



ST. JOHN *the* BAPTIST

† CATHOLIC CHURCH †

MAY 3, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 7:30 am & 4:30 pm Vigil

Sunday | 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday | 7:30 am

Tuesday | 7:30 am

Wednesday | 7:30 am & 11:30 am

Thursday | 7:30 am & 8:30 am (school)

Friday | 7:30 am & 5:30 pm

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

24 hours a day/7 days a week

See p. 3 for details.

GET IN TOUCH

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

900 S. Littler, Edmond, OK 73034

(405) 340-0691

parish_office@stjohn-catholic.org

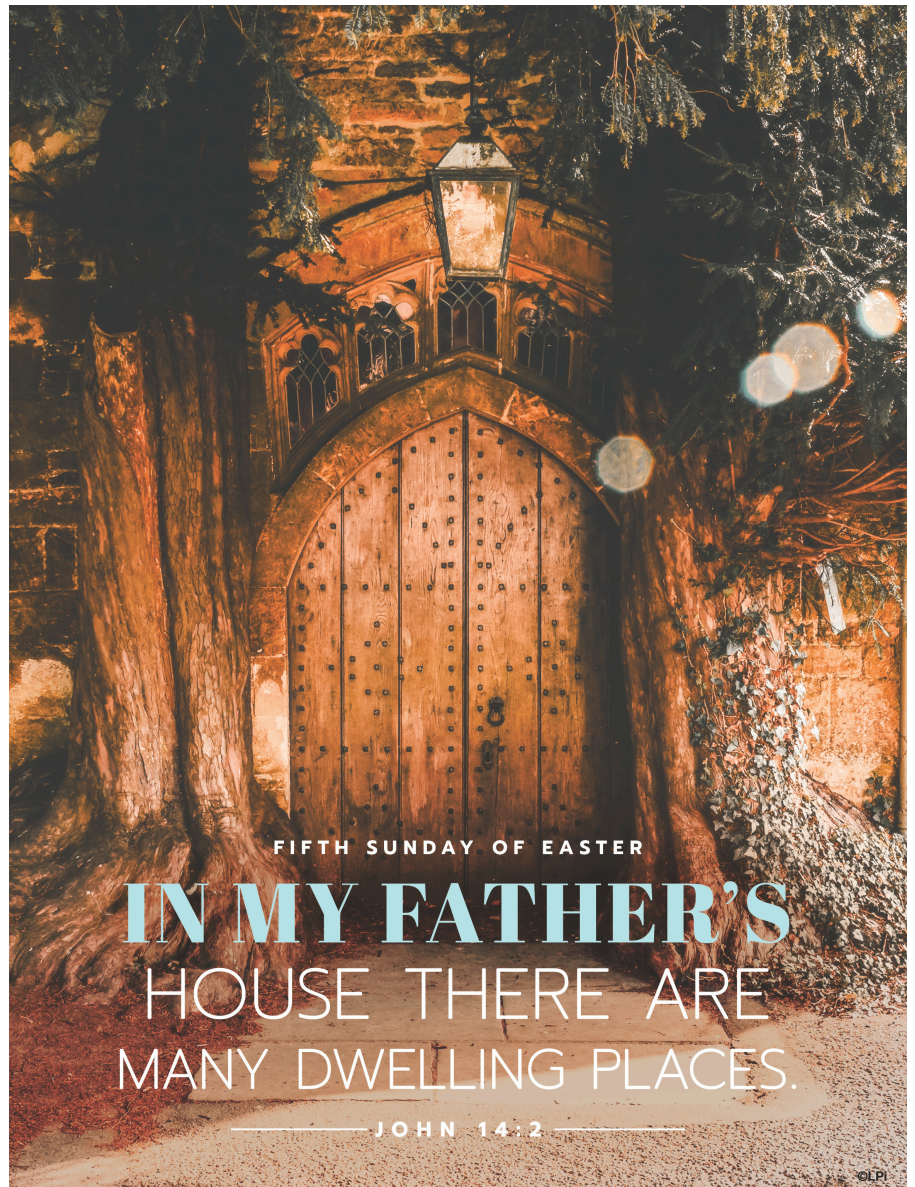
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday | 8 am-4:30 pm

Friday | 8 am-2 pm

We do not close for lunch.



