

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

November 4, 2018

Dear parishioners,

On November 9th we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, which is the mother church of all Christianity. Why celebrate a church? Well, read below to find out!

From a sermon by Saint Caesarius of Arles, bishop

My fellow Christians, today is the birthday of this church, an occasion for celebration and rejoicing. We, however, ought to be the true and living temple of God. Nevertheless, Christians rightly commemorate this feast of the church, their mother, for they know that through her they were reborn in the spirit. At our first birth, we were vessels of God's wrath; reborn, we became vessels of his mercy. Our first birth brought death to us, but our second restored us to life.

Indeed, before our baptism we were sanctuaries of the devil; but after our baptism we merited the privilege of being temples of Christ. And if we think more carefully about the meaning of our salvation, we shall realize that we are indeed living and true temples of God. *God does not dwell only in structures fashioned by human hands*, in homes of wood and stone, but rather he dwells principally in the soul made according to his own image and fashioned by his own hand. Therefore, the apostle Paul says: *The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.*

When Christ came, he banished the devil from our hearts, in order to build in them a temple for himself. Let us therefore do what we can with his help, so that our evil deeds will not deface that temple. For whoever does evil, does injury to Christ. As I said earlier, before Christ redeemed us, we were the house of the devil, but afterward, we merited the privilege of being the house of God. God himself in his loving mercy saw fit to make of us his own home.

My fellow Christians, do we wish to celebrate joyfully the birth of this temple? Then let us not destroy the living temples of God in ourselves by works of evil. I shall speak clearly, so that all can understand. Whenever we come to church, we must prepare our hearts to be as beautiful as we expect this church to be. Do you wish to find this basilica immaculately clean? Then do not soil your soul with the filth of sins. Do you wish this basilica to be full of light? God too wishes that your soul be not in darkness, but that the light of good works shine in us, so that he who dwells in the heavens will be glorified. Just as you enter this church building, so God wishes to enter into your soul, for he promised: *I shall live in them, and I shall walk the corridors of their hearts.*

Fr. Carson here...Just a quick follow up to that...this does not mean unbaptized people have the devil in them. This means that, by our baptism, we have been especially consecrated to God and our soul claimed for God, so

Satan no longer has any ownership over it. We were literally "bought by God, for God" by our baptism.

Fr. Deva and I will be gone this week at our annual priest retreat. Please pray for us and all the priests who will be on this retreat, and know that I'll be praying for you all! Have a great week!

In Christ,

Fr. Carson



Mass Schedule

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018

12:10pm NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

12:10pm NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018

8:20am NO MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

9:30am NO MASS

(St. Francis, Newkirk)

4:00pm NO MASS

(Via Christi Village Chapel)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018

7:00am People of the Parish

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018

9:00am †Mike Pankratz/Diane Pankratz

5:00pm †Gary Gregg/Marilyn Gregg

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

8:00am In Thanksgiving Stan & Maria Villines/Their Children

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

11:00am †Paul & Helen Otto/The Will

1:00pm MASS (Spanish Mass)

7:00pm People of the Parish

Weekly Income Report

October 28, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$14,797.65

Stewardship Cards-Please return your cards if you haven't already done so! Thank you.

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, Bennie Westerman, Keith & Sue Behara, Eileen Spellman, Linda Courtney, Patricia Evans, George F. Brown, Martha Begwin, Teresa Epperson, Ted Thomas, Elaine Gray Calahan, Todd Hatchett, Gae Meyers, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Mike Cofer, Dawsyn Kirkes, Ramona Coutre, Lois Frisch, Denver Gearhart, Terry Stewart, 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, Tyson Rutter, Martha Robinson, Diego Blanco, Mary Boor, Mark Ramsey, Betty Pino, Kaye Cunningham, Fred Spellman, Mary Hyatt, Keith Goss, Carol Stewart, Raye Lynne Brown, Joyce Koehler, Vivian Rose Graeff, Sue Odom, Barbara Spore, John Gardner, Jim Smith, Owen Greer, Scarlett Wimer, Alicia Aguilar, Audrey Ginn, Bill Hyatt, Regina Cadeñanes, Judy Cocci, Mike Gray

