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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“No servant can serve two masters.”
- Lk 16:13**

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time **CATECHETICAL** *Sunday*

Events

SATURDAY Sept. 20

Our Lady Cares 2nd Collection

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00 - 4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY Sept. 21

Our Lady Cares 2nd Collection

Coffee & Christ

9:15 - 10:15am - Faith Formation Room

OLL Parish Homecoming

Noon- 2pm - Parish Center

PSR - Youth Night (10th-12th Grade)

6:00 - 7:00pm - St. Michael Room

TUESDAY Sept. 23

Adult Bible Study

10:00 - Noon - Faith Formation Room

Centering Prayer

3:00-4:45pm - Heritage Room

OCIA

6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY Sept. 24

Stitchers

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

PSR (K-9th Grade)

5:30pm - Mass - In the Church

6:00 - 7:00pm - Class/Food- Classrooms

THURSDAY Sept. 25

OLL Games

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

Spiritual Companionship

6:30 - 8:30pm - St. Ignatius Room

FRIDAY Sept. 26

K of C Redcross Blood Drive

Noon - 5:00pm - Parish Center

Spanish Charismatic Group

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

SATURDAY Sept. 27

WELCOME Women's meeting

9:00 - 11:00am - Heritage Room

Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

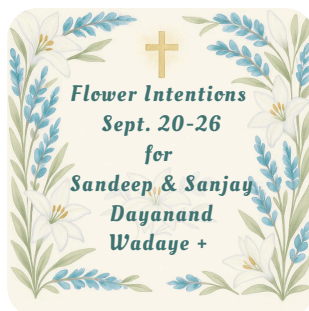
9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

Important Links

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Mass Intentions

Sat.	9/20	5:00pm	Genevieve Schloss +
Sat.	9/20	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun.	9/21	8:00am	Robert and Dorothy Chapman & Family+
Sun.	9/21	10:30am	Dan O'Sullivan +
Mon.	9/22	9:00am	Terry Archibald +
Tue.	9/23	9:00am	Theodore Haar (Special Intention-Living)
Wed.	9/24	5:30pm	Wanda (Special Intention-Living)
Thu.	9/25	9:00am	Nanesti & Reinzie Wannithantri (Living & Deceased)



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Collection through Sept 14th, 2025

Envelopes:		\$26,078.00
Plate:		\$ 2,295.00
Green Envelopes:		\$ 9,456.91
Total:		Total: \$37,829.81



YOU'RE INVITED

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Homecoming

Sunday, Sept. 21

12:00 – 2:00PM

Parish Center



***Hot dogs and hamburgers
will be provided.***

***Please bring a side dish or
dessert to share.***





Coffee and Christ Sundays

9:15am to 10:15am - Faith Formation Room



Sept. 21



A classic Italian movie re-mastered and re-released to celebrate the canonization in 2025 of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925).

Frassati was a handsome, athletic and fun-loving young man from a rich, aristocratic Italian family who turned from a life of privilege to one devoted to working.

Sept. 28

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan on the path to sainthood. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



Oct. 5



"Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.

Oct. 12

Begin the 10 part series Lectio: Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre. Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.



Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study 10:00am - Noon Faith Formation Room

Session 3: Sept. 23

Focuses on John the Baptist's call to repentance, the baptism of Jesus, and Jesus' genealogy, highlighting how these events prepare the way for Jesus' public ministry and reveal His role as the fulfillment of God's promises to all humanity.

For more information
contact Pat Schooley
at patjschooley@gmail.com



The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven.

Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation; the Nativity; Jesus' baptism; his public ministry; the Last Supper; and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection.

Session 4: Sept. 30

The focus is on Jesus establishing one worldwide Church that gathers all humanity into the one united family of God. This session emphasizes the importance of community and the collective experience of salvation through Jesus.

SEPTEMBER PSR CALENDAR



Wednesday PSR - K-9th

Sept. 24 - 5:30- 7:00pm

Mass/Dinner/Class



MENU

9/17 & 9/21 - BBQ Chicken Sliders

9/24 & 9/28 - Taco Pockets



SERVICE PROJECT



More details on pg. 8

SAINT OF THE MONTH



ST MOTHER TERESA

WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE ORDER OF THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY,

A ROMAN CATHOLIC CONGREGATION OF WOMEN DEDICATED TO HELPING THE POOR.

