

# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

August 12, 2018

Dear parishioners,

When I was little, my brother loved to eat bread. He could eat bread all day. One day when he was about 6 or 7 we went out to eat with my grandparents and my brother ordered a piece of Texas toast. My grandfather, who paid for the dinner, asked my brother if he could eat a piece of his bread. My brother looked at him defiantly and said no. He did not want to share his precious Texas toast. Now my brother was not a spoiled kid, but as a child, in that moment he could only focus on how that precious piece of toast was his. For him, at that moment physical bread was the most important thing.

In the Our Father, we ask God to give us our daily bread. But we are not only talking about physical bread, like the manna from heaven that the Israelites ate in the desert. We are talking about Jesus; we are talking about the Eucharist. A bread more than bread, a meal more than a meal. This is the bread of life which will take away our hunger and thirst. A bread that will give us eternal life. Because with this bread, our souls are strengthened, with this bread we have more confidence, our faith is enriched. The bread of life, the bread of each day, brothers and sisters, is the bread that we break every Mass, the bread that Jesus broke and gave to his disciples. It is the sacrifice of the altar, which we are fortunate to share.

Those who know me well know that I have dreams that are a little strange, but sometimes wise. I had a dream once, a couple of years ago, that I died and was in heaven with my two brothers. I asked my brother, the one who loved bread so much, why he believed he was in heaven. This brother sadly no longer practices. But in the dream he answered that he was in heaven because he realized that Jesus was truly present in the Eucharist, body, blood, soul and divinity. That the Eucharist formed an important part of his life and that in reality it was the true bread of each day. In my dream the Eucharistic brought him back to the Church. It is a dream that I do not want to forget. It is a dream I want to make a reality. Because in that dream I recognized a certain depth, a truth, a reality that is part of my desire for the faithful, especially St. Mary in Ponca City and St. Francis of Assisi in Newkirk. Two parishes I've grown to love. When we are young, it may be that bread is the most important thing for us. That eating bread is something that gives us joy. And I do not want us to forget that. But what I do want is that we go in search of the Lord, and that we realize that the Eucharist, our daily bread, is the thing that will feed

us forever. He is truly there. Present in our tabernacles. Present at every Mass. Bread and wine transformed into the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the bread of life, all who come to Him shall not hunger, all who believe in Him shall not thirst.

*Will Banowsky*

Seminarian

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City



## Mass Schedule

### MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018

12:10pm NO MASS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018

12:10pm †Bob Lowe/His Family

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018-ASSUMPTION OF MARY

7:00am People of the Parish

8:20am Spec. Int. The Faculty, Staff & Students of St. Mary's Catholic School – Ponca City, OK

12:10pm †Diane Hermes/The Will

7:00pm †Brantley Hope/Dick & Martha Robinson

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018

9:30am †Mona Leven/Lewis & Vineta Wanko & Family  
(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm †Helen Nalepa/Grace Nalepa  
(Via Christi Chapel)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018

7:00am People of the Parish

12:10pm †JoAnn O'Neill/Her Family

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

9:00am People of the Parish

5:00pm †Paul & Bea Paschal/Jim & Suzy Paschal

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

8:00am †Martin & Mildred Steichen/Their Children

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

11:00am †Ligaya Ampuan/Larry & Loretta Brophy

1:00pm MASS (Spanish Mass)

7:00pm People of the Parish

### Weekly Income Report

August 5, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$14,089.34

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mary's family! As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy autumn, consider enrolling in eGiving through *Faith Direct* so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **OK801**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You,

*Fr. Carson*

**St. Mary's Catholic School  
Fall Fest Planning Meeting  
Wednesday, August 15 6:00 pm  
McGurk Room, Parish Center**

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We have an open time slot on the Friday Adoration schedule from 12:00-1:00 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).



**Friendship Feast** is this Tuesday from 4:30-6PM and we will need several youth to help prepare and serve the meal. Please call/text Lisa if you are available to help.

There will be **no JH/SH Faith Formation this Wednesday**. Our first gathering will be next Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:30-8PM. All 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade teens are invited!

Our **annual lock-in is scheduled for Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8PM**, and all high school youth are encouraged to attend this super fun night! Please bring a snack to share. The event ends at 7AM on Saturday, so please make arrangements to be picked up promptly.

