

Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

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The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

commemorates three events:

The discovery of the True Cross in 326

Its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335

The recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025

Today's Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ John 3:13-17

Faith Question: What does a cross mean to you?

Next Week's Readings: Amos 8:4-7 ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ~ Luke 16:1-13

Parish Picnic

*Join us on **Sunday, September 28**
for our parish picnic!*



The games and bounce houses start at 4:00pm. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs, sides, and fixings beginning at 5:00pm. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to eat outside.

Additional seating will be available in the Patio Room for senior citizens and disabled parishioners.

This is a great time to build community, see old friends, and make new ones!

Dã Ngoại Giáo Xứ

Nhà Thờ Chúa Hiện Linh xin trân trọng kính mời QÔB&ACE dân Chúa tham gia buổi Dã Ngoại Giáo Xứ vào Chúa Nhật ngày 28 tháng 9.

Giáo Xứ sẽ bắt đầu có các trò chơi và nhà nhún nảy cho các em nhỏ tuổi lúc 4 giờ chiều. Lúc 5 giờ chiều sẽ có hamburgers, hot dogs, và nhiều món ngon khác nữa. Xin QÔB&ACE hãy mang theo bạt dã ngoại và ghế ngồi để ăn ngoài trời. Tại phòng ngoài hiên của Giáo Xứ sẽ có thêm chỗ ngồi cho những ai lớn tuổi và khó đi lại. Xin QÔB&ACE dân chúa hãy bớt chút thì giờ tham gia buổi Dã Ngoại này để mọi người chúng ta có những giây phút tuyệt vời bên nhau, hàn huyên tâm sự, gặp lại bạn cũ và kết thêm bạn mới, trong tinh thần yêu thương và phát triển cộng đoàn Nhà Thờ Chúa Hiện Linh!

Parish Staff**Office 405-722-2110 ~ Fax 405-722-6719****Office Hours: 9:00am-4:30pm****Pastor** - Father Stephen Bird

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Mass Schedule**Saturday:** Vigil, 5:30pm**Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:30pm**Monday - Friday:** 8:00am**Holy Days of Obligation:** 6:30am, 11:30am, 6:30pm**Sacraments****Reconciliation:** Saturday, 6:30pm
and by appointment**Baptism:** Contact Parish Office
during pregnancy**Matrimony:** Contact Pastor at least
6-12 months in advance**Letters of Good Standing/Sacramental Records**

Request must be made a minimum of 14 days in advance.

Contact Geof Archer, 405-722-2110 ext. 110 for a
letter of reference, to be a sponsor or godparent.Contact Cara Koenig, 405-722-2110 ext. 128 or
sacraments@epiphanyokc.org to request a sacra-
mental record. The request for records for anyone 18
and older must be made by the person themselves.**Mass Intentions for the Week****Sunday 10:00am, September 14**✠Lorraine Rabier.....*Avril D'Cruz***Monday, September 15**Janet & Jerry Fuchs.....*their children***Tuesday, September 16**✠Deacon Rich Fahy.....*Suzanne Clem***Wednesday, September 17**✠Jim, Josie, Jay, & Diana Magerl.....*by family***Thursday, September 18**Poor Souls.....*Anonymous***Friday, September 19**✠Deacon Roch Magerl*by family***Saturday, September 20**✠Joanne Nicholas.....*Carol Lynch-Gaston**Lord Jesus,**We lift these people up to you: The healer of the sick,
who raised the dead to life. We praise you for the
faith you give us to keep on hoping and praying for
those who are ill. Amen. (adapted from: Living Faith)***Please Pray For...**Marcia Brejda, Mary Ann Reheman, Gerald Duke,
Lenny Ortiz, Audrey, Michael, and Penny Antkowiak,
Bernice Koscielniak, Kemsley Sigala, Michael Micaletti,
Nancy Williams, Sylvia Flemming, Mike Peller, Jayden
Ercles, Donna Zalonka, Diane Starkey, Debra Zietler,
Cameron Grell, Melva Carney, Willam Shannon, Don D.
Wolfkill, Brenda G. Reinecke, Jennie Marviel Meléndez,
Mike Moxley, Joanna LaPorte, Dovie Kaspar, John Green,
Mike Stich, Emmie Walkup, Agnes Scholl, Lee Hledik,
Deacon Bob Heskamp, Glinda Parmley, Alex Davis, Sophie
Miye, Emmanuel Tsiambom, Brian Campbell, Soren West,
Hillari Headrick.**Epiphany Boards Chairpersons**