MUSIC FOR WEEKEND OF APRIL 25-26, 2026

ENTRANCE • G745 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
SCRIPTURE READINGS & PSALM • G1073
OFFERTORY • G596 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior
COMMUNION • G916 I Received the Living God

COMMUNION • G782 Only This I Want
POST-COMMUNION • G510 Jesus, Remember Me
RECESSIONAL • G527 I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

SACRAMENTS



RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm
Friday 4:00-5:00 pm
Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm
Or Any Time by Appointment

BAPTISM

Contact
parish_office@stjohn-catholic.org

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call (405) 340-0691

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Offertory

Weekly Collection	4/21/26 - 4/27/26	\$59,154.91
FY 26 YTD Collection	7/1/25 - 4/27/26	3,479,975.70
FY 25 YTD Collection	7/1/24 - 4/28/25	3,264,340.82
FY 26 Collection Budget	7/1/25 - 6/30/26	3,744,000.00

Poor Box/Samaritan House

Weekly Collection	4/21/26 - 4/27/26	\$2,607.56
FY 26 YTD Collection	7/1/25 - 4/27/26	237,540.41
FY 25 YTD Collection	7/1/24 - 4/28/25	214,833.17
FY 26 Poor Box Budget	7/1/25 - 6/30/26	230,000.00

T I M E O U T

TIMEOUT EVERY WEDNESDAY

10 AM-1 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

This is the perfect time for Senior Men & Women, Widow & Widowers along with Caregivers to bring their loved ones to TimeOut as we celebrate Mother's Day by will playing BINGO, TimeOut's favorite past-time! We have a wide selection of prizes! TimeOut meets each Wednesday at 10am for Fellowship, prayers, lunch and fun. Contact Debbie Kosters (405) 204-1783 or Pat Bourgeois (405) 938-5544 for more information.

TIMEOUT is in need of a volunteer van driver to help transport some of our elderly members to our church program once or twice a month on Wednesdays. Ability to assist members with their walkers and/or wheelchairs is a must. For further questions, please contact Debbie Kosters 405-204-1783. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



DONATE ONLINE

Donating online is easy! Just aim your phone camera at the QR Code and follow the link. Thank you for your support!



RENOVATIONS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

BEGAN APRIL 20

There are several renovations taking place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are so excited for this 3-4 week project to be completed. While this takes place, Adoration will move into the Daily Mass Chapel during parish office hours only. These are:

Monday-Thursday | 8 am-4:30 pm
Friday | 8 am-2 pm

Thank you for your patience during this project.



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Your gift to the
Annual Catholic Appeal
supports Diocesan
Support and Safe
Environment



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USHERS NEEDED

11:30 AM MASS

Do you enjoy helping people feel welcome and at home? Do you have a servant's heart? Then consider joining the Usher Ministry. We are in need of people JUST LIKE YOU! We especially need more ushers for the 11:30 am Mass. Contact Tony Maranto at 405-919-9718 for more information.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday - May 3

7:30 am | + Major Philip Nicklas
9:30 am | People of the Parish
11:30 am | + Mr. & Mrs. Clair Seeliger
5:30 pm | + John Adair

Monday - May 4

7:30 am | Brice Jones

Tuesday - May 5

7:30 am | + Leath Parker

Wednesday - May 6

7:30 am | + Poor Souls in Purgatory
11:30 am | Joan Thorne

Thursday - May 7

7:30 am | + Editha Cainong Deloy
8:30 am | + Dennis John Lydting

Friday - May 8

7:30 am | Luke Thompkins
5:30 pm | + Mr. & Mrs. Henry Busse

Next Saturday - May 9

7:30 am | + Larry Cosper
4:30 pm | + Bart Mohr

Next Sunday - May 10

7:30 am | + Prudencia Solamillo
9:30 am | People of the Parish
11:30 am | + Brandon Tran
5:30 pm | + Nyamma Amenga-Etego



MARIAN FLOWERS

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. Dates are available on a first come, first serve basis.



