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Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Times:

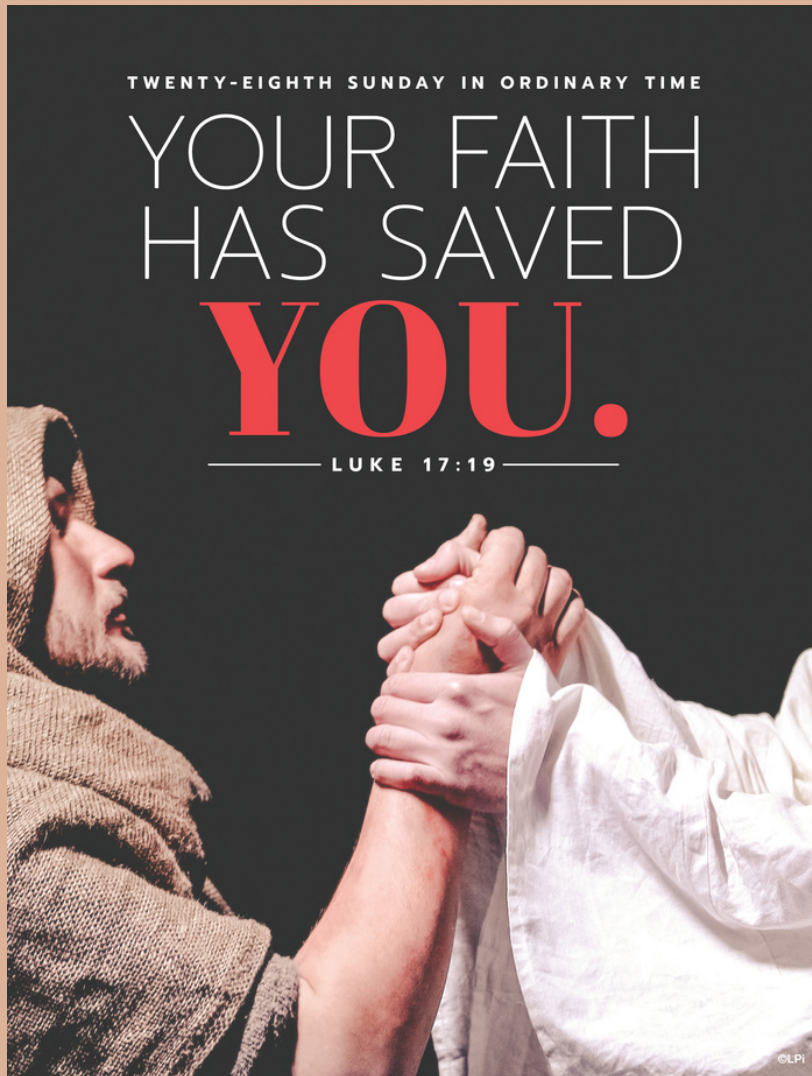
Wed & Fri - 9:00 am

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

10/7/2025

	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
Income:		October	
Envelopes	\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00	\$26,142.33
Plate (loose)	237.00	237.00	3,226.70
Maint. & Repair Fund	1,260.00	1,260.00	9,681.00
Diocesan Collections			2,984.00
K of C & PCCW			300.00
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	750.00	750.00	2,341.03
Total Income	4,372.00	4,372.00	44,675.06
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage	2,098.50	2,098.50	18,772.53
Maintenance	131.07	131.07	1,108.50
Telephone & Utilities			4,467.12
Insurance			1,600.00
Diocesan & Special Collections			2,379.00
Trust Fund Deposit			
Other Expenses	335.25	335.25	6,718.07
Total Expenses	2,564.82	2,564.82	35,045.22
Increase (Decrease) Funds	\$1,807.18	\$1,807.18	\$9,629.84
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$37,738.70
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$28,405.19

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 10/12	Parish Family (L)	Dennis / Marilyn	S Patterson and Family
Priest Institute - No Masses on 10/15 or 10/17.			
Sun 10/19	Marilyn Hein & Marc Schoch +	Tom / Toni	Matt and Mary Jo Dieckhaus
Wed 10/22	John Kartheiser +	Nancy	
Fri 10/24	Sang Lee Booth +	Dennis	

Parish Calendar of Events

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. Rosary before at 9:30 am
Wed 10/15		No Adoration – Deacon Dan at Clergy Institute
Sun 10/19	9:35 am	Reception for Joel Stech's in recognition of his baptism
Wed 10/22	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