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Men's Club	Jim Fitzpatrick	405-250-4075
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Property	John Norberto	405-412-7079

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Teen Volunteer Safe Environment Training

A training session for teens will be in person **this Wednesday September 17**, at 5:00pm. Enter by the office and we will direct you from there! This is a requirement for ALL TEEN VOLUNTEERS who wish to help with Faith Formation classes, Vacation Bible School in the summer, or Children's Day Out. Teen volunteers are all teens ages 14 and older. For more information contact Deborah West at 405-722-0051 or faithformation@epiphanyokc.org.

Cub Scout Popcorn

The Cub Scout Popcorn Fundraiser will be **this weekend, September 13 and 14**, after all Masses. With your support the troop gets to participate in scouting activities throughout the year.



Special Collection for Gaza

This weekend, September 13 and 14, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for a special collection for Gaza famine. This collection is to benefit those most directly affected by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. The violence there has resulted in dire conditions for many innocent victims, including children. You may put your donation in an envelope marked "Gaza" and place it in the collection plate.

ParishSoft

Our electronic giving company "Faith Direct" is becoming "ParishSoft." If you are currently enrolled in "Faith Direct" you do not have to do anything. This is just a company name change. Epiphany is scheduled to transition **Tuesday, September 23**.

Sacrificial Giving General Support Report

Sunday Envelopes: \$24,700.00

Sign up for auto payments with Faith Direct at membership.faithdirect.net/OK806

Looking Ahead in Our Parish

Sunday, September 14

Renewal of September Wedding Vows at all Masses

Scout Popcorn Sale after all Masses

9:00am	Breaking Open the Word
11:15am	Faith Formation (PK4-5th)
11:15am	I Believe
11:15am	Inquiry Session
11:15am	Journey of Faith
6:30pm	Evening Prayer
6:30pm	High School Night

Monday, September 15

6:00pm	Cub Scouts
6:30pm	Women's Club

Tuesday, September 16

9:30am	Tai Chi Session
10:30am	Grief Support Meeting
6:00pm	Jesus & the Dead Sea Scrolls Study

Wednesday, September 17

9:00am	Sunday to Sunday Bible Study
10:00am	Senior Walk
11:30am	Brown Bag Book Club
5:00pm	Teen Safe Environment Training
5:45pm	Middle School Faith Formation and Youth Group (6-8th)
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 18

9:00am	Woodcarvers
9:30am	Tai Chi Session
4:00pm	Youth Scripture Study
6:00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 19

10:00am	Jesus & the Dead Sea Scrolls Study
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Saturday, September 20

	<i>Blood Pressure Checks after Mass</i>
5:30pm	Confirmation Mass

Sunday, September 21

	<i>Blood Pressure Checks after All Masses</i>
8:00am	Blood Drive

Sunday, September 28

4:00pm	Parish Picnic
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Food Pantry Donations Needed



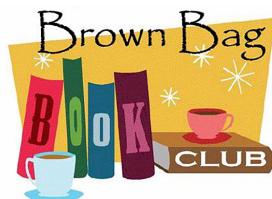
The Frank Kopp Food Pantry is in need of the items listed below. We have calls *every day* for food support. Leave all donations in designated wooden bins in the foyer.

Pantry Needs: rice, instant mashed potatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, canned peas, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce and pasta, cookies, saltine crackers, pancake mix and syrup.

All donations are appreciated.

Tai Chi Sessions

Sessions are *Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am - 10:30am*, in the gym. Tai Chi is low-impact, slow motion, mind-body exercise for better balance that focuses on 8 movement forms which can be done seated or standing. People at any level of fitness can participate. For information call the parish office at 405-722-2110.



Calling All Readers!

Join us for fellowship and discussion at the **Brown Bag Book Club**

BBBC meets the *third Wednesday* of every month at 11:30am in the West Meeting Room and *is open to everyone in the parish.*

The book for this Wednesday, September 17 is

He Leadeth Me

by Walter J. Cizek, SJ and Daniel Flaherty, SJ

Grief Support Group

If you have lost a loved one and are feeling alone and lost, Epiphany offers a Grief Support Group. Our next meeting will be *this Tuesday, September 16*, at 10:30am in Room 2. For more information call

Marianne Stich at 918-698-9646 or David Brambrink at 405-659-7625.

