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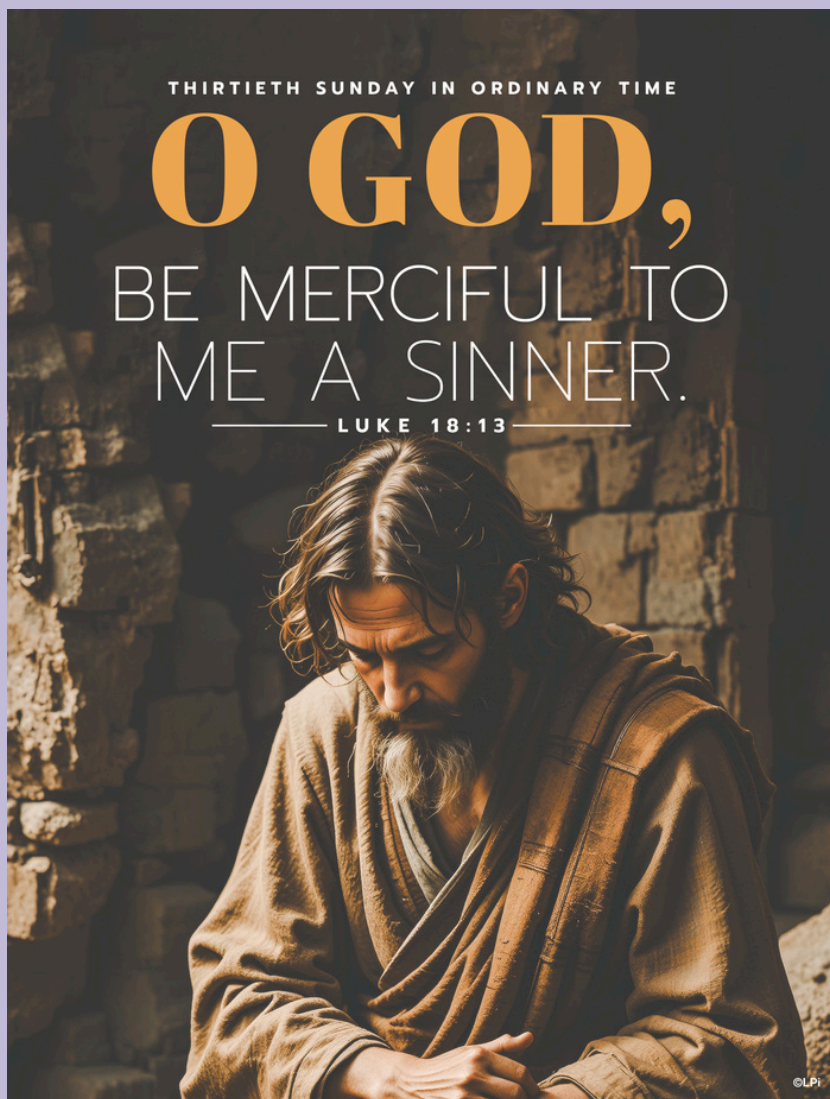
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Grand Knight Council 7680



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

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

10/21/2025

	Last Week	Month Total	YTD
Income:		October	
Envelopes	\$1,925.00	\$5,747.50	\$29,764.83
Plate (loose)	235.00	756.00	3,745.70
Maint. & Repair Fund	368.00	1,788.00	10,209.00
Diocesan Collections	411.00	411.00	3,395.00
K of C & PCCW		300.00	600.00
Trust Fund Withdrawal			
Other Income	45.00	1,405.00	2,996.03
Total Income	2,984.00	10,407.50	50,710.56
Expense:			
Salary, Benefits, Mileage		2,971.50	19,645.53
Maintenance	1,425.00	2,504.92	3,482.35
Telephone & Utilities	89.03	337.38	4,804.50
Insurance		800.00	2,400.00
Diocesan & Special Collections		605.00	2,984.00
Trust Fund Deposit			
Other Expenses	277.75	1,048.98	7,431.80
Total Expenses	1,791.78	8,267.78	40,748.18
Increase (Decrease) Funds	\$1,192.22	\$2,139.72	\$9,962.38
Cash in Bank, 7/1/25			\$28,108.86
Cash in Bank, current			\$38,071.24
Unpaid Bills & Designated Funds			\$30,680.06

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, Kenny & Penny O'Connor, Kathy Strader, Leonard Gross, Debbie Davis, Gary Hickox, Arlis Stillings, Tom Kinsella and 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 10/26	Lester Droste +	Carla / Dennis	Matt and Marry Jo Dieckhaus
Wed 10/29	Shirley Lang +	Charlene	
Fri 10/31	Phil Harter +	Marilyn	
Sat 11/1	Kurt Schoch +	Marilyn / Carla	
Sun 11/2	Sang Lee Booth +	Craig / Hunter	Mo Booth & Sam Strunk
Wed 11/5	Mary Davis +	Nancy	
Fri 11/7	1 st Friday deceased souls +	Kay	

