



# ST. JOHN *the* BAPTIST

✠ CATHOLIC CHURCH ✠

AUGUST 2, 2026 | 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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. 4 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

www.stjohn-catholic.org

After Hours Emergencies: (405) 340-0691

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday | 8 am-4:30 pm

Friday | 8 am-2 pm

*We do not close for lunch.*



## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them  
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.  
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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## MUSIC FOR WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1-2, 2026

ENTRANCE • G613 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

SCRIPTURE READINGS & PSALM • G1143

OFFERTORY • G712 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

COMMUNION • G940 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

COMMUNION • G808 We Come with Joy

POST-COMMUNION • Soul of My Savior (Front of Hymnal)

RECESSIONAL • G881 Lift High the Cross

# ABOUT OUR CHURCH

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## 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



## NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Dates are TBD for our next altar server training sessions. If you have a student in 5th grade or above who is interested in being trained for this ministry, please sign them up on the church website. The pathway is Worship >> Be a Part of the Mass >> Altar Servers >> Sign up for Next Training.

If you have questions about the ministry, please contact Ann Sorrels: 405-834-5906 or [altarserversjb@gmail.com](mailto:altarserversjb@gmail.com)



ARE YOU SEEKING

**MEANING?  
TRUTH?  
COMMUNITY?**

*Come and see!*

LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS, EXPLORE CATHOLICISM, AND GATHER WITH FELLOW TRUTH-SEEKERS ON THE SAME JOURNEY.



CONTACT:  
[ESNOW@STJOHN-CATHOLIC.ORG](mailto:ESNOW@STJOHN-CATHOLIC.ORG)

OR SIGN UP AT:  
[STJOHN-CATHOLIC.ORG/OCIA](http://STJOHN-CATHOLIC.ORG/OCIA)

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Parish Offertory

|                         |                   |              |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Collection       | 7/21/26 - 7/27/26 | \$63,087.25  |
| FY 27 YTD Collection    | 7/1/26 - 7/27/26  | 268,133.84   |
| FY 26 YTD Collection    | 7/1/25 - 7/28/25  | 303,582.04   |
| FY 27 Collection Budget | 7/1/26 - 6/30/27  | 4,000,000.00 |

### Poor Box/Samaritan House

|                       |                   |            |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Weekly Collection     | 7/21/26 - 7/27/26 | \$3,671.10 |
| FY 27 YTD Collection  | 7/1/26 - 7/27/26  | 18,044.70  |
| FY 26 YTD Collection  | 7/1/25 - 7/28/25  | 15,367.48  |
| FY 27 Poor Box Budget | 7/1/26 - 6/30/27  | 250,000.00 |



## DONATE ONLINE

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



## 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.



Sign up for one weekly hour of Adoration.

Call or text  
Janet Barresi  
(405) 590-4797.



# PRAYER INTENTIONS

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday - August 2

7:30 am | + John & Shirlene Glenn  
9:30 am | People of the Parish  
11:30 am | + John Adair  
5:30 pm | + Dr. Charles Holman Jr.

### Monday - August 3

7:30 am | + Ken Kenworthy

### Tuesday - August 4

7:30 am | Elle McLain

### Wednesday - August 5

7:30 am | + Donna Jones  
11:30 am | + Dennis Jones

### Thursday - August 6

7:30 am | + Karen Dushane

### Friday - August 7

7:30 am | + Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB  
5:30 pm | Charlie Suenram

### Next Saturday - August 7

7:30 am | + Alex Melendez  
4:30 pm | + Nicholas Mirabile

### Next Sunday - August 8

7:30 am | + Leon Crosswhite  
9:30 am | People of the Parish  
11:30 am | + Rosario Jimenez  
5:30 pm | + Ken Kenworthy Jr.