OUR DEPARTED

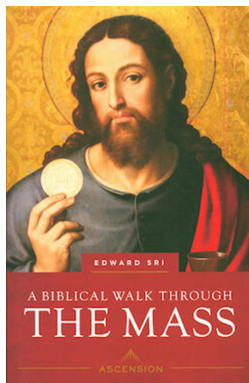
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for all souls in Purgatory.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

Deborah Adams	Mike & Martha Minnis
* Jennifer Addington	Patrick Mitchell
Jo & Dennis Askew	Kathy Morefield
* Lynn Boer	Judy Myers
Bernard Braun	Scott Nelson
Jean Braun Leske Gillette	Thomas Nelson
Allison Buechner	Anita O'Donnell
* Diane Burke	Michael O'Donnell
* Kirsten Cash	Keith & Janelle Patton
Capt. Jacob Castagnola	Michael Patton
James Caperton	Steve Patton
Dallas, Catherine, Silas & Michelle	* Nick Pugh
David Christine	Joni Pyron
Robert (Bob) Cox	Albert Quintana
Tobie Cunningham	Louise Quintana
Paul Davis	Fred Reheman
Bob Eccellente	Deziree Reynolds
Lavetta Fields	Shana Rickstew
Libby Frank	Sarah Santillano
John Gilbert	John Paul Jesus Santillano
Berta Gonzales	Robert Sellers
Jack Goodson	Alex Holiday Skinner
Chris Guinn	Nora Smith
Colleen Guinn	* Kay, Sean & Dana Sommer
* Jessica Hargesheimer & Family	Spouses & Children of Deployed Service Members
* John Harrelson	Gina Stancampiano
Keno Hartshorne	Mike Steffen
* Jim Hepburn	James & Marie Steichen
* Irmgard & John Hoffman	Larry & Ana Mae Stotler
Jessica Jameson	Mark & Estrella Strauss
Jeremy & Family	Raie Evans Truelove
Joey	Betty Vagedes
Fred Johnson	Lisa Voegeli
Joseph Kathrein	Norma Ward
Ethel Ketelsleger	Grant Waters
Bruce Killian	Wanda White
Joan Krauss	Cheryl Zehrung
* Kristen Lees	Clarissa Zepeda
George Majoue	* <i>New this week</i>
Tom McNally	
Charleen Mills	



LIVING THE MASS MAY 5-JUNE 9

Have you ever wondered why we kneel, what the incense signifies, or the hidden depth behind the words we pray every Sunday? Join us for this six-week series, Living the Mass. Based on Edward Sri's "A Biblical Walk Through The Mass," this series will give you an understanding of the significance of ancient rituals, sacred symbols, and prayers of the Mass. More importantly, it will help reinforce your understanding of the spiritual power of the Scriptures and, especially, of the Eucharist. Scan the QR Code to learn more and register!



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 24/7, 7 DAYS A WEEK

We have Perpetual Adoration which anyone is welcome to stop by for at any time. We also strive to have at least two regular adorers signed up for each hour. Below are hours needing someone to sign up. Please prayerfully consider making this commitment!

Monday: 2 am & 3 pm

Tuesday: 1 am, 4 am & 4 pm

Wednesday: 1 am

Thursday: 3 am, 4 am & 3 pm

Friday: 12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 9 pm, 10 pm & 11 pm

Saturday: 12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 5 am, 6 pm, 7 pm & 11 pm

Sunday: 12 am, 1 am, 1 pm & 4 pm

Contact Janet Barresi to sign up at (405) 590-4797 or janetbarresi@mac.com

"A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory."

-St. Padre Pio



DAILY ROSARY

Please join us before daily Mass on all weekdays, in the church, at 7 am and Sundays at 11 am before 11:30 am Mass to pray the Holy Rosary. The Flame of Love Rosary is prayed Saturday mornings at 11 am in the Daily Mass Chapel. If you are interested in leading the rosary, contact Ann Sorrels at 405-834-5906.



HELPERS OF THE HOLY SOULS

All who are interested in praying for the Church Suffering are invited every first Saturday of the month for 45 minutes in the Daily Mass Chapel following 7:30 am Daily Mass. Contact Ceci Chapman-Taylor with any questions: 405-650-7691.



HOMEBOUNDED MINISTRY

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF A LOVED ONE OR FRIEND IS HOMEBOUNDED AND NEEDS TO RECEIVE HOLY 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 KleaBarrett@yahoo.com not only with Holy 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 Diane Gbone at sjbemhc@gmail.com.



SAMARITAN HOUSE CONSTRUCTION BEGAN APRIL 1

Our Samaritan House is under construction until further notice. If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please have them contact us by phone or email:

samhouse@stjohn-catholic.org or (405) 216-7554



SAMARITAN HOUSE FOOD & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

42 E. 9th Edmond, OK
Open Monday-Friday | 9 am-Noon
samhouse@stjohn-catholic.org or (405) 216-7554

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!

