

From the Pastor's Desk

Holy Week Revisited

What a wonderful celebration of the Triduum we experienced at St. Francis and I am deeply grateful to the staff and all the volunteers who made it a truly worthy expression of our faith in Jesus Christ.

We are so fortunate as Catholics to have such ancient rites that express our faith so beautifully and I was happy to see so many people in attendance at all the liturgies during Holy Week. And I have to thank all of you who truly took my invitation to go to confession this Lent because Fr. Warren and I heard many, many confessions! On Good Friday, we heard confessions non-stop for almost 4 hours! What a blessing and awesome grace. The mercy of God is wonderful and needed for us sinners, especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

My prayer is that the joy we experienced during Lent and Holy Week will continue throughout the year ahead.

Fr. Novak

Sunday Collection

Week of March 20

Parish General Collection	\$22,791.70
Tuition Assistance	\$1,365.00
Building Fund	\$37.00
Poor Box	\$183.00
Mass Attendance	1228

Easter Triduum – March 24-26

Holy Thursday

Parish General Collection	\$3,132.25
Mass Attendance	391

Good Friday

Collection for the Holy Land	\$3,420.00
Mass Attendance	450

Easter Vigil

Parish General Collection	\$6,162.00
Mass Attendance	490

Easter Sunday – March 27

Parish General Collection	\$22,791.70
Tuition Assistance	\$35.00
Building Fund	\$5.00
Poor Box	\$66.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,144.00
Mass Attendance	1,292

Welcome New Parishioners

Please register by filling out a green card located on the tables behind the last pews and turn it into the collection at Mass or come by the parish office, first floor of the Meerschaert House.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 3 – Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

5:00 PM (Sat.)	† Albert Staples (Marie Staples)
8:30 AM	† Rita Lepak (Tom & Donna Kerrihard)
11:00 AM	The people of St. Francis Parish

Monday, April 4 – The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 16: 1- 2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
No Daily Mass

Tuesday, April 5 – St. Vincent Ferrer

Acts 4:32-37; Ps93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn3:7b-15

7:30 AM	† Peter Thinh Pham (Tho & Cindy)
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Wed., April 6 – Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

7:30 AM	† Rita Lepak (Leveda Faulkner)
2:00 PM	John and Katherine Dale (Jan & Vern Goetz)

Thursday, April 7 – St. John Baptist de la Salle

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

7:30 AM	† Jack Hovork (Tom & Donna Kerrihard)
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Friday, April 8 – Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42; Ps27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

7:30 AM	† Maria Patricia Phuong Nahsjun and surviving family members (Tho & Cindy)
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Saturday, April 9 – Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

8:30 AM	Fr. Warren (Jan & Vern Goetz)
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Sunday, April 10 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13, Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21: 1-14

5:00 PM (Sat.)	Betty and Phil Kierl, Sr. (Dan, Therese & Daniel Allen)
8:30 AM	† Lawrence Greb (Mary Greb)
11:00 AM	The people of St. Francis Parish

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, April 4

6:00 PM	Young Adult Bible Study - YR
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Tuesday, April 5

4:30-5:30 PM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – OR
6:00 PM	HASA Meeting – MH Library
7:00 PM	School Board Meeting (SAC) – MH Library

Wednesday, April 6

12 Noon	Young at Heart Group meets at Ingrid's
7:00 pm	Choir Practice - CH

Thursday, April 7

6:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal – CH
6:30 PM	Altar Society Spring Social & Meeting - PH
7:00 PM	AA Meeting - KR

Friday, April 8

12:00-1:00 PM Lectio Divina Prayer Group – MH Library
6:30 PM Wedding - CH

Saturday, April 9

9:00 AM Safe Environment Training – 3rd Fl. MH
1:00-4:00 PM Rosary Bridge Club – 3rd Fl. MH
3:30 PM “Pray for RCIA” – MH Library

Sunday, April 10

7:55 AM Chaplet/ Rosary—CH
9:30 AM Coffee & Donuts Social – PH
9:30 AM Fee Blood Pressure Checks – PH
9:30-10:45 AM RCIA Session –3rd Fl. MH
9:35-10:45 AM RE Classes – RS
2:00-4:00 PM “Ties & Tiaras” Dance - Gymnasium
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting – 3rd Fl. MH

CH=Church, MH=Meerschaert House, KR=Kelly Room, YR=Youth Room,
RS=Rosary School, PH=Parish Hall, OR=Old Rectory

Upcoming Parish Events

Young at Heart

Men and women of the parish (age 50 plus) are invited to be “young at heart”! Meet at Ingrid’s Deli for lunch on Wed., April 6 at noon. Ingrid’s is located at 3701 N. Youngs Blvd. RSVP to the church office, 528-0485 so we can reserve tables.

