

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

Dear parishioners,
Happy Pentecost! Today we mark the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples in the upper room! When the Spirit descends, He brings with Him gifts and encouragement. We also mark the official close of the Easter season with today's celebration. The Easter candle will be moved back to its normal place, and the church will move into Ordinary Time. So let's celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit and thank God for fulfilling His promises!

From the treatise *Against Heresies* by Saint Irenaeus, bishop

When the Lord told his disciples *to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ. Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now,

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through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

I hope you all have a good week, and God bless!

In Christ, *Fr. Carson*

Weekly Income Report	
June 2, 2019	
Weekly Collection	\$15,280.60

Masses for the week...

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019	12:10pm †Judy Cocci/Kathleen Billington
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019	12:10pm NO MASS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019	12:10pm †Jack Hudack/Randy & Melinda Glasgow
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019	9:30am People of the Parish (St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)
	4:00pm †Joe Neylon/Fred & Eileen Spellman (Via Christi Chap)
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019	7:00am †Theresa Bohon/John & Neta Hercyk
	12:10pm †Clifford Lantz/Ramona Lantz
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019	9:00am People of the Parish
	5:00pm †Elizabeth Pilot/Jarrett & Kathleen Auschwitz
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019	8:00am †Kateryna Hercyk/Jim & Mary Smith
	9:30am MASS (St. Francis Church, Newkirk)
	11:00am †Nida Austin/Kenton & Diane Ladenburger
	1:00pm People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)
	7:00pm †Tom Otto/Eva & Amy Otto

LOOKING AHEAD... June 10-16, 2019	
Monday	
Tuesday	ALL DAY - ELECTION DAY - McGurk Room
Wednesday	6:00pm 7-12 TH YOUTH GROUP, Byrnes Room
Thursday	ALL DAY - ALTAR SERVER TRIP TO FRONTIER CITY
	6:00pm BUILDING MAINTENANCE, Office
Friday	10:30am CONFESSION, Chapel Area
Saturday	8:00am GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY
	3:30pm CONFESSION, Church
Sunday	6:30pm CONFESSION, Church



NEW EMERGENCY RESOURCE is in need of plastic grocery bags. You can drop these bags off at 112 S. 1st Street, Ponca City, OK. They could also use volunteer shelf stockers and other work in their food warehouse.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

YOUTH NEWS!

All 7-12th grade teens are invited to join us this Wednesday for bible study and youth group. Bible study starts at 6PM and open youth room will be from 7-8PM. Come for one or both!

Friendship Feast is this Tuesday from 4:30-6PM at First Christian Church. Please contact Lisa if you are available to help.

Called to Serve

Attention ALL Altar Servers!

Please put this date on your calendars: **THURSDAY – JUNE 13TH**! Make plans to join Fr. Carson for a fun filled day at Frontier City! You will leave the parking lot at 8:30am. Fr. Carson will purchase your entry into the park and provide lunch in appreciation for our Altar Servers' dedication in assisting Fr. Carson and Fr. Deva during the School and Sunday Masses. We need you to go online to www.stmarypc.com and click on "Our Parish" Downloadable Forms" "offsite youth consent Form D" for youth and "Form E" for parent chaperones. Parents, we need drivers! Please call Bridgit Coleman at 580-382-6010 to volunteer and to sign up your Altar Server!



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, Eileen Spellman, Linda Courtney, George F. Brown, Martha Begwin, Elaine Gray Calahan, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Asher Dailey, Tyson Rutter, Mark Ramsey, Betty Pino, Kaye Cunningham, Vivian Rose Graeff, Sue Odom, Barbara Spore, Jim Smith, Alicia Aguilar, Marcus Roggenbuck, Dakota Miller, Brian McCallen, Marianna Counter, Janet Wilson, James Hess, Gabriel Dietz, Ed O'Neill, Don Raulston, Lelah Tracy, Angi Jones, Marlene Taylor, Fred Boettcher, Thomas Taylor, Brent Roberson, Jillian Beekman, Joe Badley, Sandy Hudack, Pamela Cline, Sherry Burgell, Ben Delapaz, Tom Courtney, Mary Knori, Nick Patterson, Jr., Helen Bloxson, Jill Kestler, Dean Tate, Bertha Smith, Joe Reinert, Jim Moreau, Bill Bridges, Beverly Phillips



If you have yet to pick up your t-shirt order please call **Chris Beck** at **580-382-6022** or come to the parish office during office hours (M-F 8am-2pm). Thank you!

Calling all teens and adult volunteers!



VBS 2019 needs people to help during the week of July 7-12 and the weeks before to prepare for VBS. Call Bridgit if you are available and interested!

VBS 2019!

Register soon to order a VBS t-shirt.

Join us for a **Marvelous Mystery:**

The Mass Comes Alive!

July 7-12, 2019 8:30am-12

Registrations available at SMCS or at the Church Office.

Did your family miss out on getting your photo taken for the new Church directory?

There are a few openings at Newkirk. **Lifetouch** will be there this Friday and Saturday, June 7th & 8th. You may schedule your appointment through Deb Hudnall, parishioner of St. Francis by call her at 405-620-4386

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Honor Dance



Archbishop Coakley invites everyone from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Diocese of Tulsa, dioceses from other states, families, native dancers and the public to join him for the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Honor Dance to be held July 6 at St. John Nepomuk in Yukon. The honor dance will begin with Mass followed by an afternoon/evening of powwow dancing contests, the presentation of the new American Indian Catholic Outreach princess and amazing food! Visit us at: www.archokc.org/honordance. Vendors contact Susan Callison at (918) 931-7514.