# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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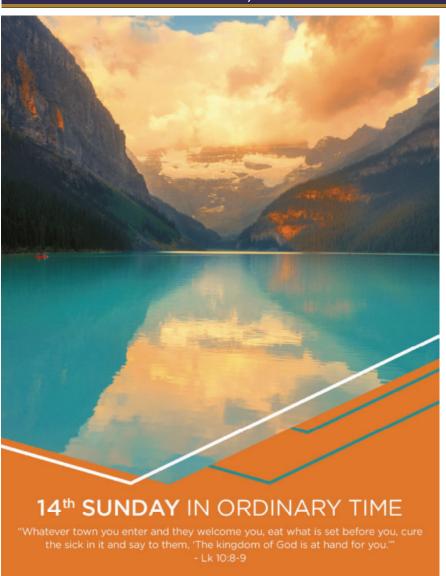
stjohn-catholic.org

900 S. Littler

**Edmond, OK 73034** 



# JULY 3, 2022 • 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to be faithful, caring, enthusiastic disciples. We build up the Kingdom of God by worshiping and praising Him, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and witness, giving loving service to our neighbor and strengthening the parish community.

# PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

24 hours a day/7 days a week See p. 3 for details

# **MASS TIMES**

Saturday

Vigil, 5:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am\* 11:30 am\*, 5:30 pm

\* child care available

Daily & Holy Days

See "Mass Intentions" on p. 2

### SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Penance

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

# **Anointing of the Sick**

Please call 405-340-0691 Emergencies call 405-330-7509

# **Baptism Prep**

Parish\_Office@stjohn-catholic.org

### Matrimony

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance

# **READINGS ~ WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022**

Sun.,14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas, Apostle Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Mon., Independence Day

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26 Tues., St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10//Mt 9:32-38 Wed., St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

### Thurs.

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23 Sat., St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Sun., 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

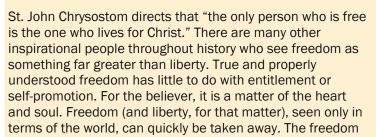
Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

# WORSHIP

# GOSPEL MEDITATION July 3, 2022 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever

you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.



and prudence). Rather than have more things, true freedom asks rights, and responsibilities are in define us.

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spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or

investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

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FOR

CHRIST

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

-	7:30 am
Monday 04	.7:30 am For our Country
Tuesday 05	.7:30 am † Belva Hayes
Wednesday 06.	7:30 am † Ruthie Gardosik
Thursday 07	.7:30 am † Hap Hemphill
Friday 08	.7:30 am † Bill & Sue Lockard 5:30 pm † Phulkaria
Saturday 09	.7:30 am † Mona & Vince Hoehner 5:30 pm † Bento Luiz de Costa † Indina dos Santos Costa
-	.7:30 am

† = deceased Want to sign up for a Mass intention? Please contact parish\_office@stjohn-catholic.org or (405) 340-0691. We are currently scheduling into November 2022.



# **Pray The Rosary Daily**

Please join us before daily Mass on all weekdays, in the Sanctuary, at 7:00 am and Sundays at 11:00 am before 11:30 am Mass to pray the

Holy Rosary. If you are interested in leading the rosary, contact Ann Sorrels at 405-834-5906.



Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily Please join us every day at 3:00 pm in the main church to "stand in the gap" in prayer for family members, friends, ourselves, and many others who so desperately need our prayers in our country and our world. Remember to bring a rosary.



# TABERNACLE FLOWERS

Celebration of the 38th Wedding Anniversary of Jim and Deborah Armstrong

By the Armstrong Family

If interested in a flower memorial or celebration, please call or email the Parish Office at 405-340-0691 or parish\_office@stjohn-catholic.org and they can assist you with available dates. *Dates are on a first come first serve basis*.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Due to space limitations, names are removed from prayer list after three months. If you wish to have a name added, please contact parish\_office@stjohn-catholic.org or 405-340-0691.

Lou Ackerman Nancy Addington Jeanette Adolf All affected by Covid19 Angelo Albano Cindy Alexander Jo Askew Raymond Atkinson Angela Ball Susan Barnett Chloe Biddle Blanco Family \* Claire Bleau Bertha Bradley Patty & Bob Bratton Jennifer Bole Spencer Braun Allison Buechner Barbara Burdette Mario Calbone Conrad Caldwell Helen Cammuso Pat Campbell Jim Castle Michael Cervantes Kathy Condie \* Annette Conger Linda & Mickey Crittenden Dan Culkin Patti & Doug Cunningham Gene Hatcher Davis Jerry Day Nancy Dees Pearlann Descher Sylvia & Tony Duran Al Ford Jennifer German

