

Dear Parishioners:

This last week, Fr. Zak and I went on our annual canonical retreat at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Joining us were most of the priests from the archdiocese, including the archbishop. This was a time where we shared fraternity, spent time in silence with Our Lord, and worked on our own spiritual lives. Believe it or not, like most of you, priests are too busy to spend lots of time in prayer, so retreats afford us the opportunity to "play catch up" with our spiritual lives. But retreats are not just for us priests...they are for everybody! I know with the demands of a family and a job, there are few moments of silence and even fewer moments to just get away. However, carving a day or two out of your schedule for some silent time with Jesus is what most of us desperately need. So while Fr. Zak and I were on retreat, we prayed for you all, not only that you experience the comfort and love of Our Lord every day, but also that you'll take some time to be with the One who loves you the most. If you're interested, the Spiritual Life Center is a close and peaceful destination to have your own retreats or even a guided retreat by a priest in residence. Their website is <https://slcwichita.org/> and they are very good at communicating online. So thank you for praying for Fr. Zak and myself while we were on retreat and renewing ourselves with a little bit of silence with Our Lord. St. Maximilian Kolbe declares that, "Silence is necessary, and even absolutely necessary. If silence is lacking, then grace is lacking." So please consider making your own retreat. I promise you won't regret it!

Also, this weekend we celebrated All Saints Day and All Souls Day. I hope that you took those days to pray for the grace to become a saint, and to pray for your loved ones who have passed on. If you missed praying for them on Saturday, that's ok! You can pray for the dead anytime! An especially worthwhile activity for the dead is to gain them a plenary indulgence. The steps to acquire a plenary indulgence is to 1) Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father 2) go to confession 3) receive the Eucharist and 4) do a meritorious act, like pray the Rosary, read Sacred Scripture for 30 mins, spend 30 mins in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament...something like that. You can gain a plenary indulgence for yourself or for someone who has died...think of it as a get out of jail free card! I hope you all have good week, and God bless!

In Christ,

Fr. Carson



Mass Schedule

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019**
12:10pm †Joe Neylon/Tom & Rosanne Rhodes
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019**
12:10pm †Pamela Stone/St. Elizabeth Guild
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019**
8:20am †Steve Duffle/Don & Tudy Lockwood
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019**
9:30am People of the Parish
(St. Francis, Newkirk, OK)
4:00pm †Gilbert & Betty Schwarz/Teresa Schachle Family
(Via Christi Chapel)
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019**
7:00am †Dan Marino/Joe & Emily Otto
12:10pm †Ernie & Pauline Vap/Paul & Janel Gray
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019**
9:00am Spec. Int. Norma H.
5:00pm †Basil Taylor/Bruce & Janet Evans
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019**
8:00am †Perry & Vera Carson/Charlene Stingley
9:30am People of the Parish (St. Francis Church, Newkirk)
11:00am Spec. Int. for our Veterans
1:00pm People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)
7:00pm People of the Parish

Weekly Income Report		
October 27, 2019		
Weekly Collection		\$17,111.58

LOOKING AHEAD... November 4-10, 2019

Monday	6:30pm	BOOK STUDY GROUP , McGurk Room
	7:00pm	KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS , KofC Room
Tuesday	4:30pm	CONFERENCES , School
	7:00pm	RCIA , McGurk Room
Wednesday	9:30am	BIRTHDAY BRUNCH , McGurk room
	5:30pm	HISPANIC DANCE REHEARSAL , Parish Hall
	6:30pm	K-12 FAITH FORMATION
Thursday	6:00pm	TAX CREDIT RECEPTION , PCCC
Friday	9:00am	STAFF MEETING , McGurk Room
	2:00pm	APPLE PIE ASSEMBLING , Parish Hall
Saturday	8:30am	ACTS , McGurk Room
	10:00am	1st RECONCILIATION , Church
	3:30pm	CONFESSION , Church
Sunday	10:15am	CHOIR PRACTICE , Choir Loft in Church
	6:30pm	CONFESSION , Church

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the soul of Shirley Geubelle, sister of Bill Geubelle. May God grant her eternal peace.