CONSIDERED ONE OF THE 20TH CENTURY'S GREATEST HUMANITARIANS,

SHE WAS CANONIZED AS SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA IN 2016.

Sunday Youth Night - 10th-12th

Sept. 21 - 6:00- 7:00pm

Catechetical Sunday- Catechist's celebrated at all Masses

Sept. 28 - 6:00- 7:00pm



SPECIAL EVENT

YOU'RE INVITED

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Homecoming

Sunday, Sept. 21

12:00 - 2:00PM

Parish Center



Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.





OCTOBER PSR CALENDAR



MENU

10/1 & 10/5 - Pizza

10/8 & 10/12 - Grilled Cheese and soup

10/15 & 10/19 - Pasta

10/22 & 10/26 - Cheeseburger Sliders

10/29 - Nachos

Wednesday PSR - K-9th

Oct. 1 - 5:30- 7:00pm

Mass/Adoration/
Dinner/Class

Oct. 8 - 5:30- 7:00pm

Mass/Dinner/Class

Oct. 15 - 5:30- 7:00pm

Mass/Dinner/Class

Oct. 22 - 5:30- 7:00pm

Mass/Dinner/Class

Virtus Children's Lesson

Oct. 29 - 5:30- 7:00pm

Mass/ All Hallows Celebration

PARENTS MUST ATTEND

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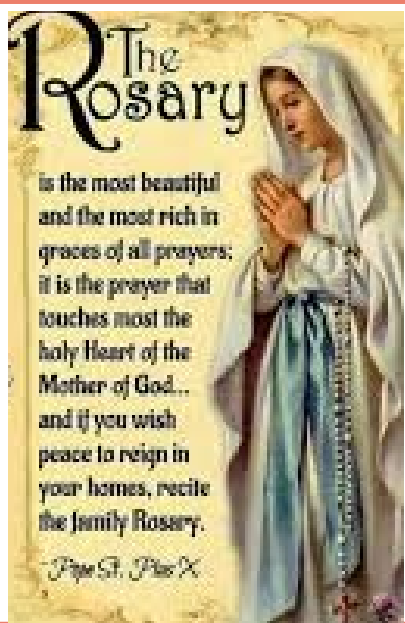


ST CARLOS ACUTIS

BEATIFIED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN 2020, HE IS REGARDED AS A MODEL FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS AND WAS CANONIZED AS A SAINT ON SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025.

SERVICE PROJECT

*Family
Rosary
challenge*



SPECIAL EVENT

**All Hallows
Celebration**

October 29th

5:30 Mass

All Hallows Celebration to follow.



Sunday Youth Night
10th-12th

Oct. 5 - 6:00- 7:00pm

Praise & Worship with Adoration

Oct. 12 - 6:00- 7:00pm

Oct. 19 - 6:00- 7:00pm

Oct. 26 - 6:00- 7:00pm

Virtus Youth Presentation

**Our Lady of the Lake PSR youth are partnering with the
PCCW at Our Lady of the Cove**

You can give great joy
to the poorest of the
poor by participating
in this year's
Cross Catholic
Outreach
Box of Joy Project.



There are two ways to help:

**The boxes will be available to pick up with instructions and
monetary donations will be collected after all the September Masses.**

Take a box after Mass in
September, fill it with goodies
and RETURN it by
Sept. 28th
with \$9 for shipping

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OR
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Donate \$20.00 and we
will fill a box for you
and ship it off

Thank you for your support -
Your box may be the only Christmas Gift a child receives!

We're off to a great start with more joining us each week!

OCLA

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

**Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm
in the Heritage Room**

*It's
never too
late to
join us*

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about
the Catholic Faith, in need of receiving the Sacrament of
Confirmation or perhaps becoming Catholic, join us on Tuesday's

Contact the Church Office, or go to our website:
OLLBRANSON.com and click on "Get Involved".

OLL Games



Join us on September 25th
OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

OLL Train -3 Girls & Caleb

BIG Winner is Caleb -209

Welcome Caleb!