Catherine Godwin

Charles Grav

Marilyn Gulino

**Guinn Family** 

Callen Hans

Hargesheimer

Steven Hayden

Kay Henderson

Steven Henderson

Family \*

Jackie Hicks Carrol Hochman Jerry Hoegger A.J. Hunt Stephanie Hunt George Alan **Jennings** Steve Johnson Virginia Johnston Stan Kelley Abbie King Molly Kurt Luke Limbaugh Sarah M. Shawn Malone Roberta Manel Vicki Meacham Karen Meeker Roger Metz Jim Miles Craig Miller Mike Mitchell Pat Mitchell Katherine Morris Nalagan Family Holly Palacio Rosemarie Pelfrey Aldina dos Santos Pereira **Ann Prusator** Joni Pyron Jesse Jane Rankin Teressa Reffner Lisa Reichert \* Madison & Kaleb Robertson Edith Samaniego Herminio Rodriguez dos Santos Joaquim Pedro dos Santos Von & Linda Savary Kathleen Schrader \* MaryAnn Seefeldt

Janice Shaffer

Amy Shaver

Skube Family

Barbara Smith

Pearline Smith

**Kay Sommer** 

Stone Snodgress

Jim Steadman
Birkley Steinberg \*
Margaret Tharp
Robbie Thompson
Kathy Treece
Kelly Tucker
Rosalee Turk
Penny Varvel
Linda Watson
Brooklyn Whetson
Shelly Whiting
\* New this week





Be attentive to the voice of grace.
-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



# MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Lonnie Jay
Virginia Johnston
Matthew Stupak ~ husband of Alice Stupak
Socora Smalley
Jose Blanco ~ husband of Andrea Blanco
Pat Gies

# **ADMINISTRATION**

# SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

# **Parish Offertory**

 Weekly Collection (6/21 - 6/27/22)
 \$47,175.25

 FY 22 Year to Date Collection
 3,609,459.70

 FY 21 Year to Date Collection
 3,318,524.21

 FY 22 Collection Budget
 3,016,000.00

# Poor Box/Samaritan House

 Weekly Collection (6/21 - 6/27/22)
 \$3,655.85

 FY 22 Year to Date Collection
 254,616.33

 FY 21 Year to Date Collection
 273,503.82

 FY 22 Poor Box Budget
 240,000.00

# **CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

Weekend of July 3, 2022 White Envelope—Weekly Offering Blue Envelope—Building & Maintenance Annual Catholic Appeal

If you contribute online and no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let the parish office know and we can remove you from the distribution list 405-340-0691.

# Calling all St. John's Parishioners!

Please take a few moments to update the Parish Office if any of your personal information has changed. Go to stjohn-catholic.org, click on "Parish Registration" in the upper right, select "Update Information," and complete the form. You are also welcome to call the office at (405) 340-0691 or stop by during office hours.

If you are new to the parish, please consider registering and making it official. We would love to welcome you!

Please note: If we don't have your email address or birthday on file, you will not receive our weekly email updates. Updating your information will also help ensure that you receive monthly giving envelopes, if desired.

Thank you for helping us keep our database up-to-date!

# Stay in the Know!

Each week, we send an email to ALL active parishioners at St. John. If you are NOT receiving the SJB Weekly Email, add Realm as a contact with an email address of <a href="mailto:notifications@onrealmmail.org">notifications@onrealmmail.org</a>

or contact communications@stjohn-catholic.org

# WEEKLY GLIMPSE

Sunday 03

.....No Events .....

Monday 04

Independence Day Parish Office Closed

......No Events .....

Tuesday 05

6:00 pm ...... Boy Scout Meeting ...... School

Wednesday 06

9:30 am	Mom′s Bible Study	Board Rm
10:00 am	TimeOut	Commons
5:00 pm	Penance	. Confessionals
6:30 pm	Pass It On	Great Hall
6:30 pm	Discovering My Purpose.	Council Rm
7:00 pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Setting World Ablaze	Board Rm

Thursday 07

......No Events .....

Friday 08

All day.....Steubenville Youth Conference......Off-site 10:00 am.....Summer Playdates......Playground

The parish office will close at noon on Fridays during the months of June and July.

Saturday 09

All day	Steubenville Youth Conference	eOff-site
10:00 am.	Baptism Prep Class	Commons
4:00 pm.	Penance	confessionals

Sunday 10

	All day	Steubenville Youth Conference	Off-site
ı		Children's Liturgy of the Word D	
	10:10 am.	Parent's Scripture StudyCo	ouncil Rm

We are blessed to have a very active parish. Not all activities will be listed here each week. The complete calendar can be found at stjohn-catholic.org.

# More Lost and Found

The lost and found is overflowing! A piece of jewelry and set of keys were found on campus. We also have rosaries, glasses, sunglasses, books, children's items, backpacks, hats, clothes, and other miscellaneous items. If you have lost something and can describe it, please email Tiffany at reception@stjohn-catholic.org or call the parish office at (405) 340-0691.

