

Dear parishioners,

Happy July 4th! I hope that this article finds you doing well and that you're ready and excited to celebrate our nation's independence. Pope St. Pius X, in speaking to French pilgrims, reminds us of the Church's role in nationality and sovereignty: "Yes, your country is worthy not only of love but of predilection, whose sacred name awakens in your minds the dearest memories and thrills all the fibers of your soul, this common land which has been your cradle and to which the bonds of blood and that other more noble community of affections and traditions attach you. But this love of the native soil, these bonds of patriotic brotherhood, which are common to all countries, are stronger when the terrestrial country remains indissolubly united to that other country, the Catholic Church, which knows neither differences of language nor the barriers of mountains and seas, which embraces both the visible world and that beyond the grave." So while we celebrate our citizenship as Americans, let's also celebrate our citizenship in the Church, and the eternal citizenship that we are called to in heaven.

On another note, please make it a point to welcome our new associate, Fr. Zak Boazman to St. Mary's and St. Francis! We will be having a welcoming party for him on July 13th at 6:00pm in the parish hall at St. Mary's, so don't miss your chance to welcome the newest, and youngest, priest in the archdiocese.

Have a great week, and happy Independence Day!

Fr. Carson

Pictorial Directory Update: If, when you had your photo taken with Lifetouch, you asked to have your **free 8x10** be sent to the Parish Office it has arrived. Please stop by the office and pick up your photo. If you requested your photo be submitted you can now drop your \$10 off to Maria in the parish office.

| Weekly Income Report | |
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| June 23, 2019 | |
| Weekly Collection | \$10,437.02 |

Masses for the week...

- MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019**
12:10pm **NO MASS**
- TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019**
12:10pm †Frances Gohn/Jarrett & Kathleen Auschwitz
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2019**
12:10pm †Theresa Bohon/Jackie & Zofia Bohon
- THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019 – Independence Day**
9:00am †Steve Gray/His Children
(St. Mary's, Ponca City, OK)
9:00am People of the Parish
(St. Francis, Newkirk, OK)
- FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019**
7:00am Spec. Int. The Addicted
12:10pm †Don Lawson/Sue Lawson
- SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019**
9:00am People of the Parish
5:00pm †Helen Rice/Sue Rice
- SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019**
8:00am †Joe Neylon/Stan & Maria Villines
9:30am MASS (St. Francis Church, Newkirk)
11:00am †John Coffman/Tom & Rosanne Rhodes
1:00pm People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)
7:00pm †Theresa Sempter/Grace Nalepa

LOOKING ahead... July 1-7, 2019

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| Monday | 6:30pm | STEUBENVILLE PARENT MEETING |
| | 7:00pm | KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS, KofC Room |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | 9:00am | STAFF MEETING, McGurk Room |
| Thursday | | 4TH OF JULY - OFFICE CLOSED |
| Friday | | 4TH OF JULY - OFFICE CLOSED |
| | 10:30am | CONFESSION, Chapel Area |
| Saturday | 1:00pm | NAVARRO WEDDING, Church |
| | 3:30pm | CONFESSION, Church |
| Sunday | 6:30pm | CONFESSION, Church |



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, Dakota Miller, Brian McCallen, Marianna Counter, Janet Wilson, James Hess, Gabriel Dietz, Ed O'Neill, Don Raulston, Lelah Tracy, Angi Jones, Marlene Taylor, 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, Theresa Lane, Wendel Hacker, David Courtney, Joyce Johnson



Just one more week until VBS: **Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive!**
July 8-12 -- 8:30-noon
\$15 one child, \$ 30-2 children
\$40= 3 children Call Bridgit to register

SAFE ENVIRONMENT (Background Checks) UPDATE:
The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has asked that **ALL** volunteers and employees who have been through the Safe Environment program **BEFORE the year 2014** watch the latest video, read and sign the new Code of Conduct and read and sign the Social Media Guidelines document.
If you are unsure where you fall in this time frame, feel free to call Maria in the Parish Office.
We have selected **Wednesday, July 31st, 6PM** in the McGurk Room as our specified date to get everyone in compliance. If you can't make this date we ask that you call Maria in the parish office or Blair Blay in the school to set up a time for you to complete these requirements. Thank you in advance for taking the safety of our children seriously.

The Parish Offices will be closed Thursday & Friday, July 3rd & 4th. We wish you a safe and blessed 4th of July!

Pilgrimage to EWTN Studios
Join Dcn. Larry Sousa and Fr. Christopher Brashears on a pilgrimage to EWTN Studios September 23-28. Includes Subiaco, Little Rock, Memphis, Mississippi River Dinner Cruise, Ave Maria Grotto, Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, EWTN studios and a live taping of EWTN Live! Daily Mass, five breakfasts, four lunches and five dinners, lodging, luxury motorcoach and all admissions. \$200 deposit. Call (405) 293-2003 or visit www.travelovertures.com. There are only a very few seats left on this bus.

Today is the **Peter's Pence Collection**, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



There will be a Steubenville meeting this Monday, July 1st at 6:30PM in the Byrnes room. All youth joining us on the trip and their parents should make plans to attend!

There will be no bible study/youth group this Wednesday.

My dear Brothers and Sisters,
There is a saying, "Bloom where you are planted". At this time I can say that *You* have given me many opportunities to bloom with you these last three years.
It has been my pleasure to minister to you. I would like to thank Fr. Carson, the staff and all of the parishioners who accepted me and cooperated with me in many ways.
I will miss you all. You are more than welcome to visit me at St. Theresa of Avila.
Please keep me in your prayers as I do for you.
May God bless you,
Once again Thank you all.
Fr. Deva