Current Needs:
spaghetti and sauce, dry beans or rice

THE SAMARITAN HOUSE HAS A NEW PROGRAM! SEE BELOW:

INTRODUCING “MY WAY FORWARD” EMPOWERING SINGLE PARENTS

The Samaritan House is thrilled to announce My Way Forward, a life-changing initiative in partnership with the Francis Tuttle Foundation. This program is designed to help single parents break the cycle of poverty and achieve lasting financial independence.

Through the Francis Tuttle Technology Center, eligible single parents receive TUITION-FREE career training in over 40 intensive programs—including Healthcare, Trades, and Business. To ensure success, The Samaritan House provides grocery assistance and financial support for living expenses such as rent, utilities, or childcare.

For more information, please contact The Samaritan House at 405-216-7554.



ACCEPTING GARAGE SALE DONATIONS PERU MEDICAL MISSION & KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Peru Medical Mission and the Knights of Columbus are accepting donations for their **annual Spring Garage Sale May 28th, 29th and 30th.**

Your donations help provide the Medical and Dental teams with medicine and supplies for the poor of Piura, Peru and support the many charitable activities of the Knights!

Please call to arrange drop-offs at the Peru House (1009 S. Littler Ave.) or to have the Knights pick-up your items. Small items may be left in the closet in the Commons. Contact John Pierce (405-317-1020) to arrange for pick-ups and Donna Rogge (405-740-1822) or Mike Fronkier (405-509-1312) for drop-offs at the Peru House.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter
John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— Father John Muir

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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.

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JOIN OUR
TEAM



Learn more and apply:
Email: jlang@seasok.org



SJB STORE

Merchandise with our parish logo available soon! Stop by the Gathering Space after any Mass May 9-10 to see apparel samples.

Items available to purchase in person May 9-10 by credit card:

- SJB Trouser Socks
- Travel mug
- Tumbler with Straw
- Journal
- Faux Leather Koozie
- Decals



2026
class of

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, GRADUATES, AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO BACCALAUREATE MASS TO BE HONORED FOLLOWED BY KONA ICE SNOW CONES IN THE YOUTH ROOM TO CELEBRATE THE END OF THE YEAR.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 10 | 8 AM-NOON IN THE GREAT HALL

Do you remember the last time you stopped by to dine in or take away a freshly prepared breakfast plate? Join us on **Sunday, May 10** in the Great Hall after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses for bacon, coffee, pancakes, biscuits with gravy and cinnamon rolls. \$8 for Adults \$6 for Seniors and Children, \$25 for a family of four, Come and have breakfast with the Knights. Newcomers to the parish are welcome too! Check your welcome packet for a coupon for a free breakfast for your family.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Blood Drive
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, May 17
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Join us in the Great Hall!

