

# Holy Trinity Catholic Church



2015-2016

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL STAFF

Thank you for all that you do!

Front Row, L-R: Rebecca Landall, Jana Eaton, Shawna Kathrein, Tammy Jacobs, Viola Gonzales-Avant and Ashley Covington  
 Middle Row, L-R: Stephanie Mueggenborg, Kara Mueggenborg, Alicia Davis, Kelli Neuschwander and Gwen Cox  
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**211 WEST MISSOURI,  
 P.O. Box 185  
 OKARCHE, OKLAHOMA**

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME  
 February 7, 2016**

**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

**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.

**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

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**PARISH COUNCIL**

Joe Wittrock, Chairman

Stephen Jeffrey—Vice-Chair

Marian Rother—Secretary

Karla Eischen Cindy Shelley

Sue Keyser Michael Kretchmar

Joel Frisby Lance Schneiter Pat Brueggen

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**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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Tammy Jacobs, Principal—263-4422

Kathleen Vogt, Admin. Asst.—263-4422

**School Advisory Council**

Nikki Buck Roger Gann Brooke Brady  
 Jana McDaniel Lance Schneiter

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

February 7, 2016

*“I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart,  
For you have heard the words of my mouth.”*

— Psalm 138:1

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	February 6	5:00 p.m.
	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
Sunday	February 7	10:30 a.m.
	+ <b>Ambrose &amp; Inez Keyser</b>	
Monday	February 8	8:00 a.m.
	<b>Communion Service</b>	
Tuesday	February 9	8:00 a.m.
	+ <b>Alma Stroud</b>	
Wednesday	February 10	8:30 a.m.
	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
Wednesday	February 10	7:00 p.m.
	+ <b>Matthew Brueggen</b>	
Thursday	February 11	8:00 a.m.
	+ <b>Pat Williams</b>	
Friday	February 12	6:00 p.m.
	+ <b>Danny Baustert</b>	
Saturday	February 13	5:00 p.m.
	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
Sunday	February 14	10:30 a.m.
	+ <b>Ambrose &amp; Inez Keyser</b>	

**Daily Mass Server: Joseph Schaefer**

**Ash Wednesday, February 10**—Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The ashes are used to mark the forehead with the Sign of the Cross, with the reminder: “Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return,” or “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

**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.

**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. In order to encourage more people to participate in the Lenten Fridays, I would be most willing to have the Friday Masses only during Lent at 6 p.m. in the Church, and immediately after the Mass we will have a soup supper served in the Parish Hall by parish organizations, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the Church. I am sure that this will allow many people to participate in all the events. Please make use of this opportunity to fulfill your inner desire to participate in the sufferings of Christ on Fridays.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday, February 7**

8:00 a.m. KC Pancake/Sausage Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. K-6 Religious Education Classes (LRS)  
After Mass RCIA/Video Series “*Symbolon*”

**Tuesday, February 9**

5:00-7:00 p.m. HTCS Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Wednesday, February 10**

8:30 a.m. School Mass—Grade 1  
5:30 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Heart (Calumet)  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets/Attends Mass  
7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Trinity

**Thursday, February 11**

5:00-7:00 p.m. HTCS Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Friday, February 12**

NO CLASSES AT HTCS

6:00 p.m. Mas (Church) - no morning Mass  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper (PH)  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

**Saturday, February 13**

6:00 p.m. CDA Valentine’s Dinner (PH-RSVP only)

**Sunday, February 14**

9:00 a.m. K-6 Religious Education Classes (LRS)  
After Mass RCIA/Video Series “*Symbolon*”(LRS)

**The Schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:** We will have the School Mass at 8:30 a.m. in Holy Trinity, Okarche. **Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Calumet at 5:30 p.m.** and a Mass at Holy Trinity at 7:00 p.m. We will have distribution of Ashes at all these Masses.

**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.

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

**Ambrose & Inez Keyser  
Offered by Family of Ambrose & Inez Keyser**

**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.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. Feb. 7**—K-6 RE classes, 9-10:15 a.m. (LRS)

**Wed. Feb. 10**—*Ash Wednesday*— Youth Group in the Parish Hall 6-7:30 p.m. YG will be attending Ash Wednesday Services

**Sun. Feb. 14**—K-6 RE classes, 9-10:15 a.m.

**Wed. Feb. 17**—Confirmation (6-8:30 p m.)/Youth Group (6-7:30 p.m.)

**Sat. Feb. 20**—First Reconciliation service—Church, 10:30 a.m.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM** for high school students, grades 9-12 at Gregory’s University, Shawnee, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a \$20 fee per person which includes lunch and leadership materials. You will be learning about \*Leadership \*Why is leadership necessary \*How to lead ourselves and others effectively\* The program will be facilitated by the Buckley Team from St. Gregory’s University under the supervision of Marvin Bennet, Director of Faith, Integration, Development and Evangelization. Please contact Bonnye Mueggenborg for registration forms. It would be a blessing if we could have two from each grade attend this training.

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

**Feb. 26-28**—Linked Retreat: **Be Inspired—It’s Not Over Yet.** This retreat is for 11th and 12 graders and is meant to give them an experience that will deepen their relationship with Christ. We will spend time discussing and reflecting upon the relationship between self, friends, family and God. All parishes within the Archdiocese are invited to attend. For more information contact Bonnye. Registrations due February 19. Cost is \$50.

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

**Tax Exemption Letters to all Parish Families**—Please be aware that the tax exemption letters were mailed out to all the registered families of the Parish. If you have not received your tax exemption letter, please call the parish office. Also, if you notice some mistake in your contributions to the church, please do not hesitate to call us and we would be happy to get it rectified. My sincere gratitude to the members who get these letters to you on time.

**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.

**COLLECTION AMOUNT**

January 31, 2016: \$7,342.00

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**YOUTH CHOIR** - Practices are on *Sundays at 4 p.m.* Our next scheduled Mass is *Sunday, February 14th, 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 [annye@pldi.net](mailto:annye@pldi.net))

**School Endowment Fund Tickets**—Thank you for your support of our School Endowment Fund. Congratulations to our weekly winners, **Garry & Theresa Liebl.**

***The Listing of the sick who need our prayers will return next week.***

**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.

**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 [cfoinfo@archokc.org](mailto:cfoinfo@archokc.org). **Completed applications are due by April 6.**