

# HOLY TRINITY

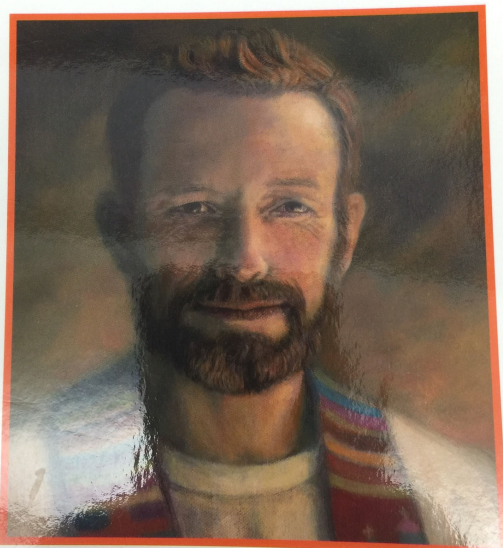
## CATHOLIC CHURCH

**THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

*January 24, 2016*

The  
**SHEPHERD**  
Who Didn't Run

Fr. Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma



María Ruiz Scaperlanda

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH**  
*Michael and Katherine Endres  
Children Abbigayle & Wagoner*

### 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.

**211 WEST MISSOURI,  
OKARCHE, OKLAHOMA**

*Rev. John Peter Swaminathan: 263-7930  
Deacon Max Schwarz – 263-4760 or 708-3105  
Religious Education Office: 263-7475  
Bonnye Mueggenborg, DRE  
Holy Trinity School Office: 263-4422  
Website: [www.holytrinityok.org](http://www.holytrinityok.org)*

### 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

Sue Keyser

Karla Eischen

### HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*P.O. Box 485, Okarche, OK 73762*

Tammy Jacobs, Principal

263-4422

Kathleen Vogt, Admin. Asst.

263-4422

### School Advisory Council

Nikki Buck

Roger Gann

Jana McDaniel

Lance Schneiter

Brooke Brady

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January 24, 2016

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”*

— Luke 4:18a

#### MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday  | January 23                             | 5:00 p.m.  |
|           | <b>People of the Parish</b>            |            |
| Sunday    | January 24                             | 10:30 a.m. |
|           | <b>+Ruth Knecht</b>                    |            |
| Monday    | January 25                             | 8:00 a.m.  |
|           | <b>Communion Service</b>               |            |
| Tuesday   | January 26                             | 8:00 a.m.  |
|           | <b>+Bernard Jacobs</b>                 |            |
| Wednesday | January 27                             | 8:30 a.m.  |
|           | <b>+Dusty Stover</b>                   |            |
| Thursday  | January 28                             | 8:00 a.m.  |
|           | <b>+Rev. David Lafferty</b>            |            |
| Friday    | January 29                             | 8:00 a.m.  |
|           | <b>+Jim Stangl</b>                     |            |
| Saturday  | January 30                             | 5:00 p.m.  |
|           | <b>+Dec. of the CDA</b>                |            |
| Sunday    | January 31                             | 10:30 a.m. |
|           | <b>People of the Parish</b>            |            |
|           | <b>Daily Mass Server: Kaleb Harris</b> |            |

**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.*

**Gratitude and Welcome**—I am most grateful to Deacon Max Schwarz and Juanita Krittenbrink for taking Communion to Home Bound on a weekly bases. They are very regular every Thursday to reach out to them. At this time I am happy to welcome Sue Patchin who has offered her willingness to assist in this ministry of taking Communion to Home Bound on a weekly basis. 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? Call the Parish Office (405-263-7930) to make arrangements.

#### An Update of the Church Structure

I also would like to bring to you notice that we are in the process of looking into the church structure and getting the insurance persons and the structural engineer to look into the affairs of the church. We will give you an update when we hear from them. We still take the church structure seriously and we are working with the Catholic Mutual Insurance Company.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### 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

#### Wednesday, January 27

8:30 a.m. School Mass—Grade 3  
6:00 pm. Youth Group (PH)

#### Thursday, January 28

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (PH)

#### Sunday, January 31

9:00 a.m. K-6 Religious Education Classes (LRS)  
10:30 .am. Catholic Schools Week kick off Mass  
After Mass Maria Scaperlanda book signing (PH)  
After Mass RCIA/Video Series “Symbolon”(LRS)

#### An Update of the

#### Fr. Stanley Rother Memorial Complex Building

After listening to some parishioners with regard to the planning and allotment of the spaces in the Fr. Stanley Rother Memorial Building Complex plans, we are trying to work out a revised floor plan to accommodate more needs. With Religious Education and Youth Group thriving, we want to accommodate more of their needs and so the building committee is working out a revised floor plan with the architect and would suit more to the needs of the parish. After having said that, we are still looking at the same square footage for the building. The revised floor plans will be presented to you upon its completion.

**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.

## 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 go to the Lord's Harvest in El Reno.

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.archokc.org](http://www.archokc.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. Jan. 24**—K-6 RE classes, 9-10:15 a.m. Lenore Robb Suite

**Wed. Jan. 27**—youth Group in Parish Hall, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Sun. Jan. 31**—K-6 RE Classes, 9-10:15 a.m. (LRS)

## 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)

**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

## 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.

## 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, John Reese, Patty Presley, Joli Schroeder, Clifford Staude, Tony Analla, Joe Farrell, Bret Easlon, Leah, Pat Dougherty, 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 Iron, Braden Nicholson, David Doll, Cliff Koski, Terry Reese, Shelly Mueggenborg Norton, Kerri Krittenbrink Moran, Ray Spomer, Clark Grosvenor, Steve Winters, Chelce Garms and Sandy Raupe. 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.

## A New Look for the names on the Prayer for the Sick

We are in the process of working out a strategy to keep an update of the names of the people who are in need of our prayers. Sometimes the names come in and then they are there forever. Sometimes we fail to give chance for the new names to come in of those who are in need of our prayers. And so if you think that someone whom you have suggested to be on the prayer lists have been cured please make it a point to delete them and give some space for the new persons. In the days to come, Theresa Liebl who has been handling this ministry will contact you over the phone to see if you would like to renew or delete the name on the prayer lists. Please renew the names once every three months so that we can keep the lists of names up to date. Thanks to Theresa Liebl for assisting us in this regard

## COLLECTION AMOUNT

January 17, 2016: \$4,474.00

## 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.

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