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JULY 24, 2022

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# LOOKING AHEAD



## IMMACULEE

Strengthening & Healing  
Conference  
August 27, 2022

**Diocesan News**

## WELCOME, FR. NICHOLAS!

Our Lady of the Lake's  
New Associate Pastor

**Priestly News**

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"...how much more will the  
Father in heaven  
give the Holy Spirit to  
those who ask him?"

**Luke 11:1-13**

SAT - 23

Women's Welcome Retreat

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00 - 4:30 pm | Confessional

Holy Mass

5:00 pm | Church

Mass Intention for James Ed Kaiser †

SUN - 24

Holy Mass

8:00 am | Church

Mass Intention for Andres Melendez †

Holy Mass

10:30 am | Church

Mass Intention for D'Alessandro & DiGrazia Family Members  
(Living & Deceased)

Holy Mass

2:00 pm | Church | Spanish

Mass Intention for Taney County Parish Family (Living)

MON - 25

Daily Mass

9:00 am | Church

Mass Intention for Agnes Moritz †

TUES - 26

Daily Mass

9:00 am | Church

Mass Intention for Harry Schall †

Adoration

9:30 - 3:00 pm | Chapel

Bereavement Healing Group

1:00 - 2:30 pm | Heritage Room

Centering Prayer

3:00 - 4:30 pm | Heritage Room

WED - 27

**Stitchers**

9:00 - 12:00 pm | St. Francis Room

**Adoration**

1:00 - 5:00 pm | Chapel

**Daily Mass**

5:30 pm | Church

Mass Intention for Richard Dugal †

**Theology of the Body**

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Heritage Room

THUR - 28

**Our Lady Cares Voluneteer Day****Daily Mass**

9:00 am | Church

Mass Intention for Willie &amp; Peggy Straub †

**Adoration**

9:30 - 7:00 pm | Chapel

FRI - 29

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

12:00 - 5:00 pm | Parish Center | Sponsored by the KofC

**Group Spiritual Companionship**

10:00 - 11:00 am | Heritage Room

**Hispanic Prayer Group**

6:30 - 9:00 pm | Faith Formation Room

SAT - 30

**Women's Welcome - Day of Discipleship**

8:30 - 11:30 am | Heritage Room



# ..... PARISH LIFE .....

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. | 1 Corinthians 12:12



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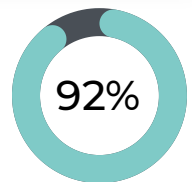
Parish DDF  
Report

To date, our parish has given \$65,290.00 toward our \$68,997.00 goal. Thank you!

If you have not yet made your pledge, please make a sacrifice, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