Ann Marie -276 Karen -333

Lil' Winner is Rose Marie -509



OLL Train -The Four Musketeers

BIG Winner is Remy -211

Joe -268 Eva -311

Lil' Winner Kevin -598

Swoop - Marathon Swoopers

BIG Winner is Dan -287

Sharron -361 Sharon S -390

Fr. Dhaneesh -485

Lil' Winner is Sharon A -854

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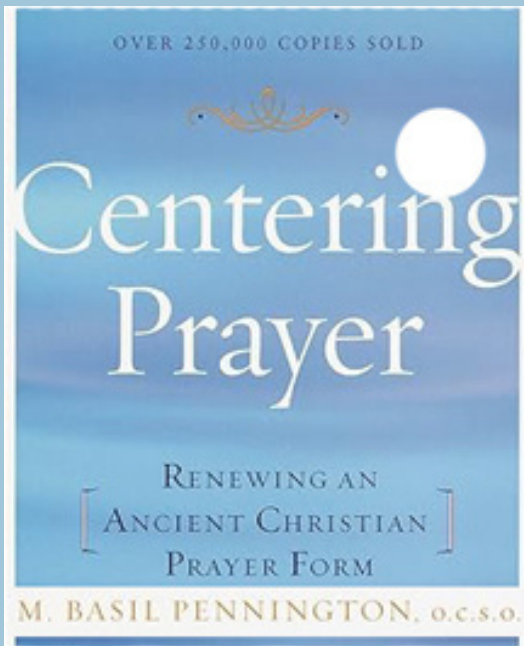
score EVER!!!



Mahjong

Harry -75 Brenda -25

Joyce -25 Judy O -0



Centering Prayer: Renewing an Ancient Christian Prayer

The practice of prayer and meditation in modern Western Christianity is rooted in the Eastern tradition of early Church prayer as well as the wisdom of early Church fathers. In Centering Prayer, M. Basil Pennington, returns to these roots, offering contemporary Christians a new approach to ancient prayer forms.

Pennington combines the best of the Eastern spiritual exercises (such as the Jesus Prayer) with a spirituality for today's world. Addressing the obstacles that discourage people from praying well, he explains how to relax for prayer, how to listen to and be directed by the Other, and how to handle the pain and distractions that can stifle attempts to communicate with God.

Interested in understanding more about Centering Prayer?

**Join OLL Centering Prayer Group on Tuesdays in the
Heritage Room (lower level of the church) at 3:00pm.**

Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Bye, bye Miss America Pie...the day the music died: Remembering Charlie Kirk

On September 10, I was traveling to Tampa, Florida to attend the National Association of Diaconate Directors (NADD) board meeting. As the board member representing Region 9 (Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa) of the USCCB, I have the responsibility to communicate the “state-of-the-diaconate” for my region. I was in between flights when I heard the news that Charlie Kirk had been shot by a would-be assassin. After I landed in Tampa, I learned that he had died.

Charlie Kirk, 31-years old, was a good Christian man, a husband, and a father of two young children. A conservative man having high moral character. He was always willing to debate those who had a different view but without belittling them. His hope was to help them to think for themselves, to see things differently in the hope of changing their hearts and minds.

It was just 24 years earlier, on September 11, 2001, that the world changed due to an attack on the U.S. from a terrorist nation. The attack shook us to the core. American’s rallied and came together. We put political differences aside and united ourselves in a common bond of faith, freedom, and liberty.

On September 10, 2025, America was changed again. This time for the worse, because the evil came from within. Kirk, a rare, young, new and generational leader, was murdered for having vision of an America that focused on returning to conservative Christian values. A return to faith, family, and moral living. He desired to end division, violence and hatred. He envisioned an America where public discourse can be freely and peacefully debated; to bring about independent thinking and rejecting today’s extreme ideologies.

One of Kirk’s dear friends, Gia Chacon, had this to say about Charlie in an article she wrote for “National Catholic Reporter”.

“As a Catholic, I cannot look at Charlie’s assassination and stop at grief because that can lead to despair. Our faith teaches that suffering, even when it seems senseless, can bear fruit.” Chacon went on to referenced Tertullian, an early writer of the Church, quoting, “The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.” Charlie was not a martyr in the technical sense, but his life and his death will not be wasted. It is my hope that his legacy and voice will shape generations to come.

Ironically, Kirk was asked just a few months ago how he would want to be remembered upon his death. He responded, “I want to be remembered for courage for my faith. That would be the most important thing. The most important thing is my faith.”

After the senseless shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis last month, Kirk was asked if there is a God, why is there evil in the world? He responded, “The cross is God’s answer to evil. The question should not be ‘why does evil exist?’ Instead, it should be ‘what has God done about it?’ And the cross is the answer.”