SCAN TO SCHEDULE

Donors Receive **Get Your Sticks T-Shirt & choice of one park pass**

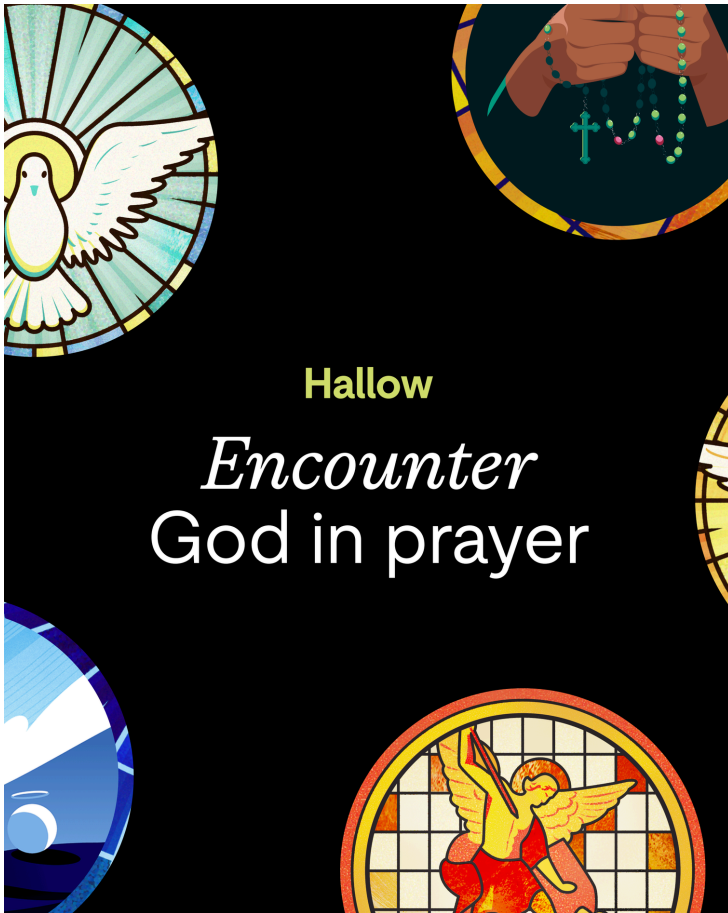
877-340-8777 sbj.org



ST. THERESA'S QUILT GIVE-AWAY

SUNDAY, MAY 10 | 8 AM-NOON IN THE GREAT HALL

This quilt could be yours. Fill out the entry forms at the pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 10 after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses. One chance per person age 16 and older. There is no charge to enter - this is a gift from the St. Theresa's Quilt Guild. The drawing will take place at 11 am on May 10.



HOW TO JOIN

Log into **Hallow**

On the bottom right, tap **Community**

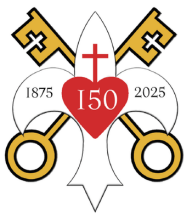
Enter your parish's zip code

When you see your parish's name, tap **Join Parish**

Your Parish

PRAYERS FROM ST. GREGORY'S ABBEY MAY 13

SACRED HEART ABBEY



St. GREGORY'S ABBEY
Celebrating 150 years of the Mission of the
Catholic Church in Oklahoma.

The monks of St. Gregory's Abbey will offer our daily prayers for St. John the Baptist Church on May 13.

The monks offer these prayers as part of our celebration of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Mission to establish the Catholic Church in Oklahoma and the arrival of two Benedictine monks, the Founders of our Community.

They arrived in Atoka on October 12, 1875. We have promised to offer our prayers for each parish in Oklahoma, naming one parish each day. Our prayers include:

5:30 am Vigils (Office of Readings) -- 7:15 am Lauds (Morning Prayer) -- 8:15 am Mass (10:00 am on Sundays and Holydays) -- 12:00 Noon Sext (Midday Prayer) -- 1:50 pm None (Afternoon Prayer) -- 5:00 pm Vespers (Evening Prayer) -- 7:15 pm Compline (Night Prayer)

We invite you to join us in prayer at these hours, even if in spirit, and know that God holds each person close in His Love, and that, because of our prayer, each of you will grow in holiness as you acknowledge the Lord in your life.



Please pray for vocations and support our seminarians. www.OKCVocations.com

S A L E

AT THE OLD RECTORY

FRIDAY, MAY 29 | 1 - 3 PM
IN THE OLD RECTORY

Everything inside must go - look around and make us a free-will offering! The sale will take place from 1-3 pm only.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

320 E. Hurd St. Edmond, OK 73034



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6477

Each fraternal year, Knights of Columbus Councils are encouraged to promote growth within their councils with a minimum of 15 new members joining the Order. In addition to membership growth, councils are also evaluated based on the programs completed, promotion of insurance, accurate and timely reports filed, and Safe Environment compliance.

“Council 6477 has earned the 2024-2025 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (353% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance.”

Based on our level of growth in membership, Council 6477 has once again, for the second year in a row, achieved the recognition of Triple Star Council. This could not have been achieved without the members’ focus on being In Service to One, In Service to All.

**Congratulations to the following upon their recognition as:
March Knight of the Month:**

Alan Foss

March Family of the Month:

Alan & Kaycee Van Horn

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OUR CLERGY

PRIESTS

Pastor

The Very Rev. Msgr. William Novak, V.G.
wnovak@stjohn-catholic.org

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Stephen Jones
sjones@stjohn-catholic.org

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Mariadas Manti
frmanti@stjohn-catholic.org

DEACONS

Deacon Frank Alexander
Deacon David Ashton
Deacon Robert Dunlap
Deacon Randy Hearn
Deacon Zsolt Nagykaldi
Deacon Richard Rosencrans



WE ARE HIRING!

