



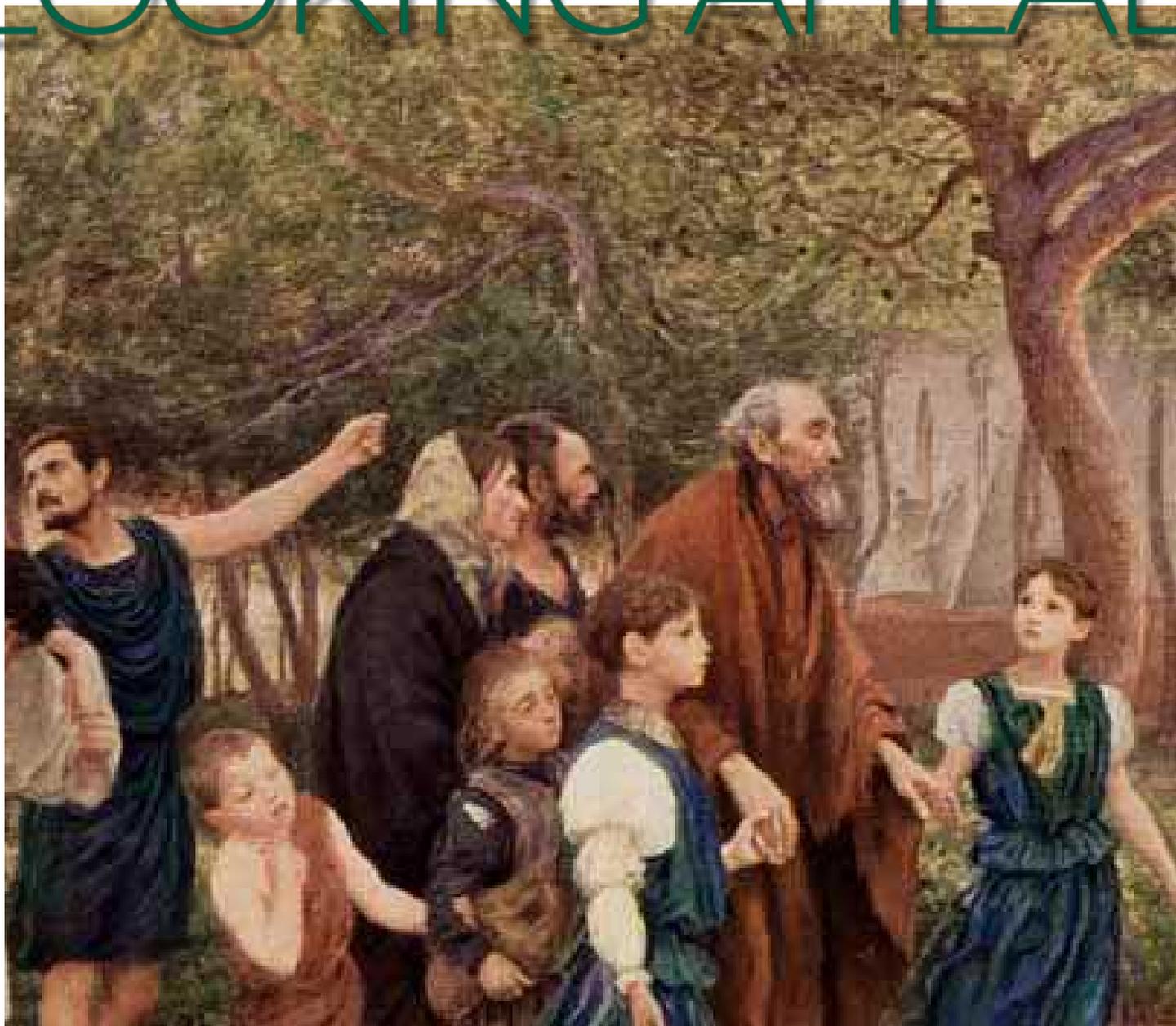
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AUGUST 28, 2022

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LOOKING AHEAD



STARTING BACK

Coffee & Christ
PSR
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Companioning

Parish Life

CENTENNIAL UPDATE

Centennial Setup Day!
September 10, 2022

Parish Life

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"..when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled; ..blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

Luke 14:1, 7-14

SAT - 27

Women's Welcome - Discernment of Team Ministries

8:30 - 11:30 am | Heritage Room

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00 - 4:30 pm | Confessional

Holy Mass

5:00 pm | Church

Mass Intention for Carol Malson (L) (Health & Healing)

