

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

May 20, 2018

Dear parishioners,

Pentecost is among one of the bigger days in the church's calendar because it marks the birthday of the Church. When Pentecost is celebrated, it also reminds us of our call as disciples to go out and preach the Good News to all people. We might be afraid, like the apostles were, but the Holy Spirit comes to drive that fear away so we can be messengers of the truth. Our Lord had compared the action of the Holy Spirit to a wind (John 3:8), and in the Old Testament wind often symbolized the presence of God (2 Sam 5:24; 1 Kings 19:11). At our Lord's baptism the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove; at the Transfiguration, in the form of a bright cloud; and on Pentecost, as a fire, to purify, warm and enlighten the Apostles. The Apostles were moved, therefore, not only by the sound, but also by the appearance, under the form of fire, of God's Holy Spirit; and this fire had the semblance of tongues, like a candle flame, which settled down on each one of them. The tongues appeared parted, perhaps because each tongue had the appearance of being split as it rested on the head of the Apostles; or because, while the fire was whole in itself, it separated into different shafts or rays of light, as it rested on each of the Apostles. We ourselves received an outpouring of the Holy Spirit when we were baptized, and again when we were confirmed. My brother priests and I received another outpouring at our ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. These outpourings are meant to strengthen us in our vocation, and also to assist us in times of need. Never be afraid to call on the Holy Spirit in times of great turmoil or distress. Simply saying, "Veni, Sancte Spiritus; Come, Holy Spirit" is a powerful prayer that should be repeated often by Christians. It's when we call on the Holy Spirit to strengthen and purify that we fully take advantage of what the Lord came to bring us. Remember, when His apostles were asking Him not to leave, he said it's better for Him to leave so that the Paraclete will come. Jesus wants us to receive the Holy Spirit, so that our joy may be complete. Easter season ends after this Sunday and Ordinary Time begins, but don't let your prayer life be ordinary! Let it be extraordinary, fueled by the wind and flame of the Holy Spirit! Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Come, Holy Spirit!

In Christ,

Fr. Carson

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the souls of Anna Lynn Durr, for Marcelee Welch, sister of Jo Wolf and aunt of Marcia Engle and for Marlene Stara, mother of Tim Stara. May God grant them eternal peace.



Mass Schedule

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

8:00am NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018

12:10pm †Kenneth Jackson/Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

8:20am For Ireland To Maintain Her Legal Protection of All Life

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

9:30am †Joe Schieber/Shirley Luis

(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm NO MASS

(Via Christi Chapel)

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

7:00am NO MASS

12:10pm COMMUNION SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

9:00am NO MASS

5:00pm †Mike Pankratz/His Family

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

8:00am †Rob Villines/Grace Nalepa

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

11:00am In Thanksgiving for our Faith Formation Catechists

1:00pm People of the Parish

(Spanish Mass)

7:00pm †Bill Hastings/Fred & Eileen Spellman

The Week Ahead May 21-27, 2018

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:30am

ST. FRANCIS GUILD, McGurk Room

6:30pm

NO YOUTH GROUP

Thursday

6:00pm

SCHOOL FIELD DAY

6:30pm

8th GRADE GRADUATION MASS

7:00pm

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, Byrnes Rm

GRADUATION DINNER, Parish Hall

Friday

7:30am

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL

10:30am

ADORATION, Chapel

12:00pm

NO CONFESSION

TEACHER'S LUNCH, McGurk Room

Saturday

3:30pm

CONFESSION, Church

Sunday

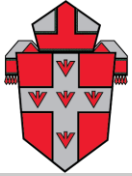
Please Pray For those who need prayers:

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, Lucille Fleming, Edmund Young, Carol Wilson, Travis Beekman, Holly Kerr, Rachel Stephenson-Spellman, Robert Brown, Wanda Tagliatalata, Geneva Kitchen, Andy Chaney, Larry & Brenda Hudson, Carl Poulard, 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, Terry Stewart, Judy Waters, Anthony Hull, Dan Marino, 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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Weekly Income Report May 13, 2018

Weekly Collection \$13,920.61



Go Make Disciples

ONE CHURCH, MANY DISCIPLES
ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Spring Fling Catholic women are invited to Spring Fling on June 2 at St. Eugene, 2400 Hefner Rd. Mary Diane Steltenkamp, archdiocesan priest nurse, will speak at 9:30 a.m. about "Becoming Saints" where she will weave spirituality with Blessed Stanley Rother. "The Blue Boat" book, authored by Steltenkamp, also will be available for purchase. Sponsored by the Central Region Council of Catholic Women. Contact Becky VanPool at (405) 834-4782 or beckyvanpool@cox.net.

St. Mary - Ponca City

Raised:
\$1,301,425

111% Goal:
\$1,170,000



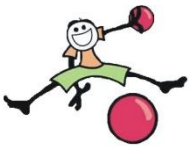
VBS! Just one more week to order your VBS t-shirt. Sign up and join us for a Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments! June 11-15, 2018 8:30 am - 12 noon - Ages 3-6th grade
Scholarships are available.

Call Bridgit if you'd like to defray the cost of VBS.

Calling all teens and adults we still need volunteers for VBS. We need any talent and time you are willing to give. There is no talent or time too small to gift our children! Call Bridgit for more information. 382-6010.

Youth

There will be no Youth Group this Wednesday. Plan to join us in the school gym for dodge ball next week!



SENIOR MASS Today, at the 11:00am Mass, St. Mary's High School graduates will be honored. They all will be lectors or participate in various ways. We pray that the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, and be the source of your inner peace. Be open to the power of God and REMEMBER –



WE LOVE YOU! Continue to participate in the Sacraments and the Eucharist each Sunday as the Church teaches. Seek out the Catholic Campus ministry at whatever college or university you attend. **2018 GRADUATES** are: *Hannah Balzer, Alike Monger, Alexis Eckholt, Austin Riggs, Daniel Goodwin, Johnathon Schiltz, Noel Lawver, Cody Seals, and Abigail Spiers.*

Midwest Catholic Family Conference



The 19th annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference is Aug. 3-5 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita, KS. Programs are available to all ages. Visit catholicfamilyconference.org.

There will be a Safe Environment seminar Thursday, May 31st at 9:00am in the McGurk Room. IF you are helping with VBS or any Youth activities and have not attended a Safe Environment seminar you need to come to this meeting. This is required by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City:

Reporting abuse/pastoral response hotline

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City through its programs, organizations and events, has numerous daily contacts with many children and young people. It is important all archdiocesan personnel – clergy, seminarians, religious, employees and volunteers – protect the rights of children and be alert to the possibility of child abuse. Under Oklahoma law, all individuals MUST report an incident or suspicion of sexual abuse of a minor (person under age 18) to civil authorities. The state Department of Human Services has established a statewide abuse reporting hotline – (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 9-1-1. For the safety of children and the healing of victims, the archdiocese provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of a minor (in the past or present) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel – (405) 720-9878. The archdiocesan victims' assistance coordinator, a licensed professional counselor, 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 state law. In Oklahoma, failure to report child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable by law.