Bulletin and Newsletter Content Submissions should be directed to communications@stjohn-catholic.org by noon on Thursday (10 days before Sunday). Submissions are accepted as space permits and are subject to editing. Graphics will be created and used if space permits.



# SAMARITAN HOUSE

42 E. 9th Edmond, OK Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm shedmond942@gmail.com 405-216-7554

Needs: Cereal, Macaroni n Cheese, Toilet Paper

Please drop off donations in the bin marked Samaritan House in the closet in the Commons. Do not leave items on the porch as animals get them and we are not able to use your donation.

Do you or someone you know need assistance with food or utilities? St. John's Samaritan House is here to help. Call or come by!

Volunteers needed for many different tasks! Please call us to see how you can help!



# Every Wednesday 10am-1pm in the Commons

Join our weekly program for seniors for fellowship and fun. We meet in the

Commons each Wednesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

For more information, contact Debbie Kosters 405-204-1783 or Pat Bourgeois 405-938-5544.



St. John's Peru Ministry needs your help!
St. John's supports Santisimo
Sacramento (Blessed Sacrament) Parish in Piura, Peru. We do this by sending clothing, shoes, household items, bedding, religious items, school supplies, tools, etc. in two shipping containers twice a year. Our next shipment is scheduled for October 2022. Over the past two years donations have continued to be received but the number of volunteers have dwindled. We now have a situation where we can't reduce our backlog for the next shipment. So we're asking

for new volunteers to help. This can be individuals, families or groups and can be for as little as one day or two hours. This would entail sorting, folding and bagging clothes and any help would be appreciated by the Peru Ministry and the 30,000 parishioners of Santisimo Sacramento. If you think you, your family or your group would like to help, please contact Kathy Hatch at 405-625-4911.

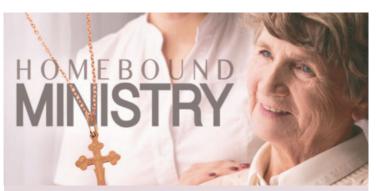


# Family2Family (F2F) Ministry

# Will you answer the cry of the poor?

Junior (23) & Marcela (27) have 2 children, Austin (4) & Britany (1). Mom takes care of the home & children. Dad works at a packing company earning about \$10/day when he has work. They live in a very rural village but do have water & electricity. For \$30/month you can sponsor this family and truly make a difference in their lives. Contact Stephanie Simpson at F2F@stjohn-catholic.org or 405-627-6199 for





# What should I do if a loved one or friend is homebound and needs to receive Communion outside of the Parish?

St. John's has a central contact for parishioners to reach out to: Kay Sommer, who leads the Communion to the Homebound Ministry. You can call Kay at 405-474-6593 or e-mail her at <a href="kaysommer@cox.net">kaysommer@cox.net</a> not only with Communion needs but also if you have questions about this ministry. She will designate and dispatch a trained and commissioned ministry member in a timely manner and ensure that the needs of the homebound for Holy Communion are met.

You may also reach out to Anne Keef in the parish office at 405-340-0691 or Diane Gbone at sjbemhc@gmail.com.

# FAITH FORMATION & EVANGELIZATION



Erin Snow
Director of Evangelization
& Faith Formation
PreK-5th & First Communion
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405-340-0691 x135



David McHugh
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Lynda Hearn
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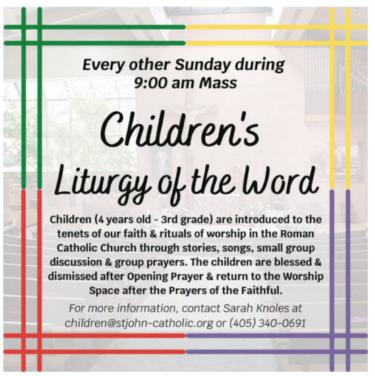
# Parents of St. John's

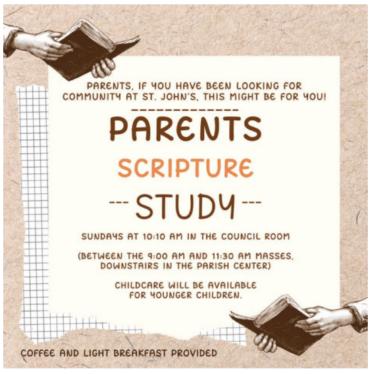
St. John's has a group for Catholic parents. To join them, visit their <u>Parents of SJB Facebook page</u>. If you aren't on Facebook and want to join, please

email parentssjb@stjohn-catholic.org.

# Safe Environment

Effective immediately: All Safe Environment certificates will expire on July 31. You will be able to complete Safe Environment on August 1. This must be completed again before you begin volunteering in our ministries at St John's. Please contact Angela Holt at <a href="mailto:aholt@stjohn-catholic.org">aholt@stjohn-catholic.org</a> if you have any questions.