Throughout his career, Kirk encouraged young people to get married and start families, argued against abortion and gender ideology, and worked to inspire college students to follow Christ.

Charlie’s death is a warning of how far our country has strayed. But it is also a call to action; to live with the courage he exemplified, to speak truth without fear and, to bring faith into public life without apology. Charlie’s life demands this of us. And it may be the only answer that can save this nation.

*And the three men I admire most
The Father, Son and the Holy Ghost
They caught the last train for the coast
The day the music died*



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends in the Diocese: *Women's Weekend*

Date: October 9 - 12, 2025
Location: Carthage, MO

**The Cursillo® Movement pursues
two purposes or objectives.**

**The immediate purpose is to provide a conduit
for living what is fundamental for being a
Christian, namely, the on-going and total
conversion of the person.**

**Simply explained, the purpose of the Cursillo
Movement is that we become the Good News,
and that our actions naturally turn out to be
evangelical in our daily lives.**

***Sign-Up Online below and list Deacon Dan as
your sponsor, your Cursillista (Cursillo Alum)***

Cursillo Candidate Registration Form

or visit: <https://form.jotform.com/91428400503144>

**In an effort to help raise awareness of
the sanctity of life, all Students of the
Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau
(grades K-12th grade) are invited to
participate in the Voice for Life Contest.**



**Categories
include
a coloring page,
essay, poster,
poetry, and
t-shirt design.**

**The theme for this year is
St. Gerard Mejella.**

Please click here for complete details.

Entry deadline is Fri., Dec. 05, 2025



**40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated
40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally
through prayer and fasting, community outreach,
and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of
abortion businesses.**

**It is held every year in the fall and during Lent.
It has helped close 181 Planned Parenthood
centers and saved over 25,000 lives.**

**This fall, it will be from
September 24 - November 02.**

HELP SAVE LIVES IN SPRINGFIELD

- 1. Visit 40daysforlife.com and register for an account.**
- 2. Bring a friend. Bring a sign.**
- 3. Come to Planned Parenthood at
626. East Battlefield Road, Springfield, MO 65807**

**For questions and details, please contact Sr. Janine
at jtran@dioscg.org or 417 - 866 - 0841.**

Our Lady of the Ozarks

Fall Rummage & Bake Sale

Thursday, Sept. 25, 7am - 4pm

Friday, Sept. 26, 8am - 4pm

(1/2 price on most items on Friday afternoon)

Saturday, Sept. 27, 8am - noon

**(\$5 bag day - whatever fits in a
brown paper bag)**

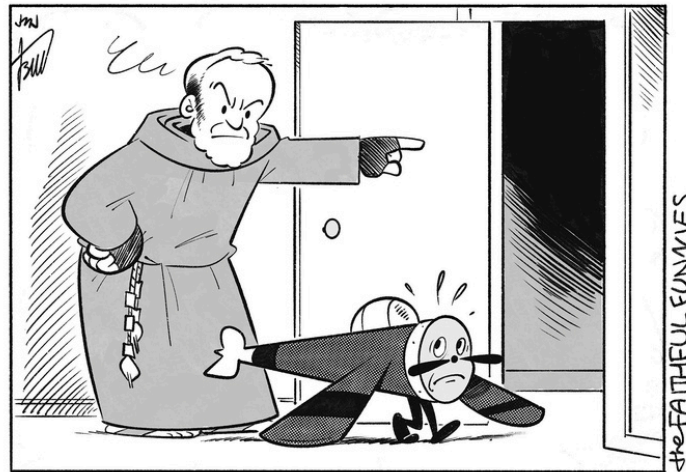
**Any questions can be directed to
Barbara Peterson at 417-251-0041 or barbsp@protonmail.com**

Gather Together

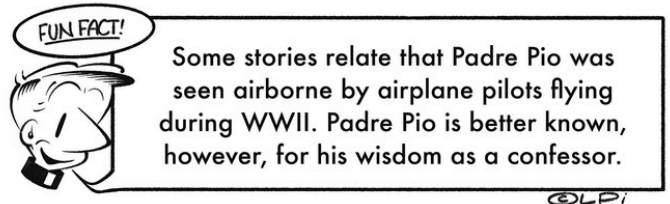
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"Why did Padre Pio send the airplane to its room?"



