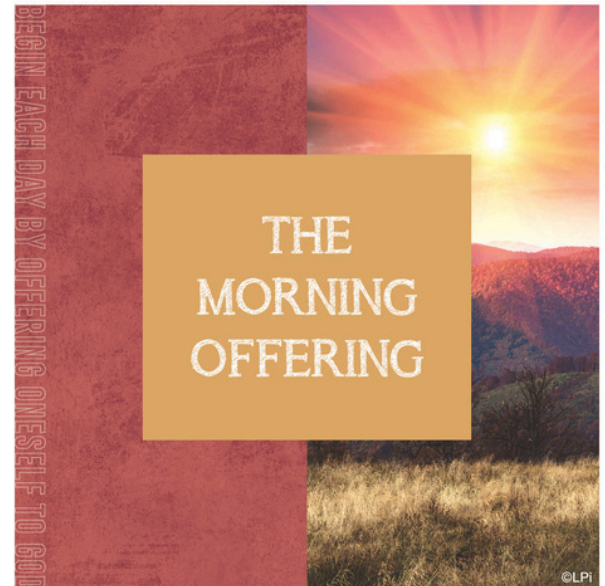
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day
of his life, to choose righteousness. But
righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He
discovered too late that the only time we
have to follow God is now. Here. This moment.
Will we take our chance?

Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Tuesday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday:	St. Francis of Assisi
Next Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

There are many variations of
the Morning Offering, but all
share the same purpose: to
begin each day by offering
oneself to God, along with
all the experiences, struggles
and blessings that the day will
bring.

Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow,
God be their comfort.
For caretakers and medical
staff, God give them grace.
Surround those afflicted with
Your love, care, and mercy, You
who are our healing and hope.
Amen.



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. Our youth will help man-the-booth. The elders of the Church can help, too.

We will have a few 'Catholic' and non-Catholic trinkets to give away.

Our mission: to be intentional disciples of our Catholic faith.



ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL

MEANS "WHO IS AS GOD?"

He is one of the main angels. His name is a battle cry; both shield and weapon in the struggle against the enemy.



ST. RAPHAEL ARCHANGEL

MEANS "DIVINE HEALER"

He is friend of the walkers and doctor of the sick both physically and spiritually.



ST. GABRIEL ARCHANGEL

MEANS "STRENGTH OF GOD"

He had one of the most important missions: announcing Virgin Mary that she would be the Mother of the Messiah.

Feast of the Archangels

Michael, Gabriel and

Raphael

Sept 29th

O God, who dispose in marvelous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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