## 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 first come, first served.

## 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.

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| * Hadley Aguirre     | Joseph Kathrein            |
| * Fred Armstrong     | Bonnie King                |
| * Ginger Armstrong   | Katherine Konrad           |
| Audrey Baghvardani   | Joan Krauss                |
| Pam Bahm             | Marie Krauss               |
| Adita Blanco         | Carol Lang                 |
| E. Colette Blasquez  | Jim Markey                 |
| * Jack Bogits        | Judy Martin                |
| Gene Boyd            | * Charleen Mills           |
| * Donnie Branch      | Michael & Martha Minnis    |
| Mickie Brumage       | Patrick Mitchell           |
| Allison Buechner     | Lori Newland               |
| Deborah Caperton     | * Ben O'Brien              |
| James Caperton       | LaDawn Parker              |
| Ann Carey            | Darlene Perry              |
| Robert Carey         | JoMarie Phillips           |
| * Mark Conant        | Billy Pypus                |
| Kate Coughlan        | Helen Reidy                |
| Robert (Bob) Cox     | * Martin Reidy             |
| Michael Crawford     | Rae Rice                   |
| Steve Cunningham     | Debbie Richardson          |
| Pat Dunlap           | Zoey Rodriguez             |
| Robert Eccellente    | * Charity Royse            |
| Lois Erschens        | Cecily Rounds              |
| Lavetta Fields       | Susan Scherm               |
| Dennis Gallagher     | Robert Sellers             |
| Evelyn Garlej        | Mary Ellen Sessa           |
| Judy Geautreaux      | Dale Sligar                |
| Roy Gelner           | * Dennis Steichen          |
| * Berta Gonzales     | * James & Maurice Steichen |
| * Jack Goodson       | Larry & Anna Mae Stotler   |
| Danny Graham         | William Tate & Family      |
| * Colleen Guinn      | Carma Taylor               |
| Richard & Eva Haney  | Ann M. Tighe               |
| John Harrelson       | Mark Toffoli               |
| The Heinen & Trimble | * Betty Vagedes            |
| Families             | Victims of Venezuela       |
| Jim Hepburn          | Earthquake                 |
| Jessica Jameson      | Peggy Wallace              |
| Norm Jason           | Dan Ward                   |
| Jeremy & Family      | Grant Waters               |
| Joey                 | Wanda White                |
| Michael Johnson      | * New this week            |
| * Toni Kastl         |                            |



## OUR DEPARTED

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Antoinette Chappe



## MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 9 AM

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER  
4919 FAIRGROUNDS RD STILLWATER, OK 74074

Moving Forward in Hope is a retreat for Catholic widows and widowers seeking God's comfort, healing, and hope in the midst of life's journey after the loss of a spouse.

Through prayer, personal reflection, and fellowship with others who share a similar experience, participants will be encouraged to encounter Christ's healing presence and move forward with renewed faith. The day will also feature an inspiring and hope-filled presentation by Monsignor William Novak, VG and pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.



## USHERS NEEDED FOR 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! Contact Tony Maranto at 405-919-9718 for more information.



## 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

Tuesday: 4 am

Wednesday: 1 am

Thursday: 3 am, 4 am, 7 am & 8 pm

Friday: 1 am, 2 am, 8 pm, 10 pm & 11 pm

Saturday: 12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 5 am, 6 am, 7 am, 10 am, 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm & 11 pm

Sunday: 12 am, 1 am, 5 am, 6 am, 7 am, 8 am, 9 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm

Contact Janet Barresi to sign up at (405) 590-4797 or [janetbarresi@mac.com](mailto: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*



## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

**WHAT SHOULD I DO IF A LOVED ONE OR FRIEND IS HOMEBOUND 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](mailto: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](mailto:sjbemhc@gmail.com).