Young Adult Bible Study

All members of our parish ages of 18-35 are invited to join us for our next Bible study on the Eucharist on Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room. Contact Kari in the parish office for more information.

Mass and a Meal

The young adults (18-35) of our parish will be meeting at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on April 10 and then going to eat in the Plaza District afterwards. We hope many young adults of our parish can join us. Children are welcome at this event.

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul committee meets TODAY, April 3 and again on April 17 at 12:15 p.m. in the Kelley Room. The food pantry is in great shape thanks to your generous donations!

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Sunday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Fl. of the Meerschaert House.

Merciful Summer

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a merciful summer. We will complete the corporal works of mercy and have some fun in the process. We will be meeting June 22, June 29, July 13, and July 20.

Totus Tuus

This wonderful summer catechetical program for grades 1-12 will be at St. Francis from June 12-18. Registration forms will come soon. If you are interested in hosting the team at your house while they are here or would like to have them over for dinner, please contact Kari in the parish office.

Safe Environment Training

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma requires all volunteers working with children or the infirm to attend Safe Environment Training. 3rd floor of the Meerschaert House, no RSVP needed. Dates are: Saturday, April 9 @ 9:00 a.m. and Tues., April 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Baptism Seminar

The next Baptism Seminar will be on Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd Floor of the Meerschaert House. Please call Lynn at the parish office for information and forms.

Ties and Tiaras

Ties and Tiaras is a family dance free to all Rosary and St. Francis families in the Rosary Gym on Sunday, April 10th from 2 – 4 p.m. in the gymnasium. It will feature a live DJ, photographer, and light snacks/drinks. Join us for this fun family event! RSVP to rosaryfamilydance2016@gmail.com. Contact Annie with questions at andreacherie@yahoo.com.

Rosary Scholastic Book Fair

Come to the Bookfair in the parish hall before & after school on April 11-15 and then after all the Masses the weekend of April 16-17.

Other News & Information

St. Francis Choir

Our choir is looking for more members. Choir practice is held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Sunday mornings at 10:15 am. If you are interested in joining, please contact our Organist and Director of Sacred Music, Alvez Barkoskie at music@stfrancisokc.com or feel free to come up to the choir loft after mass to speak in person.

An Invitation

Our Organist and Director of Sacred Music would like to invite you to his Doctorate of Musical Arts Recital on Monday, April 11 at 6 pm. The recital will be held in Gothic Hall at the Catlett Music Center at the University of Oklahoma. Catlett Music Center is located at 500 W. Boyd Street, Norman, 73069. Admission is FREE.

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Catherine Ledlow, Cisper Family, Reyes Family, Elizabeth Wessel, John Gavula, Emma Hickman, Lori Romero, Lorraine Norwood, Kelly Tinkham, Kathy Martin, Steve Weaver, Chip McCuan, Michael Scoles, Kathi Hamilton, Janelle Hovorka, Karen Schumacher, Patricia Songer, Robert Konarik, Jim Konarik, Harold Abbott, George Norwood, Linda Rogers, Christopher Lane, William Johnston, Gina Urbina, Mildred Harback, Tara Dominguez, George Emerson, Edward Landgraf, Michelle Casson and Max Kolar.

Let Us Pray for those in the U.S. Military

Patrick Stallings, Drew Surmeier, Josh Stephenson, Russ Matteo, Cindy Tinkham, Anthony Analla, John Wessel, Elijah Barnes, Joseph Reyes, Maleah Slaughter, Cory & Jennifer Taylor & Quan Ngo, Robert Banicki, Blaise Pascale and Kevin Oaks.