"Bad altitude."



CATHOLIC TRIVIA

JUST FOR FUN

Question:

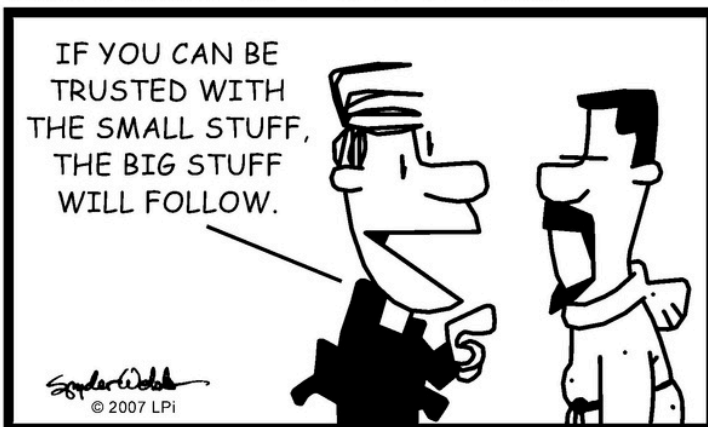
What do Catholics call the four books of the Bible that describe the teachings and life of Jesus?

Answer:

The Gospels.

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



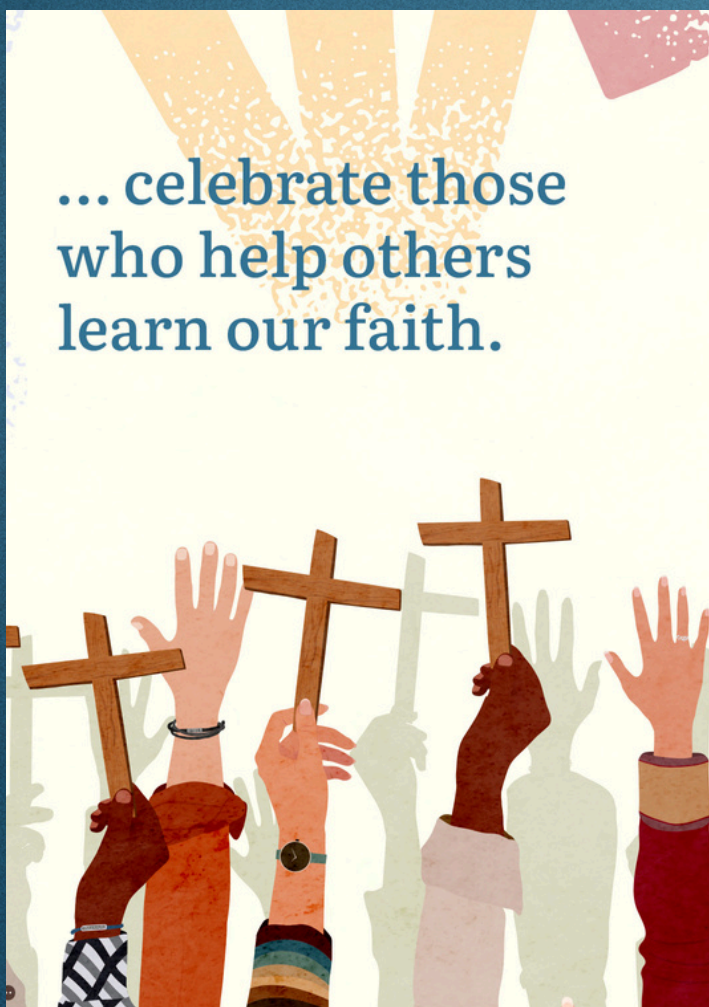
On Catechetical
Sunday, we:



... reflect on how
all baptized people
share in the call to
help the world
know Jesus.



... celebrate those
who help others
learn our faith.



... recognize the
Church's mission
to share the Gospel.