Coordinator of Campus Evangelization & Discipleship

- Help college students love their faith as much as you do.
- Work a job that gives your life meaning and purpose.
- Be a part of a team motivated by the Lord's invitation to go make disciples.

Email Amy Dennis for a complete job description and how to apply: adennis@stjohn-catholic.org



CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

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SPARK

Sharing, Playing, And Renewing the Kingdom

FRIDAY, MAY 8
6-8 PM
SEAS GYM



All **3th - 5th graders** are invited for an evening of faith building, fellowship & food!

*We need volunteers to make this possible!
Please contact Sarah Knoles at children@stjohn-catholic.org with any questions or to sign up to help.*



CHILDREN'S ADORATION

9:30 - 10 AM

Every second Thursday of the month

In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
(Meet between the chapel and the Commons)

All families and their children (newborn and up) are invited to spend time in a family-friendly, guided adoration time.

Join us on May 14!
We will meet at Stephenson Park after Adoration for some play time!



Traditional Values, Outdoor Fun!

Activities

- 2 Family Campouts
- Service Projects
- Pinewood Derby
- Achievements
- July 4th Parade
- Summer Camps

When & Where

Meets Monday nights at 6:30pm
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Seton Hall
900 S Littler Ave, Edmond, OK 73034

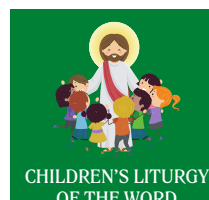
Register Now



Cub Scout Pack 21

At Cub Scouts, boys in grades K- 5th embark on an unforgettable adventure that builds character, instills traditional values, and nurtures leadership skills. Look no further and join us!

405-641-1182 (David Bingham) | pack21cc@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back and we need more volunteers! No experience required. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Knoles at children@stjohn-catholic.org



RAISING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

THROUGH WEEKLY FAITH-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

We continue to celebrate the Easter season, and since the stone was rolled away from the entrance of the tomb on Easter, do some stone paintings to remember this. Once the rocks are painted, display them in your garden.

GET TO KNOW OUR RELIGIOUS SISTERS

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GET TO KNOW OUR RELIGIOUS SISTERS SISTER PHILOMENA MARIE

Name Prior to Entering: Annie Suenram
Order: Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker, Walton, KY
Year: Novice
Home Parish: St. John the Baptist, Edmond

Can you describe the moment or experience that first led you to discern a vocation to the religious life?

When I first decided to start discerning religious life in a serious way, it was after many years of thinking "Oh maybe being a nun would be an option" but then pushing the thought out of my head for one reason or another. The moment came when I was studying for an exam in college and all I kept thinking about was religious life and being a sister to the point where I could not focus on studying. Looking back now it was God's way of saying "Pay attention already!!" When I finally got the message my biggest problem was figuring out what I was supposed to do next.

Once you felt the call to the religious life, how did you decide which was the right order for you to contact/investigate?

I talked to my campus chaplain and he gave me some of the best advice, which was "When you go to different convents, pay attention to how you feel when you are there and when you go back home. When you are at the convent ask yourself if you feel at home. When you get back home, ask yourself if all you do is talk about the sisters. That is a sign that you are in the right place." There are so many different communities out there so it was a bit daunting when I first thought about which community

God was calling me to. I went to a SEEK Conference, a national Catholic conference for college students. I went around to all the different tables of religious sisters and introduced myself. I was a pharmacy student discerning religious life and asked what they did. When I talked with the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker, Sister said "A pharmacist would be awesome!" That was the first time I had heard that response and I felt that was God saying go check them out!

How does your religious order serve?

The Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker are a diocesan community in Walton, KY. Our charism is to share Christ's saving love through the works of our apostolate. We run a daycare and school, one-year-old to 8th grade, and a nursing home.

Which spiritual practices have been most helpful in your discernment and formation?

The spiritual practices that have been most helpful in my discernment and formation have been Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, daily prayer, and silence. A life of prayer is essential to discerning where God is calling you in your life. I found when I was discerning, consistency was more important than the "results" or feelings associated with prayer. Daily finding time to be with God especially in the presence of the Eucharist and asking Him what He wants me to do instead of telling Him what I wanted to do, but also just sitting with Him in silence, because He speaks in the still small voice that can easily be overpowered by the noise of the world.

What are you most looking forward to in religious life?

