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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad.” - Lk 16:25

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27 - October 3

Events

SATURDAY Sept. 27

WELCOME Women's meeting
9:00 - 11:00am - Heritage Room

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00 - 4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY Sept. 28

Coffee & Christ
9:15 - 10:15am - Faith Formation Room

PSR - Youth Night (10th - 12th Grade)
6:00 - 7:00pm - St. Michael Room

TUESDAY Sept. 30

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 Oct. 1

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

Exposition, Adoration & Benediction
6:00 - 7:00pm - In the Church

PSR (K-9th Grade)
5:30pm - Mass & Adoration - In the Church
6:15 - 7:00pm - Dinner/Class- Classrooms

Music Practice
6:15 - 7:15pm - Music Room

THURSDAY Oct. 2

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

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30 - 8:00pm - Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY Oct. 3

Spanish Charismatic Group
6:00 - 9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY Oct. 4

No AM Events

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

1st FRIDAY

10:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

Important Links

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Flower Intentions available for October

Mass Intentions

Sat.	9/27	5:00pm	Jane Hynes+
Sat.	9/27	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun.	9/28	8:00am	Mary Nguyen +
Sun.	9/28	10:30am	Daniel Del Santo +
Mon.	9/29	9:00am	Deceased family members of John & Margaret Casey +
Tue.	9/30	9:00am	Lydia Martin (Anniversary DOD) +
Wed.	10/1	5:30pm	Maria Mejia Gonzalez (Anniversary DOD) +
Thu.	10/2	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Konzen Family +
Fri.	10/3	10:00am	Dan O'Sullivan +



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DAILY MASS READINGS

Collection through Sept 21, 2025

Envelopes:		\$35,087.00
Plate:		\$2,295.00
Green Envelopes:		\$12,903.81
Total:		\$50,285.81

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SEPTEMBER 28 PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

“THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS. WHEN YOU SEE A PRIEST, THINK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.”



Priesthood Sunday is a day to honor and show appreciation for our priests. It serves as an opportunity for Catholic parishes and communities to affirm the vital role of the priesthood, thank priests for their service, and encourage young people to learn about the priesthood and religious vocations



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

—Prayer Source: USCCB



COFFEE & CHRIST SUNDAYS

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



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 conversation 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 4: Sept. 30

This session delves into the significance of Jesus' resurrection, which is central to the Christian faith. It explores how Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection offer new eternal life to believers. The session also examines the role of the Church in continuing the teachings of Jesus and the sacraments that He won for us. It emphasizes the importance of living like Jesus and with Him forever in heaven.



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 5: Oct. 7

Session 5 focuses on Jesus' ministry of mercy, highlighting His teachings, calling of disciples, miracles of healing, and parables that reveal the transformative power of His message. It emphasizes Jesus' public ministry and His mission to reveal God's Kingdom through actions and instruction.



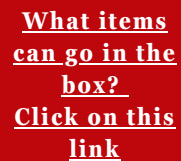
**Our Lady of the Lake PSR youth are partnering with the
PCCW at Our Lady of the Cove**

There are two ways to help:

**PLEASE FILL & RETURN
your box by THIS SUNDAY - SEPT. 28
with \$9 for shipping
OR**

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!**



**What items
can go in the
box?
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[link](#)**

SAVE THE DATE

**Our Lady of the Cove
Kimberling City
Fall Garage Sale**

**Friday, October 10 - 8am - 2pm
Saturday, October 11 - 8am - noon**



**Garage
Sale**



OCTOBER PSR CALENDAR



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

MENU

10/1 & 10/5 - Pizza

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

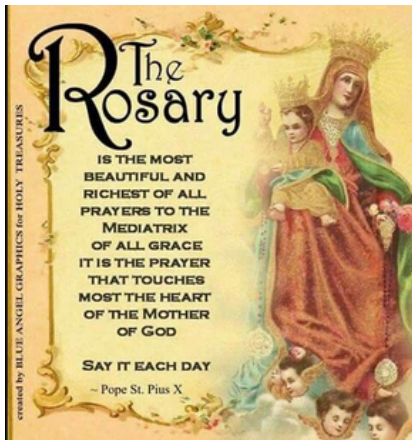
10/15 & 10/19 - Pasta

10/22 & 10/26 - Cheeseburger Sliders

10/29 - Nachos

SERVICE PROJECT

Family Rosary challenge



SPECIAL EVENT

All Hallows Celebration

October 29th
5:30 Mass



All Hallows Celebration to follow.
PARENTS MUST ATTEND

Sunday Youth Night 10th-12th

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

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

SAINT OF THE MONTH



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.

Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

The importance of Catholic Liturgy

I was listening to Catholic radio to a testimony by a former protestant regarding his conversion story to the Catholic faith. One of the primary reasons that drew him to the Church was the liturgy of the Mass. He said he was looking for a little more structure, a little more “rhythm” to his Christian faith and a friend suggested he check out the Catholic Church. His first reaction was no. However, God has His way of drawing people to the faith once the seed has been planted.

The word liturgy comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, meaning “public work or work for the people.” A “work” being done by an individual or a group was a liturgy on behalf of the larger community. All worshipers are expected to participate actively in each liturgy, for this is holy “work,” not entertainment or a spectator event. Every liturgical celebration is an action of Christ the High Priest and of his Mystical Body, which is the Church and requires the participation of the People of God in the work of God.

Liturgy is also intended to be a constant dialogue of love between the three persons of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The USCCB states:

“Liturgy is centered on the Holy Trinity. At every liturgy the action of worship is directed to the Father, from whom all blessings come, through the Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit. We praise the Father who first called us to be his people by sending us his Son as our Redeemer and giving us the Holy Spirit so that we can continue to gather, to remember what God has done for us, and to share in the blessings of salvation.”

In the Roman Rite, the Mass — the central liturgical service — is comprised of two principal parts: the Liturgy of the Word which consists of readings from Scripture and the Liturgy of the Eucharist which consists in the breaking of the bread as a remembrance of Jesus’ Last Supper. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is present in the liturgy through the person of the priest, the assembled people of God, the Word of God, and in the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist.

Liturgical celebration is at the very heart of Catholic life. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

“The liturgy as the sacred action par excellence is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, and it is likewise the font from which all her power flows. Through the liturgy Christ continues the work of our redemption in, with and through his Church.”

The collective, public nature of liturgical celebration comes with the added benefit that enables Catholics to form stronger relationships with their fellow parishioners and become a true community of faith. Liturgy helps give shape to the liturgical year. We have the various liturgical seasons and our holy days, feast days, and special observances that fall within each of these seasons that provide us a vibrant and healthy spiritual life.

I am reminded of the emphasis that Pope Francis placed on the importance of the Catholic liturgy stating that, “A Christianity without liturgy, I would dare say is perhaps a Christianity without Christ, without the whole of Christ.”

May the work of the Church, her liturgy and truth, be a source of peace and joy for each of us.

OLL Games



Join us on October 2nd
OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

OLL Train - The Terrible Five

BIG Winner is Eva -238

Joe -269

Sharon A -322

Kevin -392

Lil' Winner is Remy -402



OLL Train -The Five Ladies

BIG Winner is Pam -255

Sharon S -304

Rosemarie -340

Sandy -369

Lil' Winner Brenda -382



Mahjong

Sharron -75 Caleb -25

Judy O -25 Joyce -0



Centering Prayer: Renewing an Ancient Christian Prayer

Centering prayer emphasizes its purpose as an opening to God's presence, involving the gentle return to a sacred symbol when thoughts arise, and the intention to consent to God's action within, rather than trying to achieve a particular experience. Key figures like Thomas Keating and M. Basil Pennington provide insights, highlighting themes of surrender, the "four R's" (resist, retain, react, return), and the transformation of the self through a deeper relationship with the divine.

Quotes from Thomas Keating

- "Contemplative prayer is the world in which God can do anything. Our private, self-made worlds come to an end; a new world appears within and around us."
- "Centering prayer is not so much an exercise of attention as intention. Our intention is to be present to God's presence and actions in our lives."
- "The chief thing that separates us from God is the thought that we are separated from God. If we get rid of that thought, our troubles will be greatly reduced."

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.

Thank You

**To the K of C for grilling the
hamburgers & hot dogs**

**To everyone who shared
a side dish or dessert**



**To Raij Dude & Rich Owen Jernejcic
for providing the music**



**To those that donated prizes for BINGO &
To Our Lady of the Ozarks for lending us their BINGO Game**



**To everyone who came to
OLL Parish Homecoming**



Join Bishop Rice
Friday, October 3, 5:15 p.m.
St. Mary Cathedral

To pray for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. The Rosary will be prayed following the liturgy. We continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.



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>

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SATURDAY, OCT. 18 AT 5 PM
1121 N. CAMPBELL AVE. SPRINGFIELD, MO
GET YOUR TICKETS AT: [TINYURL.COM/OFESTSJCA25](https://tinyurl.com/ofestsjca25)

This year's event will consist of mouthwatering smoked meats with all of the sides, a variety of beers to taste, engaging games with great prizes, and an exciting silent auction.

This fundraiser attracts around 200-250 people who are eager to have a fun evening for a great cause.
Guests must be 21+ to attend.

This event supports St. Joseph Catholic Academy
Get your tickets at: [TINYURL.COM/OFESTSJCA25](https://tinyurl.com/ofestsjca25)

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FALL
is proof that change is
beautiful

How's Business Joe?