# **EVANGELIZATION**

# **Word of the Week**

# Mission

Jesus tells us in Matthew "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (28:19- 20)

The mission of every person is to evangelize and to proclaim the good news in their words and actions. When we have a personal and intimate encounter with the Lord, we can't help but be transformed and then compelled to go out and share what has happened to us-- to tell the good news of how the Lord has worked in our own individual lives. Our mission is to witness to the love of the Father in everything we say and do, so that others may see and experience the Lord through us and be drawn to Him.

Reflection Question: What is one gift/ talent that the Lord has given me? How can I use that to draw others to Him?

Join St. Theresa's Quilt Guild!
The guild makes quilts for
Parishioners in need of comfort and
prayers. Our quilts are made with
love, blessed and distributed to those
served by the St. John's Homebound
Communion Ministry. Baby quilts are
also made for Willow Pregnancy
Center in Edmond.

Meetings are held in the Council Room in the basement of the Great Hall on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00-11:00am. Our next meeting is July 12 at 9:00am. If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to participate in making a quilt top, contact a St. Theresa's Guild member to pick up a fabric bundle. We are blessed to have long arm services donated for all quilts made by our ministry.

St. Theresa's Guild is funded in part by St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and through generous donations. We gladly accept donations of 100% cotton fabric to continue our ministry for those in need of comfort.

If you have questions please contact guild members: Melissa Rossi 571-215-3725 Linda Chrisco 405-831-9633

# Retreat at St. Gregory's Abbey

Register today for "Hearken Continually: A Primer on Discernment of God's Will" presented by Dr. Alex Schimpf at St. Gregory's Abbey on Saturday, July 23, 2022. This day of reflection will offer an introduction to the practice of discerning God's will, a regular part of Christian discipleship. Special attention will be paid to the virtue of holy indifference, key spiritual practices that aid in discernment, and various ways of testing whether a proposed course of action conforms to the will of God. Cost is \$30 (\$35 if paid at the door) and lunch is included. Pre-registration is required. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 am and ends after adoration around 3 pm. To register, email <a href="retreats@monksok.org">retreats@monksok.org</a>, call (405) 878-5656 or register and pay online at <a href="www.monksok.org/news/">www.monksok.org/news/</a>

# ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL



# MISSION STATEMENT

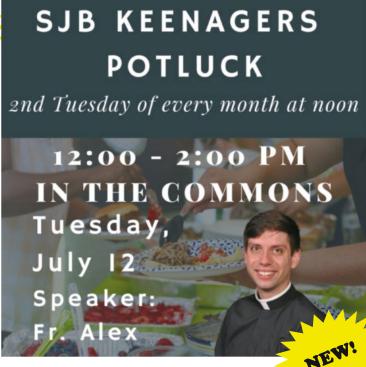
Guided by our Catholic faith, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School serves God and families by spiritually and academically preparing students for lives of holiness and service.

925 S. Boulevard • Edmond, OK 73034 Ph: 405-348-5364 Fx: 405-340-9627 Stelizabethedmond.org Principal Laura Cain, x137 Assistant Principal Karen Corrigan, x129



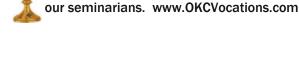
PLEASE SEND A LETTER OF INTEREST TO KAREN CORRIGAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, AT KCORRIGAN@SEASOK.ORG





Congratulations to Clarence & Marlene Fleck who are celebrating 70 years of marriage this month! May God bless you and continue to fill your marriage with grace.

Remember to pray for vocations to the married life!



Remember in your prayers,

Please pray for vocations and support

those currently serving our Country.





# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

# **BRONCHO CATHOLIC**

**321 E Clegern Ave, Edmond, OK** 405-340-0691 x 156

stjohn-catholic.org/formation/uco-catholicnewman-center

Find us on Instagram <u>@BronchoCatholic</u> or Facebook <u>@UCOCatholics</u>

Have a blessed summer, Broncho Catholics! Check our social media for all summer events!





Knights of Columbus

June Knight of the Month

Eric Potter

June Family of the Month

Rick & Amy Feuerborn

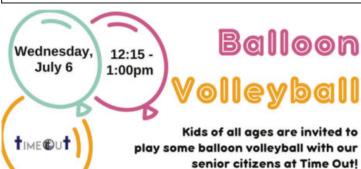
Knights of Columbus Council 6477

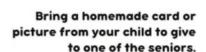
Luis J. Blanco (Luie) - Grand Knight Council 6477 405-314-7870 oklarican.lb@gmail.com

Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM, at the Fr. Larkin Activity Center. Zoom will still be available.

# **Summer Camp Spots Still Available!**

Register now for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Summer Camp or family camp. All sessions are open for elementary, middle and high school students and families. Visit campolog.org.