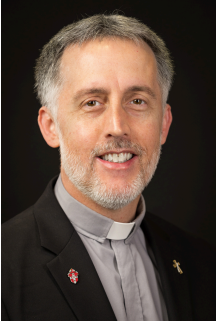
I am most looking forward to serving the Lord in whichever way He wants me to.

What advice or encouragement would you offer to a young woman discerning a call to the religious life?

My biggest advice to anyone discerning religious life is be not afraid and just do it. God wants you to be more joyful than you want you to be joyful. His plan, as difficult as it may seem at first, will make you happier than anything that you may come up with. He is not going to lead you astray, and if you start going in a direction He does not want, He will gently turn you towards His path If you let yourself be led by Him.

CLERGY REFLECTION

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CHRIST IS NOT GONE, HE “DISAPPEARED” INTO THE CHURCH’S MISSION BY DEACON ZSOLT NAGYKALDI

Have you ever felt a bit puzzled on Ascension Sunday and wondered why Jesus declared: “I am with you always, till the end of time”(Mt 28:20), but then He promptly left the Apostles and went up to heaven?

What seems to be paradoxical to us about the Ascension, is, in fact, a description of our Christian life in this age after the Resurrection. An “in-between” time when Christ has already suffered, died, and rose from the dead, giving us salvation and new life, yet we are still struggling here on earth, and, as St. Paul says, we are “filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ”(Col 1:24). A time when the Kingdom of God is already here among us, yet we are commanded to build it with much labor and, if needed, perhaps even to die for it. So, how does this work and what does the Ascension have to do with us?

An influential Swiss theologian of the 20th Century, Hans Urs von Balthasar, gave us a great spiritual insight that can help us ponder what happened at the Ascension. Remember when the two disciples of Emmaus finally recognized the Lord in the breaking of Bread, but He vanished from their sight, just like at the Ascension?

Von Balthasar says that Jesus doesn’t actually leave the disciples at Emmaus, but He “disappears into the mission of the Church!” In essence, He establishes His Mystical Body, the Church, and makes us living and missionary members of this Body. What does that mean?

The Ascension of the Lord, which is an often-underappreciated mystery, accomplishes something truly astounding! Through it, Jesus of Nazareth, our eternal High Priest, passes through the veil into the heavenly Sanctuary and in His glorified human Body, He lifts up humanity into the realm of the divine, and thus He reunites heaven and earth.

In His glorified Body, He is no longer confined to a particular time and place, a single nation or culture, but now He is present and reigns in all times, places, and circumstances. By His Ascension into heaven, Jesus brings to earth His divine Presence in an amazingly new way. He is with us as the “Universal Lord,” the “King of the Universe,” who brings the entire Creation into His redeeming embrace.

For 33 years He lived among us and for three years He gave Himself to us in Word and deed. It is now our turn to let Christ continue His supernatural life on earth in us. It is our turn to allow Him to visit, reach, teach, and heal all peoples in all places through us, till the end of time.

This is what it means when Jesus tells the Apostles: “...you will do even greater works, because I am going to the Father” (Jn 14:12). By His Ascension into heaven, the Holy Spirit can descend and imbue the Mystical Body to enable her, enable us, to be His hands and feet, His eyes and ears, His mind and heart to all human beings, who yearn for salvation.

And here we arrive at the core of our Catholic Christian identity and mission. Everything we are and every good that we do come from this mystical identification with Christ: that Christ truly lives in us and He works through us with real action. But, for now, He is veiled behind sacred earthly forms: the Sacraments that we receive and the Mysteries of Faith that we celebrate.

Although we can’t see Him, we love Him; although we can’t behold Him now, we believe in Him, and we rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, because through His mystical life extended through us, we attain the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls (cf. 1 Pet 1:8-9).

The Good News of the Ascension is that Jesus doesn’t leave us on our own to accomplish the Great Commission of Evangelization. As we read in Matthew’s Gospel, there is an amazing “bookend” to the greatest story ever told...

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With His parting words, Jesus fully reveals the Divine Name which was partly hidden since Moses received It from the burning bush. He tells us that He is not only the great “I AM,” but the “I AM” who is with us always. Jesus is God, whose full name is I-AM-WITH-YOU. This means that it is He who accomplishes the work of salvation by acting in and through us!