GREAT!
I'M MAKING
MORE MONEY
THAN I
KNOW WHAT
TO DO WITH!

SMOLDER WERBER!
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HERE—
I'LL BET
SISTER
RITA AT
CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
WILL BE
JUST FULL
OF IDEAS!



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FUN FACT!

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SPRINGFIELD
Tue., Sept. 30
Catholic Campus Ministry @ MSU
4:00PM Mass
4:45PM Dinner

CAPE GIRARDEAU
Mon., Oct. 20
Newman Center @ SEMO
5:15PM Mass
5:45PM Dinner

RSVP to Kim Kearbey kkearbey@dioscg.org
Both locations are for young men and women.

This event is for high-school aged and older men and women (and their parents), who are discerning God's will in their lives & open to learning more about a vocation to the priesthood or religious community.

Bishop Rice, area clergy, and religious will be on-hand to share information, fellowship, prayer, and answer questions about their own vocation discernment. Please RSVP to Kim Kearbey at kkearbey@dioscg.org.

Oct 11,
2025



catholic
women's
conference



keynote speaker

ONLY
\$25
includes lunch
and t-shirt*

Danielle Bean

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Check-in | 8:00 am

Conference Begins | 9:00 am

Closing Mass | 3:30 pm

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
2818 E. Bennett, Springfield, MO



SCAN ME

REGISTER NOW

SPACE IS LIMITED!
Reserve your spot now.

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*please register by September 12th to receive a t-shirt



MASS WITH THE **Angels**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 | 6:00 PM

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD

Join us for this beautiful and prayerful liturgy as we remember and honor all children who have gone before us to the Lord, and ask Christ to bring comfort and peace to all who grieve. Everyone is welcome. The Mass will be livestreamed from our website, seaschurch.org. The Livestream will be available on the homepage about 10 minutes before Mass time. In loving service, we will also collect donations for mothers and babies at LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home.

*May the angels guide our children who have died into paradise.
Jesus said, "...for I say to you that their angels behold the face of my father"*

-Mt. 18:10

**You are invited
to join
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Church
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HELP

Give 5 is a local program that invites active retirees to connect with local nonprofits, learn more about their community, and decide where their unique talents can be utilized for five hours per month to help non-profits in our area.

**Classes are FREE for
residents of Stone and Taney Counties!**



OLLBranson.com/Give5
Or Call 417-334-2928

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



**REGISTER TODAY
FOR AN
UPCOMING
SESSION**

TANEY COUNTY

**Oct 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2025
April 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2026**

STONE COUNTY

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

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Our Lady of the Lake
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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 a 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.



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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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.

<https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

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



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

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.

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.



Knights of Columbus®

Knights' Corner ~ Council 6470

Seminarian Support Fund

We have established a K of C Seminarian Support Fund to serve as a sort of endowment to support our diocesan seminarians. Our goal is to raise over \$30,000 to establish a fund that will allow us to use the interest earned to provide more than four times the support we typically have been able to give annually, and to grow the fund to continually expand our giving potential.



We'll track the progress toward reaching our goal here.

Want to help us reach our goal?

Make checks payable to:

K of C Council 6470

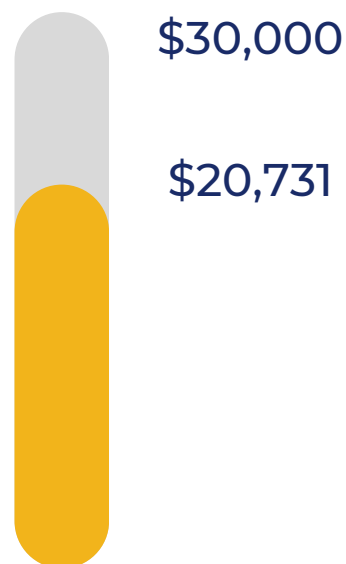
Memo: Seminarian Fund

Send checks to:

Our Lady of the Lake, Attn: Knights of Columbus
203 Vaughn Dr. Branson, MO. 65616

Want to contribute online?

See the QR code a few pages down.





OCTOBER TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

It's time for our Fall Tootsie Roll Drive to kick off for October. Please help support those with developmental disabilities.

Your Knights of Columbus will be under the bell tower every weekend in October, with their Tootsie Rolls to help raise money for developmentally disabled.

Food Drive Update



As of 8/31/25/25, Our Lady of the Lake has donated over 710 lbs of food and \$125 to the Salvation Army Food Pantry for the Fraternal year 7/1/24 - 6/30/25.

Did you know the Salvation Army can buy food at just \$0.18 per pound? Obviously this makes monetary contributions more effective.

Just a reminder that for every 1000 lbs of food **AND** for every \$500 donated, K of C donates \$100 to the pantry, up to \$500 each from the K of C annually.

