

HOLY TRINITY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

**SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 17, 2016



John M. Gruntmeir

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

If you are unable to reach the Parish Office please call...

- ◆ Deacon Max at 263-4760;
- ◆ Fr. Francis T. Nguyen, Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Kingfisher at 375-4581;
- ◆ Fr. Mark Mason, Sacred Heart Church, El Reno at 262-1405.

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Holy Trinity School Office: 263-4422
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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

J.D. Mueggenborg, Grand Knight

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

Father Stanley Rother Assembly

Gerald Knecht, Faithful Navigator

PARISH COUNCIL

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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

P.O. Box 485, Okarche, OK 73762

Tammy Jacobs, Principal

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Nikki Buck

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Jana McDaniel

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Brooke Brady

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*“Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.”
— Isaiah 62:2*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 16	5:00 p.m.
	+Louis Rother	
Sunday	January 17	10:30 a.m.
	People of the Parish	
Monday	January 18	8:00 a.m.
	Communion Service	
Tuesday	January 19	8:00 a.m.
	Communion Service	
Wednesday	January 20	8:30 a.m.
	Communion Service	
Thursday	January 21	8:00 a.m.
	Communion Service	
Friday	January 22	8:00 a.m.
	Communion Service	
Saturday	January 23	5:00 p.m.
	People of the Parish	
Sunday	January 24	10:30 a.m.
	+Ruth Knecht	

MISSION TRIP 2016 FUNDRAISER—Please join us as we host an Italian Dinner on Sunday, January 24, 2016, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Free Will Donations will be accepted. We hope to see everyone there!

Communion to Home Bound/Nursing Homes—Do you know of someone who would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to church due to illness, surgery, injury or disability...in the hospital, nursing home, assisted living facility or rehab center? There are communion ministers available to bring communion to these people on a weekly basis. They will also help arrange for other sacraments as desire/needed. Call the Parish Office (405-263-7930) to make arrangements.

Do You Have Difficulty Walking To Holy Communion? Anyone who has difficulty walking to the front of the church to receive Holy Communion should inform an usher before Mass begins. We will be happy to bring Holy Communion to you.

Blessing of Throats—St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, is invoked for ailments of the throat. Tradition tells us that while St. Blaise was in prison, he healed a young boy who was choking because of a fish bone lodged in his throat. Hence the Blessing of Throats with the candles crossed began in the 16th Century. This year this feast falls on Wednesday February 3, and so we will have the blessing of throats on that day at the end of the school Mass. All are most welcome to receive this blessing, particularly those who have problems with their throats. *The following is the Prayer that will be said during the blessing: through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 17

9:00 a.m. K-7 Religious Education Classes (LRS)
After Mass First Communion Parents’ Meeting (PH)
After Mass RCIA/Video Series “*Symbolon*” (LRS)

Monday, January 18

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Catechists Meeting (LRS)

Wednesday, January 20

8:30 a.m. School Mass—Grade 4
6:00 p.m. Confirmation & Youth Group (PH)

Sunday, January 24

9:00 a.m. K-6 RE Classes (LRS)
After Mass RCIA/Video Series “*Symbolon*” (LRS)
Noon (PH) Italian Dinner Mission Trip Fund Raiser

John M. Gruntmeir foundation: The Last Will of John M. Gruntmeir—Some of you may know Mr. & Mrs. John & Amy Gruntmeir. Sadly, John M. Gruntmeir died in October of 2015. John was a graduate of Holy Trinity School, class of 1947. As a graduate of Holy Trinity Catholic School it was his wish to give back to the school that contributed so greatly to the person he was. And so, it was his intention and last will that Holy Trinity School be a beneficiary of his annuity valued at \$65,532.61. It was his request that upon his death that his financial gift be made known to the parish with the hope that others will follow his example. With that, I declare to the parish that a check from the estate of John M. Gruntmeir was received in the Parish Office on Monday, January 4, 2016. It has been deposited with the Catholic Foundation of OKC as the **John M. Gruntmeir Endowment** for the benefit of Holy Trinity Catholic School, specifically for enhancement of the school and/or for tuition assistance. In the event that the school no longer exists, it was Mr. Gruntmeir’s wish that the funds be used for the benefit of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

And so, here is another reason for us to feel proud about Holy Trinity School. A graduate from our own school wanted the school to be a beneficiary of who he was by his own financial contribution and last will. I am sure that many of you will be inspired with the legacy and example of John M. Gruntmeir. Let us pray that his soul may rest in peace and that he may stand as an outstanding example for us to follow.

COLLECTION AMOUNT
January 10—\$9,196.00

THE ALTAR BOUQUET THIS WEEK
IS IN MEMORY OF...

George Kretchmar
Offered by Mike & Laurie Kretchmar

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

The RE, Youth Group and confirmation classes are focusing on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy throughout the 2015-2016 year. During the months of December and January we will be focusing on the spiritual work of mercy "Clothe the Naked." We will be taking donations of coats, mittens, gloves and scarves. Please place these items in the boxes in the back of Church. The donations will go to the Lord's Harvest in El Reno.

Sun. Jan. 17—RE for K-6, 9-10:15 a.m. in Parish Center
First Communion Parents' Meeting with Father John Peter in the Parish Hall following 10:30 a.m. Mass (11:30 a.m.)