Please Pray For those who need prayers: Jeanette Vassar, Charlotte Meyer, Charlene Vap, Dora Behar, Cindy Wardlow, Don Schiltz, Jeanne Glaser, Patsy Hastings, Bennie Westerman, Eileen Spellman, Linda Courtney, George F. Brown, Martha Begwin, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Asher Dailey, Tyson Rutter, Betty Pino, Kaye Cunningham, Sue Odom, Barbara Spore, Alicia Aguilar, James Hess, Gabriel Dietz, Ed O'Neill, Don Raulston, 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, Wendel Hacker, David Courtney, Joyce Johnson, Joyce Reutter, Dennis Guinn, Genevia Kitchen, Dana Stahl, Bill Bridges, Lee Box, Barbara Carter, Mike Lessert, Teresa Lane, Marcia Hickman, Mollien Koenig, Keke Johnson, Chasity Turner



JH/SH Faith Formation is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM in the Byrnes room. All 7-12th grade youth are invited!

Another Trunk or Treat is in the books! Thank you to all the parishioners who donated candy and time.

Tax Credit Scholarship Reception
THIS Thursday, November 7th at 6:00PM, Ponca City Country Club.

CEMETERY NEWS: St. Mary's Cemetery has a beautiful columbarium (for cremations) in addition to cemetery lots available for parishioners. Let us help when planning burial arrangements. Contact a Cemetery Committee member for more information. **Bill Valenta** - 762-0245; **Alan Otto** - 716-0316; **Paul Whitney** - 352-4767 or **Frank Latz** - 763-7532 and **Randy Andrews** - 765-3422.

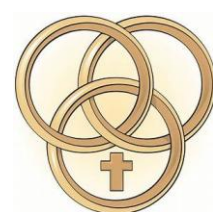
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BRUNCH: Please join us Wednesday, November 6th for a delicious, hot brunch as we celebrate birthdays in our parish. St. Mary's Catholic School's 2nd Grade class will be our entertainment for the morning. Hope to see you there!



The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling **Christmas cards** after the Masses. Come see us at the main church entrance to make your selections. Lots of new Christmas cards are available.

We continue to practice parish stewardship internally and beyond the parish boundaries as the gifts God gives us is recognized as a sacred trust. St. Mary's has developed the sense of stewardship for many years and because of it, so many of us have been blessed. The Stewardship cards have been sent out this week. Please bring them back in the next two weekends so we can bring them up at offertory time.

TURKEY BINGO & CHILI SUPPER! St. Francis of Assisi Church, Newkirk's Knights of Columbus are hosting a fundraiser in their Church gym November 9th. Supper (chili) starts at 6:00pm and Bingo starts at 6:45pm with .25¢ games. Please come and join in on the fun, and possibly win your thanksgiving turkey!



Attention Parishioners. The Mass scheduled for Saturday, November 16th, 5:00pm (Our regular Saturday evening Mass) will be the Wedding Mass for Chris Beck and Jenna Pisarski. So, if you don't want to come to a Wedding Mass as part of your Sunday obligation, then don't come to the 5:00pm November 16th Mass! But know that everyone is welcome to attend the wedding.

Sacrament Preparation
First Reconciliation is Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 am. Please meet in the church.
JOURNEY OF FAITH:
Join us at 7 PM to learn more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Elementary Faith Formation
Join us at 6:30 in the school building to learn more about our faith.



Next weekend our parish will take up the collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). Established by Saint John Paul II in 1985, the AMS is the only S.S. diocese responsible for providing pastoral care to men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. Including families, AMS priests and deacons serve approximately 1.8 million Catholics who hail from 50 states and U.S. territories. While the salaries and retirement of Catholic military chaplains are paid for by the U.S. Government, the AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military for program and administrative costs. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection. Please give generously.