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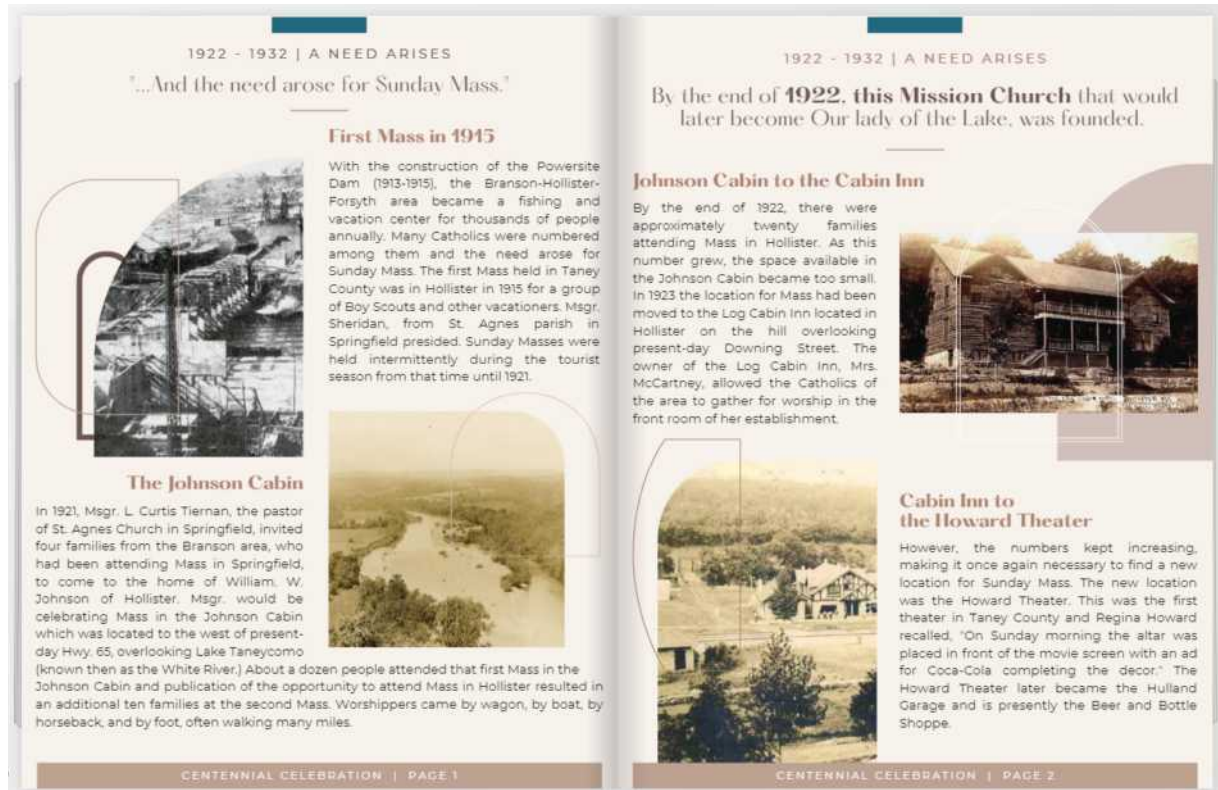
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- Greatest Need
  - Tuesdays 12:00 - 1:00
- Other Needs
  - Tuesdays
    - 10:00 - 11:00
    - 11:00 - 12:00
  - Wednesdays
    - 3:00 - 4:00
  - Thursdays
    - 11:00 - 12:00
    - 1:00 - 2:00
    - 2:00 - 3:00
    - 4:00 - 5:00
    - 6:00 - 7:00

# Centennial History Book

## CHAPTER ONE SNEAK PEEK

Click [here](#) to see a flipbook sneak peek of the commemorative parish history book!



### A Ride to Mass is Needed

A ride to 8:00 or 10:30 Sunday Mass and back home, once a month, is needed for a man in Hollister.

Please call the parish office at 417-334-2928 or click [here](#) to contact Annette Smith.

Collections Through:  
July 17, 2022

Envelopes: \$29,271.24

Plate: \$10,852.00

Green Envelopes: \$8,823.58

Total: \$48,946.58

# Hey Deacon!

## Why do we ask for the forgiveness of our sins at Mass?

At the very beginning of Mass, Catholics make a type of confession of sins, declaring their faults before the whole congregation. The priest does not absolve us of any mortal sins at this time but does call upon God's forgiveness and mercy. We do this public act of contrition to place our heart, mind, and soul in a state of grace in order to receive Holy Communion.

One of the greatest blessings about the Eucharist is that, in the reception of Holy Communion, a person's venial sins are forgiven. The Eucharist is one of four sacraments that imparts the forgiveness of sins. The waters of baptism wash away all prior sins. And the two sacraments of healing, reconciliation, and anointing, grant forgiveness. The sacrament of reconciliation grants the absolution of both mortal and venial sins, and it offers God's pardon and peace. St. James writes about the sacrament of anointing, "If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them" (Jas 5:15).

When we attend Mass, even if we have not committed a mortal sin, we still have blemishes on our souls which are the venial sins that we have committed. Some of these sins may be small, others may be large, but they offend God and alienate us from his son Jesus and the body of Christ, the Church. A person with venial sins is still in the state of grace and is encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that "Holy Communion separates us from sin ... the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins" (CCC 1393). When Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist, he wipes away our venial sins (see CCC 1394).

It is also important to make a distinction when it comes to the forgiveness granted through the reception of the Eucharist: venial sins are forgiven, but mortal sins are not. The Catechism states, "The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins — that is proper to the sacrament of reconciliation" (CCC 1395). St. Paul explained the danger of receiving Holy Communion when a person is separated from God and neighbor: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord (1 Cor 11:27).