Calling All Epiphany Women

All Women of Epiphany are invited to our first Women's Club fall gathering *this Monday, September 15.*

Rosary in the church at 6:00pm

Social Time in the Patio Room at 6:30pm

Entertainment and Meeting at 7:00pm

Singer and songwriter, Jamie Biller Landry, author of the song, "The Shepherd Cannot Run" will provide our entertainment.

For more information contact Mary Jane Wittrock, 405-640-1025, or womensclub@epiphanyokc.org.

Please come, bring a friend, and join us to find out more about the Women of Epiphany.



Cub Scouts

Is your child interested in becoming a Cub Scout? The Epiphany Scout Pack 179 is looking for new members, boys and girls grades K through 5. If your child is interested come to our next meeting, *this Monday, September 15* at 6:00pm in the Gym. For more information call Brian McQuade at 405-615-2083.



Hospitality Committee Meeting

The next Hospitality Committee Meeting will be *Monday, September 22* at 6:00pm in Room 2. The Hospitality Committee helps with many aspects of parish life, from welcoming new parishioners to helping with projects like the parish photo directory. If you are interested in working with the Hospitality Committee contact Keri Warren at 405-474-4389.

Epiphany Health Ministry Meeting

Our next meeting will be *Thursday, September 25* at Eischen's. We will gather in the West parking lot at 6:00pm. If you are interested in learning more about what we do, join us. We are a lively group who offers so much to our parish. Blood pressure checks, flu shots, health related educational presentations, blood drives, Tai Chi, and senior walk hour are just a few of the services we provide. New volunteers are always welcome!

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This week pray for our Confirmation Students as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit in their final sacrament of initiation next Saturday, September 20, 5:30pm Mass.

New Women's Video Study

"The Catholic Table" is a women's video study from the St. Paul Center and is based on the book "The Catholic Table: Finding Joy Where Food and Faith Meet." In this study we will discover a theology of food through the wisdom of Scripture, the Saints, and more. The video study was recorded with the author Emily Stimpson Chapman. The book is not required.

This study will be **Thursdays from 6:00-8:00pm** in Room 10, except for the third Thursday when the group attends Summit at the Cathedral. For more information contact Teresa Larson at 405-570-3963.

Sunday to Sunday Bible Study

Since reading the Scriptures can be tough, this interactive class provides great tools for anyone looking to go deeper into the Word. Join us **Wednesdays at 9:00am** in the Patio Room.

(Enter through the gym entrance.) For more information, call John Norberto, 405-412-7079.

Inquiry Sessions

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Inquiry sessions are designed to help answer questions about Catholicism. These sessions are held **every Sunday** at 11:15am in Room 2.

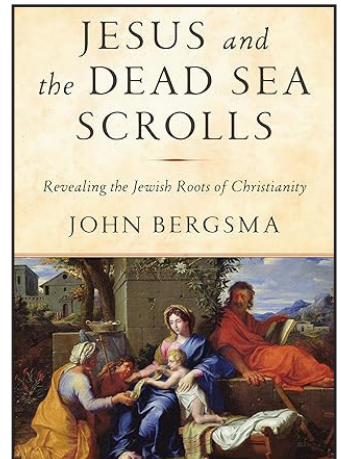
Order of Christian Initiation

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) is the process of formation that leads to becoming a Catholic.

After attending Inquiry Sessions, the next step in the Journey of Faith is OCIA. For more information on either program contact Deborah West at 405-722-0051 or faithformation@epiphanyokc.org.

Faith Video and Discussion Series Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls

In this video series biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma and Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, discuss the history and mysteries of the Dead Sea Scrolls, what they reveal about Jesus Christ, the sacraments, and the early Church, and why they matter to believers and non-believers today.



Tuesdays, September 16 - November 4
from 6:00pm -7:30pm Room 3/4 (new room).

Contact Chris Rolling 405-503-3596.

Fridays, September 19 - November 7
from 10:00am -11:30am Room 3/4.

Contact Tammy Jacobs 405-229-2553.

High School Nights

(Grades 9th - 12th)

Sundays from 6:30-8:00pm

Enter through the Mary Garden
between the rectory and the office doors
on the east side of the church.