PTC GENERAL MEETING is Thursday, November 8th at **6:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Childcare and pizza will be provided in the Science Room. Please make plans to attend.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



November 5-11, 2018

Monday	7:00pm	KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS, K6fC Room
Tuesday	7:00am	ELECTION DAY, McGurk Room
	3:30pm	JR. CANTOR, Parish Hall Music Room
	7:00pm	RCIA, Byrnes Room
Wednesday	7:00am	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, The Perk
	9:30am	BIRTHDAY BRUNCH, McGurk Room
	5:45pm	EFF POTLUCK DINNER, Parish Hall
	6:30pm	K-12 FAITH FORMATION
	6:30pm	SR. CHOIR, Parish Hall Music Room
Thursday	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, McGurk
	6:30pm	BUILDING MNTCE. MTG., Office
	6:00pm	GENERAL PTC MEETING, Parish Hall
Friday	7:30am	ADORATION, Chapel
	10:30am	CONFESSION, Chapel
	2:00pm	KofC APPLIE PIE MAKING, Parish Hall
Saturday	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
Sunday	9:30am	CONFIRMATION II CLASS, Byrnes
	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church



Beginning November 5th, we as a parish community will be beginning the **33 days to Morning Glory** in preparation to Marian Consecration. The 33 day DIY retreat ends on our Parish Feast Day, December 8th for the Immaculate Conception. If you wish to participate on your own we will be ordering books soon so please contact Chris Beck to sign-up for a book order at 580-382-6022.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS APPLE PIE SALES BEGIN!

Knights of Columbus
COUNCIL, #949
APPLE PIE SALE

Buy for the Holidays

Uncooked, Fresh Frozen Home Made Apple Pies
\$12.00 dollars each
All orders are to be **PREPAID**
Orders will be accepted through
Wednesday, November 7th and
available for p/u or delivery on **November 11th**
Order forms are in the Parish Office, or contact
John Hercyk at 580-716-3134

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the souls of Len Gawel, husband of Kay Gawel and for Patty Evans, mother of Bruce Evans. May God grant them eternal peace.

The Minister Schedule for the months of December, January and February is being compiled. Please call the office with dates you are unavailable to serve, 580-765-7794.



Thank you to everyone who made our Trunk or Treat another huge success! We had a great turnout and everyone had tons of fun!

JH/SH Faith Formation is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. All teens in 7-12th grade are encouraged to come and grow in their faith!

Confirmation class is next Sunday, November 11th from 9:30-10:45AM in the Byrnes room.

St. Gregory's Days of Reflection

The monks of St. Gregory's Abbey invite everyone to monthly "Days of Reflection" sessions. "The Spirituality of Knitting and Crocheting" by Br. Damian Whalen, O.S.B., on Nov. 17. Mass at 9 a.m., midday prayer 11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. lunch and 2 p.m. Holy Hour with confessions available. Closing session and departure at 3 p.m. Cost \$30, lunch included. Space limited to 40. Contact the retreat office at (405) 878-5656 or retreats@MonksOK.org.

Birthday Brunch: Please make plans to join us Wednesday, November 7th at 9:30am in the McGurk Room for a delicious brunch. St. Mary's 5th Grade Class will provide entertainment.

Names from the Book of the Dead

11-1-2017 to 11-1-2018

Roselynn Utech	Diane Simpkins
Lawrence Glaser	Loretta Willoughby
George Hanggi	Kenneth Jackson
Sharon Glowacki	Kalem Marchesoni
Gertrude Frick	Anna Lynn Durr
Ben Hein	Joseph Lechtenberg
Michael DeNoya	Irvin Sheik
Martin Steichen	David Baur
Oley Bullard	Mary McFarland

Len Gawel



Date change: First Reconciliation will be Saturday, December 1st at 10 am.

Elementary Faith Formation will resume on Nov. 7th. Join us for a family potluck at 5:45 in the Parish Hall. Family activities and class will begin at 6:30. Classes end at 8 pm in the school.