SUN - 28

Holy Mass

8:00 am | Church

Mass Intention for Clarence Grimes †

Rosary at 7:30 am

Holy Mass

10:30 am | Church

Mass Intention for Bonita Holtkamp †

Rosary at 10:00 am

Holy Mass

2:00 pm | Church | Spanish

Mass Intention for Taney County Parish Family (Living)

MON - 29

Daily Mass

9:00 am | Church

Mass Intention for Kristin Cummings (Special Intention-Living)

TUES - 30

Daily Mass

9:00 am | Church

Mass Intention for Mike Hoover †

Centering Prayer

3:00 - 4:30 pm | Heritage Room

Music Practice

4:30 - 6:00 pm | Music Room

WED - 31

Stitchers

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

Memorial Mass for Sonia Martin

5:30 pm | Church

Mass Intention for Sonia Martin †

RCIA

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Heritage Room

THUR - 1

Daily Mass

9:00 am | Church

Mass Intention for Richard Dugal † & Carol J. Schall Moritz †

OLL Train Dominoes

1:00 - 3:30 pm | Faith Formation Room

FRI - 2

First Friday Mass

10:00 am | Church

Mass Intention for Howard & Nulie Percy † (Wedding Anniversary-Deceased)

Hispanic Prayer Group

6:30 - 9:00 pm | St. Joseph Hall

SAT - 3

Memorial Mass for Patricia Nell Arcement Guidry

10:00 am | Church

Mass Intention for Patricia Nell Arcement Guidry †

SUN - 4

KofC Pancake Breakfast

8:00 - 2:00 pm | Parish Center



..... 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

Centennial Setup Day!

Volunteer

Please join us on September 10th at the Parish Center from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, pizza is provided! We will be assembling gift bundles and panels for the exhibit, as well as, tying ribbons on ornaments! Not sure how you can help? Come on over with a willing heart and a smile on your face!

Count me in!

Sorry, I can't make it.



Guess what
arrived yesterday?

These Centennial stickers
will be available at the
Centennial Celebration!



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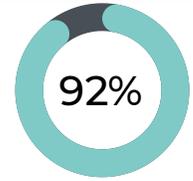
Parish DDF
Report

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.

We ask everyone to participate, as you are able.

Click [here](#) to Donate



Collections Through August 14, 2022

Envelopes: \$26,397.60

Plate: \$4,069.40

Green Envelopes: \$5,142.83

Total: \$35,609.83

Please be aware that Our Lady of the Lake will no longer hold First Saturday Masses in the morning.

If you would like to attend a First Saturday, please come to the 5:00 pm Mass.

Dear Parishioners,

We now have TWO Group Spiritual Companionship meetings available!

Tuesday Evenings

Starting September 6, 2022
6:30 pm in the Heritage Room

Click [here](#) to join!

Friday Mornings

Starting September 9, 2022
10:00 am in the Heritage Room

Click [here](#) to join!

What is this you ask? Group Spiritual Companionship is where we will meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th week. We will learn how to share and help each other to become more intimate with Christ. We can share in our joys, loss, or trauma in a safe place. We will look to see where God is in all these events. We will call on the Holy Spirit to guide us. We will help each other grow in our faith.

On Tuesdays, we will start with the book "Prayer, Our Deepest Longing" by Ron Rolheiser. On Fridays, we are looking at books to see what we want to do next. This is open to both men and women, in my experience, it is good to see each other's insight on how we love God.

Please note that this is not Spiritual Direction. Spiritual Direction is a one-on-one with the Holy Spirit guiding the session, where you would meet with a trained person once a month.

CLICK HERE TO JOIN

Coffee & Christ



“Coffee & Christ” is a parish faith education opportunity for learning and building community that meets on Sunday mornings between the Masses from 9:15 - 10:15 am in the faith formation room downstairs of the church.

Coffee & Christ begins this Fall on Sept. 11 where we will learn how Christianity became the religion it is today. We will explore the key people, ideas, and events of the first 4 centuries of Christianity in the video series The Origins of Christianity.

We will explore the rich history of Christianity & look at questions, such as: Where did we get bishops, the Bible, and the creeds? Why did Christianity ultimately become a separate religion from Judaism? How did Christians lay claim to the Old Testament without following many of its most distinctive commands?

By learning about Christianity’s fascinating origins, you will gain an informed understanding with which to approach the Church today.

PSR is Starting Soon!

PSR will start on September 14, 2022.
ALL grades will meet on Wednesdays
from 6:30 to 7:45 pm.

To Register:

Go online: ollbranson.com/psr-registration

or

Pick up a registration packet
after Sunday Mass

The first class on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, will require parents to attend with their child\children. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Please be aware: If your child requires a sacrament, we have a 2-year preparation.

