

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

April 22, 2018

Dear parishioners,

Hopefully, by the time you're reading this, it's raining across Oklahoma and putting out the wildfires. If it's not, however, keep on praying! The Gospel today has Jesus identifying himself as the Good Shepherd, and what a Good Shepherd he proves himself to be time and again. He gathers His flock, leads them to restful waters, and nourishes us with His very own Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The Good Shepherd does not run, and He is always attentive to His flock. So, in our need, let's cry out to Our Lord and ask Him to bless our fields and pastures with rain. We especially ask Him to be close to those who have lost their homes and their livelihood. I've attached a little prayer here that I think would be good to pray every day, especially when you hear about the wildfires. "O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. It is through your divine providence and infinite power, that the wonder and splendor of all creation surround us. 'How majestic is your name in all the earth.' We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to meet our needs. During this time of drought, we are mindful of our dependence on you for all that sustains our body and soul. We pray for the cooling, gentle rain that will once again bring life to the fields and crops that feed us, restore the colorful rainbow of flowers and the cooling shade of the trees. We also pray for all those who are suffering from natural disasters. May they look to you for the strength to restore their lives and heal their wounded land. Help us to always be good stewards of your creation and care for the many resources of this earth. May your grace refresh our souls. We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

I hope you all have a good week, and please be assured of my prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Carson

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, Anna Lynn Durr, John Coffman, Patsy Hastings, Marie Bayha, Brooks Ditmore Mary McFarland, Vickie Johnston, Vince Mattione, Reed Alward, Bennie Westerman, Keith Behara, Cathy McMillan, Shari Beck, Sr. Vickie Dianne Bass, 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, Jeanne Specht, Chris Bulling, Sid Kothe, Joe Lechtenberg, Martha Begwin, Genevieve Black, Lucille Fleming, Edmund Young, Carol Wilson, Travis Beekman, Holly Kerr, Rachel Stephenson-Spellman, Robert Brown, Wanda Tagliatella, Genevia Kitchen, Andy Chaney, Larry & Brenda Hudson, Carl Pouland, 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, Carol Johnson, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Mike Cofer, Dawsyn Kirkes, Ramona Coutre, Kathe Jo Johnson, Lois Frisch, Denver Gearhart, Joe Schieber, Terry Stewart, Judy Waters, Anthony Hull, Dan Marino, Lynda Howard, Joel Rivera, Marian Jeter, Jaycee Colclasure, Shelly Behar, Keaton Barroñ, Gabriel Dietz, Jay Underwood, Jill Kestler, Carol Evans, Dan Hermes, Allen Arthurs, Mary Knori, Mary Austin



Mass Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

8:00am †Martin Steichen/Don & Colleen Schiltz

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

12:10pm In Thanksgiving for Fr. Deva/21st Anniversary of Ordination

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

8:20am †Oley Bullard/Jimmy & Suzy Paschal

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

9:30am †People of the Parish

(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm Spec. Int. Barry Frick & Siblings/Mary Plank

(Via Christi Chapel)

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

7:00am †Steve Gray/His Children

12:10pm †Rev. Eugene Ysermans/Knights of Columbus

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

9:00am †Sofia Lopez/Mike & Theresa Butt

5:00pm In Thanksgiving Bill & Joan Valenta, 60th Anniversary/Their Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

8:00am †Mildred Steichen/Her Children

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

11:00am †Rosemary Ramsey/Linda Cremers

1:00pm People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)

7:00pm †Loretta Willoughby/Kathleen Billington



Vacation Bible School 2018:

A Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments: Jesus in My Heart! June 11-15, 2018 8:30am - 12 noon. Call Bridgit with

any questions or to volunteer 382-6010. **Registration forms** are available in the office and online. Register early to reserve your spot for fun and faith!

The Week Ahead April 23-29, 2018

Monday	7:30pm	4 TH DEGREE KINIGHTS, KofC Room
Tuesday	6:30pm	CATHOLICISM 101, St. Francis
Wednesday	7:00am	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, The Perk
	7:00pm	PUBLIC THEOLOGY, The Vortex
Thursday	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room
	2:00pm	ADULT BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room
	6:30pm	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MTG., McGurk
Friday	7:30am	ADORATION, Chapel
	10:30am	CONFESSION
Saturday	11:00am	FROST CONVALIDATION, Church
	2:00pm	AMAYA BAPTISM, Church
	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
Sunday		

Weekly Income Report April 15, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$ 16,792.07



Catholic Foundation Golf Classic The 17th annual golf classic is May 21st at Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. Morning and afternoon sessions; shotgun start; wine and cheese reception; awards dinner and silent auction. For sponsorships and to register, visit www.cfook.org.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FAITH FORMATION

We'd like to thank our amazing and generous catechists for their time and talent in serving our young parishioners and their families this year.

Kindergarten: Candace Green & Carol Stewart

1st Grade: Sue Oldfield & Katherine Wallen

2nd Grade: Loretta & Gary Leavitt

3rd Grade: Tara Perez & Karen Hull

4th Grade: John Hercyk & Ladd Oldfield

5th/6th Grade: Andy Longoria, Kathleen Billington & Roberto Aguilar

Cornerstone: Elaine Thomas

Our end of the year potluck is cancelled. We'll see you back in August.

Please turn in your Elementary Faith Formation and VBS registration forms as soon as possible!

Sacrament Preparation

Remember to take your children to Confession prior to receiving the Blessed Sacrament on May 6th. Check this bulletin for Confession times or schedule one with a priest.

The Center of Family Love in Okarche serves intellectually and physically disabled adults through Christ. They are selling raffle tickets in support of the 2018 Gift of Love Gala that will be held on Saturday, June 16th. Raffle tickets are \$100 each, with \$20,000 In prizes:

Grand Prize	\$10,000
Second Prize	\$2000
Three Prizes of	\$1000
Six Prizes of	\$500
Ten Prizes of	\$200

If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, please contact John Hercyk at 716-3134.

Next week, we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Summer Camp 2018

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Summer Camp has begun registration for the summer of 2018. You may download the registration from their website at www.archokc.org/camp or you can register ON-LINE to pay in full at this site: (<https://archokc.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities>).

New and returning campers are encouraged to register as early as possible as we expect many sessions to fill up quickly.

Camp 1: June 10-15 Grades 6 & 7

Camp 2: June 17-22 Grades 4 & 5

Camp 3: June 24-29 Grades 5 & 6

Camp 4: July 1-6 Grades 7, 8, 9

Camp 5: July 8-13 Grades 4 & 5

Camp 6: July 15-20 Grades 6, 7, 8

Camp 7: July 22-27 Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

St. Mary's Night at Brace Books: Come shop at **Brace Books & More** on **Thursday, April 26, 2018** from 4pm to 8pm. A percentage of every purchase will go to the St. Mary's Library Fund. A special "Teachers' Table" of selected books will be available for purchase for donation. Bring your family and friends, and while shopping for Spring and May events, you can help raise funds for St. Mary's Library! Thank you, Rosemary Glaser, Librarian

St. Mary's Catholic School - Benefit Golf Tournament is coming up on **Saturday, May 5th, 2018**

If you would like to sponsor a hole or play in the tournament, we encourage you to get signed up! Contact **Bill Schutte** or pick up a form from the **Church Office**



YOUTH NEWS There are no youth activities this Wednesday, but we will meet next Wednesday for Block Tag from 6:30-8PM.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The 2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed Sunday, April 22, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Find many resources to promote a culture of vocations at www.usccb.org/vocations.