(Parents are required to remain with their children- no dropping off!)

Meet between the Adoration Chapel & the Commons at 12:15pm.

Call or text Jennie Meyer with questions at 803-454-9103.

# CONTACTS

ReceptionAdmin./S&CL		
Exec. AsstBerr	nadette Arviso	x107
Safety & Security	Anne Keef	x108
MusicBa	arbara Meiser	x117
Evang & Faith Form	Lynda Hearn	x113
Accounting/S&S	Angela Holt	x116
Outreach/HR	Amy Dennis	x115
Evang & Faith Form	Erin Snow	x135
Adult Faith FormSte	phanie Stovall	x112
Communications	Kasey Holt	x136
IT parish/schoolS	haron Kasper	x118
MaintenanceN	athan Howard	x350
UCOM	arianne Smith	x156

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Children's Day Out Ph 405-340-1789 Director Eva Nagykaldi

Director	Eva Nagykaldi
Outreach—Samaritan Ho	ouse
Ph 405-216-7554	
Coordinator	Jesus Medina

# DEVOTIONAL



Spirituality: So Many Questions, So Much Fear Nancy Vargas

Is the world coming to an end? Will there be a nuclear World War Three? Is our United States on the brink of a Civil War? What is truth and what is not? Is our Catholic Church on the verge of division? Where are you God and why aren't you taking care of all this death and destruction? Jesus, how do I live your last and final commandment to all of us: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn. 15:12). Am I living in the "end times"?

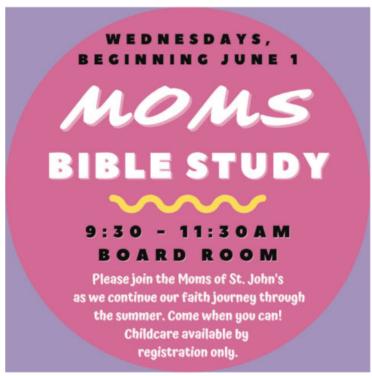
These are scary questions and these are fearful times. What do we do? We turn to Jesus, our Redeemer, our Brother, and our Friend. We go to Jesus with all of our fears, questions, and troubles and we lay them all at the foot of the cross. We talk with our beloved Jesus and we listen, just as we would to a dear best friend, letting Jesus see and know all of us: the good, the bad, and the ugly. We let Jesus hold us close and whisper into our hearts and our troubled minds: "I am here. Do not be afraid. My peace I leave you, my peace I give to you." This, my dear ones, is prayer.

Let me invite all of you on a journey of prayer, friendship, and peace. Let me invite you to inquire about the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, known in our Archdiocese as Retreat in Daily Life. Set aside time in your daily life to talk with Jesus about everything! It is a prayer journey that is life-giving and life-renewing in the midst of all the business, craziness, and sometimes fear and suffering that surrounds you. Retreat in Daily Life takes you on a Biblical and prayerful encounter with Jesus. You grow in your friendship with Jesus and Jesus' peace, love, and compassion grows in you.

"Prayerfulness sees God everywhere. Prayerfulness talks to God everywhere. Prayerfulness is fostered by the simple consciousness that God is. That God is near us at all times. That God is closer than the breath we breathe. That God is available, a silence in the midst of chaos, a voice in the midst of confusion, a promise at the center of the tumult" (Joan Chittister, OSB). Retreat in Daily Life is the beginning of a journey of prayerfulness. At any time of the day or night we can call on Jesus. Jesus is always waiting, listening for us. What a wonderful blessing. No phone needed, no emails, no Instagram posts—just a whisper.

If you would like to inquire about Retreat in Daily Life, please contact me (405-760-4640). Interviews for this next session of Retreat in Daily Life will begin on July 1 and continue through August 31.

Nancy is a long time parishioner of St. John's and has experience in spiritual direction since 2008. She facilitates Retreat in Daily Life groups for the Archdiocese. She may be contacted at 405-760-4640 or navargas54@gmail.com.





# DEVOTIONAL



St. Benedict, Pray for Us! Karen Pourbabaee

"Gracious Holy Father, grant us the intellect to understand You, reason to discern You, diligence to seek You, wisdom to find You, and a heart to meditate upon You. May our ears hear You, may our eyes behold You, and

may our tongues proclaim You. Amen."

-Prayer of St. Benedict

Such is the most beautiful prayer of St. Benedict of Nursia, Italy, Father of Western Monasticism and patron saint of Europe, whose feast day is celebrated July 11. He is also known as the patron saint of exorcists. St. Benedict lived from 480-543, being widely known as a man of prayer and a man of miracles, while also possessing the gift of prophecy and visions. In the name of Jesus, his prayers led to the curing of a young boy with leprosy, brought dead boys back to life, cast out evil spirits, caused a monk to walk on water, and he even prophesied his own death. He penned the Rule of St. Benedict in 516, which became the norm for monastic living in the 12 monasteries he established, and more generally, throughout medieval Europe.