Parish School of Religion is necessary for Kindergarten through 12th grade. We will also offer a preschool class for any parent interested.

We are also working on a Children’s liturgy during one of the Masses. Sunday at 10:30 am received the most interest when we sent out the poll but if you missed that poll please feel free to message, call, or e-mail Nickie and let her know your thoughts.

Please continue to pray for the transitions and growth of the young people in our community. We have an amazing group of young people that have so much to share with us.

I personally thank you all for your love and support over the last year! My family and I have been so blessed by the people of OLL! ☺Nickie



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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

**OLL Train
Leaves the Station
Thursday,
Sept. 1st @ 1:00 pm**

Not a game person, stop in and just visit. There are
snacks to share... Thanks to those who provide all
the great snacks.

What!!! You know nothing about Mexican Train?
The object of the game is for a player to play all the
dominoes from his or her hand onto one or more
chains, or "trains", emanating from a central hub or
"station". Click for OLL Train rules.

The WORD is out... it is FUN!!!

We will play 4 people to a table, masks are not
required, and if you are more comfortable wearing
a mask please do so. It is a social time and that
means fun and snacks. Bring snacks to share, and
you may bring your own drink.

Hop Aboard!
Don't Miss Out on the Fun!
First & Third Thursdays of Each Month
Lower Level of the Church

CALLING ALL Pinochle Players!!! There is
interest in starting a Pinochle group and we
currently have three players. But we need four.
If you are interested... maybe it has been a
while since you played or perhaps you have
never played Pinochle. Let us know that you
are curious, and the game will begin. Always
happy to help you refresh your skill or learn the
game from the start!

Ask around and invite your group to join in this
new social time! Email Joyce at
office@ollbranson.com or call the Parish Office
at 417-334-2928. Hoping to start playing
Pinochle mid to late September on the 2nd
and 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm. We have the
card decks just waiting to be opened!

Hey Deacon!

What are the Church requirements to be a Godparent?

Some of you may be aware that my wife, Beth, and I help with baptism preparation classes for couples and single parents that desire to have their child baptized. We encourage the godparents, if local, to attend the class as well. More times than not, the parent(s) are unsure of who to ask to be Godparents and unaware that the Church has some prerequisites to be a Godparent.

To be a Godparent in the Catholic Church, they must be Catholic and not the parent of the one being baptized. They need to be registered in a parish and attend Mass weekly. They have received all three sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. They must be at least 16 years old. If married, they need to have been married in the Catholic Church. (Please note that being legally separated and/or divorced does not in itself prevent a person from serving as a Godparent. However, one who is separated or divorced must be living as a single person and not living with someone else; and if remarried, had their prior marriage annulled by the Church.)

While it is customary to have both a Godfather and a Godmother, the Sacrament of Baptism requires a minimum of one Godparent who meets all the requirements listed in the paragraph above. And in choosing to have both a Godfather and a Godmother, they must be male and female. The Church does not allow two males or two females to be Godparents.

There is also the question regarding whether a non-Catholic can be a Godparent.

If a person is not Catholic but is a baptized Christian and a good example of Christianity in practice, they may participate, together with a Godparent who meets all the requirements above as a "Christian Witness" of the Baptism (Canon Law, Can. 874.2). This person would be listed as a Christian Witness and not listed as a Godparent in the parish's Baptismal Register.

When choosing a Godparent, the parent(s) need to prayerfully consider a few things. Does the person truly exemplify the faith by living according to the teachings of the Catholic Church? Does the person live a life in harmony with the Church? Does the person regularly practice their faith by participating in the sacramental life of the Church?

The role of a Godparent is more than being a relative or friend who encourages Christian behavior. The Godparent represents the Church, the community of faith, into which the child is being baptized and will assist the child to grow in that community. For a Catholic baptism, only a Catholic can take on this responsibility.

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



..... 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

A Note from Fr. J.

Beginning in September, we will begin the practice of praying each weekend for the coming week's mass intentions.

This way, our entire parish family can remember all of our intentions, even if they are unable to attend daily masses.

Please also note that a Mass intention is still always offered, even if it is not said aloud or heard.

..... DIOCESAN NEWS

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

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Diocese of Springfield Cape-Girardeau Calendar

Sept. 17 Diocesan Liturgy Conference

Notre Dame High School, Cape Girardeau

Sept. 24 Diocesan Evangelization and Discipleship Summit

Featuring: Dr. Edward Sri
Holy Trinity parish, Springfield

Sept. 25 - Oct. 1 Encountering the Eucharist, East to West

Oct. 15 Diocesan Evangelization and Discipleship Summit

Featuring: Dr. Edward Sri
Drury Plaza Hotel and Conference Center,
Cape Girardeau

Oct. 20-23 Men's Cursillo Retreat

Vietnamese Martyrs Retreat Center,
Carthage

Nov. 5 Diocesan Liturgy Conference

Holy Trinity parish, Springfield

Nov. 17-20 Women's Cursillo

Pinecrest Camp, Fredericktown

Dec. 1-4 Men's Cursillo Retreat

Pinecrest Camp&Conference, Fredericktown

Jan. 18-23, 2023 March for Life

Washington D.C.

