

# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

March 4, 2018

*Dear parishioners,*

Our penance rite is this Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, so I certainly hope that you're making plans to attend! Pope Benedict XVI, speaking about the sacrament of confession, states: "Lent is an especially favorable season to meditate on the reality of sin in the light of God's infinite mercy, which the Sacrament of Penance expresses in its loftiest form. God forgives all to those who love much. Those who trust in themselves and in their own merits are, as it were, blinded by their ego and their heart is hardened in sin. Those, on the other hand, who recognize that they are weak and sinful entrust themselves to God and obtain from him grace and forgiveness. The Lenten Season, in which we now find ourselves, reminds us that in our Christian life we must always aspire to conversion and that when we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently the desire for Gospel perfection is kept alive in believers. If this constant desire is absent, the celebration of the Sacrament unfortunately risks becoming something formal that has no effect on the fabric of daily life. If, moreover, even when one is motivated by the desire to follow Jesus one does not go regularly to confession, one risks gradually slowing his or her spiritual pace to the point of increasingly weakening and ultimately perhaps even exhausting it. It is precisely this message that must be transmitted: what counts most is to make people understand that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whatever the sin committed, if it is humbly recognized and the person involved turns with trust to the priest-confessor, he or she never fails to experience the soothing joy of God's forgiveness."

Whatever you've done, or whatever you've failed to do, there is real mercy and forgiveness waiting for you in the loving arms of God. So come to our penance rite, or make use of the other confession times, and make room in your soul for God to live. Make this Lent count! And if you want something to help you with the sacrament of confession, go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) (the code is 27JT4Q) and type in confession and go to the Symbolon series. Know of my prayers, and please pray for Fr. Deva and myself.

In Christ,

*Fr. Carson*

**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the souls of Diane Simpkins and for John Wedman. May God grant them eternal peace.

**One Church, Many Disciples** campaign has been launched across the entire archdiocese. For those who received a letter last week from me in regards to the kick-off Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Baptist Parish, please RSVP to Maria as soon as possible. If you would like to ride the church van there are still some seats available. Thank you

*Fr. Carson*



## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

8:00am †Sharon Glowacki/Mother of Mercy Rosary Group

### TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

12:10pm †Ellen Greenlay/Michel Gray

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

8:20am †Rev. Willibrord Voogden, OSB/Knights of Columbus

### THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

9:30am People of the Parish

(*St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK*)

4:00pm †Randy Ciskowski/St. Elizabeth Guild

(*Via Christi Village Chapel*)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

7:00am †Dean Keating/Marsha Horinek Greer

12:10pm Spec. Int. The Addicted

### SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

9:00am †Deceased Members of the Bellinghausen Family

5:00pm †Roselynn Utech/Carl & Joyce Reutter

### SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

8:00am †Madonna Flick/Betty Collogan

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

11:00am †Joyce King/Her Family

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

7:00pm †Mark Vap/His Family

### **Please Pray For those who need prayers:**

Mary Brown, Jeanette Vassar, Charlotte Meyer, Charlene Vap, Dora Behar, Cindy Wardlow, Maggie Hahn, Dave & Fran Baur, Don Schiltz, Ester Scobee, Jeanne Glaser, Anna Lynn Durr, John Coffman, Patsy Hastings, Marie Bayha, Brooks Ditmore Mary McFarland, Vickie Johnston, Vince Mattione, Reed Alward, Bennie Westerman, Kenneth Jackson, Keith Behara, Cathy McMillan, Shari Beck, Sr. Vickie Dianne Bass, Eileen Spellman, Candy Bowlin, Ginger Younger, Dawn Oscarson, Darrel Neely, Lisa Sloan, Mary Kassen, Keith Goss, Linda Courtney, Karla Rojas, Maribelle Rojas, Vincent Farruggia, Patricia Evans, Kalem Marchesoni, Karen Larimer, George F. Brown, Eva Boberg, Jeanne Specht, Chris Bulling, Sid Kothe, Joe Lechtenberg, Martha Begwin, Genevieve Black, Lucille Fleming, Edmund Young, Carol Wilson, Travis Beekman, Holly Kerr, Rachel Stephenson-Spellman, Robert Brown, Wanda Tagliatalata, Genevia Kitchen, Andy Chaney, Larry & Brenda Hudson, Carl Pouland, Palka Wladyslaw, Linda Gray, Connie Smith, Melissa Smith, Christy Vice, Melissa Swords, Pake Clinesmith, Teresa Epperson, Benita Vap, Tommy Gray, Sue Rozell, Ted Thomas, Elaine Gray Calahan, Danna Depperschmidt, Todd Hatchett, Mike Majoros, Gae Meyers, Mary Scott, Carol Johnson, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Mike Cofer, Dawsyn Kirkes, Ramona Coutre, Kathe Jo Johnson, Lois Frisch, Denver Gearhart, Joe Schieber, Sr. Mary Kelly, RSM, Terry Stewart, Judy Waters, Anthony Hull, Dan Marino, Janice Loftis, Mike Gray, Lynda Howard, Joel Rivera, Marian Jeter, Bill Bridges, Jaycee Colclasure