Want to make a monetary contribution to the Salvation Army Food Panty through the Knights of Columbus to help reach the bonus gift from the K of C?

Make checks payable to:
K of C Council 6470
Memo: S. A. Food Pantry

Send checks to:
Our Lady of the Lake, Attn: Knights of Columbus
203 Vaughn Dr. Branson, MO. 65616

The next blood drive is scheduled
for November 21st
from 12 noon to 5:00pm at
Our Lady of the Lake Parish Center,
202 Vaughn Drive Branson MO. 65616.

Red Cross Blood Drive

37 - units collected at the July 21st, 2025 drive.
59 - drives successfully completed since Nov. 2015.
2936 - units of blood have been collected since Nov. 2015.

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



Need a Digital Way to Donate?

Here's a handy dandy little QR code for
our Council's Venmo.

Just be sure to mention what it's for.
It helps to keep our financial secretary sane.

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.

Don't forget! The Larry Konzen Social is on after the meetings too!
Stick around after the meeting for a bit and enjoy some
fellowship and snacks with your brother knights.

Interested in becoming a Knight?

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

Use promo code **SHINKEBEIN** for one year free membership!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel:

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses
and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from
the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

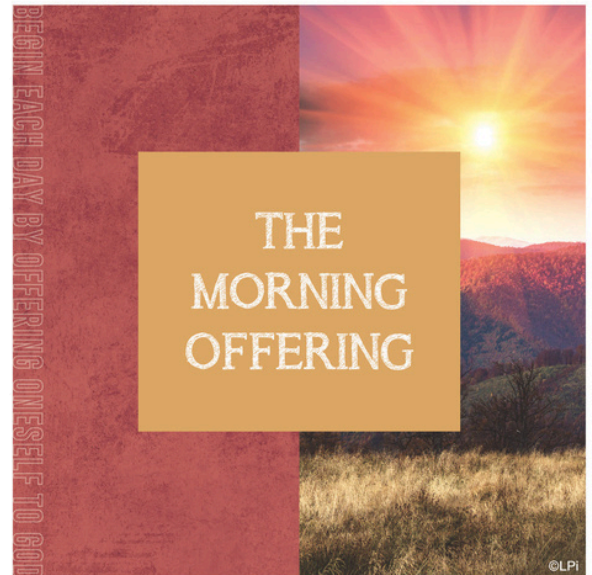
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day
of his life, to choose righteousness. But
righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He
discovered too late that the only time we
have to follow God is now. Here. This moment.
Will we take our chance?

Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Tuesday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday:	St. Francis of Assisi
Next Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

There are many variations of
the Morning Offering, but all
share the same purpose: to
begin each day by offering
oneself to God, along with
all the experiences, struggles
and blessings that the day will
bring.

Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow,
God be their comfort.
For caretakers and medical
staff, God give them grace.
Surround those afflicted with
Your love, care, and mercy, You
who are our healing and hope.
Amen.

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday:

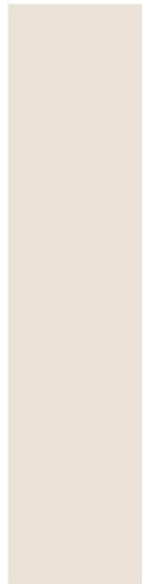
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: **“My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented” (Luke 16:25).** Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— Father John Muir

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Mini Reflection: The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us.

Snow Days and Second Chances

Yesterday morning, my kids were playing outside in the snow, and I decided to take advantage of the quiet house to make a few important phone calls.

Fool. I forgot Murphy's Law of Parenting, which dictates that as soon as you dial a phone number, a bomb of irritation and neediness explodes within the heart of your loudest child. Sure enough, as soon as the person on the other end of the line picked up, my son was at the back door, whimpering loudly. Horror of horrors, he had snow in his boot.

I gestured to the phone. He whimpered more loudly. I mouthed and mimed threats. He threw his boot at me. I gave him The Look. He started to scream.

Well, needless to say, the phone call didn't go well, and my son's snow day was cut short. He begged for a second chance, but I explained to him that life doesn't always give you second chances. The phone call was over. Ruined. I couldn't get it back.

But that's when I remembered that moms have a superpower: creating second chances where none had existed before. So I told him that if he could be quiet while I made the rest of my calls, he could go back outside.

My son is young right now. I give him lots of second chances because second chances help him learn. Second chances are the training wheels of life.

I dread the day when the training wheels come off, and I can't save him from his bad decisions. I think every parent does.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us. It's because a truly endless supply of chances would strip us of our free will. It would deny us the right of being taken at our word — and God respects us too much to do that.

My son saved his snow day. It's a good reminder: take the second (and third and fourth) chance. Don't wait for the next one.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have “endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life.” (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, “The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty.” (*AL*, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is “not a prize for the perfect,” but “a powerful medicine and nourishment” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

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