The Ascension means that Jesus is gone from our sight, but not from our life! It means that our true home (our “patria,”), is not here, but in a supernatural land where immense glory awaits us and where the veil will fall from the heavenly realities that we already possess. Where the “Cloud of the Unknown” no longer obscures the most beautiful sight that we could behold only through mysteries on earth: our glorious, risen Lord.

And until then, in the Word we hear and take to heart, in the Sacraments we receive and turn into life, and in our actions that imitate Jesus Christ, the ascended Lord remains as close to us as the beating of our heart.

-Deacon Zsolt Nagykaldi



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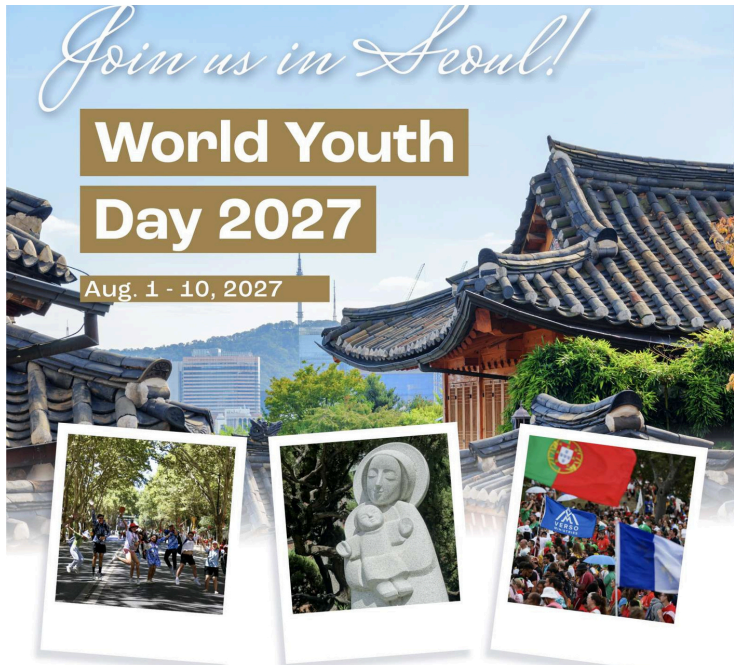


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A LIFE CHANGING ADVENTURE

My first Peru mission, at age 15, kindled my faith and changed my life. In 2024, my dad and I joined both the medical and dental mission teams, 15 days in Piura, Peru.

I helped track medicine for the surgical team, and worked with wonderful doctors, nurses, and scrub techs who volunteered their time and expertise to do hernia surgeries for the poor at Santísimo Sacramento (Blessed Sacrament) parish. The medical professionals graciously made me feel like part of the team, even though I was so young.

I was inspired by the poor in Peru. They live in primitive dirt floor houses with their livestock in or just outside the living area but appear to be happier and more grateful to God than the average stressed-out. The most inspiring thing to me was the tender care given to our patients, especially by the nurses, and the gratitude of those patients.

As a result of my first mission trip, I started taking pre-nursing college classes at OCCC a few months later. I hope to earn my RN license in 2028 and become a full-time missionary nurse.

My father and I returned for the 2025 mission, joined by my oldest younger brother, Thomas. Someday we hope to return to Peru with all 10 of us in our family!

The Peru mission will give you a new perspective on life, faith, and gratitude to our Lord. I encourage all people, young and old, to join a mission team.

-Anastasia Calvey

Pre-nursing student missionary



To learn more about joining a Peru Mission Team contact: Cheryl Pierce at (405) 924-6232 or by email at: capierce19@sbcglobal.net. To learn more about sponsoring a Peruvian family in need contact: f2f@stjohn-catholic.org. Your support can make a difference in the lives of the poor in Peru!

“He who oppresses the poor taunts his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honors Him.”

-Proverbs 14:31



St. Theresa's Quilt Guild

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9-11 am in Room 1 to make quilts for those in need. No experience necessary, join us for the next one on

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MAY 2026

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<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosary Children's LOTW Rosary Parents of SJ BBQ at Lake Arcadia 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Mother of the Church AND Memorial Day Mass SEAS Basketball Peru Monthly Mtgs 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEAS Volleyball School Advisory Council Living the Mass SEAS Basketball 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TimeOut SEAS Volleyball Choir Practice 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fatima Spanish Prayer Group SEAS Basketball 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sale at the Old Rectory 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harris-Kearney Wedding Mass