The family of Oley Bullard wishes with all our hearts to thank Fr. Carson, Fr. Deva, Deacon Robinson, Connie Van Ausdall, Rick Edgington, Floyd Kemmerer, Emma Sawyer, Kennedy Brown, Jaime Aguilar, the ladies responsible for the wonderful lunch and for Maria Villines and all our parish family for all the love, support, kindness, prayers, cards, visits, food, flowers, and hugs in our time of such a great loss. We are truly, truly blessed to have you and thank God for you. May God richly bless you. We are forever grateful. *The Bullard Family*

### Weekly Income Report

February 25, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$ 11,328.50

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### The Week Ahead March 5 - 11, 2018

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>ADORATION</b> , Chapel
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS</b> , KofC Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>CONFESSION/ADORATION</b> , Church
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>RCIA</b> , McGurk room
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b> , The Perk
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY BRUNCH</b> , McGurk Room
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>K-6 RE</b> , Parish Center/School
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>LENT PENANCE SERVICE</b> , Church
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>GOLF TOURNAMENT MTG.</b> , McGurk
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>CONFESSION</b> , Father's Office
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>POVERTY MEAL</b> , Parish Hall
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>STATIONS of the CROSS</b> , Church
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>RCIA RETREAT &amp; LUNCH</b> , Parish Center
	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>CONFESSION</b> , Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>RCIA 2<sup>nd</sup> SCRUTINY</b> , Church
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>CONFESSION</b> , Church

## 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "Do All Things for the Glory of God"

Thank you to all those who responded generously last week by making a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, helping our parish work toward its goal and joining with all other parishes in our Archdiocese to provide resources for vital ministries. If you were not with us last week or did not participate, **please take a moment to find a Pledge Envelope in your pew**, complete it and place it in the collection basket or hand it to an usher after Mass. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others!

**Friday Adoration - Open Time Slot:** We have an open time slot on the Friday Adoration schedule from 3:00-3:30 PM. Please consider signing up and spending time each week with the Lord in Adoration. If you are concerned that you won't be able to attend every week, don't let that keep you from signing up! A substitute call list is available. Please contact Genesta King at [580-718-0838](tel:580-718-0838).

## 2,018 prayer warriors needed



This is an historic time for the archdiocese. To build on Archbishop Coakley's pastoral letter, "*Go Make Disciples*," and his strategic plan, he is asking for 2,018 prayer warriors to pray for

these efforts. To learn more or to join the 2018 Intercessory Prayer Team, please do the following: text **Prayer2018** to **84576** or go to: <https://app.flocknote.com/archokc/2018Intercessory>.

**Black and Indian Mission Collection:** On **March 10 and 11**, all parishes in the archdiocese are invited to participate in an archdiocesan collection for the annual National Black and Indian Mission Office Collection. Support for this collection helps build the Church in African American and American Indian communities from coast to coast. Through grant funds from the mission office, the archdiocese has been able to establish an Office of the American Indian Catholic Outreach (AICO) and support evangelization programs throughout the archdiocese. In 2015, the archdiocese received mission office grants, totaling more than 95 percent of the funds collected at the parish level. In addition to supporting the AICO, the mission office grants were used to provide assistance for parish religious education serving American Indian youth, the Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Mass and Honor Dance, and to scholarships to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp for several African American youth. Please remember that parish religious education programs and archdiocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Help us invite more people to open the door of faith and begin the journey of a lifetime!

### Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference

The 2018 Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference will be March 10 at the new Edmond Conference Center. Conference speakers include Immaculée Ilibagiza, María Ruiz Scaperlanda and Donna Heckler. Register at [www.ocwconference.com](http://www.ocwconference.com) or on the Facebook page.



### Elementary Faith Formation

Meet in your classrooms on March 7th at 6:30. Grades 2-6

will be going to the Penance Rite during class time. Families are welcome to join the Penance Rite at 6:30.

**Sacrament Preparation:** Last family Seminar this Sunday, March 4th in the Parish Hall. Fellowship begins at 9:00 and activities begin at 9:30.

### CRS Rice Bowls THIRD WEEK OF LENT

**ENCOUNTER SAFIATA:** In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

No RE potluck Wednesday - March 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth GROUP



**IH/SH RE** is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. We will meet in the Byrnes room and then head to the Penance service at 7PM. This is a great opportunity to experience the grace of Confession during this Lenten season.

The Youth Group is in charge of the **poverty meal** this Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The dinner is at 6PM, so we will meet in the parish hall at 5:15 to set up. We will be serving pizza and salad. This is a good way to earn service hours! Please let Lisa know if you are available to help and/or are willing to bring a bag of salad or bottle of dressing.