

# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

July 21, 2019

## Dear Parishioners:

Happy Sunday Everyone! Fr. Zak here this weekend while Fr. Carson is out at the Steubenville Mid-America conference with our youth of the parish. I wish I could have gone myself with him, but we had new priest orientation Thursday and Friday of this week...plus we need a priest to stay back and celebrate Mass for everyone at home! So that's my job this weekend... all by myself... pray for me!

I thought I'd take the opportunity here to tell you a little more about myself and my background. Born in 1992, I'm 27 years old and I'm originally from Dallas, TX. (Texas... I know...) My parents, Michael and Janette, who were here a couple of weeks ago, still live in Dallas. Mom is a professor of education at the University of Dallas. Dad works auditing banks for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). I always kind of imagined that dad did secret government stuff with his job and I thought that was pretty awesome. Apparently, it's not quite as fun as I'm lead to imagine.

I went to Catholic school my whole life before college: St. Rita's parochial school in Dallas, then Cistercian Prep School for middle and high school. When I was in high school, I played football and worked as a manager for the basketball team. I would altar serve at our weekly school Masses. And I really liked science, specifically biology and chemistry, so I thought I might pursue medical school.

My last year in High School, I started going to Mass every morning at 6:30am at the Cistercian Monastery. It was there that my vocation began. By the end of my senior year before going off to college, I was convinced that, in time, I would become a monk myself.

But God had a different plan for me. Having received a full ride National Merit scholarship from OU, I headed north to Norman in 2010 to pursue a pre-med degree. The call to the priesthood was still there, and I was heavily involved in the Catholic Student Center at St. Thomas More University Parish. Fr. Jim Goins began as pastor there the same summer as I started my freshman year. It was his encouragement and example which led me to consider diocesan priesthood, and after one year at OU, I decided to apply to be a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

I graduated OU in 2012 with a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics and headed off to Seminary, the project of my 20s. For the last seven years I've been at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver as assigned by Archbishop Coakley. I've loved being in Denver, but at the same time, it certainly has never felt like home. So, this year, I was more than joyful to return to the Sooner State to be ordained a priest to serve here in Western Oklahoma.

What a blessing to be here in Ponca City to serve with you all! I can't wait to see what God has in store for us together over the next years as I grow into my new priestly role in this assignment. God Bless and have a great weekend!

In Christ,

*Fr. Zak*

## Masses for the week...

### MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019

12:10pm †Deceased Members of the Bellinghausen Family

### TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019

12:10pm Spec. Int. Tim Coffman/Trey & Deb Beard

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019

12:10pm †Marcus Roggenbuck/Kathleen Billington

### THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

9:30am People of the Parish

(St. Francis, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm Spec. Int. of the Residents of Via Christi

(Via Christi Chapel)

### FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019

7:00am †Steve Johnston/St. Elizabeth Guild

12:10pm †Theresa Bohon/Roberta Meyer

### SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019

9:00am Spec. Int. St. Mary's Catholic Church Benefactors

5:00pm †Norma Luis/Shirley Luis

### SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019

8:00am †Joe Neylon/Tom & Rosanne Rhodes

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

11:00am †Larry Gohn/Jarrett & Kathleen Auschwitz

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

7:00pm †Catherine Houser/Peggy O'Leary

## LOOKING AHEAD... July 22-28, 2019

<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00pm	<b>YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</b> , Byrnes Room
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	10:30am	<b>CONFESSION</b> , Chapel Area
<b>Saturday</b>	3:30pm	<b>CONFESSION</b> , Church
<b>Sunday</b>	6:30pm	<b>CONFESSION</b> , Church

### Best Shrines of France Pilgrimage



Join Fr. Carson Krittenbrink as he leads an All-Inclusive Pilgrimage with one of the nation's leading Pilgrimage companies, 206 Tours. Explore France's beautiful Catholic Shrines on this cross-country Pilgrimage. From small villages in the South of France to Paris, one of the greatest cities in the world. On this Pilgrimage, you will see magnificent Shrines and Churches and learn of the lives of; St. Bernadette, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Veronica and Zaccheus, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Catherine Labourne. This pilgrimage is scheduled to depart October 5 – 16, 2020, \$5,024 per person from Oklahoma City. For more information or to register, please visit [www.pilgrimages.com/frkrittenbrink/](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frkrittenbrink/). You may even call 206 Tours at 1-800-206-TOUR (8687).

Weekly Income Report	
July 14, 2019	
Weekly Collection	\$143,759.65

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**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, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Asher Dailey, Tyson Rutter, Betty Pino, Kaye Cunningham, Vivian Rose Graeff, Sue Odom, Barbara Spore, Jim Smith, Alicia Aguilar, Dakota Miller, Brian McCallen, 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, Bill Bridges, Beverly Phillips, Wendel Hacker, David Courtney, Joyce Johnson, Karla Carter



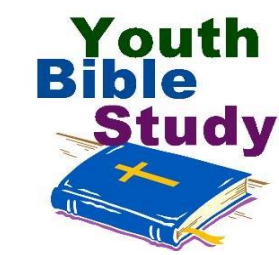
Join us for the **20th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference, August 2-4, 2019 in Wichita, Kansas.** This spirit-filled Catholic conference has reached thousands with its saving message of Christ's love through an enhanced understanding of the role of the Catholic Church and its teachings in spreading this message. **NEW this year,** Spanish Catholic Family Conference in Exhibition Hall featuring special talks and programs!

School & Church Contributions	
June 1, 2018-June 30, 2019	
<b>CHURCH</b>	
6 Memorials	300.00
<b>SCHOOL FOUNDATION MEMORIALS</b>	
36 Memorials	1,860.00
David Geubelle Memorials (14)	930.00
Len Gawel Memorials (17)	1,060.00
Estate Donation	50,000.00
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A Former Student	2,750.00
Anonymous	250.00
Anonymous	250.00
<b>DONATIONS to SCHOOL &amp; SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	
Rosemary Glaser Library Memorial	1,090.00
Ted Thomas Memorials	660.00
Anonymous	1,500.00
Bill & Marianne Geubelle	2,500.00
Alumni	2,000.00
Anonymous	3,000.00
Tim & Jeanne Stara	1,050.00
Anonymous	5,000.00
St. Mary's PTC	7,500.00
Rich & Mollien Koenig	1,000.00
A Former Student	4,750.00
Anonymous	1,500.00
Anonymous	400.00
Anonymous	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$92,850.00</b>
Some of the donations to the school will be or have been matched by Phillips 66 and ConocoPhillips	

## How the GOOD NEWS gets around TO YOU.



Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, in the United States and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



Join us for bible study this Wednesday from 6-7PM, followed by open youth room from 7-8PM.

**Attention Liturgical Ministers:** Work will begin soon on the ministry schedule for the months of September thru November. Please call the Parish Center Office with any times you are unavailable to serve.



The PTC will hold a meeting for Fall Fest planning in the McGurk Room of the Parish Center, on July 22nd at 6:00 P.M. All those interested and able to help with this event are asked to attend. **Fall Fest is September 21<sup>st</sup>!**

**"ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL"**  
St. Mary's Catholic School is accepting registrations for enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Please go online to [www.stmarypsok.com](http://www.stmarypsok.com) for enrollment information or call Sarah Hunsaker, Principal at 580-765-4387.