High School Scripture Study

(Grades 9th - 12th)

Thursdays at 4:00pm in the Youth Room.

Join as we read and discuss the readings
for the upcoming Sunday Mass.

Contact Sarah Holt at 405-721-1137 or
youth@epiphanyokc.org.

Young Adults of Epiphany (Ages 18-35 years)



The Young Adults meet monthly, on the **second Thursday** of the month, at 6:30pm in the Youth Room. For more information contact Sarah Holt at 405-721-1137 or youth@epiphanyokc.org.

Minister Schedule for September 20 and 21**5:30PM MASS MINISTERS**

Altar Servers - Daniel Corbett, Vincent Fillmore,
Hermann Koffi

Communion Ministers - Marilyn Oldfield (WW),
Deacon Frank Alexander (W), Judy Santillie (WC), Matt Thomason
(WC), James Novak (EC), Keri Warren (EC), Father Vic Luong
(EE), John Oldfield (EE), Deborah West (B)

Greeters - Tom Bombardier, Martha Bombardier,
Debbie Story, Mary Fahy

Lectors - Michelle Hopper, Nigin Varughese

Ushers - Carol Chimahusky, Bob Hlubin, Ken Sullivan,
Tom Suppa

Mass Coordinator - Carol Chimahusky

8:00AM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Preston Austin, Ugo Iheanacho, Aubree Miller

Communion Ministers - Donna Poole (WW), Carol Brooks
(W), Melena Keeth (WC), Glenda Manley (EC), Vickie Lofgren
(E), John Heinen (B)

Greeters - Nancy Fitzpatrick Denise Crowley,
2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors - Sharon Neal, Angela Pham

Ushers - Gary Brooks, Jim Fitzpatrick,
Harley Hintergardt, Martin Storzyszyn

Mass Coordinator - Nancy Annett

10:00AM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Antonio Ortiz, Boston Tilton, Whit Tilton

Communion Ministers - Barbara Brown (WW),
Bernie Cornforth (W), David Brambrink (WC), Judy Fisher
(WC), Pat Anderson (EC), Phyliss Bennett (EC),
Ruth Deneen (E), Cheryl Fennell (EE), Teresa Larson* (B)

Greeters - Sandy Acton, Kim Anderson, Melanie Connelly,
Michiko Dowling

Lectors - Lenny Ortiz, Jeremy Tilton

Ushers - Brian Connelly, Eric Meador, Norma Meador,
Stephen Muth

12:30PM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Bernard Miye, Isabel Rosas, Jude Tejada

Communion Ministers - Jolly Poulo (W), Peggy Marlar (WC),
Adolfo Pena (EC), Aleena Poulo (E), Luis Torres* (B)

Greeters - Maria Miye, Bill Wittrock, Mary Jane Wittrock,
Volunteer Needed

Lectors - Audrey Antkowiak, Alan Mani

Ushers - George Fulco, Alan Mani, Shaji Poulo,
Wendell Shannon

WELCOME TABLE

Liturgy Board

MONEY COUNTERS

9:00am - Rex Smitherman, John Norberto

*Mass Coordinator

Come and End Your Sunday in Prayer

Join us for Evening Prayer *every Sunday at 6:30pm* in the chapel. It doesn't take long, there is no prep work or study you need to do. It is a wonderful way to end the "Lord's Day" and prepare for your week ahead.

Evening Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

Breaking Open the Word

in the West Meeting Room
Melanie Corbett
mcorbett76@gmail.com

11:15am-Noon

I Believe

in the West Meeting Room
Melanie Corbett
mcorbett76@gmail.com

Tuesday

6:00-7:00pm

Jesus & the Dead Sea Scrolls Study

in Classroom 3/4
Chris Rolling 405-503-3596

Wednesday

9:00-10:00am

"Sunday-to-Sunday"

Bible Study
in the Patio Room
John Norberto 405-412-7079

Thursday

6:00-8:00pm

"The Catholic Table"

Women's Video Study
in Classroom 10
Teresa Larson 405-570-3963

Second Thursday

6:30-8:30pm
(Ages 18-35)

Young Adults of Epiphany

in the Youth Room
Sarah Holt 405-721-1137

Friday

10:00-11:30am

Jesus & the Dead Sea Scrolls Study

in Classroom 3/4
Tammy Jacobs 405-229-2553

Catholic Charities Campaign September 20 and 21

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City invites you to participate in this year's Catholic Charities Campaign. Together, we can bring Christ's love to families and individuals in need.

