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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



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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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

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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

9/30/2025

	Last Week	Month Total September	YTD
Income:			
Envelopes	\$905.00	\$8,989.00	\$23,992.33
Plate (loose)	261.00	1,080.65	2,989.70
Maint. & Repair Fund	297.00	3,225.00	8,421.00
Diocesan Collections	50.00	1,590.00	2,984.00
K of C & PCCW		300.00	300.00
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income		1,010.00	1,540.57
Total Income	1,513.00	16,194.65	40,227.60
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	2,304.71	5,945.21	16,674.03
Maintenance		131.63	977.43
Telephone & Utilities		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	1,807.90	4,122.60	6,381.46
Total Expenses	4,112.61	14,897.35	32,479.04
Increase (Decrease) Funds	-\$2,599.61	\$1,297.30	\$7,748.56
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$35,857.42
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$28,219.71

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 10/5	Dee Walton +	Craig / Hunter	Pollard Family
Wed 10/8	Ed & Alice Schumacher +	Kay	
Fri 10/10	Barbara Hein +	Dennis	
Sun 10/12	Parish Family (L)	Dennis / Marilyn	Buck & Charlene Hartley
Priest Institute - No Masses on 10/15 or 10/17.			

Parish Calendar of Events

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
Wed 10/8		No Adoration - Deacon Dan has Outreach Ministry workday
Thu 10/9	6:30 pm	KofC Council 7680 Mtg, Rosary before at 6:10 pm
Fri 10/10	9:45 am	Parish Finance Council Mtg
Sun 10/12	9:45 am	OCIA & Family Faith Formation
Sun 10/12		Knights breakfast after Mass
Wed 10/15	10:00 am	PCCW Meeting

Mon-Fri 10/13-17 Diocesan Clergy Retreat - No Masses here or OLL or OLC

Rosary Leaders

10/5 Jake
10/8 Donna
10/10 Louie Harris
10/12 Kay G.
10/19 Dan R
10/22 Charlene
10/24 Dennis
10/26 PCCW

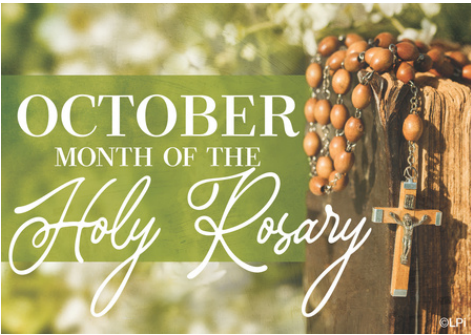


Knights of Columbus
Forsyth Council #7680

Knights Corner

Knights meeting October 9th

Rosary starting at 6:10 pm. Emplification ceremony and business meeting starting at 6:30 pm.



October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on October 7.

In communion with the Church, all men, women and youth of the parish are invited to join your Knights of Columbus for this year's October Rosary Challenge.

The KofC overall goal for the state of Missouri is to pray 30,000 rosaries during October. If you haven't begun praying your rosary daily -- start today and finish strong.. If your a Knight, please turn in your Rosary count, weekly to your GK.



October is the month for the Knights' Tootsie Rolls Drive

The Knights will be receiving donations after each Sunday mass. The money raised supports children and adults that are differently challenged, both physically and mentally. Please support this worthy cause.



Next Sunday, October 12, the Knights will host one of many of their breakfasts. These breakfasts provide an opportunity for fellowship and community.

The money raised for this particular breakfast has been pledged to help pay for our "Jesus, I trust in you" billboard on Hwy 160. Make plans to attend.



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

What is meant by the word ‘mystery’ as it relates to the Catholic faith?

In one of the more recent O.C.I.A. sessions (formerly called R.C.I.A.) a question was asked about the word ‘mystery’. Specifically, what do we Catholics mean when we implore the word ‘mystery’ to explain Catholic teachings and beliefs.

I want to be clear that when referencing the word ‘mystery’ it does not imply something miraculous. There is a difference between a miracle and a mystery. A miracle is something that occurs in the natural world that cannot be explained by natural means. A mystery is something that exists that we cannot fully comprehend.

For example, someone being inexplicably healed of a disease is a miracle, because although our nature can grasp what has happened, we have no natural explanation for it. The Trinity, three Persons sharing one divine nature, is a mystery, because it is a concept that is beyond our reasoning to fully grasp.