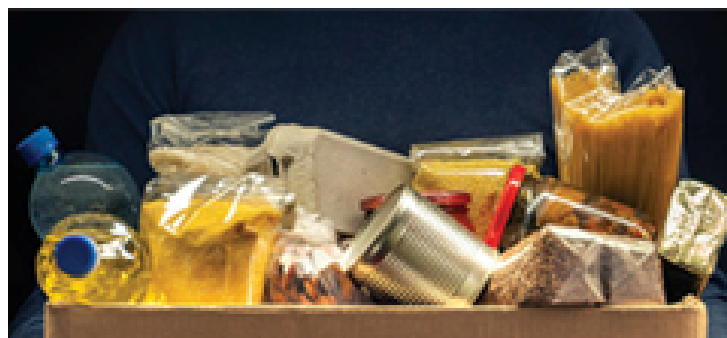
Mark Your Calendar

# BRONCHO BASH 2026

Friday, November 6, 2026  
St. John the Baptist - Great Hall  
900 S. Littler Avenue, Edmond, OK 73034



Sponsorships & Ticket Sales Now Open!



## SAMARITAN HOUSE FOOD & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

42 E. 9th Edmond, OK  
Open Monday-Friday | 9 am-Noon  
[samhouse@stjohn-catholic.org](mailto: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:**  
Peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese



## ST. JOHN'S PERU MINISTRY WILL YOU ANSWER THE CRY OF THE POOR?

Julio (26) & Maria Isabel (24) are married and have 2 children, Danna (5) & Erick (3). Mom takes care of the home & children. Dad is a seasonal, part-time farmer in the local village fields making about \$10/day when employed.

For \$30/month you can sponsor this family and truly make a difference in their lives. Contact Stephanie Simpson at [F2F@stjohn-catholic.org](mailto:F2F@stjohn-catholic.org) or (405) 627-6199 for more information.



## PROJECT GABRIEL PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE

Project Gabriel is active and ready to serve. We are pleased to announce that the ministry now has a new phone number and email, and we are fully equipped to support mothers in need. Project Gabriel supports women who are pregnant and in need through a caring mentoring relationship that offers practical, emotional, and spiritual help before and after birth.

If you or someone you know needs support during pregnancy, we are here to walk with you in love, hope, and care.

**New Phone:** (405) 348-0480  
**New Email:** [stjohnprojectgabriel@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnprojectgabriel@gmail.com)

# GOSPEL MEDITATION

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August 2, 2026  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 14:13-21

In his song, “Lose Yourself,” the artist Eminem raps, “the mood all changed.”

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, “When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.” Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John’s death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple’s life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— 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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EDMOND, OK 73034

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Principal  
Jenny Lang

Assistant Principals  
Taylor Lothes  
Melissa Patton

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# CHILDREN & YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

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OPEN  
NOW

## CHILDREN & YOUTH REGISTRATION

*Register Today!*



*PreK4 through high school, First Reconciliation &  
Holy Communion, Confirmation & Youth Groups*



[stjohn-catholic.org/children-registration](http://stjohn-catholic.org/children-registration)

## RAISING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

THROUGH WEEKLY FAITH-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

August 4th is the Feast of St. John Vianney. Kids can draw pictures or write thank you notes to our priests to show appreciation for their vocation.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD REGISTRATION

To help us better serve your family, we ask that you register your child for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW).

Registration only needs to be completed once so we can gather your family's contact information. Scan the QR code to complete:



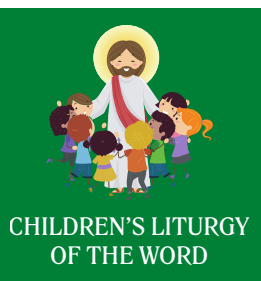
### NAME TAG & LANYARD

After your child is registered, we will prepare a personalized name tag and lanyard.

- Please keep the lanyard with your family.
- Whenever your child attends CLW, they should wear their name tag and lanyard.

### QUESTIONS?

Please contact us at:  
[children@stjohn-catholic.org](mailto:children@stjohn-catholic.org)



## 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](mailto:children@stjohn-catholic.org)

## CHILDREN'S ADORATION

9:30 - 10 AM

Every 2nd Thursday  
of the month

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

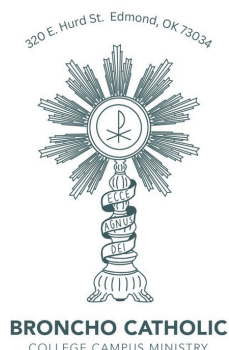
Join us August 13!  
We will meet at Stephenson  
Park after Adoration for  
some play time!





# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## BRONCHO CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT UCO

Meredith White.....Campus Minister  
uco@stjohn-catholic.org

320 E Hurd St, Edmond, OK  
405-340-0691 x 156  
bronhocatholic.org  
Find us on Instagram: @BronchoCatholic



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6477

### Our Commitment

The Knights of Columbus is built around four basic principles: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The Knights provide financial and physical support to numerous organizations, help those in need, provide an insurance program to members, and display a profound love of country. In addition, the Knights fully support the mission of our parish, clergy, ministries, and the needs of our surrounding community.

### What We Do

We provide assistance with home programs, donate to the Samaritan House, Project Gabriel, Center of Family Love, Peru Mission, and the Prison Ministry. The Knights provide a monthly pancake breakfast, serve at the Lenten Fish Fry, support the youth group, and display our "colors" at the town Fourth of July parade. In addition, the Knights serve the parish in whatever capacity they deem appropriate by providing funding and manpower as needed. This is truly a faith-based organization.

**Congratulations to the following upon their recognition as**  
**July Knight of the Month ... George Majoue**  
**July Family of the Month ... Kolton & Ester Streit Family**

### CONTACT US:

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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

REMINDER!



All users in the Safe  
& Sacred training  
portal will expire on

**JULY 31**

The next training course will  
be available on Aug. 1 and the  
training will need to be  
completed by

**AUG. 30**




## JOIN US

There is a seat at the table for YOU!

No pressure. No Judgement.  
Just open conversations over good food - that's it!  
Come make new friends and see what you think.

**Mondays at 6 pm beginning Sept. 21**  
10-week series in the Great Hall  
Free child care | All are welcome





## Well-Read Mom

Read more. Read well.

**2nd Tuesday of the Month beginning Sept. 8**  
10-11:30 am in Room 4

Read more and read well!  
We hope to deepen the awareness of meaning hidden in each woman's daily life, elevate the cultural conversation, and revitalize reading literature from books.



# DOG DAYS OF SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

**Sunday, August 9**  
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Great Hall



Donors get a Dog Days T-Shirt, BloodHounds bandana, & choice of park ticket!




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SCAN TO SCHEDULE



## Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain

with Monsignor William N.  
Oct. 12-27

The Catholic Church in Spain is a rich, encounter site for its people. Its history, art and architecture are a treasure throughout nine Spanish cities with rich Catholic tradition.

**CANCELED**

Itinerary and booking page






KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PRESENTS

## HATCH GREEN CHILE ROAST

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST - EDMOND, OK

**PRE-SALE  
IN THE  
COMMONS  
AFTER MASS**

**11/12  
JULY**

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**PHONE ORDERS  
CALL CHRIS LAGERLEF 972-689-9456**

**7/13  
THRU  
8/1**

**FRESHLY ROASTED**

**MULTIPLE HEAT  
LEVELS**

**NEW MEXICO  
TRADITION**

**BUY YOUR  
HATCH  
CHILIES**

**\$20  
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**TIMEOUT**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**10 AM-1 PM IN THE GREAT HALL**

Seniors, looking for lasting friendships, support and encouragement with your fellow peers? Our TimeOut Ministry offers an opportunity to make friends, have fun and be with Seniors just like yourselves, each Wednesday, at 10 am, in the Great Hall! This week is our Hawaiian Luau! Wear your colorful Hawaiian attire and leis! SJB's new Youth Coordinator, Chloe Cunningham, will bring the Youth Group in with their grass skirts and straw hats to play a fun game with us. Contact Debbie Kusters (405) 204-1783 or Pat Bourgeois (405) 938-5544 for more information.

**PERU WELCOME &  
BENEFIT DINNER**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 | 6:30 PM**  
**THE GREAT HALL**

Fr. Joe Uhen from Piura, Perú is coming to town! Join us for a welcome and benefit dinner. Look for more information to come soon.