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

Rosary Leaders

10/12 Kay G.
10/19 Dan R
10/22 Charlene
10/24 Dennis
10/26 PCCW
10/29 Nancy L
10/31 Marilyn



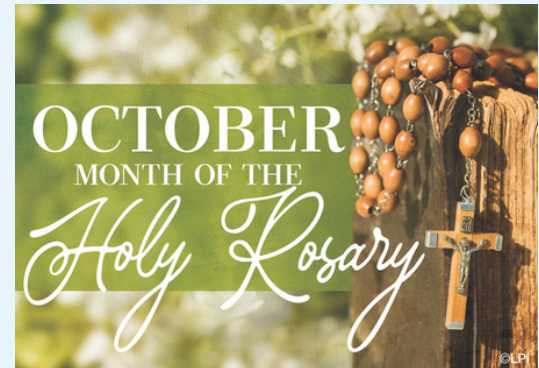
**Knights of Columbus
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Knights Corner

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 – it's never too late to start – still 20 days left in the month.

If you're a Knight, please turn in your Rosary count, weekly to your GK.



Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast

Knights' breakfast – this Sunday after Mass.
Another 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.



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.



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

What does the Church teach about the four-fold presence of Christ?

Last summer over 60,000 Catholics gathered in Indianapolis at the National Eucharistic Congress - a Eucharistic Revival pilgrimage that was put in motion through the USCCB to help foster a renewed appreciation of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. This gathering of Catholics across the U.S. was powerful and awe inspiring but it did not end there. It continues to be an inspiration for many dioceses across the country to institute their own Eucharistic revival.

Bishop Rice recently announced that our diocese will have its very own Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on August 15, 2026, in West Plains as we also celebrate the 70th anniversary of our diocesan charter. It is Bishop Rice's hope that all parishes and parishioners will participate in this special all-day celebration featuring inspirational talks from nationally renowned speakers, community fellowship, liturgy and worship.

As part of our preparation, Fr. J has asked the clergy to focus their homilies on Christ's Eucharistic presence in the Sunday scripture readings - which is one of the four-fold presence of Christ in the Mass. Specifically, Fr. J has set aside one Sunday every other month to have a homily with a strong emphasis of Christ's real presence in the Liturgy of the Word. The first of these Sundays will be the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Cycle C. The readings are from the second Book of Kings (Naaman's gratitude in being miraculously healed), Psalm 98 (the Lord's saving power), St. Paul's second letter to Timothy (faithfulness and salvation), and Luke's gospel (Ten lepers cleansed but only one returned thankful). In this Sunday's readings the theme of thanksgiving and salvation are witnessed - the spiritual essence of the Eucharist.

The Lord is present to us through the actions within the Sacred Liturgy of the Mass in four distinct ways: (1) in His Body - the assembly of the people; (2) in the ministry of the priest; (3) in the Sacrament of the Altar; and (4) in the proclamation of holy scripture - the Liturgy of the Word.

The Liturgy of the Word is a crucial part of the Mass, where the Eucharist is preceded by the proclamation of the Word of God. This part of the Mass is designed to prepare the faithful for the Eucharist by allowing them to hear and meditate on the Scriptures. We can't expect to commune meaningfully with Jesus through the Eucharist if we don't hear Him in the Scriptures. If we look at the pattern of Scripture, we see that God's Word always precedes and prepares people for His presence.

In a thirteenth homily by Origen of Alexandria (184-253 AD), he spoke on the Book of Exodus (Chap 35) and the importance of the Liturgy of the Word for communion with Christ in the Eucharist. He emphasized that in the same manner which the Israelites brought gold and silver from their own homes to construct the tabernacle, we too should bring our own gold and silver in our hearing and obedience to the Word at Mass:

"For you cannot offer God anything from your understanding or from your word unless first you have understood in your heart what has been written. Unless you have been attentive and have listened diligently your gold or silver cannot be excellent".

Origen concluded by reminding the people when they receive the body of the Lord and how they are to protect it.

*"You are to protect it with all caution and veneration lest any small part fall from it, lest anything of the consecrated gift be lost. For you believe, and correctly, that you are answerable if anything falls from there by neglect. But if you are so careful to preserve His body, and rightly so, **how do you think that there is less guilt to have neglected God's word than to have neglected His body?"***

When we come to Mass, we receive the four-fold presence of Christ. Quoting St. Augustine, "We become what we eat and drink." In other words, we become Christ present in the gathered assembly, in the presider, in the Eucharist broken and shared, and in the Word of God proclaimed.



