

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

October 7, 2018

Dear parishioners,

This last week on October 4th we celebrated the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, who is the patron of our mission church in Newkirk. St. Francis gets the reputation for being a hippy, but that was not the case at all. He bore the stigmata, and was so radically devoted to Our Lord that he was almost kicked out of his own order. Let's ask for his intercession in these turbulent times, that we will have the same fire he did and zeal in carrying out the commands of the Lord.

From a letter written to all the faithful by Saint Francis of Assisi:

We must be simple, humble and pure

"It was through his archangel, Saint Gabriel, that the Father above made known to the holy and glorious Virgin Mary that the worthy, holy and glorious Word of the Father would come from heaven and take from her womb the real flesh of our human frailty. Though he was wealthy beyond reckoning, he still willingly chose to be poor with his blessed mother. And shortly before his passion he celebrated the Passover with his disciples. Then he prayed to his Father saying: *Father, if it be possible, let this cup be taken from me.*

Nevertheless, he reposed his will in the will of his Father. The Father willed that his blessed and glorious Son, whom he gave to us and who was born for us, should through his own blood offer himself as a sacrificial victim on the altar of the cross. This was to be done not for himself through whom all things were made, but for our sins. It was intended to leave us an example of how to follow in his footsteps. And he desires all of us to be saved through him, and to receive him with pure heart and chaste body.

O how happy and blessed are those who love the Lord and do as the Lord himself said in the gospel: *You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul; and your neighbor as yourself.* Therefore, let us love God and adore him with pure heart and mind. This is his particular desire when he says: *True worshippers adore the Father in spirit and truth.* For all who adore him must do so in the spirit of truth. Let us also direct to him our praises and prayers saying: *Our Father, who art in heaven, since we must always pray and never grow slack.*

Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work.

They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ."

By the way, this Sunday is Fr. Deva's 50th Birthday. Please be sure to pray for him and his health.

I hope you all have a good week, and know that you're in my prayers!

In Christ,

Fr. Carson



Mass Schedule

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

12:10pm †Laverne Berendzen/Paul & Nancy Taylor

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

12:10pm †John Coffman/Fred & Eileen Spellman

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

8:20am †Therese Butt/Her Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

9:30am People of the Parish

(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm Spec. Int. of the Residents of Via Christi Village

(Via Christi Chapel)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

7:00am †Deceased Members of the Bellinghausen Family

12:10pm †Donald Flick/Larry & Linda Brandt

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

9:00am People of the Parish

5:00pm †Bob Hughes/Greg & Cynara Pellegrino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

8:00am †Marlene Stara/The Steichen Family

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

11:00am In Thanksgiving for a wonderful Fall Fest

1:00pm MASS (Spanish Mass)

7:00pm People of the Parish

Weekly Income Report

September 30, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$13,212.78

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the souls of David Geubelle, son of Bill & Marianne Geubelle and for Mary Schmitz, niece of Roberta Meyer. May God grant them eternal peace.

Please Pray For those who need prayers: Mary Brown, Jeanette Vassar, Charlotte Meyer, Charlene Vap, Dora Behar, Cindy Wardlow, 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, 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, Owen Greer, Scarlett Wimer, Alicia Aguilar

Minister Training NEXT Saturday!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Week Ahead		October 8-14, 2018	
Monday			
Tuesday	12:30pm	POTLUCK LUNCH, McGurk Room	
	3:30pm	JR. CANTOR, Parish Hall Music Room	
	7:00pm	RCIA, McGurk Room	
Wednesday	7:00am	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, The Perk	
	6:30pm	K-12 FAITH FORMATION	
	6:30pm	SR. CHOIR, Parish Hall Music Room	
Thursday	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room	
	3:30pm	JR. CHOIR, Parish Hall Music Room	
	6:00pm	BUILDING MAINTENANCE, Office	
Friday	7:30am	ADORATION, Chapel	
	10:30am	CONFESSION, Chapel	
Saturday	10:00am	EMHC TRAINING, Church	
	11:00am	LECTOR TRAINING, Church	
	12:00pm	ALTAR SERVER TRAINING, Church	
	1:00pm	ALTAR SERVER PIZZA LUNCH, Parish Hall	
	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church	
Sunday	9:30am	CONFIRMATION CLASS, Byrnes Room	
	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church	

Friendship Feast is this Tuesday from 4:30-6PM



at First Christian church. Please call/text Lisa if you are able to come and help.

JH/SH Faith Formation is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM in the Byrnes room. All 7-12th grade youth are invited!

Confirmation class is next Sunday, October 14th from 9:30-10:45AM in the Byrnes room.

Save the Date!! Our annual Trunk or Treat is on October 24th from 6-8PM, and all youth are encouraged to have a trunk and hand out candy.



Formation meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 pm.

Meet us in the church!

St. Mary's Catholic Church is pleased to announce the launching of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Advent 2018.

For more information on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please see the bulletin insert.

Any families with children ages 3-6 who are not attending St. Mary's Catholic School and who want to enroll their children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd please call Bridgit at 382-6010. The Atrium will offer daytime hours if there are families interested. Please act quickly as the Atrium has limited space.

THANK YOU St. Mary's Catholic School students, staff, and families along with St. Mary's parishioners for another successful Fall Fest! Fall Fest is THE most important annual fundraiser for the school and your response to our request for assistance was both impressive and humbling! You answered the call with donations, sponsorships, food, and help at the event itself. We could not do this without each and every one of you! Your dedication and support is vital to the success of our school and we appreciate all of you!

OCTOBER POTLUCK LUNCH is this Tuesday, October 9th at 12:30pm in the McGurk. Please invite a friend and bring a dish to share!



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.

The Journey of Your Grief - Support Group

Hospice of North Central Oklahoma will be hosting "The Journey of Your Grief" support group and educational session on Tuesdays Noon-1:00 October 9th through November 13th. The support group will provide a safe place for the participant to do the work of mourning in a way that allows them to reconcile their loss while continuing to find meaning in life and living. The group will meet at Hospice of North Central, 445 Fairview Ave, Ponca City, OK 74601. A light lunch will be provided and there is no cost. RSVP requested. For more information please contact Jessica at Hospice, 580-762-9102.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 14

2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

(Please arrive by 1:50pm for prayer and instruction)

This is a peaceful, prayerful support for life. Meet at Pioneer Shopping Center just north of Grand on 14th St. Questions? Contact Betty Tautfest 580-382-1171.

Choose Life!