The confusion surrounding the word ‘mystery’ stems from its common application within modern English. Usually the word implies one of two things. Most often we think of a mystery as something that we do not now understand and that on the face of it looks perplexing and difficult but is ultimately explainable. This use of the word can be seen in the literary and entertainment genre of the murder mystery shows, movies, and books. What seemed before to be inexplicable becomes plainly understood once all the facts are discovered and placed in proper order.

Another use of the word ‘mystery’ comes into play to describe something we cannot figure out and quite possibly has no explanation, and frankly not of much interest to try to understand. As an example, someone might say: “Why is that person always so difficult to deal with?” And the response may very well be, “I don’t know; it’s a mystery.”

For Christians, the word ‘mystery’ is used to explain something which we know to be true, yet, do not fully understand how it is so – a divinely revealed truth that transcends human understanding, such as the Trinity or the Eucharist. Accepting this is key to understanding why we are unsatisfied with comprehending a complex spiritual idea and how we find peace with that experience.

The true power of the term ‘mystery’ comes from discovering the purpose for God allowing there to be a mystery in the first place. These mysteries are not just things that are unknown but are realities infused with God’s hidden presence, revealed through Jesus Christ, the Church, and the sacraments. While perplex to our human mind, these truths serve as starting points for a deeper spiritual understanding through prayer and contemplation. And while we cannot understand everything, God does allow us to understand parts of these mysteries, and in doing so, he reveals who he is and why he does what he does.

Our humanity may be limited, but God’s grace and ability to illuminate our hearts and minds are not. When we encounter God’s mystery or tell others about it, we encounter God’s existence. His love, His mercy and majesty are on full display.



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. Here is the link .

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

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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 using the QR code to attend one of the two remaining dates and locations:

Sat., Oct. 18— Sacred Heart Parish, Dexter
Sat., Nov. 8— Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

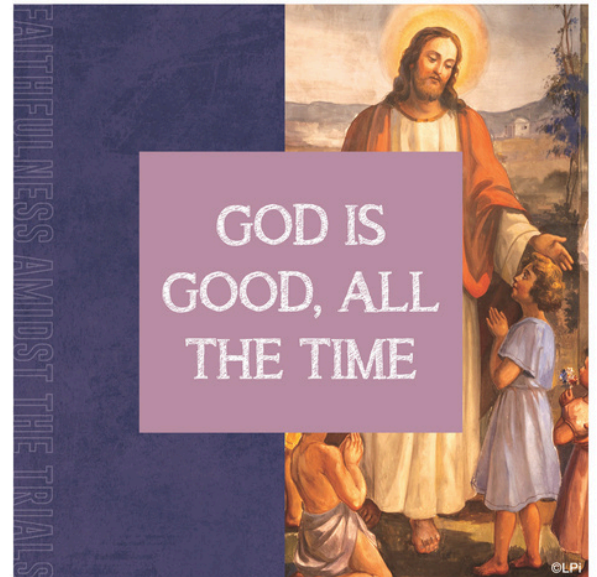
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,
Virgin
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Thursday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice,
especially when You speak on
behalf of the voiceless,
the overlooked, and the forgotten.
Keep our ears attuned, and work
through us in a way that loves,
blesses, assures, supports, and
strengthens LIFE.
Amen.



Thank You !

Thank you for your donations & purchases!

Thank you for your delicious lunches & desserts!

Thank you for your Baked Goods for the Bake Sale!

Thank you for answering the call and for saying YES!

Most of all, THANK YOU for your time, your energy and your willingness to help! We could not have done this without YOU!

May God continue to bless you and all you do!

Calling all **GOLFERS** or **Would Be Golfers**...we are holding a SILENT BID event for GOLF. Sunday 10/5 thru Sunday 10/12 (One week only)

Thousand Hills has donated to the PCCW Two Gift Certificates for 2 rounds of golf each, including cart rental! These expire 2/28/2026. If you would like to bid on these, please fill out a card with your name, phone number and your bid, drop in box located on the table in the Gathering Space. The highest bid will take home both certificates and enjoy a day of golf. We will contact the winner on Sunday 10/12 via phone.



Thank you, Your PCCW





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