During Commitment Weekend, September 20–21, donation envelopes will be available in the pews. At some parishes, Catholic Charities volunteers will also speak briefly at Mass about how your support changes lives.

Your gift—of any size—helps provide shelter, food, counseling, disaster recovery, refugee resettlement, and so much more. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this mission of mercy.

“Charity is not just a promise...It is a present reality to be embraced with joy and responsibility.”

— Pope Leo XIV

Register for the 2025 Milestone Anniversary Mass by September 19

Archbishop Coakley invites all married couples to attend the annual Anniversary Mass at 3:00pm, **Sunday, October 5**, at Our Lady's Cathedral.



Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 40, 50+) in 2025 will be honored. Register by ***THIS Friday, September 19*** to receive a certificate. To register call Lisa at 405-709-2709 or Lcarrasco@archokc.org or Lesli at 405-438-0294 or Lguzman@archokc.org.

Around the Archdiocese

Tulsa Catholic Women's Conference

The Tulsa Catholic Women's Conference is **September 26 and 27** at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa. Guests include Sr. Josephine Garrett, Lisa Cotter, Kate Capato and Jill Simons. Cost \$79. Register at tulsacatholicwomen.com.

Special Mass

The annual **Blue Mass** for law enforcement officials and first responders is on **Saturday, September 27** at 5:00pm. archokc.org/bluemass

The annual **Red Mass** for legal professionals is on **Thursday, October 30** at 6:00pm. archokc.org/redmass

All of these Masses are at Our Lady's Cathedral at 3214 N. Lake Ave, Oklahoma City, 73118.

ACCW Fall Gathering

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Central Region's fall gathering “Hearing God's Voice” is 9:30am – noon, **Saturday, September 20**, at the St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, 1576 Tim Holt Dr. in Harrah. Registration fee of \$10 can be paid at the door. Donations for the silent auction are welcome. RSVP by **Monday, September 15** to Mary Ann Schmitt at 405-650-9674 or sgmaschm@gmail.com.

The Crimson Gala

St. Thomas More Catholic Church is hosting The Crimson Gala 6:00–9:00pm, **Friday, October 3**, in support of campus ministry at the University of Oklahoma. Visit stm-ou.org for more information.

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SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE

Our Next Baptismal Seminar is set for October 7

The next seminar will be **Tuesday, October 7** at 7:00pm. Enter on the east side of the church through the double doors marked Hall. Seminar is in Room 2 in the office hallway.

All parents wishing to baptize their child are required to attend.

Parents expecting a child should attend during the pregnancy or during the process of adoption. God-parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

To register, call the parish office at 405-722-2110. Babysitting is available upon request. Parents must be registered and active members of Epiphany to attend.



Parishioners Needed!

Do you have a few minutes a day that you and/or your family can give in prayer for vocations? At Epiphany we have a **traveling vocation ministry**.

Weekly, we ask at every Mass for a person, couple, or family to sign-up and take the Blessed Stanley Rother Statue home. During the week you will pray for our seminarians, parish priest and vocations for the Archdiocese.

This is a wonderful way to talk about vocations at home and to create a parish that fosters vocations.

There is a booklet, with the statue, that guides you step-by-step each day with readings and prayers.

It only takes 5-10 minutes a day.

Will you join us in praying for vocations?

Church of the Epiphany of the Lord Blood Drive

Sunday, September 21
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Join us in the Gym!

For more information, contact Keri Metoyer .

donors get a glow-in-the-dark Wicked T-shirt!

scan to schedule:

Our Blood Institute
877-340-8777 • obi.org
Photo ID required. *While supplies last.

Stanley Francis Rother
Born: March 27, 1935, to Franz and Gertrude (Smith) Rother in Okarche, OK
Ordained a Priest: May 25, 1963
Martyred: July 28, 1981, where he ministered in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala
Martyrdom: December 1, 2016, was recognized by Pope Francis making him the first martyr from the U.S.
Beatification: September 23, 2017, Rite of Beatification was held for Blessed Stanley Francis Rother in Oklahoma City, OK, making him the first U.S. born priest to receive beatification
Feast Day: July 28
Shrine Dedication: February 17, 2023, in Oklahoma City, OK