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun 10/26	9:45 am	Family Faith Formation (all ages) Topic: Vocation of Marriage
Wed 10/29		No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Sat 11/01	9:00 am	Holy Day – All Saints Day (not obligatory on Saturday)
Sun 11/02	9:45 am	FFF Topic: Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist (Part 1)
Wed 11/05	9:35 am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
Fri 11/07	9:35 am	First Friday Social (after Mass)
Sun 11/09	9:45 am	FFF Topic: Jesus and the Eucharist (Part 2)

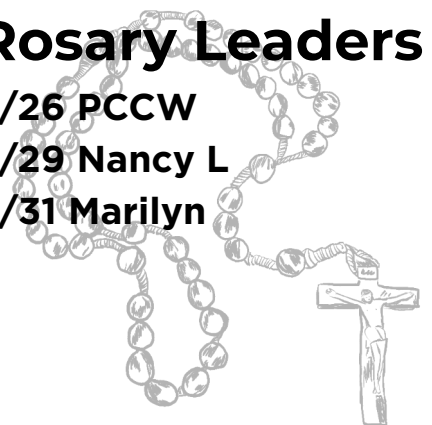
Check each week for updates as things do change.

Rosary Leaders

10/26 PCCW

10/29 Nancy L

10/31 Marilyn



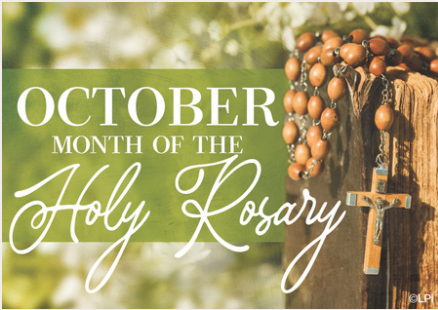


**Knights of Columbus
Forsyth Council #7680**

Knights Corner

The Knightly News – Council 7680

October Rosary Challenge – Last weekend



Our Knights' Council 7680 want to thank all of our parishioners and visitors that helped support the October breakfast with the net proceeds going toward helping pay for our "Jesus, I trust in you" billboard on Hwy 160.

In cooperation with the Missouri State Office of the Knights of Columbus, we continue our collective praying of the Rosary during this "Month of the Rosary." The state has a goal of 30,000 rosaries prayed. OLO's goal is an easy 500.

Pay at home, pray in the car, and/or pray in church. If we all gathered in the church before Mass on Sunday to pray the rosary, we could offer up 80 to 100 rosaries in one setting.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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.



November 9th, in honor of Veterans Day, the Knights will host a Veterans Day breakfast after Mass.

The breakfast is no charge.

Come and enjoy a meal and fellowshi, especially any veterans.



Virtus Safe Conduct

Final push to complete background authorizations.

There are a handful of my beloved volunteers that need to get online and complete their Virtus background authorization form. My wife, Beth, just did hers this week as she was too unaware that she missed completing this final task. She said it wasn't hard to do but that patience was necessary as her keyboard strokes were often quicker than the online processor.

I will be emailing those (about eight of you) who need to complete this last step with a quick step-by-step guide. Thank you for all you do.

What does the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist mean?

We Catholics like to use the term "Real Presence" when discussing the Eucharist and Jesus' presence in the consecrated bread and wine. However, non-Catholics don't always know what that means or why Jesus' presence is called, "real." Attempting to share and explain our belief in the Eucharist being truly Christ Jesus is a challenge in itself.

First of all, it is important to note that Jesus is present in a variety of ways in the world, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1373) explains:

"Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us," is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church's prayer, "where two or three are gathered in my name," in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But he is present...most especially in the Eucharistic species."

The Catechism (CCC 1374) goes on to say that Jesus' presence in the Eucharist is different than anything else in the world:

The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained."

This unique presence is called "real" by the Church for a specific reason (CCC 1374 continues):

"This presence is called 'real' -- by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a doctrine – an official teaching of the Catholic Church – and a profound mystery. With the words of consecration, the whole of Christ is truly present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – under the appearances of bread and wine.

The doctrine is based upon the words of Jesus Himself when He instituted the Eucharist. Jesus took the bread and said, "This is my body" (Mt 26:26), and He took the cup filled with wine and said, "This is my blood" (Mt 26:28). When Jesus said, "This is my body," He declared that the bread actually is His Body, and that He is really present.