A person with a mortal sin is not in the state of grace, and the path to Holy Communion is to approach the sacrament of reconciliation first, receive sacramental absolution, be restored to the state of grace, reestablish full communion with the Church, and then receive Holy Communion.

When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus extends to us his love, compassion, mercy, healing grace, pardon, and peace. He offers us a new beginning, strengthens us in the battle against future sin, and nourishes us to live a virtuous and holy life.



# Memorial Bricks



Paver bricks are available to remember loved ones, signify special celebrations, and commemorate the celebration of life.



Two Locations:

Meditation Garden  
& Labyrinth

Memorial Flagpole



## Parish Financial Report July 1, 2021 - June 20, 2022

**Account Group:** **YTD Actual**

### **INCOME:**

Collections - Envelope	\$479,828.47
Collections - Plate	\$116,477.64
Collections - Green Envelopes	\$98,445.47
Future Building-Sign-Greenspace Fund	\$46,530.31
Other Income Sources*	\$218,844.06
<b>Total Income July - June 2022</b>	<b>\$463,903.67</b>
	<u>\$960,125.95</u>

### **EXPENSES:**

Salaries & Salary Related Expenses	\$339,269.65
Insurance (Property, Liability, Workers Comp	\$30,079.00
General and Administrative Expenses *	\$406,840.10
Priests Mutual Benefit Society (PMBS 3% fund)	\$17,528.37
Diocesan Assessment (1% fund)	\$5,833.78
<b>Total Expenses July - September 2021</b>	<b>\$799,550.90</b>
<b>Net Gain July - September 2021</b>	<b>\$160,575.05</b>

*\* Total includes Diocesan Special Collections*

### **Diocesan Special Collections Totals**

Collected July - December 2021	\$77,495.96
Paid to Diocese July - December 2021	\$63,292.08
Variance due to paying in July for collections in June	\$14,203.88

### **Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2022**

<b>Grand Total All Bank Accounts:</b>	<b>\$313,000.59</b>
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# ..... PRIESTLY NEWS .....

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you; just as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." | John 20:21

## Welcome, Fr. Nicholas Newton!



Tell us something  
about yourself!

I have lived in 47 of the 50 states!

What is one of your hobbies?

I love the outdoors, everything  
from fishing to camping and  
everything in between!

Do you have any hidden talents?

Card tricks and juggling!

# ..... DIOCESAN NEWS .....

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. | Proverbs 27:17

## AUGUST 27, 2022



## Strengthening and Healing Souls

### IMMACULEE

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Contact Shelly Pichler at 417-838-2730  
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# ..... COMMUNITY LIFE .....

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored,  
all rejoice together. | 1 Corinthians 12:26



## Knights of Columbus®

**Knights' Corner ~ Council 6470**

The next blood drive is scheduled  
for July 29th  
from 12 noon to 5:00pm at Our Lady  
of the Lake Parish Center, 202 Vaughn  
Drive Branson Mo. 65616.

54 - units collected at the May 27, 2022 drive.  
39 - drives successfully completed since Nov. 2015.  
1979 - units of blood have been collected since Nov. 2015.

**Red Cross  
Blood Drive**

GO TO –  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) zip code 65616 to schedule appointment

**Interested in becoming a Knight?**

Contact the church office for contact information, or go online @  
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# .....RESOURCES.....



Click [here](#) for a  
Weekly Reflection

That's not our concern, because the way prayer is answered belongs to God, not to us. So then why pray if we can't be confident about the answer? Because we believe we are connected to each other, and together we stand in need before a loving God who wants the best for us.

## Dear Padre,

Click [here](#) for a Q & A

My good friend is converting to Catholicism and learning things that I, a cradle Catholic, never knew. Why wasn't I taught these things? I'm embarrassed that a convert knows more than me.



Haga clic aquí para  
el boletín en español

Vamos a Misa  
Jesús te espera



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Make a Prayer Request

How can we pray for you? Your prayer request will be sent to Our Lady of the Lake's email prayer chain.



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Gn 18:20-32  
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8  
Col 2:12-14  
Lk 11:1-13

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