

# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

Dear parishioners,

By the time you're reading this, I and a number of your fellow parishioners have (hopefully) arrived at Will Rogers and are beginning our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Know that I'm bringing you and your petitions along with me, and I will be praying for you during our pilgrimage when we're at Christianity's holiest sites. Please also pray for our group, that we will experience these places with the utmost reverence and piety and allow this pilgrimage to transform our own souls. I am very much looking forward to walking where Our Lord has walked, and especially to be in the place where He died for our salvation. I have studied these places for years, so I am beyond excited to get to see these places with my own eyes. For years, I have been jealous of those who have gotten to visit these sites. I know that many of you desire to see these places as well. I would encourage you to pray for the opportunity to go, ask the Lord to make the occasion possible, and start a travel fund so that when the opportunity presents itself, you can go and experience the graces of a pilgrimage like this as well. I'm not trying to be the annoying priest that talks about his travels, but I have been praying for this opportunity for years, and it's finally happening, not on my time, but on God's time.

Lent also starts this Wednesday and this has taught me a lesson to really check my liturgical calendar before I agree to something! I'm sorry that I won't be with you as you begin your journey with Christ into the desert, but know I am with you in spirit, and that I will be rejoining you with Lent very much underway. Use this time as a time of repentance and contrition for your sins, but also as a time of renewal and rebirth. Lent comes to "wake" us up again, so allow this time to be a somber time of reflection, prayer and penance. Penance allows us to empty ourselves out so Christ can fill us up. So use this time wisely as a time of interior renewal and transformation. I'll leave you with the words of St. Clement, pope and martyr:

"Brothers and sisters, we should be humble in mind, putting aside all arrogance, pride and foolish anger. Rather, we should act in accordance with the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit says: *The wise man must not glory in his wisdom nor the strong man in his strength nor the rich man in his riches. Rather, let him who glories glory in the Lord by seeking him and doing what is right and just.* Recall especially what the Lord Jesus said when he taught gentleness and forbearance. *Be merciful, he said, so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you treat others, so you will be treated. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, so you will be treated kindly. The measure of your giving will be the measure of your receiving.*

Let these commandments and precepts strengthen us to live in humble obedience to his sacred words. As Scripture asks: *Whom shall I look upon with favor except the humble, peaceful man who trembles at my words?*

Sharing then in the heritage of so many vast and glorious achievements, let us hasten toward the goal of peace, set before us from the beginning. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Father and Creator of the whole universe, and hold fast

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to his splendid and transcendent gifts of peace and all his blessings."

Have a good week, and I'll see you later!

In Christ,

*Fr. Carson*



MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

12:10pm †Rosemary Glaser/Nancy Vap

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

12:10pm †Diane Hermes/The Will

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019-ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am People of the Parish

8:20am †Teresa Epperson/Floyd & Teresa Kemmerer

12:10pm People of the Parish

5:00pm St. Francis - Newkirk

7:00pm †Cecilia Auschwitz/Jarrett & Kathleen Auschwitz

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

9:30am People of the Parish

(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm Spec. Int. Norma H.

(Via Christi Chapel)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

7:00am †Rev. Irudaya Yeddanapalli/Fr. Deva

12:10pm †Deceased Members of the Paulo Family/Jess & Mel Soto

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

9:00am People of the Parish

5:00pm Spec. Int. Richard Detten/85<sup>th</sup> Birthday

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

8:00am †Rev. Pupius/Fr. Carson

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

11:00am Spec. Int. Deacon Dick & Family

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

7:00pm People of the Parish

THE Week Ahead		March 4-10, 2019	
Monday	7:00pm	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,	KofC Room
Tuesday	6:00pm	PANCAKE RACES,	Parish Hall
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY Mass Schedule		
	7am, 8:20am, 12:10pm, 7pm	- (5:00pm Newkirk)	
Thursday	6:30pm	NO FAITH FORMATION	
Friday	7:00pm	CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS,	Trivia
	10:30am	CONFESSION,	Waiting Room
	6:00pm	POVERTY MEAL,	Parish Hall
	7:00pm	STATIONS of the CROSS,	Church
Saturday	3:30pm	CONFESSION,	Church
Sunday	8:00am	RITE OF ELECTION,	Church
	6:00pm	CONFESSION,	Church

