

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

September 16, 2018

Dear parishioners,

With another anniversary of 9/11, we pause as a nation and give thanks for the freedom that we enjoy as Americans and the sacrifices by so many to keep us free. We remember the victims of the awful terrorist attack, we pray for the survivors, and we ask God to send his comfort among all those who mourn. During this time we can also call to mind the great freedom that Christ gives us on the Cross, when He died for our sins so that we can be set free from the tyranny of slavery to sin. We give thanks for the sacraments which give us grace to be kept free from sin, and we give thanks for our Holy Mother Church who dispenses these sacraments for our salvation. So often we can be scared of receiving this true freedom that the Church gives because we fear the unknown. Maybe we've never really been free. But we all want to be happy. Let me quote St. John Paul II real quick, "It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle." So let's embrace freedom and happiness together. Let's allow the sacraments, especially confession and the Eucharist, to set us free from the tyranny of sin in our own lives and embrace the freedom of adopted sons and daughters of God. I'll end with another quote from St. John Paul, "Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Know that you're in my prayers, and please pray for me.

In Christ,

Fr. Carson Krittenbrink
Pastor



St. Mary's **Knights of Columbus Council 949** will be participating in the Chili Cook-off this coming weekend at Lake Ponca.

Take a minute and stop by their booth and show them our support. Men, if you would like to help contact Bill Bridges at 716-4122.



Mass Schedule

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

12:10pm †Helen Rice/Sue Rice

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

12:10pm †Bob Hughes/Greg & Cynara Pellegrino

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

8:20am †Georgiana Tucker/George & Sheila Rahme

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

9:30am †Ernest & Pauline Vap/Their Children
(*St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK*)

4:00pm In Thanksgiving: Fred Spellman
(*Via Christi Chapel*)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

7:00am People of the Parish

12:10pm †Anita Esquivel/Patsy Hastings

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

9:00am People of the Parish

5:00pm Spec. Int. Joyce Koehler/Tim & Genny Coffman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

8:00am †Martin & Mildred Steichen/Their children

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

11:00am †Ligaya Ampuan/Larry & Loretta Brophy

1:00pm MASS (*Spanish Mass*)

7:00pm People of the Parish

Weekly Income Report

September 9, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$14,539.78

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the souls of Rebecca Brooner, daughter of Cindy Shewmake and for Donald Flick, brother of Tudy Lockwood. May God grant them eternal rest.

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, 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, Phil McCartney, Tyson Rutter, Martha Robinson, Diego Blanco, Mary Boor, Mark Ramsey, Nathan Bickle, Betty Pino, Kaye Cunningham, Fred Spellman, Marilyn Tharp, Mary Hyatt, Susan Letzig, Keith Goss, Carol Stewart, Raye Lynne Brown, Joyce Koehler, Jeanne Specht, Vivian Rose Graeff, Sue Odom, Barbara Spore, John Gardner, Jim Smith

Adoration Time Slots Available for Sign-Up

Adoration is a great way to spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord, and it is available from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM EVERY Friday! We are working to have 2 people signed up for each Adoration time, and there are several open slots. Please consider signing up! If you are concerned that you won't be able to attend every week, don't let that keep you from signing up! A contact list is available to assist you in finding a substitute. Please sign-up on the poster board at the Church entrance or contact Genesta King at [580-718-0838](tel:580-718-0838).

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Week Ahead

September 17-23, 2018

Monday		
Tuesday	7:00pm	RCIA, McGurk Room
Wednesday	7:00am	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, The Perk
	9:30am	ST. FRANCIS GUILD, McGurk Room
	11:30pm	FINANCE COUNCIL, Rectory
	6:30pm	K-12 FAITH FORMATION CIRCLE of GRACE CIRRCULUM
Thursday	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room
Friday		NO SCHOOL
	7:30am	ADORATION, Chapel
	10:30am	CONFESSION, Chapel
Saturday	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
Sunday	9:00am	FAMILY RECONCILIATION
		SEMINAR, Parish Hall
	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church



Men's Campout - Join us this October 19th-21st for a men's campout at Osage Hills State park. We will have Mass outdoors, axe throwing, hiking, and plenty of time for fellowship! Cost is \$20/person all meals included. To sign up or for more information please contact Chris Beck or John King.

St. Francis Guild The first Fall Meeting of 2018-2019 of the St. Francis Guild will be held on Wednesday, September 19th at 9:30am in the McGurk Room of the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served and the meeting called to order by President, Mary Andrews. Other officers for the year are: Vice President Joan Otto, Secretary Jan Emo, and Treasurer Kathy Carter. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

JH/SH Faith Formation is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. We will present the Circle of Grace material to all 7-12th grade youth. Parents can preview the material by contacting Lisa Deming to set up a time to view it.



Fall Fest is just around the corner and we still need a few youth volunteers. Please call Lisa for details and to sign up to help!

Catholic Charities 2018 annual appeal

Today's second reading we are called to demonstrate our faith through works. Help Catholic Charities continue the works through our faith tradition. Catholic Charities is present to those who are in need, through case management, homeless services, counseling, immigration and refugee services. Donate to Catholic Charities at givetocc.org to support the annual appeal as you are able. Please consider helping Catholic Charities continue its work of being open to serving all through the Catholic tradition of service. Give to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal at givetocc.org.



Come To The Fall Fest September 29th

Following the 5:00pm Mass!! There will be lots of games, music and delicious food! Don't forget the Silent Auction in the Parish Hall. We will also be holding a Live Auction in the parking lot. If you would like to donate goodies for the cakewalk, please deliver your items anytime on Saturday the 29th to the Fathers' garage. Please deliver your donations for the Silent Auction to the school or parish office by Tuesday, the 18th to appear in the booklet; otherwise, we gladly accept donations up to the 27th.



Raffle tickets are being sold by School children. Items being raffled are: Cart Full of Groceries, \$150 Visa Gift Card, Apple Watch, 75 lbs of Creekstone Farms Premium

Black Angus Beef whole ribeyes (5 pcs. approx. 15 pounds each). Buy your ticket now! For more information, or to volunteer your time and/or talent, please contact The PTC Volunteer Coordinator, Ashley Cielakie (702) 738-3352.

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: OK801. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
God Bless You,
Fr. Carson Krittenbrink, Pastor



FAITH FORMATION

Sacrament Preparation

Our first family seminar is Sunday, September 23rd from 9 am to noon. Please be sure to register for one of the seminars.

Elementary Faith Formation meets Wednesdays at 6:30 in the church. New students are always welcome!

September 19th we will be teaching our Safe Environment Circle of Grace lessons. Copies of all the lessons are available in the Religious Education office.

Happy Catechetical Sunday! Today we celebrate our catechists, so happy Catechetical Sunday to you all. We are all responsible to teach our children and others about our Catholic Faith.

We'd like to also recognize those catechists who put forth their time, talent, and treasure to teach and form our youngest disciples.

Please join us in praying for the work that the Holy Spirit does through these parishioners: Karen Hull, Carol Stewart, Loretta Leavitt, Gary Leavitt, John Hercyk, Elaine Thomas, Ladd Oldfield, Reba Bush, Desiree Wathor, Katherine Wallen and all our Youth Core Team members.