Bill (William) and Annette Sweeney, former long-time parishioners of St. Mary's, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this August 24. Their children, Paul and Jenna, would love to organize a "shower of blessings and well-wishes." If you were friends with them and would like to send a card, share fun memories, reminisce over a photo, or in general let them know what you and your family have been up to, please contact Jenna via email at [Sweeney50thAnniversary@gmail.com](mailto:Sweeney50thAnniversary@gmail.com) or telephone (303-394-1823).

## Faith Formation!

Registration for Faith Formation after all Masses this week in the Parish Hall.

It's the time of year to renew our Faith Formation journeys. All children from kindergarten through high school have a special place in Faith Formation. Contact Bridgit Coleman at 382-6010 or Lisa Deming at 382-6011.

Faith Formation begins Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. Grades K-6 will meet in the church!

**Please Pray For those who need prayers:** Mary Brown, Jeanette Vassar, Charlotte Meyer, Charlene Vap, Dora Behar, Cindy Wardlow, Dave & Fran Baur, Don Schiltz, Jeanne Glaser, Patsy Hastings, Mary McFarland, Bennie Westerman, Keith & Sue Behara, Eileen Spellman, Linda Courtney, Karla Rojas, Maribelle Rojas, Patricia Evans, George F. Brown, Martha Begwin, Teresa Epperson, Tommy Gray, Ted Thomas, Elaine Gray Calahan, Todd Hatchett, Mike Majoros, Gae Meyers, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schiltz, Jim Sheets, Mike Cofer, Dawsyn Kirkes, Ramona Coutre, Lois Frisch, Denver Gearhart, Terry Stewart, Judy Waters, Lynda Howard, Joel Rivera, Marian Jeter, Jaycee Colclasure, Shelly Behar, Gabriel Dietz, Jay Underwood, Jill Kestler, Carol Evans, Allen Arthurs, Mary Knori, Mary Austin, Hannah Boyer, Jesus Cvarrillo, Logan Blakey, Asher Dailey, Betty Dimond, Terri Bechtel, Ramona Lantz, Phil McCartney, Tyson Rutter, Martha Robinson, Diego Blanco, Mary Boor, Mark Ramsey, Nathan Bickle, Betty Pino, Kenneth Cookson, Kaye Cunningham, Fred Spellman, Marilyn Tharp, Mary Hyatt, Susan Letzig

## St. Joseph's Orphanage reunion

The sixth annual reunion of former residents and staff members of St. Joseph's Orphanage in Bethany and St. Joseph's Children's Home in Oklahoma City will be 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Aug. 18 at Trinity Gardens, Garvey Room, 3825 N.W. 19, OKC. All former residents, staff, their families and friends are invited. Bring old photos and memories to share. Lunch at Noon. Admission is free, but to ensure enough food for all, please RSVP by Aug. 13 to Jane Moon at [jmoon@ccaokc.org](mailto:jmoon@ccaokc.org) or (405) 526-2308.

## Suicide prevention training

Did you know you can help save a life? Catholic Charities encourages parishioners to participate in mental health awareness training. QPR is a free one-hour suicide prevention training that provides three simple steps to reach someone who may be feeling hopeless. Professional counseling also is available. Contact St. Joseph Counseling Center at (405) 524-0969.

## The Week Ahead August 13-19, 2018

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| Monday    |                            | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!   |
| Tuesday   | 6:30pm                     | SUMMER BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room  |
| Wednesday |                            | Feast of the Assumption Mass Schedule:<br>7:00am - - 8:20am - - 12:10pm - - 7:00pm<br>6:00pm FALL FEST MEETING, McGurk Room<br>6:30pm MASS, St. Francis, Newkirk |
| Thursday  | 6:00pm                     | OFFICES CLOSED<br>SCHOOL PARENT ORIENTATION, Parish Hall   |
| Friday    | 7:30am<br>8:00pm           | ADORATION, Chapel<br>HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-IN, Gym  |
| Saturday  | 7:00am<br>8:00am<br>3:30pm | LOCK-IN HAS ENDED!<br>GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY<br>CONFESSION, Church   |
| Sunday    | 4:00pm<br>6:00pm           | BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC, Lake Ponca<br>CONFESSION, Church  |

**CHURCH-WIDE BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC** will be Sunday evening, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm at the Lake Ponca Shelter House, Lake Ponca Park. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share and come out and meet our Faculty and Staff from St. Mary's Catholic School!