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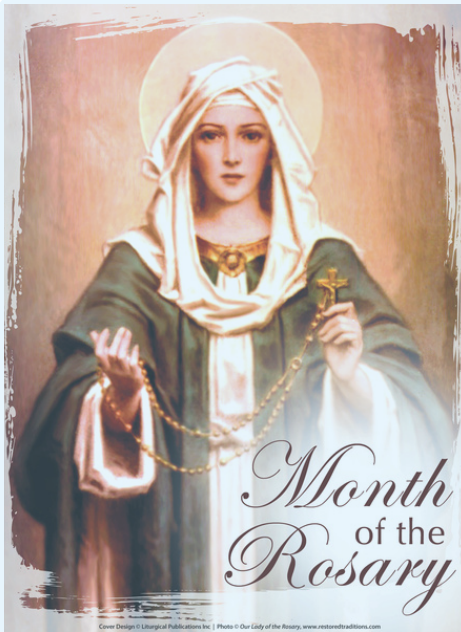
October is Respect Life Month

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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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday - October 19

World Mission Sunday 2025 will be celebrated on October 19, 2025. The theme for this year is "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples". This event is observed on the penultimate Sunday of October each year.

World Mission Sunday recognizes and supports a variety of Missions and missionaries across the world. The 2nd collection aids the global effort for the entire Church to help build up all aspects of the faith across the globe.

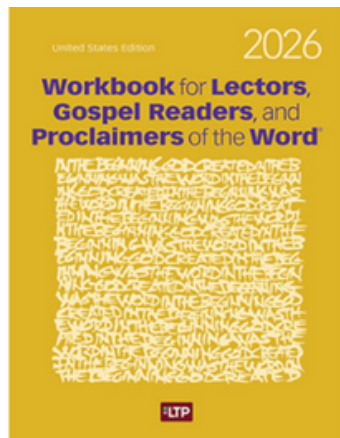
Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, those in need receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, hope and peace. Your donation helps make all of this possible.

**Pictures from Youth Road Trip to Mountain View, Missouri
Fr. Nichal Newton installation Mass as pastor of St. John Vianney Parish.**



**And from Forsyth's Harvest Moon Festival
Our Lady of the Lake adding a little Catholic presence to the festival.
We gave away prayer cards, I love Jesus pens, rosary bracelets, and Blessed Water.
Rick Huffamn participated in the "beard competition" and took away 1st place for "Wildest" beard.**





Attention All Sunday Lectors The 2026 Workbooks for Lectors are in!

The 2026 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word are now available in the sacristy for pick up. There is no cost for you. Please sign the sheet so I know who got theirs

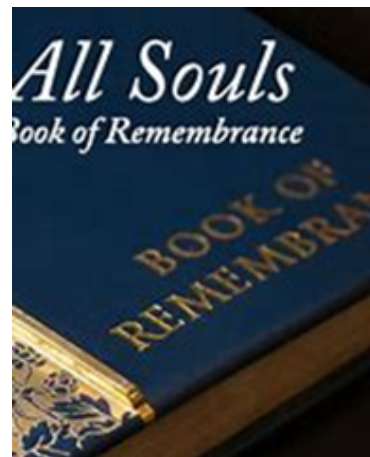
Your love for proclaiming God's Word is appreciated by our parish community.



All Souls Day Book of Remembrance The Month of November

Parishioners are invited to list the names of family and friends in our parish's Book of Remembrance. This is a beautiful way that our parish family can pray during the month of November.

If you wish to have your loved ones prayed for, simply fill out the form and either email or bring it to the parish, and it will be included in the book. Blank forms are in the gathering space.



MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY- October 12 An awareness of those who struggle with mental illness

As part of the National Catholic Mental Health Campaign, the USCCB is encouraging Catholic parishes to participate in Mental Health Sunday on the weekend following World Mental Health Day (Oct. 10th).

The National Catholic Mental Health Campaign was started by the USCCB to "to encourage all people of good will to respond to the ongoing mental health crisis across the United States." While this campaign is a year-round initiative there is a special emphasis during the month of October and World Mental Health Day.

The entire Church is encouraged to pray this Nationwide Novena -

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/novena-prayer-cards-mental-health> in solidarity with Catholics across the country from October 10 to October 18 each year. This nine-day prayer experience was developed in collaboration with the National Catholic Mental Health Coalition, a network of leaders representing organizations advising the USCCB and engaging in active work around mental health in Catholic communities nationwide.

On a local level, our Knights of Coumbus help provide awareness through their October Tootsie Roll campaign. Your support and the money raised help provide services for those with mental and physical challenges.



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