Apparently, St. Benedict's prayers were also efficacious in the healing of Pope Leo IX as a young boy suffering from a snake bite; he observed the holy monk descend on a golden ladder from heaven and touch him with a holy cross, eliciting a complete cure. In 1049, Pope Leo redesigned the cross as a medal to which he attributed blessings and indulgences. Pope Benedict XIV approved and recommended the medal in 1742.

The St. Benedict Medal is widely known and used today, and should be done with faith. As any sacramental, it holds no power in and of itself. Rather, its graces and favors are due to As a Christian freelance writer, Karen is the author of our faith in Jesus Christ and the efficacious prayer of St. Benedict on our behalf. Though lay people are forbidden to conduct exorcisms, they are permitted to use the St. Benedict medal to ward off evil or in prayer for the many benefits listed below:

According to Dom Gueranger in 1880, the St. Benedict medal is considered effective in: 1) asking for inner peace and spiritual healing, 2) asking for peace between individuals or nations, 3) curing bodily afflictions and as protection against continual disease, 4) destroying the effects of witchcraft and all other diabolical and haunting influences, 5) healing those suffering from wounds and illnesses, 6) obtaining conversions of sinners, especially when in danger of death, 7) offering protection from storms and lightning, 8) protecting children from nightmares, 9) protecting mother and child

during childbirth, 10) protecting animals infected with plague and other maladies, 11) protecting fields infested by harmful insects, 12) protecting from or otherwise countering effects of poisons, 13) protecting persons tempted, deluded, or tormented by evil spirits.

The St. Benedict medal can be worn, and it has been suggested by exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger to have them around your house, especially at all entrances, for added protection. It is common to bury them in the four corners of your property. Have them blessed, and if possible according to the old rite of exorcism proper to the medal. While the medal itself has an image of St. Benedict bearing a cross, the opposite side portrays a cross with lettering on it and around the medal's perimeter; they are initials for Latin words that offer the faithful a formula for employing the virtue of the Holy Cross against evil spirits. The Latin words create the St. Benedict Medal Prayer: "May the Holy Cross be my light. May the dragon never be my guide. Get away from me Satan. Never tempt me with your vanities. What you offer me is evil. Drink the poison yourself." This formula/prayer presents all that Satan dreads—the Holy Cross, the Holy Name of Jesus, and our Savior's own words in temptation.

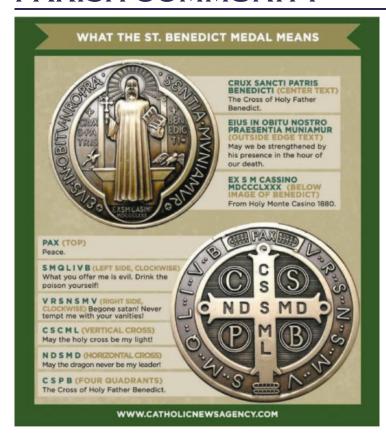
Fr. Gabriel Amorth, renowned Rome exorcist, emphasized the importance of invoking St. Benedict's name as the patron of exorcists during this priestly ministry. Most exorcists also use the St. Benedict Medal Crucifix during exorcisms. As lay people, let us avail ourselves of St. Benedict's prayer and protection. Let us utilize his medal as a sacramental in our lives and pray the medal prayer daily as a spiritual shield. St. Benedict, pray for us!

Take a look at page 12 to view the St. Benedict Medal and it's meaning.

SACRED JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT TO EPIPHANY, as well as her 2016 book ACADIAN MELODY and part of a multi-author series of books, MIXED BLESSINGS. She is a regular devotional contributor for Faithwriters.com and iDisciple.



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# CODA: CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS



Co-Dependents Anonymous in Edmond is continuing meetings on Zoom. Thurs. 6:30pm and Sat. 11:00am. For information and to receive the meeting link call/text Sherry 405-315-7559 or email edmondstudygroup@gmail.com.

Additional online and phone meetings listed at <a href="www.coda.org">www.coda.org</a>. Co-Dependents Anonymous is a fellowship of women and men learning to develop healthy relationships with family, ourselves and God.



# Marriage Encounter Weekend

Worldwide Marriage Encounter would like to invite the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish to attend a special ME weekend – to celebrate the end of Covid-19 restrictions and to bring your relationship back into the

priority it is. Can't find a babysitter and need to go home at night? This is the perfect weekend for you. St. Andrews Parish (800 NW 5th St. Moore OK) is hosting a weekend that will do just that. July 15-17, 2022. If you would rather attend a traditional weekend, overnight stay at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, your date is October 28-30. Please mark your calendar now so you will not miss the opportunity to grow closer in love by attending one of these weekends. For more information or to register please contact Bryan or Karen Berland bkberland@gmail.com or (405) 850-4274 or 405-664-2164 or the website - meoklahoma.org.



In June we welcomed these children into our Faith Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Heidi Carolyn Smith — daughter of Bryan & Carolyn Smith

Mary Grace Looper — daughter of Christian & Katelyn Looper

George Turner Tackett — son of Karris & Riley Tackett

Shepherd Dean Killman — son of Dalton & Nicole Killman

Vera Ann Ezugha — daughter of Ben & Amanda Ezugha

Eli Jean Ledet — son of Caleb & Stephanie Ledet

# **Homily Podcast**

Did you know that every week, we record many of the weekend homilies and post them to a podcast on our website? We attempt to get at least one homily from each priest or deacon. To listen, visit <a href="https://stjohn-catholic.org/worship/podcast-archive">https://stjohn-catholic.org/worship/podcast-archive</a>



We would like to welcome all newcomers and their families to St. John the Baptist.

If you haven't already, please register online at stjohn-catholic.org at the top right corner of your screen on the homepage where it says "Parish Registration."

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# BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Saturday, July 9 10:00am - 12:00pm

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I love the Fourth of July! I love celebrating our founding fathers and their hard work ensuring our freedom. I believe I value independence and freedom more than the

average person. I am always surprised at how easily people give away their freedoms. In fact, many people willingly slide down the slippery slope to addiction believing they are in control.

Addiction is a treatable, chronic medical disease involving

complex interactions among brain circuits, genetics, the environment and an individual's life experiences. People with addiction use substances or engage in behaviors that become compulsive and often continue despite harmful consequences. There are different types of addictions and most are difficult to detect because they are legal and easy to obtain.

Substance Addiction - This is often the first thing that most people think of when talking about addiction. However, each of the following can just as easily ruin your life:

- **Gambling Addiction**
- Sex Addiction
- **Food Addiction**
- Gaming/Electronic Addiction

Virtually any activity can become an addiction disorder, including many of the socially acceptable areas of life. Watching a lot of television can become an addiction, as can an excessive focus on exercise or healthy eating. The key factor in recognizing something as an addiction is that you cannot stop doing it and that there are negative consequences for continuing it. These negative consequences can be for yourself, or for those around you.

The stages of addiction:

1) Experimentation. Using and trying things willingly. The initial stage can happen at any age but research shows the younger the age the more impact on the development of the brain. (This is why gaming and electronic addiction is so difficult to break.)

- 2) Regular use in one's life.
- 3) Problematic or risky use. At this stage things happen where the individual use is occurring at an alarming rate. The individual may not feel the behavior is abnormal but others do, and the individual continues their use regardless of the risks or consequences.
- 4) Dependence. At this stage the use is compulsive and it interferes heavily with the individual's life. They depend on and cannot function without it. Their tolerance level goes up.

5) Addiction. At this stage, use is compulsive and out of control. Addiction is a medical condition involving

> psychological and physical changes from repeated heavy use.

If you or someone you know has an addiction there is help! Many of the support groups are listed in the back of this bulletin, or feel free to call. Take back your freedom and enjoy the life God intended you to have. Happy Fourth of July!

Mary Brenner, LPC, NCC, is on staff at St. John's. She has a broad source of experience with young people, families,

worked with school children. If you or your family are in need of a counselor, Mary may be contacted at 405-359-8539.



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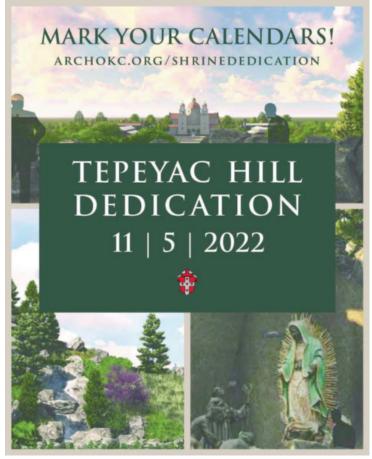


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# **SUPPORT**

**COUNSELING:** individual, child/ adolescence, group, marital and family counseling to help you cope with stress, grief, depression, anxiety, addictions, relationships and adult children issues. Sessions at St. Timothy House. Call Mary Brenner, LPC, 405-359-8539.

GRIEF SUPPORT: St. John's offers individual sessions for discussing the death, your loss and the corresponding feelings. Call Mary Brenner, LPC at 405-359-8539.

St. Ann's Pregnancy & Early Infant Loss Support Group: held each second Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00. Share stories and resources. Natalie Clevenger at natalie.clevenger@gmail.com or 405-315-1425. Child care available upon request.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** meets on the third Sunday of the month from 10:15 - 11:30 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 800 NW 5th St, OKC, OK 73160. Call Caryl Prati, RN FCN for information at 405-799-3334.

