

# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

September 30, 2018

Dear parishioners,

For two years now, I've been writing bulletin columns, so you've heard a lot of what I have to say. So, I'm going to let the saints do the talking for a little bit. I'll be using the second reading from the Office of Readings, which is what priests and bishops pray every day, and using an excerpt of writing from a saint that we will celebrate next week or that we celebrated this week. Oftentimes, the saint's writings are very challenging. I encourage you to rise to the challenge that they present. On that note, here is an excerpt from St. Vincent de Paul, priest:

Even though the poor are often rough and unrefined, we must not judge them from external appearances nor from the mental gifts they seem to have received. On the contrary, if you consider the poor in the light of faith, then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor.

Although in his passion he almost lost the appearance of a man and was considered a fool by the Gentiles and a stumbling block by the Jews, he showed them that his mission was to preach to the poor: *He sent me to preach the good news to the poor.* We also ought to have this same spirit and imitate Christ's actions, that is, we must take care of the poor, console them, help them, support their cause.

Since Christ willed to be born poor, he chose for himself disciples who were poor. He made himself the servant of the poor and shared their poverty. He went so far as to say that he would consider every deed which either helps or harms the poor as done for or against himself. Since God surely loves the poor, he also loves those who love the poor. For when one person holds another dear, he also includes in his affection anyone who loves or serves the one he loves. That is why we hope that God will love us for the sake of the poor. So when we visit the poor and needy, we try to understand the poor and weak. We sympathize with them so fully that we can echo Paul's words: *I have become all things to all men.* Therefore, we must try to be stirred by our neighbors' worries and distress. We must beg God to pour into our hearts sentiments of pity and compassion and to fill them again and again with these dispositions.

It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible. If a needy person requires medicine or other help during prayer time, do whatever has to be done with peace of mind. Offer the deed to God as your prayer. Do not become upset or feel guilty because you interrupted your prayer to serve the poor. God is not neglected if you leave him for such service. One of God's works is merely interrupted so that another can be carried out. So when you leave prayer to serve some poor person, remember that this very service is performed for God. Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity. Since she is a noble mistress, we must do whatever she commands. With renewed devotion, then, we must

serve the poor, especially outcasts and beggars. They have been given to us as our masters and patrons.

I hope you all have a good week, and know that you're in my prayers!

In Christ,

*Fr. Carson*



## Mass Schedule

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018

12:10pm †Frank Capek/Mary Ann Giddens

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018

12:10pm †Jess Calzada/Gilbert & Rosa Torres

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

8:20am †Mary Schmitz/Roberta Meyer

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018

9:30am People of the Parish

(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)

4:00pm †Donald Flick/Clement & Betty Collogan

(Via Christi Chapel)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018

7:00am †John Coffman/Stan & Maria Villines

12:10pm †Tom Klein/Pat Lowe

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

9:00am †The Staeirt Family/The Will

5:00pm †Ernest & Pauline Vap/Their Children

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

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

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

11:00am In Thanksgiving/Fr Deva

1:00pm MASS (Spanish Mass)

7:00pm People of the Parish

### Weekly Income Report September 23, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$13,076.59

**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the soul of Dave Baur, husband of Fran Baur. May God grant him eternal rest.

**Please Pray For those who need prayers:** Mary Brown, Jeanette Vassar, Charlotte Meyer, Charlene Vap, Dora Behar, Cindy Wardlow, 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, 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, Alicia Aguilar

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## October 1-7, 2018

Monday	7:00pm	KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS, KofC Room
Tuesday	3:30pm	JR. CANTOR, Parish Hall Music Room
	7:00pm	RCIA, McGurk Room
Wednesday	7:00am	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, The Perk
	9:30am	BIRTHDAY BRUNCH, McGurk Room
	6:30pm	K-12 FAITH FORMATION
	6:30pm	SR. CHOIR, Parish Hall Music Room
Thursday	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room
	3:30pm	PET BLESSING, School Lawn
	3:30pm	JR. CHOIR, Parish Hall Music Room
Friday	9:00am	STAFF MEETING, McGurk room
	7:30am	ADORATION, Chapel
	10:30am	CONFESSION, Chapel
Saturday	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
Sunday	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church



**Men's Campout** - Join us this October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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.



**JH/SH Faith Formation** is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. All 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to join us in the Byrnes room.

**BIRTHDAY BRUNCH:** Please make plans to join your fellow parishioners for the October Birthday Brunch Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am in the McGurk Room. St. Mary's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class will provide entertainment.



### Anniversary Mass

Archbishop Coakley invites married couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 40, 50+) in the calendar year 2018 to attend a special Anniversary Mass at 3 p.m. Oct. 21 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave., OKC. A reception will follow. If attending, contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life Ministry at (405) 721-8944.



## 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.

### Life Chain

**Sunday, October 14  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

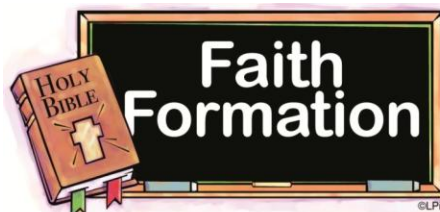
**(Please arrive by 1:50pm  
for prayer and instruction)**



**This is a peaceful, prayerful support for life. Meet at Pioneer Shopping Center just north of Grand on 14<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Questions? Contact Betty Tautfest 580-382-1171.**

**Choose Life!**



Family Potluck and Activity are cancelled for October. October 3<sup>rd</sup> children should go straight to their classrooms.

**St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will be cooking for the October Fest. If you would like to help or for more information about the Knights contact Bill Bridges at (580) 716-4122.**

### PARISH OFFICE E-MAIL ADDRESS:

If you are sending e-mails to [stmarysponcity@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stmarysponcity@sbcglobal.net) they are not being received in the Parish Office. I apologize; there is a technical error that ATT can't seem to figure out. Please update your address for the church e-mail to: [office@stmarypc.com](mailto:office@stmarypc.com). Again, I apologize for any inconvenience or missed messages this may have caused.

