

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

June 17, 2018

Dear parishioners,

As temps increase outside, I hope that the fire in your souls is increasing as well! Even though we're in ordinary time, there is nothing ordinary about a relationship with Christ!

As we celebrate Father's Day, we call to mind not only our own fathers who have raised us, but also our heavenly father who has saved us by sending his only Son to die for us. When we reflect on fathers and their mission given to them to raise and nurture children, we also remember that God nurtures us by the sacraments and the outpouring of grace that we receive each time we participate in them. This is truly a reason to celebrate! Pope St. John Paul II, writing in *Familiaris Consortio*, had the following to say about fatherhood, *"In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family: he will perform this task by exercising generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother, by a more solicitous commitment to education, a task he shares with his wife, by work which is never a cause of division in the family but promotes its unity and stability, and by means of the witness he gives of an adult Christian life which effectively introduces the children into the living experience of Christ and the Church."* And there we see the true calling of a father; to give witness to a life lived in Christ and the Church. And hopefully it's a joyful witness! So fathers, thank you for the witness you give to your children on how to live a life in Christ, and know that you're in my prayers in a special way today. Happy Father's Day!

In Christ,

Fr. Carson

VBS Volunteers are Awesome!

We had a wonderful Adventure Through the Sacraments at VBS this year. We'd like to thank our adult volunteers: Chris Beck, Carol Stewart, Theresa Horinek, Anthony Horinek, Kelsey Vap, Mollien Koenig, and Elizabeth Contrerars.

And a thank you to our teenage volunteers: Kennedy Brown, Chandler Brown, Mary Anne Rathbun, Kiera Jones and Morgan Wathor as well as our teen participants who helped out with our Adventurers.

Many thanks also goes to our behind the scenes volunteer Mary Meyers who made this year AWESOME!

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018

12:10pm NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018

12:10pm †Leo Groden/Michel Gray

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018

12:10pm †Kenneth Jackson/Linda Bullard & Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

9:30am †Joe Schieber/Shirley Luis

(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm Spec. Int. Luke & Holly Barrón & Family/Auntie Pat
(Via Christi Chapel)

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018

7:00am †Oley Bullard/Tom & Rosanne Rhodes

12:10pm †Ron Cremers/Linda Cremers

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

9:00am †Anna Lynn Durr/Tim & Genny Coffman

5:00pm †Mark Vap/His Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018

8:00am †Martin Steichen/Don & Tudy Lockwood

9:30am †MASS (St. Francis Church, Newkirk)

11:00am †Marian Schieber/Mary Ramey

1:00pm †Clifford Lantz/Ramona Lantz

(Spanish Mass)

7:00pm †Genevieve Black/Sr. Choir

The Week Ahead June 18-24, 2018		
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm	SUMMER BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room
Wednesday	7:00am	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, The Perk
Thursday	6:30pm	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, Byrnes Rm
Friday	7:30am	ADORATION, Chapel
	10:30am	CONFESSION, Church
Saturday	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
Sunday	8:00am-1:30pm	BLOOD DRIVE, Parish Hall
	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church

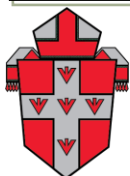


Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Income Report June 10, 2018

Weekly Collection \$15,612.65



Go Make Disciples

ONE CHURCH, MANY DISCIPLES
ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

St. Mary's School is accepting enrollment for Pre-K through 8th grades for the 2018-2019 school year. Please stop by the school office and speak with the school secretary, Leanna Rexford or call 765-4387 for more information. *Scholarships available*

St. Mary - Ponca City

As of Thursday, June 14, 2018

Raised:
\$1,580,300.20

135%

Goal:
\$1,170,000

Please Pray For those who need prayers:

Mary Brown, Jeanette Vassar, Charlotte Meyer, Charlene Vap, Dora Behar, Cindy Wardlow, Maggie Hahn, Dave & Fran Baur, Don Schiltz, Ester Scobee, Jeanne Glaser, John Coffman, Patsy Hastings, Brooks Ditmore, Mary McFarland, Vickie Johnston, Vince Mattione, Reed Alward, Bennie Westerman, Keith & Sue Behara, Shari Beck, Eileen Spellman, Candy Bowlin, Ginger Younger, Dawn Oscarson, Darrel Neely, Lisa Sloan, Mary Kassen, Keith Goss, Linda Courtney, Karla Rojas, Maribelle Rojas, Vincent Farruggia, Patricia Evans, Karen Larimer, George F. Brown, Eva Boberg, Chris Bulling, Sid Kothe, Martha Begwin, Lucille Fleming, Edmund Young, Carol Wilson, Travis Beekman, Holly Kerr, Rachel Stephenson-Spellman, Robert Brown, Genevia Kitchen, Andy Chaney, Palka Wladyslaw, Linda Gray, Connie Smith, Melissa Smith, Christy Vice, Melissa Swords, Pake Clinesmith, Teresa Epperson, Benita Vap, Tommy Gray, Sue Rozell, Ted Thomas, Elaine Gray Calahan, Todd Hatchett, Mike Majoros, Gae Meyers, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Mike Cofer, Dawsyn Kirkes, Ramona Coutre, Kathe Jo Johnson, Lois Frisch, Denver Gearhart, Terry Stewart, Judy Waters, Lynda Howard, Joel Rivera, Marian Jeter, Jaycee Colclasure, Shelly Behar, Gabriel Dietz, Jay Underwood, Jill Kestler, Carol Evans, Allen Arthurs, Mary Knori, Mary Austin, Hannah Boyer, Jesus Cvarrillo, Logan Blakey, Asher Dailey, Betty Dimond, Terri Bechtel, Ramona Lantz, Phil McCartney, Tyson Rutter, Martha Robinson, Diego Blanco, Mary Boor



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood
Services**

St. Mary's Catholic Church will be hosting a Blood Drive Sunday, **June 24th from 8:00am until 1:30pm in the Parish Hall.** Sometimes we don't realize how important certain letters are until they're gone. **A, B and O** are our main blood groups, and when not enough people donate blood, hospital shelves may be empty when a critical patient arrives. Please sign up today to donate soon. To schedule your appointment please call Tammy Hunnell with the American Red Cross at (316) 253-0553 or go online to redcrossblood.org/RapidPass.

SCAM ALERT

A scam is making the rounds at churches in several states, including Oklahoma where a parish in the archdiocese was targeted.

The criminal sends an e-mail to the staff of the church, parishioners or other leaders, pretending to be the pastor.

The e-mail asks recipients to "go to the store now and help me get 5 iTunes gift cards of \$100 each. After purchasing it you scratch them and take a picture of the 5 cards and email them to me on here. I will collect the cards from you when I get back and reimburse your money back to you. Please advise if you can handle this for me now."

This is a scam. Please do not respond. If you have questions about whether an e-mail from a pastor or parish staff member is legitimate, please contact the parish by phone.

Diane Clay



Join us in the school gym for games this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Chris Beck is leading a 10-week Bible Study for all parishioners from St. Mary's & St. Francis parishes on Tuesday evenings through August 15th. It will be titled: "The Mission of Jesus & You. *A walk through Salvation History and the Mission of Christ.*" Join us in the McGurk Room for these programs every Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the soul of Linda Smith, wife of Steve Smith. May God grant her eternal peace.