Feb. 5 Wedding Anniversaries Celebration - Cape Girardeau

Feb. 19 Wedding Anniversaries Celebration - Springfield

Feb. 25 Catholic Men's Conference

Springfield

Feb. 26 Rite of Election

St. Agnes, Springfield

March 5 Rite of Election

St. Mary, Cape Girardeau

March 3-4 The Gathering - Faith Formation and YM Leaders Retreat

The Landing, Van Buren

March 17-19 Marriage Encounter

Vietnamese Martyrs Retreat Center,
Carthage

March 24-25 DYC - Cape Girardeau

March 31-April 1 DYC - Carthage

May 5-7 Marriage Encounter

Pinecrest Camp&Conference, Fredericktown

..... COMMUNITY LIFE

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



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The next blood drive is scheduled
for September 23rd.
Please note, this blood drive will be a special,

"Battle of the Badges"

Show your support for our local Fire and Police
Departments by showing up to donate
from **11:00am** to 5:00pm at Our Lady
of the Lake Parish Center, 202 Vaughn
Drive Branson Mo. 65616.

Please make special note of the earlier start time of **11:00am**.
Also note, there will be a bin if you would like to bring items for the
Salvation Army Food Pantry.

65 - units collected at the July 29th, 2022 drive.
40 - drives successfully completed since Nov. 2015.
2044 - units of blood have been collected since Nov. 2015.

GO TO –
www.redcrossblood.org zip code 65616 to schedule an appointment.

**Red Cross
Blood Drive**

Food Drive Update



WE DID IT!!

With your help, the Knight's raised just over 2000 lbs of food for the Fraternal year ending 6/30/22.

Thank you for your generous support as we help to feed those in need in our Branson and surrounding areas.

As of 8/1/22 Our Lady of the Lake has donated over 365 lbs of food to the Salvation Army Food Pantry for the Fraternal year 7/1/22 - 6/30/23.

Just a reminder that for every 1000 lbs of food donated, K of C donate \$100 to the pantry.

With around 500 families in the parish, if each family donates 4 lbs of food, we could hit 2000 lbs of food donated again this year.

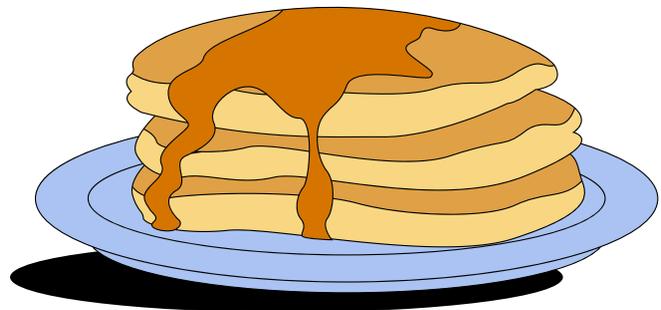
Can you help us hit 2000 lbs this year? What about 3000 lbs?

Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars for September 4th!

After both the 8am and 10:30am masses, the Knights of Columbus will be serving up breakfast in the St. Joseph Hall at the Parish Center.

Come hungry and enjoy some food and fellowship!



Meeting Reminder

Don't forget, our membership meetings are held every first Thursday in the Faith Formation Room in the Church, Rosary starting @ 6:30pm, mtg @ 7pm.

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while don't worry, you'll still fit right in, and you're always welcome.

The Larry Konzen Social is back on after the meetings too!

Interested in becoming a Knight?

Contact the church office for contact information, or go online @ kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html

.....RESOURCES.....



Click [here](#) for a Weekly Reflection

Humble yourself" (Sirach 3:18). This does not mean humiliate yourself or put yourself down. It means be who you are, the you that God made. Don't try to be someone else. The Gospel story shows what might happen if you think you are more than you really are.

Dear Padre,

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

Isn't natural family planning (NFP) a form of birth control? The couple still controls the potential of human life that God may have wanted to create at a particular moment.



Haga clic aquí para el boletín en español

Vamos a Misa
Jesús te espera



Click [here](#) to 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.



Click [here](#) for Mass Times & Reconciliation



Click [here](#) to Contact Parish Staff

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Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Lk 14:1, 7-14

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