Mon. Jan. 18—Confirmation Catechists meeting 6:30 p.m. in the Lenore Robb Suite

Wed. Jan. 20—Confirmation (6-8:30 p.m.)/Youth Group (6-7:30 p.m.) in Parish Hall

Sun. Jan. 24—K-6 RE classes, 9-10:15 a.m. Lenore Robb Suite

MISSION CENTRAL 2016

Holy Trinity Youth Mission Trip: Wichita, KS
July 17-23, 2016

During the Year of Mercy 2016, a group of students from our parish willing to fulfill Pope Francis's challenge to "find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world" will be traveling to Wichita, Kansas, during the week of July 17 to "restore homes and hearts, feed the hungry, lift the spirits of children, give hope to the disabled and provide help through partnerships with social agencies." In living out this year's theme, Besiege with Love, they hope to spread the Love of God to others in the community.

This year's mission attendees need your help. The financial goal is \$20,000. This amount will support the expenses for the Wichita trip and leave a starter fund for Mission 2017. The Mission families have scheduled three (3) fund raisers to assist in offsetting the expenses.

1. January 24, 2016—Lasagna Dinner
2. May 1, 2016—Taco Pile On Dinner
3. Lottery Draw Down—Winners to be announced at the Taco Pile On Dinner.

Most importantly the group is asking for your Prayers and support in making this Mission a success. Your prayers for good weather, great attendance, continue focus and a closer relationship with God for all of the attendees are needed to this success. In the coming weeks you will be provided with updates and progress of the Youth Mission 2016. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. May God bless us all, Charles L. Krumsiek (Coordinator)

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YOUTH CHOIR - Practices are on *Sundays at 4 p.m.* Our next scheduled Mass is *Sunday, January 31st, 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 *Thank you for using scrip! Buy Scrip by contacting Annys Bomhoff (368-7228 or annys@pldi.net)*

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Kaleb Schroeder, Marco Reyes, Carolyn Wittrock, Sara Wittrock, David Nicholas, Jan Schultz, Bryan James, Alden McDowell, Bobbi Ottis, Markina Anderson, Jessie Boone, Cindy Leblanc, Kyle Beecher, Marshall Baustert, Coby Henrichs, Dr. Jim Smith, Mary Ann King, Lonnie Williamson, Kenneth Garms, Mike Isvell, Leona Hau, Rumer Austin, Sara Ratzemberger, Theresa Cannady, Carol Egger, James Annuschat, Amibeth Luster, Shannon Mueggenborg, Mary Williams, Fran Loosen, Sheila Duffell, Dolores Greving, Jerry Ann Watkins, Tom Yost, Wendy Gray Olmsted, Garrett Kinsey, Dr. Joe Voss, Terry Wilson, Susan Barrett, Ruth Jones, Teresa Kadavy, Bob Havener, Barry McClung, Trisha Wilson, Eric Hufnagel, Patti Lombardi, Ashley Voss, Azizes Family, Damien Annuschat, Lynn Sturgeon, Frank Kuehn, Adam Luster, Fr. Marvin Leven, Louis Yost, Janey Kretchmar, Special Intention, John Reese, Patty Presley, Joli Schroeder, Clifford Staude, Tony Analla, Joy Kusel, Joe Farrell, Bret Easlon, Leah, Pat Dougherty, Special Intention, Lucille Howard, Emma Elliot, Margarita, Steve Lock, Jan Wilkins, John Bomhoff, the Matt Blackwood Family, Liz Buck, Elaine Lakey, Christine Kuelzer, Bill Patterson, Sandra (Kay) Griesel, Joan Stone, Steve Knecht, Diane Eischen, Ken Reding, Aggie Daniel, Mandi Griffin, Jaqueline Irion, Braden Nicholson, David Doll, Cliff Koski, Terry Reese, Shelly Mueggenborg Norton, Kerri Krittenbrink Moran, Ray Spomer, Clark Grosvenor, Steve Winters and Chelce 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.*

IN THE FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS XX

Saturday, February 27, from 9 and to 4:30 p.m.

Each year, nearly a thousand men in Oklahoma continue the journey of the wise men, a search for the Truth that can only be found in knowing and worshipping our Lord and Savior. For registration call Chris Borders, 405-285-1382. For more information, call Ray Haefele at 405-501-1165 and watch this space for additional posting.

ABUSE OF MINORS HOTLINE

(405-720-9878)

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City through its programs, organizations and events, has numerous daily contacts with many children and young people. It is, therefore, important that all Archdiocesan Personnel, clergy, seminarians, religious, employees and volunteer protect the rights of children and be alert to the possibility for child abuse.

Under Oklahoma state law, all individuals MUST report an incident or suspicion of sexual abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age) to the civil authorities. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services has established a statewide abuse reporting hotline for reporting: **1-800-522-3511**. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **If you feel a child is in immediate danger of harm call 911.**

For the safety of children and the healing of victims, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of a minor (in the past or presently) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel: **1-405-720-9878**. The Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, a licensed professional counselor, will respond to calls to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Response Hotline.

A report to the Archdiocese does not relieve the individual of the duty to report child abuse to civil authorities as required by Oklahoma State Law. In Oklahoma, failure to report child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable in law.