

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

September 23, 2018

Dear parishioners,

First of all, an apology. I relied on my own memory and didn't double check it, and I was wrong. G.K. Chesterton didn't say that either Jesus is a liar, lunatic or Lord. C.S. Lewis did. I'm humbled and ashamed. But Chesterton is still pretty cool! On that note, this Sunday, I'm going to let St. John Chrysostom do the talking...

"The waters have risen and severe storms are upon us, but we do not fear drowning, for we stand firmly upon a rock. Let the sea rage, it cannot break the rock. Let the waves rise, they cannot sink the boat of Jesus. What are we to fear? Death? *Life to me means Christ, and death is gain.* Exile? *The earth and its fullness belong to the Lord.* The confiscation of goods? *We brought nothing into this world, and we shall surely take nothing from it.* I have only contempt for the world's threats, I find its blessings laughable. I have no fear of poverty, no desire for wealth. I am not afraid of death nor do I long to live, except for your good. I concentrate therefore on the present situation, and I urge you, my friends, to have confidence.

Do you not hear the Lord saying: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst?* Will he be absent, then, when so many people united in love are gathered together? I have his promise; I am surely not going to rely on my own strength! I have what he has written; that is my staff, my security, my peaceful harbor. Let the world be in upheaval. I hold to his promise and read his message; that is my protecting wall and garrison. What message? *Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world!*

If Christ is with me, whom shall I fear? Though the waves and the sea and the anger of princes are roused against me, they are less to me than a spider's web. Indeed, unless you, my brothers, had detained me, I would have left this very day. For I always say *Lord, your will be done*; not what this fellow or that would have me do, but what you want me to do. That is my strong tower, my immovable rock, my staff that never gives way. If God wants something, let it be done! If he wants me to stay here, I am grateful. But wherever he wants me to be, I am no less grateful.

Yet where I am, there you are too, and where you are, I am. For we are a single body, and the body cannot be separated from the head nor the head from the body. Distance separates us, but love unites us, and death itself cannot divide us. For though my body die, my soul will live and be mindful of my people. You are my fellow citizens, my fathers, my brothers, my sons, my limbs, my body. You are my light, sweeter to me than the visible light. For what can the rays of the sun bestow on me that is comparable to your love? The sun's light is useful in my earthly life, but your love is fashioning a crown for me in the life to come." Know of my prayers, and please pray for Fr. Deva and myself. Have a good week!

In Christ,

Fr. Carson



Mass Schedule

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

12:10pm †Donald Flick/George & Sheila Rahme

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

12:10pm Spec. Int. Sr. Vickie Dianne Bass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

8:20am †Gary Gregg/Marilyn Gregg

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

9:30am People of the Parish

(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm †Bob Hughes/Fred & Eileen Spellman

(Via Christi Chapel)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

7:00am †Rev. Emil Ghyssaert/Knights of Columbus

12:10pm †Tom Klein/Pat Lowe

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

9:00am People of the Parish

5:00pm †Mona Leven/Dolores Schiltz

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

8:00am †John Coffman/Tim & Genny Coffman

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

11:00am †Irvin Sheik/Mary Ann Farnick

1:00pm MASS (Spanish Mass)

7:00pm People of the Parish

Weekly Income Report

September 16, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$16,880.46

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the souls of Hayesenne Haskins, stepmother of Jann Schieber and for Phil McCartney. May God grant them eternal rest.

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, 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 Schlitz, 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, Phil McCartney, Tyson Rutter, Martha Robinson, Diego Blanco, Mary Boor, Mark Ramsey, Nathan Bickle, Betty Pino, Kaye Cunningham, Fred Spellman, Marilyn Tharp, Mary Hyatt, Susan Letzig, Keith Goss, Carol Stewart, Raye Lynne Brown, Joyce Koehler, Jeanne Specht, Vivian Rose Graeff, Sue Odom, Barbara Spore, John Gardner, Jim Smith, Owen Greer, Scarlett Wimer

Adoration Time Slots Available for Sign-Up



Adoration is a great way to spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord, and it is available from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM EVERY Friday! We have 7 time slots to

fill in order to have 2 people signed up time at each time. By having 2 people, it will ensure good coverage and will make it easier for you to find a substitute if you cannot attend one week. Please consider signing up! A sign-up board is located in the chapel entrance, or you can contact Genesta King at [580-718-0838](tel:580-718-0838).

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

		<h1>September 24-30, 2018</h1>
Monday	7:00pm	4 TH DEGREE KNIGHTS, KofC Room
Tuesday	7:00pm	RCIA, McGurk Room
Wednesday	7:00am	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, The Perk
	6:30pm	K-12 FAITH FORMATION
	6:30pm	SR. CHOIR, Parish Hall Music Room
	7:00pm	PUBLIC THEOLOGY, The Vortex
Thursday	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room
Friday	ALL DAY-FALL FEST SET-UP	
	7:30am	ADORATION, Chapel
	10:30am	CONFESSION, Chapel
Saturday	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
	6:15pm	FALL FEST!
Sunday	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church



Men's Campout - Join us this October 19th-21st for a men's campout at Osage Hills State park. We will have Mass outdoors, axe throwing, hiking, and plenty of time for fellowship! Cost is \$20/person all meals included. To sign up or for more information please contact Chris Beck or John King.

Hospice of North Central Oklahoma needs bud vases. If you have bud vases (not large vases) you are willing to part with, please take them to Hospice of North Central Oklahoma Fairview and Bradley.

School & Church Contributions January 1, 2018-June 30, 2018

CHURCH

23-Memorials	1,135.00
Estate Donation	29,100.00

SCHOOL MEMORIALS

7-Memorials	550.00
9-Lawrence Glaser Memorials	565.00
34-Martin Steichen Memorials	3,045.00

DONATIONS to SCHOOL & SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Anonymous	800.00
Anonymous	2,000.00
Anonymous	15,000.00
Alumni	2,000.00
Anonymous	1,000.00
Anonymous	2,870.00
St. Mary's PTC	7,500.00
Anonymous	300.00
Anonymous	500.00
P66 Grant	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$67,365.00

Many of the donations to the school will be or have been matched by Phillips 66 and ConocoPhillips.



Come To The Fall Fest Don't miss St. Mary's Catholic School's annual FALL FEST next Saturday, September 29th following the 5:00pm Mass!! Fall Fest

is the school's most important fundraiser - proceeds help keep tuition costs low by funding activities and necessities for the school. There will be delicious food, games for the kids and auctions for the adults!! You do not want to miss your chance of dunking Father Carson, Father Deva or Chris Beck!!



Catholic Charities, Enid Regional Office, welcomes

parishioners, staff and family members to phone us for short-term counseling needs provided in Ponca City at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Our licensed staff can provide 6 sessions at no cost to those wishing to address emotional stressors. Referrals will be provided when more specialized services are needed. Call 580-237-7352 for more information.



JH/SH Faith Formation is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. All 7-12th grade teens are encouraged to join us in the Byrnes room!

DCYC (Discipleship Catholic Youth Conference) is coming up on October 20th! This is a super fun, one-day retreat in the Tulsa Area. We will leave at 7:30AM, return around 11PM, and the cost is \$49 per person. Please call/text Lisa to sign up or ask questions. The deadline to sign up is September 27th!



Faith Formation

Register today!! Forms are available online.

Classes meet at 6:30 in the church on Wednesdays. Come join us!