

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

Dear parishioners,

This Sunday, as you have no doubt heard, is 'Safe Haven Sunday' where the parishes across the archdiocese are making public announcements about the dangers of pornography and helping to equip families to deal with this problem, especially as children become exposed to adult content that we as children didn't even know existed. To that end, the archdiocese has provided books that I would highly encourage every family to pick up and read. The book will not only help you with dealing with your children, but will also give practical tips about how to safeguard them from the dangers of pornography. This is a scourge that we are seeing sweep the country and virtually no family, or individual, is untouched from either direct or indirect exposure to pornography. In paragraph 2354 of the Catechism, pornography "consists in removing real or simulated sexual acts from the intimacy of the partners, in order to display them deliberately to third parties. It offends against chastity because it perverts the conjugal act, the intimate giving of spouses to each other. It does grave injury to the dignity of its participants (actors, vendors, and the public), since each one becomes an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others. It immerses all who are involved in the illusion of a fantasy world. It is a grave offense. Civil authorities should prevent the production and distribution of pornographic materials." The Church has long called for the ending of pornography because of the real costs that it has on, not only the actors, but the general population. If you or someone you know struggles with this sin, there is salvation...there is hope! However, it will take you and Jesus fighting this war together! Don't give up! Go to confession, ask to receive the graces to say no to this sin, and then be smart.

Install Covenant Eyes (www.covenanteyes.com) on your devices and get an accountability buddy.

Also, go to the archdiocese's new website:

<https://cleanheart.online/archdiocese-oklahoma-city> to learn more about the helps and tips and tricks for conquering this stubborn sin. And last but not least, spend time in prayer asking the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for you and give you the graces from her Son. I hope that you all have a good week, and know of my prayers!

In Christ.

Fr. Carson

Weekly Income Report March 24, 2019

Weekly Collection

\$13,152.21

March 31, 2019

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the souls of Nida Austin, mother of Rich Cantillon and Kandy Karpe and for Ted Thomas, husband of Debbie Thomas. May God grant them eternal rest.

† † † Masses For The Week

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

12:10pm †Helen Blubaugh/Tim & Genny Coffman

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

12:10pm COMMUNION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

8:20am †Martha Robinson/Dean & Maria Tate

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

9:30am †Kay Horinek/St. Francis Altar Society
(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm In Thanksgiving for LeLah Tracy
(Via Christi Chapel)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

7:00am †Oley Bullard/Linda Bullard

12:10pm †Ric & Josie Agaran/Jess & Mel Soto

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

9:00am Spec. Int. Fr. Ratterman/Grace Nalepa

5:00pm †Teresa Epperson/Stan & Maria Villines

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

8:00am †Irene Clare Stegeman/Tim & Genny Coffman

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

11:00am †Bill Hastings/Patsy Hastings

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

7:00pm Deceased Members of the Bellinghausen Family

† † † The Week Ahead April 1-7, 2019

Monday	12:30pm	PRESENCE VIDEO, McGurk Room
	7:30pm	KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS, KofC Room
Tuesday	McGURK ROOM - VOTING ALL DAY	
	7:00pm	RCIA, McGurk Room
Wednesday	9:30am	BIRTHDAY BRUNCH, McGurk Room
	6:30pm	PRESENCE VIDEO, McGurk Room
	6:30pm	K-12 FAITH FORMATION
Thursday	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
	12:30pm	PRESENCE VIDEO, McGurk Room
Friday	NO SCHOOL	
	9:30am	PARISH STAFF MEETING, McGurk
	10:30am	CONFESSION, Waiting Room
	6:00pm	POVERTY MEAL, Parish Hall
	7:00pm	STATIONS of the CROSS, Church
Saturday	8:30am	1 st COMMUNION RETREAT, PH
	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
Sunday	11:00am	RCIA 3 RD SCRUTINY, Church
	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church



April Birthday Brunch will be Wednesday, April 3rd at 9:30am in the McGurk Room. Please come and celebrate with your fellow parishioners and enjoy a wonderful brunch.

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, Elaine Gray Calahan, Todd Hatchett, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schiltz, 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 Cocci, Mike Gray, Lorraine McKain, Marcus Roggenbuck, Dakota Miller, Christopher Roggenbuck, Linda Cross, Mike & Jerry McGoldrich, Brian McCallen, Marianna Counter, Helen Voegele, Matthew Sears, Janet Wilson, James Hess, Gabriel Dietz, Sue Duckett, Ed O'Neill, Theresa Lane, Don Raulston, Dan Marino, LeLah Tracy, Angi Jones, Marlene Taylor



Go Make Disciples

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Your pledge to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal provides you with the personal opportunity to help carry out critically important ministries throughout our Archdiocese – those that impact our own parish – and those that impact people we may never personally meet. When you make a pledge, you are ensuring that the Church is present throughout central and western Oklahoma to support, form and lead people of all ages, backgrounds and talents along the promised path to eternal life.

Encounter Christ in the video series PRESENCE.

Video showings and discussions every week in the McGurk Room:
Mondays at 12:30 PM
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Thursdays at noon

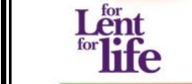


JH/SH Faith Formation is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. We will meet in the Byrnes room and then head to the church for Holy Hour and confessions.



St. Mary's Catholic School OPEN ENROLLMENT St. Mary's Catholic School is holding their open enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year for Pre-school I (3-year olds) through eighth grade. **Registration is online.** To enroll go to www.stmaryspsok.com, click on "Enroll Now!" which will take you to the "Admissions Online" page where you will "Create an Account" and proceed to fill out the online application. The Computer lab will be open for enrollment purposes. Please contact Elizabeth Patterson for computer access or Sarah Hunsaker, Principal at (580) 765-4387.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



CRS Rice Bowls Fourth Week of Lent

Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Faith Formation

Children grades K-6 meet in classrooms at 6:30 pm on Wednesday.

Please keep our RCIA Elect in your prayers as we near the great celebration of Easter.

Sacrament Preparation

First Communion Retreat (parents and children)

Saturday, April 6th

8:30 am -11 am

Parish Hall

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 www.covenanteyes.com.