

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

December 2, 2018

Dear Parishioners:

It's Advent! Can you believe it?! I hope that this finds you well and that you've made plans to attend our penance rite on December 4th so that your heart and soul are ready to welcome the newborn Christ, and I also hope you're making plans to attend our church's mission on December 17th and 18th. December 8th is our parish's patronal feast day, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Since it is our parish feast day, I thought it would be good to look at what another saint says about Our Lady. Here is an excerpt from a homily by St. Ambrose who, consequently, baptized St. Augustine.

From a sermon by Saint Anselm, bishop Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night—everything that is subject to the power or use of man—rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace. All creatures were dead, as it were, useless for men or for the praise of God, who made them. The world, contrary to its true destiny, was corrupted and tainted by the acts of men who served idols. Now all creation has been restored to life and rejoices that it is controlled and given splendor by men who believe in God. The universe rejoices with new and indefinable loveliness. Not only does it feel the unseen presence of God himself, its Creator, it sees him openly, working and making it holy. These great blessings spring from the blessed fruit of Mary's womb.

Through the fullness of the grace that was given you, dead things rejoice in their freedom, and those in heaven are glad to be made new. Through the Son who was the glorious fruit of your virgin womb, just souls who died before his life-giving death rejoice as they are freed from captivity, and the angels are glad at the restoration of their shattered domain.

Lady, full and overflowing with grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance. Virgin, blessed above all creatures, through your blessing all creation is blessed, not only creation from its Creator, but the Creator himself has been blessed by creation.

To Mary God gave his only-begotten Son, whom he loved as himself. Through Mary God made himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave himself form through Mary, and thus he made his own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the

mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to him as the Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed.

Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to himself.

I hope you all have a good week, and I'll see you at our parish's celebration!

In Christ

Fr. Carson

Mass Intentions

for the Week



MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

12:10pm †Bob Lowe/His Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018

12:10pm †Martha Robinson/Leanna Rexford

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

8:20am †Patti Evans/George & Sheila Rahme

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

9:30am †Kay Horinek/Rod & Barbara Roper
(*St. Francis - Newkirk*)

4:00pm Spec. Int. Beth Richmond/Barry Frick
(*Via Christi Village Chapel*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018

7:00am †Deceased Members of the Bellinghausen Family

12:10pm Spec. Int. James & Clara Langley/Jimmy & Suzy Paschal

6:00pm **VIGIL MASS** (*Spanish*), Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018-Immaculate Conception

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am †Len Gawel/Dean & Maria Tate

5:00pm †Bob Hughes/Greg & Cynara Pellegrino

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018-2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am †Deceased Assisted Priests who served here at St. Mary's/Knights of Columbus

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

11:00am †David Geubelle/Clement & Betty Collogan

1:00pm MASS (*Spanish Mass*)

7:00pm †Fr. George Pupius/Fr. Carson Krittenbrink

Weekly Income Report

November 25, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$12,457.31

Please Pray For those who need prayers:

Jeanette Vassar, Charlotte Meyer, Charlene Vap, Dora Behar, Cindy Wardlow, Fran Baur, Don Schiltz, Jeanne Glaser, Patsy Hastings, Bennie Westerman, Keith & Sue Behara, Eileen Spellman, Linda Courtney, George F. Brown, Martha Begwin, Teresa Epperson, Ted Thomas, Elaine Gray Calahan, Todd Hatchett, Gae Meyers, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Mike Cofer, Dawsyn Kirkes, Ramona Coutre, Lois Frisch, Denver Gearhart, Terry Stewart, 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, Tyson Rutter, Martha Robinson, Diego Blanco, Mary Boor, Mark Ramsey, Betty Pino, Kaye Cunningham, Fred Spellman, Mary Hyatt, Keith Goss, Carol Stewart, Raye Lynne Brown, Joyce Koehler, Vivian Rose Graeff, Sue Odom, Barbara Spore, John Gardner, Jim Smith, Owen Greer, Scarlett Wimer, Alicia Aguilar, Audrey Ginn, Bill Hyatt, Regina Cadeñanes, Judy Cocci, Mike Gray, Flip Fleming, Lorraine McKain, Dennis Guinn, Marcus Roggenbuck, Dakota Miller, Christopher Roggenbuck

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE TUESDAY - DECEMBER 4TH -6PM



JH/SH Faith Formation is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. We will meet in the Byrnes room and then head to Mass in the church.