Weekly Income Report  
February 24, 2019

Weekly Collection \$13,474.94

**Our next Scrip order will be placed this Tuesday. Every little bit helps, so please pick up an order form from the school or parish office!**

# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Thank you to all those who responded generously last week by making a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, helping our parish work toward its goal and joining with all other parishes in our Archdiocese to provide resources for vital ministries. If you were not with us last week or did not participate, please take a moment to find a Pledge Envelope in your pew, complete it and place it in the collection basket or hand it to an usher after Mass. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others!

**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, Ted Thomas, Elaine Gray Calahan, Todd Hatchett, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Shelly Behar, 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 Cacci, Mike Gray, Lorraine McKain, Marcus Roggenbuck, Dakota Miller, Christopher Roggenbuck, Linda Cross, Mike & Jerry McGoldrich, Brian McCallen, Marianna Counter, Helen Voegele, Matthew Sears, Theresa Bohon, Janet Wilson, James Hess, Gabriel Dietz, Sue Duckett, Ed O'Neill

Please bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday so we can burn them for ashes this Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Mass times for Ash Wednesday are 7:00am, 8:20am, 12:10pm and 7:00pm. There is also an Ash Wednesday service at St. Francis in Newkirk at 5:00pm.

**Safe Haven Sunday: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children**  
The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is setting aside this weekend as Safe Haven Sunday in order to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture.

Today's awareness day is celebrated through prayer and a reflection within the context of the Mass. After Mass, each individual and family will be given Covenant Eyes' book, *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*. This book includes a unique seven-day text-to-opt-in program: *The Equipped 7-Day Challenge*. This Challenge provides practical tips any caring adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and our young people.

Thank you for celebrating with us! If you have any questions about this awareness weekend, please visit



Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. This is the date for the annual St. Mary's Catholic School Golf Tournament. More information will be posted soon!

## Black and Indian Mission collection

This year, the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection in the archdiocese is March 9-10. The Black and Indian Mission Office helps support the National Black Catholic Congress and the Tekakwitha Conference. <http://blackandindianmission.org>

The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc. is pleased to announce that online application is now available on the Foundation website ([www.cfook.org](http://www.cfook.org)) for the following funding opportunities: College Scholarship Application deadline: April 5<sup>th</sup> and Pastoral Music and Fine Arts Application deadline: March 31, 2019. All scholarship applications and all grant request applications must be completed online. Should you need assistance, do not hesitate to contact me or one of the Foundation staff. God Bless! Nancy J. Koons, Executive Director.

St. Mary's will be accepting food donations for the New Emergency Resource Agency at the weekend Masses on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> which is the first Sunday of Lent. NERA is Northern Oklahoma's largest food bank serving families in Kay County and beyond. Lists will be made available for the items they need the most, as well as envelopes in case you prefer to make a monetary donation. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.



There will be no **JH/SH Faith Formation** this Wednesday so that you may attend Ash Wednesday Mass with your family.

**CRS Rice Bowls:** ENCOUNTER LENT Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl near the doors of the church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

## Pancake Supper and Pancake Races!

Fat Tuesday - March 5<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm  
in the Parish Hall - Join us for pancakes, races, and merriment!



## Faith Formation

March 6<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday--No Faith Formation

**PRESENCE/PRESENCIA:** Parish Lenten Study Dive into the great mystery and gift of the Eucharist with Presence. Watch Presence on FORMED or join us for group studies of Presence during Lent. Group meetings begin the week of

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March 25th and go for 3 weeks. Call Bridgit for more information.

## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH