

# HOLY TRINITY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

*February 21, 2016*



### AN UPDATE ON THE CHURCH STRUCTURE

I am happy to get back to you all and update you with regard to the church structure. Last Thursday, the general contractor, structural engineer and two adjuster from Western Claims were here to do some detailed evaluation of the church structure. They were here for about 7 hours and did some detailed study and came to a conclusion that there are no structural issues at all concerning the church. It is only an 100 years old building and that everything is in good condition. The choir loft is very safe and there is no evidence of any movements. Although they recommended that the interior of the church could be painted if the insurance company helps to defray the cost of it. It is under scrutiny. A detailed report will be expected in two months. Thanks be to God and that everything is safe and sound. —Fr. John Peter.

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### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

*A full schedule can be found inside the bulletin.*

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Or by appointment

### ORGANIZATIONS

#### **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Kimberly Annuschat, Regent

Halli Ford, Vice-Regent

#### **Holy Trinity Altar Society**

Theresa Schulte, President

#### **Catholic Order of Foresters**

James Wittrock, Chief Ranger

#### **Knights of Columbus**

B.J. Waeger, Grand Knight

#### **Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus**

*Father Stanley Rother Assembly*

Gerald Knecht, Faithful Navigator

### PARISH COUNCIL

Joe Wittrock, Chairman

Stephen Jeffrey, Vice-Chair

Marian Rother, Secretary

Joel Frisby

Cindy Shelley

Pat Brueggen

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Karla Eischen

### HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Tammy Jacobs, Principal

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### School Advisory Council

Nikki Buck

Roger Gann

Jana McDaniel

Lance Schneiter

Brooke Brady

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2016

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?”*

— Psalm 27:1

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 20	5:00 p.m.
	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
Sunday	February 21	10:30 a.m.
	<b>+Ruth Knecht</b>	
Monday	February 22	8:00 a.m.
	<b>Communion Service</b>	
Tuesday	February 23	8:00 a.m.
	<b>+Paul Lodes</b>	
Wednesday	February 24	8:30 a.m.
	<b>+Zenon Vogt</b>	
Thursday	February 25	8:00 a.m.
	<b>+Lawrence Wittrock</b>	
Friday	February 25	6:00 p.m.
	<b>In Thanksgiving</b>	
Saturday	February 26	5:00 p.m.
	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
Sunday	February 27	10:30 a.m.
	<b>+Catherine Brueggen</b>	

*Daily Mass Server: Bridget Himes*

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday, February 21

9-10:15 a.m. K-6 RE Classes (LRS)

### Tuesday, February 23

6:30 p.m. 4th Degree Knights of Columbus (PH)

### Wednesday, February 24

8:30 a.m. School Mass—Grade 7

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (PH)

### Friday, February 26

2:30 p.m. HTCS Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. Mass (Church) - no morning Mass

6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper (PH)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

### Sunday, February 28

9:00 a.m. K-6 Religious Education Classes (LRS)

**Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer**—Starting from Ash Wednesday, we as a parish will be saying the Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee year of Mercy. It will be recited by the whole congregation on the weekend masses and also on the weekday masses. It will be recited directly after the reception of Holy Communion when the whole congregation is seated. In case there is a second collection on a particular weekend, the ushers will take up the second collection following the prayer. For the weekdays it will be directly after the reception of Holy Communion when the whole congregation is seated. The prayer cards will be available in your own pews. Please leave them there once you use them. This prayer will continue until November 20th, 2016.

**Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy and Our Response for the month of February; Special Food drive next weekend of February 27th & 28th**—Holy Trinity Catholic Church will embrace the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy by responding to the Corporal Works of Mercy. Holy Trinity Parish will focus for the month of February on **“Feeding the Hungry”** by bringing imperishable food items on the weekend of 27th & 28th and place in the boxes provide in the back of Church. All items will be taken to the Lord’s Harvest in El Reno. The Lord’s Harvest is a community based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Lord’s Harvest is guided by the teachings of Jesus to feed the hungry and take care of those in need. The Lord’s Harvest offers a selection of programs to help eliminate hunger in the community and provide for those in time of need. **Please bring your imperishable food items and leave them in the boxes provided at the back of the Church.**

**Fast and Abstinence**—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

**Lenten Penance Rite** will be held on **March 9th at 6:30 pm.** There are couple of visiting priests who are coming from different parishes to listen to the confessions of our parishioners. All parishioners are encouraged to participate. At this time I extend a special invitation to all the confirmation students, RE students and their parents to make use of this opportunity. Let us approach this Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Jubilee Year of Mercy to experience the Mercy and Forgiveness of the Lord.

**Easter Flowers**—There will be a special second collection in our parish at all the weekend Masses of **February 27th & 28th for Easter flowers.** Please give us your assistance to make our church look beautiful for Easter. I am most grateful to you for your kind donation for this cause.

**Mass of the Anointing of the Sick**—For those who are in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of healing, we will have a special Mass of the healing on **March 11th at 6:00 pm.** followed by Soup supper and Stations of the Cross. There were good number of participation at the last healing Mass held in November and so we have another opportunity to receive this sacrament of healing as well.

**Fridays during Lenten: Friday Evening Mass, Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross**—Prayer is one of the three pillars of Lenten practice. Through prayer, we raise our hearts and minds to God in thanksgiving and praise. During Lent, we place special emphasis on prayer and contemplation on the Passion and Death of our Lord through expressions of popular piety such as the Stations of the Cross and veneration of the Crucified Christ. Please watch the schedule and make use of this opportunity to fulfill your inner desire to participate in the sufferings of Christ on Fridays.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Summer Camp** has begun registration for the summer of 2016. You may download a registration form from their website at [www.archoc.org](http://www.archoc.org) under the Youth & Young Adult tab or register on-line to pay in full. New and returning campers are encouraged to register as early as possible. Sessions fill up quickly.