The Advent Penance service is this Tuesday at 6PM. There will be several visiting priests here, and all families are encouraged to receive the healing grace of the sacrament.

Our annual **Progressive Dinner is December 16th** and all 7-12th grade youth are invited to this fun night of food and fellowship! Please call/text Lisa to sign up.

See the bulletin insert with more information in regards to our Church's **Feast Day Celebration, Friday, December 8th**. Please call Chris Beck, 382-6022 to volunteer your time and talents.

CHRISTMAS TREE OF LOVE



The Parish and Family Life Committee work hard to offer gifts at Christmas time for needy individuals in our community and parish. We are currently gathering names of families in need of this assistance. The Christmas Tree of Love will have tags requesting various needed gifts. Please take a tag and return your unwrapped gift by **December 16th**. Then the gifts will be wrapped and handed out on Wednesday, December 19th. Many volunteers will be needed that day to wrap the many gifts donated by YOU! This year we already have 11 families requesting help for their children this Christmas so please be generous as you usually are. Please contact Maria in the Parish office if you know of a family who could use our help.

Thanks to all who have returned their stewardship cards. So far **166 parishioners have pledged \$437,400.00** and many hours of service to the Church. Your support is vitally important to our parish. We welcome any new members to become involved in our parish activities, as BOTH OF US will benefit by doing so. Please return your stewardship card, if you have not done so.

The Week Ahead December 3-9, 2018

Monday	7:00pm	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, KofC Room
Tuesday	6:00pm	PENANCE RITE, Church
	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
Thursday	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room
	6:00pm	BUILDING MAINTENANCE, Office
Friday	7:30am	ADORATION
	9:00am	STAFF MEETING, McGurk Room
	10:30am	CONFESSION
	6:00pm	VIGIL MASS (Spanish), Church
Saturday	8 & 11am	HOLY DAY MASSES, Church
	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
Sunday	1:00pm	OLOG MASS/Potluck in Parish Hall
	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church



Elementary Faith Formation: There will be no potluck on Dec. 5th. Please meet in classrooms at 6:30 pm.

Happy Liturgical New Year! St. Mary's Catholic Church and School are blessed to open our Atrium to our young parishioners. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd begins on Monday for our Preschool I, Preschool II, and Kindergarten children. Installation of this learning place was helped by the generous donations of time, talent, and treasure of many parishioners and our teachers--Elizabeth Patterson, Carol Goodwin, Donna Roche', and Karen Hull.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the soul of Mary Brown, mother of Jeanne Kammiller. May God grant her eternal peace.

Group Advent Series:

Beginning December 2 at 7pm, we will meet every Sunday of Advent in the **St Francis Rectory** as we dive into the beauty of the Advent Season and Prayer.

Advent Mission

"Prayer During Advent"

Our Parish Advent Mission will be presented by Mr. Jim Beckman, Executive Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The Mission will be held Monday & Tuesday, December 17th & 18th beginning at 6PM in the Church. Day Care will be provided. There will also be a 4pm session Tuesday, December 18th, No Day Care for this session.



There are a few spots open at **Fr. Carson's POKER NIGHT** scheduled for Friday, December 7th at 6:00pm in the McGurk Room. Ladies and Gentlemen, 21 years of age and older are invited to come join the fun! There is a \$50 buy-in with all funds going to benefit St. Mary's Catholic School. Call Maria in the parish office to reserve your spot at the game!

BEST Advent EVER

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