We accept and believe what Jesus said as a matter of faith. There is no scientific evidence, definite proof or factual explanation. We take Jesus at His word because He is truth (Jn 14:6), He came into the world to testify to the truth (Jn 18:37), and the words that He spoke are spirit and life (Jn 6:63). St. Cyril of Alexandria wrote: "Do not doubt whether this is true but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since He is truth, He cannot lie."

Belief in the Real Presence is not just a doctrine. It is an encounter. Christ does not leave us orphaned. He is truly here and that changes everything.



THE LORD'S TABLE IS SET...

& YOU'RE INVITED

Over the next few months, leading up to the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, To the Lord's Table, our focus is placing God back at the center of our busy lives. This is an opportunity to focus on God by adding lasting habits within the family. Included are some simple steps to get your family started. There will be additional suggestions coming throughout this time leading up to the Eucharistic Congress in Aug. 2026.

"TIME GIVEN TO CHRIST IS NEVER TIME LOST, BUT RATHER TIME GAINED, SO THAT OUR RELATIONSHIPS AND INDEED OUR WHOLE LIFE MAY BECOME MORE PROFOUNDLY HUMAN." (POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II, DIES DOMINI, 7)



MARK YOUR
CALENDARS AND
SPREAD THE WORD!

SAVE THE DATE: Diocesan Eucharistic Congress 2026

AUG. 15, 2026 | WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

On August 15, 2026, we will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the foundation of our diocese (Aug. 24, 1956) during our first-ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held in the West Plains Civic Center. All people of the diocese are invited to participate in a year of spiritual preparation for these momentous celebrations by participating in the activities listed at www.dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress. Let us entrust all these efforts and activities to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, so that we may be united in bringing the love and peace of Jesus to Southern Missouri!

Featuring

- **Celebration of the Holy Mass** with **Keynote speaker Bishop James Conley**, **Bishop Edward Rice**, and the priests of our diocese
- **National Speakers:** Author & Theologian **Dr. Scott Hahn**; Award-winning chef, radio & TV host **Fr. Leo Patalinghug** of "Plating Grace," and more!
- **Youth speaker tracks** for kids and teens
- **Exhibit Hall** with displays, games, Catholic products



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Fr. Leo Patalinghug



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Let us entrust all these efforts and activities to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, so that we may be united in bringing the love and peace of Jesus to Southern Missouri.

Holy Saints in heaven, Joel Augustine Stech gets baptized!
Here are some pictures from this special day.



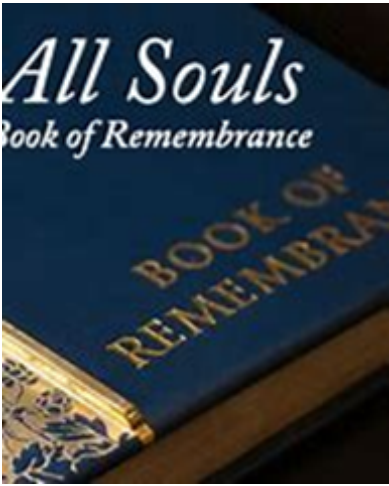
With a Grateful Heart: Thank you for remembering OLO in your estate planning.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our beloved former longtime parishioner, Janet Mantch. Janet passed away on October 1, 2024.

Janet's thoughtful and generous remembrance of Our Lady of Ozarks in her will is a testament to her enduring faith and love for our community. Janet's legacy will continue to bless and inspire us, and we are deeply thankful for her kindness and devotion. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

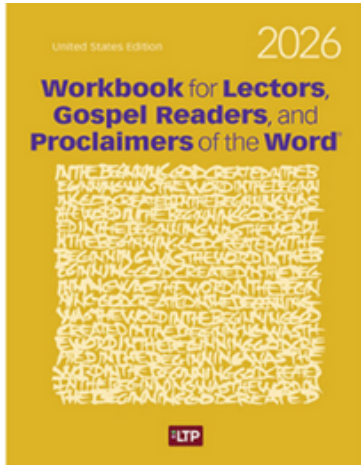
Have you considered including Our Lady of the Ozarks in your will or trust? By planning for the future, you ensure that future generations will continue to experience the blessings and opportunities that make our parish a spiritual home. Thank you for your enduring support and commitment to our mission.



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.



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 Saints' Day, Saturday,
November 1,
is not a Holy Day of
Obligation this year.**



**However, there will be a Mass on
Saturday, November 1 at each of our
area parishes for those who wish to
celebrate this special feast day.**



**Our Lady of the Ozarks
9:00am**

**Our Lady of the Lake
203 Vaughn Dr, Branson
10:00am**

**Our Lady of the Cove
20 Kimberling Blvd. Kimberling City
9:00am**



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