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June 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2026**

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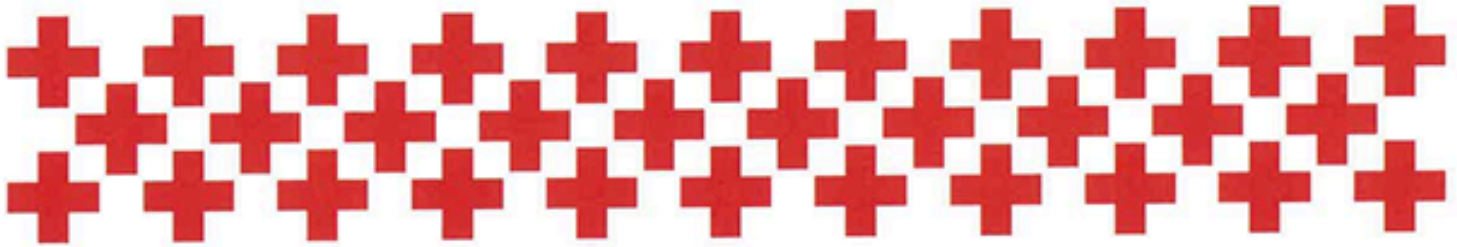


Give 5 graduates are making an extraordinary difference across Missouri. Together, these volunteers contribute an estimated \$6.7 million per year in service to local nonprofits. A 670% return on the state's annual investment in the program.

More than number, this impact reflects a deeper story: older adults using their experience, talents, and passions to create stronger connections, healthier neighborhoods, and more resilient communities.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Our Lady Of The Lake** **Catholic Church**

Parish Center
202 Vaughn Drive
Branson, MO 65616

Friday, September 26, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter: OURLADYBranson to schedule an appointment.

Come to give blood Sept. 22-Oct. 19 for a \$10
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Scan to schedule
an appointment.

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,
4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

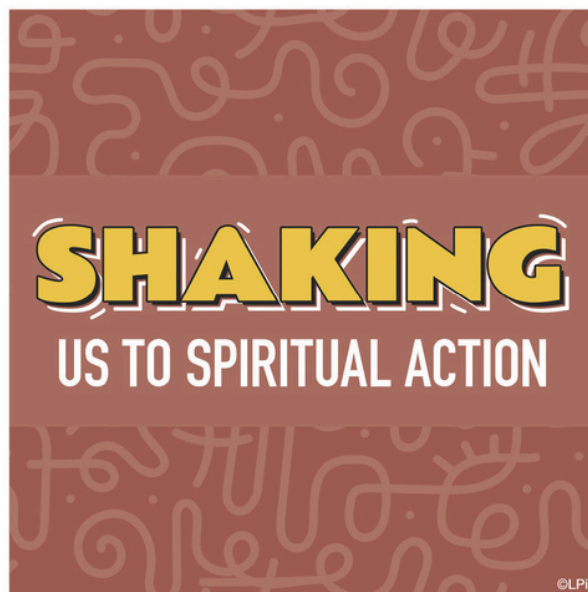
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. “Really great work, John,” he said. “I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay.” I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus’ brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the **“master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently” (Luke 16:8).** What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don’t care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

Second Reading:

There is also one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tm 2:5-6)

Gospel:

"No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

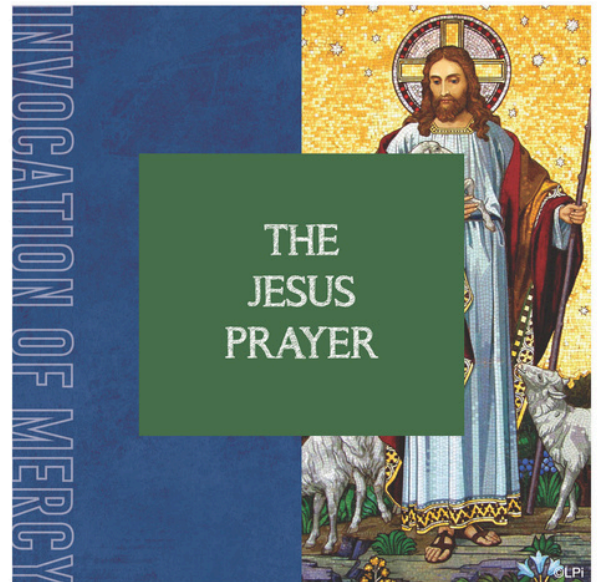
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	National Migration Week
Tuesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Friday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, its short form makes it ideal for meditative prayer.

Prayer for Trust

Jesus,
With your gentle mercy, build
my trust. Help me to believe you
when you say you want good
for me. In every season, give
me grace. In every need, be my
answer.
Amen.

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Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am

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