

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

Dear parishioners,

This weekend I am gone because I was asked to be the chaplain of the Archdiocese's young adult group as we make a pilgrimage to the **March for Life** in Washington DC. Here's a little bit of info about the march...

The vision of the march is to create a world where the beauty and dignity of every human life is valued and protected. The mission of the march is to end abortion by uniting, educating, and mobilizing pro-life people in the public square. The history of the march is: January 22, 1973 is ingrained in the minds of pro-lifers because on that infamous historic day the Supreme Court invalidated 50 state laws and made abortion legal and available on demand throughout the United States in the now-infamous decisions in *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton*. The **March for Life** in Washington, D.C., began as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on this somber anniversary every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand. At the 40th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, we mourned the death in 2012 of Nellie Gray, the founder of the **March for Life** and the "Joan of Arc" of the pro-life movement. In October 1973, months after the *Roe* and *Doe* decisions, a group of thirty pro-life leaders gathered in Nellie's home in Washington, D.C. to discuss how to commemorate the one-year anniversary of *Roe*. There was a fear that January 22nd would pass as any other day rather than allow for a moment to reflect upon how legalized abortion had hurt women and taken babies' lives over the course of the year. That was the day that plans for the first **March for Life** began.

The **March for Life** has been happening every year since 1973, and has grown larger every year, with over 100,000 people attending last year, and this year is expected to be even larger. On the somber occasion of January 22nd, let's remember to pray for an end to abortion and the culture of death, and to pray for a greater respect for all human life, from conception to a natural death. As Catholics, we are labeled as anti-abortion. But what we are is pro-life. We are pro-woman, pro-child, and pro-life. So be sure to pray today and every day for infants to quit being sacrificed on the altar of convenience, and for a greater respect for all life to be formed and nurtured

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in our nation's capital. And please pray for the ArchOKC group as we return home today. Have a great week, and God bless!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Carson

THE Week Ahead		January 21-27, 2019
Monday		NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday	7:00pm	RCIA, McGurk room
Wednesday	9:30am	ST. FRANCIS GUILD, McGurk Room
	11:30am	FINANCE COUNCIL, Rectory
	6:30pm	K-12 RE
Thursday	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room
	6:00pm	PTC GENERAL MEETING, Parish Hall
	7:00pm	HOLY LAND TOUR Meeting, McGurk Rm
Friday		
Saturday		LIVING HOPE NEEDS DRIVE
Sunday		LIVING HOPE NEEDS DRIVE

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the souls of Mary Tapp, and Mary Agnes Hyatt, wife of William Hyatt. May God grant them eternal peace.

Please Pray For those who need prayers: 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, George F. Brown, Martha Begwin, Teresa Epperson, Ted Thomas, Elaine Gray Calahan, Todd Hatchett, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Shelly Behar, Jay Underwood, Jill Kestler, Mary Knori, Hannah Boyer, Asher Dailey, Betty Dimond, Tyson Rutter, Diego Blanco, Mary Boor, Mark Ramsey, Betty Pino, Kaye Cunningham, Carol Stewart, Vivian Rose Graeff, Sue Odom, Barbara Spore, Jim Smith, Owen Greer, Scarlett Wimer, Alicia Aguilar, Audrey Ginn, Bill Hyatt, Regina Cadeñanes, Judy Cocci, Mike Gray, Lorraine McKain, Marcus Roggenbuck, Dakota Miller, Christopher Roggenbuck, Linda Cross, Mike & Jerry McGoldrich, Brian McCallen, Marianna Counter, Bryan Sears, Helen Voegele, Audrey Sears, Matthew Sears, Theresa Bohon

GUILD METING: The first meeting of the new year for the St. Francis Guild of St. Mary's Church will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the McGurk room of the Parish Center. There will be a general meeting and light refreshments will be served. All members are encouraged to attend.

Weekly Income Report		January 13, 2019
Weekly Collection		\$15,893.60



Saturday March 2nd. Mardi Gras Celebration Dinner & Dance
6:30pm - School Gym
21 & Older, \$15/person

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019
 12:10pm COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019
 12:10pm †Otis Daugherty/Michel Gray

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019
 8:20am Spec. Int. Cheryl Sitterly

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019
 9:30am People of the Parish
(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)
 4:00pm Spec. Int. Gordon & Dee Dee Brown/Barry Frick
(Via Christi Village Chapel)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019
 7:00am †Fr. George Pupius/Fr. Carson
 12:10pm †Clara Langley/Bert & Sandra Blanton

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019
 9:00am People of the Parish
 5:00pm †Mary Brown/Shirley Luis

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019
 8:00am †Patti Evans/Ladd & Sue Oldfield
 9:30am †MASS (St. Francis Church, Newkirk)
 11:00am †Gene & Dorothy Leavitt/The Leavitt Family
 1:00pm People of the Parish *(Spanish Mass)*
 7:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday January 27th there will be a Kick-Off Breakfast for Catholic School Week (January 27-February 1). Please join us in the Parish Hall for a delicious pancake breakfast, meet our teachers and our students as they prepare for Catholic Schools Week. Watch next week's bulletin for the week's schedule of events.

LIVING HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER COLLECTION
 The mission of Living Hope Pregnancy Center is to offer hope and give loving support and education to individuals and families before, during, and after pregnancy. St. Francis and St. Mary churches will be collecting needed items on January 20th & 27th. The items currently needed:

- Diapers - sizes 1, 2, 3, 4 (especially 4's)
- Baby Wipes - small packages or refillables
- Gerber Good Start Formula - gentle or smooth
- Bath Towels & Wash Cloths - sets are used for parenting class
- Baby Wash, Shampoo & Lotion - small set or individuals bottles
- Receiving Blankets - new or used
- Breast Pumps - new preferred
- Infant Car Seats - new or used

Donation sacks are available at all the church doors. Please return these sacks or your donations to the back pew on the weekends of **January 20th or January 27th.**

HOLY LAND TOUR: There will be an informational meeting for those going on the Holy Land Tour with Fr. Carson. It will be Thursday, January 24th at 7:00pm in the McGurk Room.



7-12th grade youth, make plans to join us for Faith Formation this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM in the Byrnes room. See you there!

OUTSIDE OUR PARISH:

Rose Day
 The 28th annual pro-life rally will be at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 6 at the Oklahoma State Capitol. Pro-life advocate Jen Bricker will be the speaker. Advocates will begin handing out roses at 9:30 a.m. Visit <https://www.roseday.life/>.

Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference
 The Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference will be February 23rd at the Embassy Suites in Norman. Visit www.ocwconference.com.

Together in Holiness Conference
 The Together in Holiness Marriage Conference will be held 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Church of St. Benedict in Broken Arrow. Childcare available for \$5 per child. Bishop Konderla will speak along with Roland Millare and Patty Schneier. You may register for this conference now by going to: <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th19-tok/>.

Days of Reflection: Come and get to know Jesus with your friends. Faith Formation meets at 6:30 in the church on Wednesday nights. Register Today! Call our retreat office at (405) 878-5656 or e-mail your name, phone number and session requested to retreats@monksok.org. Cost is \$30.00 (includes lunch); space is limited to 40 participants. St. Gregory's Abbey, 1900 W. MacArthur Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma, web site is: www.monksok.org



The St. Mary's Youth Group is having a Bingo night **this Friday** in the parish hall to help the seniors raise money for their ski trip. Please see the bulletin insert for details and make plans to join us for this super fun night!



Faith Formation

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