**TAI JI QUAN IS BACK!**  
**MONDAYS & THURSDAYS AT 4 PM**

Tai Ji Quan is back!

Tai Ji Quan will begin the fall session on Thursday, September 3 at 4 pm in the Gathering Space. We will meet Mondays and Thursdays until Thursday, November 19.

This fall session is open to everyone who has already completed an introductory class.

There are a couple of planned class cancellations during this session. We want to see everybody back in September!

Registration required! Scan the QR Code.

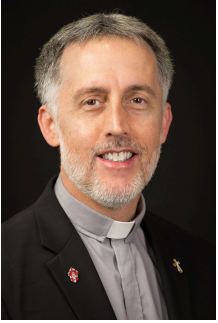
## Ladies Bunco Night

**August 7 | 6:30 pm in Room #1**

Connect. Renew. Recharge.  
Bring \$5 cash and a snack!  
Cash prize awarded to the winner!







## AND JESUS STOPPED - A PROFOUND ENCOUNTER WITH THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN

BY DEACON ZSOLT NAGYKALDI

“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick” (Mk 2:17). The profound truth of this memorable saying of our Lord became all the more tangible to me recently, when I received the gift to participate in the 2026 Steubenville Conference in Springfield, MO.

Imagine an arena filled with 5,000 teens and chaperones. They spent most of the day with a stream of spiritually high-pitched programs, including passionate, whole-body-activating praise, transformative prayer, Holy Mass, intimate small group discussions, and lots of games and fun. It is now late evening, and the arena lights drop, the movement stills, the music quiets, and a hush of anticipation runs through the crowd. The MC quietly announces: “Please kneel.”

In a few moments, altar servers appear on the arena floor, and incense rises slowly and majestically in the halo of the spotlights. At the end of the procession, a beautiful, large monstrance emerges from a darkened corner, carried by Fr. Brian Fallon, who solemnly steps into the spotlight. The silver and gold starburst lines of the monstrance throw a myriad of reflections of light across the people on the stands from the floor up to 5 stories high.

At the sound of meditative praise, the monstrance is placed on a large altar at the front and incensed. In the silence, all lights, eyes, and hearts are focused intently on Jesus, who is now fully and truly present to start His great Sermon without words, His sustaining Filling without consumption, and his deep Healing without touch.

As the reflective meditation progresses and the Visit of the Divine Physician continues, minds and souls are lifted up to God but also brought into the depths of the human heart where lights and shadows, joys and wounds coexist, locked into separate compartments. Some of these pains are buried deep and guarded by seven doors and false entrances, lest we find a way there and invite the Divine Physician into them to heal them.

But Jesus is far from done with His life-giving Work. He came too far for these 5,000 youth to simply conclude His Encounter with a final procession. Instead of leaving as he came, Fr. Brian now turns with the monstrance, wrapped in a sparkling white humeral veil, to the right and very slowly makes his way toward the stands. The procession mounts the steep steps and weaves through each section of the arena, packed with colorful blocks of youths from all over the nation, wearing their unique shirts and being mesmerized at the sight and sound. The singing seems to resonate with their hearts and vibrates at the wavelength of that mysterious Visitor whose love is streaming out of the Host for them.

The unhurried procession stops frequently, and, at each stop, Fr. Brian turns the monstrance toward the rows of teens to face them. Some are so close that they could lean forward and touch the Blessed Sacrament. Hands go up in the air, reaching toward the Host and tears start streaming down many faces. Suddenly, with my heart’s eye, I see Jesus stop for the blind Bartimaeus crying out after Him. I see Him stop as the woman with a bleeding crouches down in shame mixed with surpassing hope. I see Him stop on the Via Dolorosa to console the weeping women. I see Him stop to instruct His disciples to let the children come to Him.

As the monstrance reaches a section in front of us, I see a young girl, perhaps 16, sobbing as she reaches toward the Host with both arms. Her face bears an expression that reminds me of Bernini’s Ecstasy of Saint Teresa, transfixed upon Jesus. As the monstrance slowly turns to continue its healing journey, she buries her face in a cry of spiritual restoration.