**Sun. Feb. 21**—K-6 RE Classes, 9-10:15 a.m.

**Wed. Feb. 24**—Youth Group at 6:00 p.m. (PH)

**Sun. Feb. 28**—K-6 RE Classes, 9-10:15 a.m. (LRS)

**SAVE THE DATE**—First Holy Communion Retreat will be on Saturday, April 9, from 9a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**“Mission Central 2016”** - On March 1st, we will begin selling tickets for our Draw Down Raffle. Only 300 tickets will be sold with each ticket costing \$50. The raffle will be conducted on May 1st, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during our Pile on Dinner. The winners need not be present to win. Five prizes will be awarded: \$2,500; \$1,000; \$500; \$500 and \$500. More information in the upcoming weeks on where to buy your tickets.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**YOUTH CHOIR** - Practices are on *Sundays at 4 p.m.* Our next scheduled Mass is *Saturday, March 12th, at 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m.* Reminders of practices/masses are generally communicated on Facebook, so look us up under Holy Trinity YC.

**Scrip Program for HTCS** *Buy Scrip* by contacting *Annye Bomhoff (368-7228 or annyep@pldi.net)*

**School Endowment Fund Tickets**—Thank you for your support of our School Endowment Fund. Congratulations to our weekly winner, *Joel Frisby*.

**Catholic Foundation Scholarships Available**—The 2016-17 Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma scholarship applications are now available. The CFO offers a \$6,000 scholarship to students attending a non-Catholic college or University and a \$12,000 scholarship to students attending a Catholic college or university. Additional scholarships may be available to a University of Oklahoma medical student, a nursing student at the school of their choice, students studying pastoral music, and a student attending St. Gregory’s University. If interested, go online to [www.cfook.org](http://www.cfook.org), contact 405721-4115, or [cfo-info@archoc.org](mailto:cfo-info@archoc.org). *Completed applications are due by April 6.*

**IN THE FATHER’S FOOTSTEPS XX—Saturday, February 27, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center, 2501 Conference Dr., Noman, OK**—

For registration questions, please contact Chris Borders at 285-1382. Registration fee is \$69.00 for information about the conference contact Ray Haeefele at 501-1165.

*Welcome to our Catholic Family*

*Jill Elizabeth Glazier  
Daughter of Jon & Lindsey Glazier*

*Leo Frank Schwarz  
Son of Steve & Jordan Schwarz*

*Madeline Paige Alig  
Daughter of John & Lindsey Alig*

*Ava Elizabeth Baustert  
Daughter of Matthew & Lindsey Baustert*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Sara Wittrock, Leona Hau, Tom Yost, Wendy Gray Olmstead, Eric Hufnagel, Lynn Sturgeon, Janey Kretchmar, Joli Schroeder, Joe Farrell, Lucille Howard, Emma Elliot, John Bomhoff, Elaine Lakey, Bill Patterson, Joan Stone, Steve Knecht, Diane Eischen, Ken Reding, Aggie Daniel, Mandi Griffin, Jaqueline Irion, Braden Nicholson, Cliff Koski, Terry Reese, Ray Spomer, Steve Winters, Chelce Garms, Sandy Raupe, Leo Meyer, Bill Rund and Kenneth Garms.

*To add or delete names to the prayer list, call Theresa Liebl (263-7324). She is required to contact the person’s family to insure their privacy if they do not wish their name to be published.*

**Our Parish is in need of New Black Roman Cassocks and White Surplice for the Altar servers:**

Our Parish is blessed to have around 61 students from 40 families who actively participate in this Altar Server Ministry. We wish to recognize them and thank them sincerely for the interest that these children manifest. Being an altar Server is an important ministry of the church and it is from these that many choose to become Priests and Religious. Many of the Priests in the church today were altar servers earlier in their respective parishes. The current dress code for the altar servers is white albs and cincture. The old albs and the cincture that these altar servers wear look very old, served their purpose for many years, worn out and battered. And many times the altar servers do not know how to dress themselves with them. It is time to replace them. And so we are in the process of replacing them with new black Roman Cassocks (65% polyester and 35% cotton) and white surplice. Many of the churches have them and they look very good on the altar servers. I am sure that many of you would like the black cassock and white surplice more than the old albs and cinctures that we currently use. I am looking to see if some of you would want to donate money to buy them for the church. It will be a lasting gift to the parish and for the altar servers as well. I will have some volunteers do the washing once in a while and keep them clean and tidy. Initially I am looking to purchase 25 new sets with different sizes (7 small; 7 medium, 7 large and 4 extra large). These sizes should accommodate all the children. Find below the estimate for each of the items. You can donate the money to Holy Trinity Church and I will have a bulk order placed for the parish.

<b>Roman Black Cassock</b>	<b>White Surplice</b>	<b>Total</b>
Small—\$51.00	Small—\$27.00	<b>\$78.00</b>
Medium—\$56.00	Medium—\$30.00	<b>\$86.00</b>
Large—\$60.00	Large—\$32.00	<b>\$92.00</b>
Ex. Large—\$64.00	Ex. Large—\$32.00	<b>\$96.00</b>

Please note that I am most grateful to you for any donation that you make for the good of this ministry. The altar servers stand close to the altar of God next to the Priest in the Sanctuary and we would want them to look elegant and happy. Please call the parish @ 263-7930 if you wish to donate. —Rev. John Peter Swaminathan.

**COLLECTION AMOUNT**

February 14, 2016: \$

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DUES**—Knights of Columbus members are reminded to pay their \$25 dues. They may be sent to David Krittenbrink, P.O. Box 581, Okarche, OK 73762.