St. Phillip Neri, 1107 Felix Pl, Midwest City, OK 73110. Every Other Tuesday 7:00 -8:30. Contact Sharon Hebert, 405-455-3608, shebert9@att.net.

# **CODEPENDENTS ANNONYMOUS:** is a

fellowship of men and women who want to develop healthy relationships to support and share with each other in a journey of self-discovery. CODA meets at 6:30 pm every Thursday. Call Sherry at 405-844-1474.

WIDOWED OR DIVORCED: The opportunity to find help dealing with the natural grief process is available through the Beginning Experience weekend. With the help of God, the pain of loss can turn into an experience of positive growth. For info or upcoming dates, Contact the Office of Family Life at 721-5651 x108.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT:** for caregivers of those with some type of dementia. Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 7:00 -8:30 pm at Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, 1603 N Santa Fe. For information call the church at 405-341-3300 or Cindy Thomas at 405-715-9954.

Autumn Leaves Memory Care, 1001 S. Bryant, 405-406-3858, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

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**INTEGRIS Jim Thorpe Rehab Hospital** 4219 S. Western Ave., OKC, OK 73109.

For Rehab Caregiver Support Group Contact: Allie Weaver, CRC 405-636-7883. Meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm. For Brain Injury Support Group Contact Karen Bryan, OTR/L 405-644-5381. Meets 4th Thursday of month, 6:00 -7:30 pm.

# MERCY HOSPITAL STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

4120 W. Memorial Rd. (Glass Pyramid), #102 OKC, OK 73120. Contact: Gary Bulmer 405-721-8453. Meets 2nd Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 pm.

# **OKC BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP**

Valir Rehab Hospital - 700 NW 7th St., OKC, OK Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of month, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact: Gary Bulmer 405-721-8453 or Rod Davidson 405-517-1608

### **CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY & GAMBLING:**

A CHANCE TO CHANGE- meets on Mondays, from 6:30-8:00 pm, at 3031 NW 64th, off May Avenue, OKC. New programs for individuals with gambling problems and employee assistance programs are now available. Call 405-840 -9000.

depression, bipolar and related conditions meets every Saturday, 3:00-4:00 pm, in the Edmond Public Library, at 10 S. Boulevard.

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4 area support groups are available for family members or caregivers of someone with a severe mental illness.

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Family to Family classes: Go to www.namigreaterokc.com for information about support groups and classes and continuing education series regarding serious mental illness. You may also call 405-408-8806 for information.

# NAMI SUPPORT GROUP

NAMI hosts support groups for families and caregivers of people with mental illness and has a support group for people with mental illness. For more information on mental illness support and events visit NAMIedmond.org or call 405-408-0886

### **Al-Anon Groups**

Edmond Clubhouse, behind Reid Printing 3130 B South Boulevard 405- 330-1160 Monday 12:00 noon Monday 6:30 pm Preteen - Alateen Monday 7:40 pm Wednesday 6:45 pm Saturday 9:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday 5:30 pm Al-Anon Adult Children

# **Alcoholics Anonymous Groups**

Peace Lutheran, 2600 E Danforth, Mon, Wed, 8:00 pm, Wesley Foundation Student Center, 310 E Hurd St., M, W, F, Sat, 12:10 pm Edmond Group, 3130 S Boulevard, Every day, 8:00 PM; Tues, Thurs, 12:10 pm: Sat. 11:00 am. Sun. 9:30 am Edmond Hispanic Group, 3130 S Boulevard, Mon, Wed, Fri, 6:30 pm American Legion Hall, 101 E. 5th Street, Tues, Sun, 7:30 pm Simply AA, 19 1/2 West 1st St, Tues. Thurs, Sun, 8:00 pm Presbyterian Church, 10th and Rankin, Sat. 8:00 am

# **SURVIVIORS OF SUICIDE**

Contact: Cindy Rose, 405-919-9195, MENTAL HEALTH: Edmond Support Group for rose23@cox.net, Crossings Community Church, 14600 North Portland Ave, OKC, OK 73134, every Mon, 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Contact: Randy Miller, 405-751-1859, r miller1012@cox.net or Cindy Siegrist. 405-317-1387, All Souls' Episcopal Church, 6400 North Pennsylvania Ave. OKC, OK 73116, 4th Tues of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Contact: Phyllis Haley, 405-330-8155, 2109 Silvertree Lane, Edmond, OK 73013, Meet Monthly.

# Survivors Support Group

Meerschaert House 2nd Floor - 1901 NW 18th St., OKC, OK. (St. Francis of Assisi Parish). Third Monday of the Month 7:00 -8:30. A support group for those who have lost someone to suicide. A simple gathering in a caring atmosphere, offering ways to cope and remember loved ones. Denise Short 405-620-7991. Youth Room



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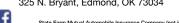
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