And then the Divine Physician arrives at our area and stops at a group of youth from another parish, sitting close to us. Through the instrumental action of the priest, who is in the person of Christ, Jesus finds exactly that young man who

# CLERGY REFLECTION CONT.

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seems to need an encounter of healing more than perhaps anyone else. As Jesus turns and looks at Him, he breaks down in a quiet but intense weeping, and his head goes down to the floor where it is cradled by his well-prepared chaperones and a young priest who came with the group. All are in heartfelt prayer for him for about half an hour, as the spiritual intervention progresses. When the great Physician concludes His first treatment, the young man returns to his seat in a serene and joyful peace.

Amidst the wonder and profound experience, I suddenly realize that this is why Jesus came to this arena tonight! This is why He came from heaven to earth veiled by the visible elements of the Host to encounter us, just as truly, really, and tangibly, as once He encountered those people we read about in the Gospel. He is not only here to be present, but He is here to heal and restore us. He came tonight to open those hidden doors that are locked by seven seals and enter into those rooms of our deepest ills and wounds. He came to stop, to look, to invite, to mend, to heal, to confirm, to sanctify, to call, and then to send us out to do the same!

This is what life in Christ is about, and this is what Jesus can do for you and for me in every Mass and from every monstrance or tabernacle.

-Deacon Zsolt Nagykaldi



Please pray for vocations and support our seminarians. [www.OKCVocations.com](http://www.OKCVocations.com)

## 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 **August 11** for fabric, fellowship and fun!

[sttheresasjtb@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresasjtb@gmail.com)  
Linda Chrisco 405-831-9633



Catholic retreats that deepen your relationship with God, help you grow in faith, and connect with others in our parish community

**Women's Retreat**  
Sept. 17-20

**Men's Retreat**  
Oct. 1-4



Learn more & register today!



## WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY

**Wednesdays, Beginning September 16**  
**6 - 7:15 pm in the Great Hall**

This Bible study will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life's biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith.





# PERU OUTREACH

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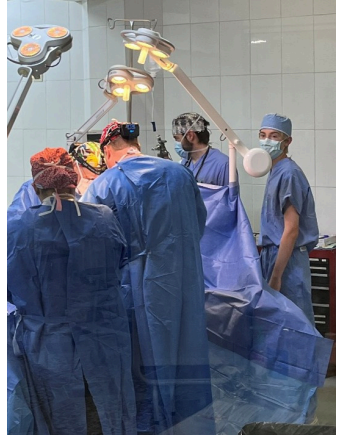
## PERU OUTREACH – A MISSIONARY’S HEART

BY DR. MICHAEL ROBERTS II; ANESTHESIOLOGIST

Having the honor to serve as an anesthesiologist again to the beautiful people of Peru is always an incredibly meaningful experience in my career and my personal life. While I travel to Peru with the intention of providing safe anesthesia care for patients undergoing surgery, I returned home with lessons that extended far beyond the operating room.

From the moment our team arrived, I was struck by the warmth, resilience, and gratitude of the people we served. Many of our patients had lived for years with conditions that were treatable but had gone unaddressed due to limited access to specialized medical care. For some, this mission represented their only opportunity to receive life-changing surgery.

As an anesthesiologist, much of my work happens behind the scenes. Every patient who enters the operating room places complete trust in the surgical team. My responsibility was not only to provide anesthesia safely but also to ease fears, offer reassurance, and protect each patient throughout one of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. Despite language barriers, compassion became our common language. A smile, a reassuring touch, or a carefully spoken prayer often communicated more than I could have imagined.



Working alongside Dr. Ciaran O'Hare, Dr. Alex Raines, Kammi, Andy, Judy, Juan Pablo, Big Will, Mateo, Orlando, Zoey, Anita, Cheryl and countless other volunteers demonstrated the incredible impact of teamwork. We faced long days, limited resources, and unexpected challenges, yet every obstacle reinforced the creativity, dedication, and selflessness of everyone involved. It reminded me that excellent medicine is not defined by sophisticated equipment alone, but by committed professionals working together with a shared purpose. And I got to learn a few new magic tricks from my dear friend Ciaran.

