

# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

August 19, 2018

Dear parishioners,

There is a Spanish language hymn that opens with the line, "Adiós quiere decir vaya usted con Dios." "Goodbye means may you go with God." As I began my last week here, preparing for the sad reality that it is time for me to leave, I couldn't help but focus on that line. As I prepare to say goodbye, the truth is, I don't want this to be goodbye. Rather I am saying go with God. Go with God, let Him be with you in whatever you do and wherever you go. Let God be a focal point in your life. Let Him be at the forefront and the center of everything we do.

That is my biggest desire for all of you, that you come to know God more every day. That each and every one of you grow close to Him, are strengthened by Him, and find nourishment in the faith we share. We are blessed by this faith we share, by the Eucharist we share, and I have been blessed to be here with you. The love of God and the Catholic Church is truly alive in Kay County.

I want to say thank you. Thank you for your hospitality, your prayers, your support, and your friendship. Words cannot adequately express how grateful I am for having spent the summer here with this community of faith. I feel strengthened in my vocation, in my confidence in my skills, and have found a sense of peace and increase in my love for God and His Church. I owe that to all of you.

I am usually not one for a lack of words, but right now I am finding difficulty in putting to word how much this summer and this faith community has meant to me. I am blessed that the Archdiocese decided that I would spend my last summer as a seminarian at St. Mary's and St. Francis of Assisi. The truth is I am not ready to leave. Still, I have to leave, so I can go back to school, finish my last year of seminary, and get ordained a priest. Maybe even, God willing, be assigned here as a priest. I will return to the seminary at the end of this month, I will be ordained a transitional deacon on September 27<sup>th</sup> and God willing be ordained a priest on June 29<sup>th</sup> of next year. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. It has been an amazing journey of faith, and I am glad that all of you have been a part of it.

They say that all good things come to an end, and so does my team here with all of you. From the bottom of my heart thank you. Thank you for being the amazing community of faith that you are. Thank you for making my last summer assignment as a seminarian one of the best summers of my life. Thank you for taking a city boy from Dallas, Texas and making him feel like he is home. This isn't goodbye, this isn't farewell. This is, until the next time. "Adiós quiere decir vaya usted con Dios." This isn't goodbye, this is go

with God. You are in my prayers, today, tomorrow, always.

*Will Banowsky*

Seminarian

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City



## Mass Schedule

### MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018

12:10pm Spec. Int. Patsy Hastings

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018

12:10pm †Ruth Metzger/The Will

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018

8:20am Spec. Int. Grace Nalepa

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018

9:30am People of the Parish

(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm †Cookie Mangelinkx

(Via Christi Chapel)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018

7:00am People of the Parish

12:10pm Spec. Int. Fred & Eileen Spellman

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018

9:00am People of the Parish

5:00pm †Mona Leven/Don & Tudy Lockwood

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018

8:00am †Marlene Stara/Steichen Family

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

11:00am †Wendell Ogden/Dolores Schiltz

1:00pm MASS (Spanish Mass)

7:00pm People of the Parish

## Weekly Income Report August 12, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$13,867.76

We have open time slots for the Friday Adoration schedule from 8:00-8:30 AM and from 12:30-1:00 PM. Please consider signing up and spending time each week with the Lord in Adoration. If you are concerned that you won't be able to attend every week, don't let that keep you from signing up! A substitute call list is available. Please contact Genesta King at [580-718-0838](tel:580-718-0838).

**Please Pray For those who need prayers:** Mary Brown, Jeanette Vassar, Charlotte Meyer, Charlene Vap, Dora Behar, Cindy Wardlow, Dave & Fran Baur, Don Schiltz, Jeanne Glaser, Patsy Hastings, Mary McFarland, Bennie Westerman, Keith & Sue Behara, Eileen Spellman, Linda Courtney, Karla Rojas, Maribelle Rojas, Patricia Evans, George F. Brown, Martha Begwin, Teresa Epperson, Tommy Gray, Ted Thomas, Elaine Gray Calahan, Todd Hatchett, Mike Majoros, Gae Meyers, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Mike Cofer, Dawsyn Kirkes, Ramona Coutre, 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, Mark Ramsey, Nathan Bickle, Betty Pino, Kenneth Cookson, Kaye Cunningham, Fred Spellman, Marilyn Tharp, Mary Hyatt, Susan Letzig, Ketih Goss

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**CHURCH-WIDE BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC** will be Sunday evening, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm at the Lake Ponca Shelter House, Lake Ponca Park. Please bring a Lawn chair and a dish to share and come out and meet our Faculty and Staff from St. Mary's Catholic School!

### The Week Ahead August 20-26, 2018

Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	11:30am	FINANCE COUNCIL, Rectory
	6:30pm	K-12 FAITH FORMATION
Thursday	7:00pm	PARISH COUNCIL, Rectory
Friday	7:30am	ADORATION, Chapel
	10:30am	CONFESSION, Chapel
Saturday	2:30pm	PHILLIPS BAPTISM, Church
	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
Sunday	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church



### First Elementary Faith Formation

Wednesday, August 22

6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Meet us in the church

FAITH FORMATION

We hope to see lots of new faces and can't wait to see our students back this year!

Contact Bridgit with any questions: 382-6010 or [drestmarys@gmail.com](mailto:drestmarys@gmail.com)

### Sacrament Preparation- First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

If you have a child who needs to receive their First Reconciliation and First Communion, please contact Bridgit with any questions: 382-6010 or [drestmarys@gmail.com](mailto:drestmarys@gmail.com)



Our first JH/SH Faith Formation class is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. All 7-

12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are encouraged to attend this super fun social night! Please bring a snack to share.

### RCIA-Journey to Faith

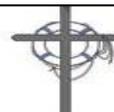
- Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith?
- Are you thinking of joining the Church?
- Do you know someone who is questioning?

Join us for a new and improved Journey to Faith

We will meet on September 2nd at 7:00 pm in the McGurk Room.

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The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City through its programs, organizations and events, has numerous daily contacts with many children and young people. It is, therefore, important that all Archdiocesan Personnel, clergy, seminarians, religious, employees and volunteers, protect the rights of children and be alert to the possibility for child abuse. Under Oklahoma State law, all individuals MUST report an incident or suspicion of sexual abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age) to the civil authorities. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services has established a state-wide abuse reporting hotline for reporting: 1-800-522-3511. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you feel a child is in immediate danger of harm call 911. For the safety of children and the healing of victims, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of a minor (in the past or presently) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel: 1-405-720-9878. The Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, a licensed professional counsellor, will respond to calls to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Response Hotline. A report to the Archdiocese does not relieve the individual of the duty to report child abuse to civil authorities as required by Oklahoma State Law. In Oklahoma, failure to report child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable in law.



**Retrouvaille**  
... a lifeline for Marriages

Retrouvaille is announcing an upcoming Retrouvaille program for couples – September 7-9, 2018 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City.

**Matrimony: A calling to forgive! “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.”**

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information contact Jack & Marycarol Page at (405) 443-3541 or visit their website:

[HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)