

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

October 28, 2018

Dear parishioners,

On Nov. 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, which is a ***HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION***. During this time, we celebrate all who are in heaven, both known and unknown, and we ask them to pray for us so that we can join their ranks one day. The following is from St. Bernard addressed to his brother monks about the importance of All Saints Day:

From a sermon by Saint Bernard, abbot

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honor. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendor with him, when he forms

this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

Have a good week, and be assured of my prayers!

In Christ,

Fr. Carson



Mass Schedule

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018

12:10pm Spec. Int. Don & Deloris Detten

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018

12:10pm †David Geubelle/St. Elizabeth Guild

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018

8:20am People of the Parish (*Chapel*)

6:30pm Vigil Mass (*Spanish*)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018-All Saints Day

7:00am †Steve Gray/His Children

8:20am †Gary Gregg/Marilyn Gregg

12:10pm †Mary McFarland/Michel Gray

7:00pm People of the Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018-All Souls Day

7:00am People of the Parish

12:10pm †Mary Schmitz/Grace Nalepa

7:00pm For all the Faithful Departed from St. Mary's & St. Francis Catholic Churches

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

9:00am People of the Parish

5:00pm †Don Lawson/Sue Lawson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

8:00am †Vera & Perry Carson/Charlene Stingley

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

11:00am †Bill Hermes/The Will

1:00pm MASS (*Spanish Mass*)

7:00pm People of the Parish

Weekly Income Report

October 21, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$12,865.09

Stewardship Cards-Please return your cards if you haven't already done so! Thank you.

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, 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, 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, Nathan Bickle, 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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October 29-November 4, 2018

Monday		
Tuesday	3:30pm	JR. CANTOR, Parish Hall Music Room
	4:00pm	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
	7:00pm	RCIA, McGurk Room
Wednesday	7:00am	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, The Perk
	6:30pm	<u>NO</u> K-12 FAITH FORMATION
	6:30pm	VIGIL MASS (Spanish), Church
Thursday		ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE: 7am, 8:20am, 12:10pm, 7pm OFFICES CLOSED
	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, McGurk
Friday	7:30am	ADORATION, Chapel
	9:00am	STAFF MEETING, McGurk room
	10:30am	CONFESSION, Chapel
	7:00pm	ALL SOULS DAY MASS, Church
Saturday	10:00am	1 ST RECONCILIATION, Church
	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
	6:00pm	HOLY LAND ITEMS, Parish Hall
Sunday	Morning	HOLY LAND ITEMS, Parish Hall
	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church



There will be no Faith Formation this Wednesday, October 31st. Please make plans to join us next week!

To all ConocoPhillips employees/retirees and Phillips 66 employees/retirees/spouses: Did you know that if you have volunteered your time to help out with the Fall Fest or on school projects, you could qualify to submit an individual grant or a team grant to your respective employer. Please contact Anna Maloney at the Parish Center with your information. Also, if you know of someone who volunteered let her know.

Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Catholic School
Anna Maloney, 580-382-6009

Children's Faith Formation



No Faith Formation K-6 October 31st. Happy Halloween!

First Reconciliation is November 3rd at 9:30am in the church. Please contact Bridgit if you are unable to attend, 382-6010.

The Minister Schedule for the months of December, January and February is being compiled. Please call the office with dates you are unavailable to serve, 580-765-7794.



NOW is the Time of Mercy and Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, is COMING to Oklahoma to explain it:

That's right! This famous Catholic speaker & author of "33 Days to Morning Glory" and "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" is coming to OKC from the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy to explain what the Church means by calling our time the TIME of MERCY, and what we can do about it! Sign up now for Oklahoma's "Mercy & Mary Retreat" featuring Father Michael Gaitley, Nov 9 & 10, 2018, at Christ the King Catholic Church, OKC. Don't wait, spaces are limited, and the price (\$49.95) is cut nearly in half. For more information or to register, go to: <https://events.marianmissionaries.org/> or call Marian Missionaries at: (413) 944-8500, Ext 10.

The **Surviving Divorce program** offers hope, healing, and community to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. This 14 week program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them answer their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Classes begin November 8, 2018 and will meet each Thursday at St. Mark the Evangelist in Norman from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Youth Room. For more information and to register visit <http://www.saintmarknorman.org/divorce-ministry>.



Beginning November 5th, we as a parish community will be beginning the **33 days to Morning Glory** in preparation to Marian Consecration. The 33 day DIY retreat ends on our Parish Feast Day, December 8th for the Immaculate Conception. If you wish to participate on your own we will be ordering books soon so please contact Chris Beck to sign-up for a book order at 580-382-6022.

Don't forget to turn in your Apple Pie Order!

HOLY LAND ITEMS:



A Christian Group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land is visiting our church on Saturday and Sunday (November 3rd & 4th). They come to us to sell the olive wood carvings and crafts that are hand made by the Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income. We need to support these people by buying their beautiful olive wood carvings and crafts so we can help Christian families stay in the Holy Land.

Pray for the Christians in the Holy Land and support them so we all can do our part to keep our Christian bells ringing in the Holy Land.