Beyond the hospital walls, I gained a deeper appreciation for the culture, faith, and generosity of the people of Piura. Their optimism in the face of hardship challenged me to reflect on my own perspective and reminded me that gratitude is often found not in abundance, but in hope. I got to experience that with my son (Lil Will on this trip) for the first time. I believe he had a truly genuine experience. I am grateful for the team members that took him under their wing. I think this week got him out of his shell a bit, facilitated long term friendships, and gave us some seriously needed Dad and Son time!

This mission reaffirmed why I chose medicine. It reminded me that our profession is about more than diagnosing illness or performing procedures. It is about serving others with humility, preserving dignity, relieving suffering, and offering hope. The experience strengthened my commitment to use my knowledge and skills wherever they are needed most.

Although I travel to Peru to help others, I leave feeling that I had received far more than I had given. The patients I cared for, the friendships I formed, and the lessons I learned will remain with me throughout my career. Always remember that the greatest privilege in medicine is not simply treating disease—it is caring for people.

Piura will always hold a special place in my heart, and I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve here.

With Gratitude, Dr Mike

To learn more about joining a Peru Mission Team in 2027 contact Cheryl Pierce at (405) 924-6232 or [cpierce19@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpierce19@sbcglobal.net). To learn more about sponsoring a Peruvian family in need contact: [f2f@stjohn-catholic.org](mailto:f2f@stjohn-catholic.org). Your support makes a huge difference in the lives of the poor in Peru!



# WELCOME

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We would like to welcome all newcomers and their families to St. John the Baptist. If you haven't already, please register online at [stjohn-catholic.org](http://stjohn-catholic.org).

Brooke & David Braquet  
Justin & Emily Hall  
Michael Herbig  
Lie Sioe Ho-Tjoa  
Seth Jack  
Kim Jackson  
John Lewis  
Justin & Amanda Loven  
Aidan McGee  
Grace Onyejiaku  
Oz & Jocelyn Perez  
Aubrey Sieracki



In July we welcomed these children into our Faith Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Reid Wesley Throgmorton  
*Son of Richard & Caroline Throgmorton*

Lucas and Sofia Lira Velasco  
*Children of Miguel Lira & Claudia Velasco*

Mangus Minden  
*Son of Chase & Ashlyn Minden*

Madeline Flanagan  
*Daughter of Steve & Danielle Flanagan*

Duke Miller  
*Son of Kendall Edelen & Turner Miller*

Miller O'Neil  
*Son of Tristan & Cecilia O'Neil*

Cruz Christensen  
*Son of Steffan & Kacie Christensen*

## Hallow

Join us on the Hallow app! Scan the QR code, then search 73034, and follow the prompts. You'll be given a special trial which gives access to all the app's premium content. If you'd like to forgo and remain on the free version, simply hit "Skip" and you'll have access to our parish page.



**IN JULY 2026:**

Luke McElhinny and Presley Nelson  
*at St. Francis Xavier, Stillwater*

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### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8  
10 AM - NOON | ROOM 1**



Baptism Prep class is required for parents & godparents requesting Baptism for their child. All materials needed will be provided. Boxed lunch provided. Limited childcare provided. **PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE!**



# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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## JOBS BOX

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## FAMILIES

Bring your children to celebrate



A faith-filled family day at OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark.

Parents will grow through inspiring breakout sessions while children enjoy their own engaging faith track.

Come together for hands-on family experiences.



**SATURDAY, NOV. 7, 2026**



**Register now!**

[archokc.org/togetherinchrist](http://archokc.org/togetherinchrist)



**IN MEMORY OF THOSE LOST TO SUICIDE**

## 10th Annual Mass of Remembrance

**Friday, September 11, 2026  
at 6 PM**

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
1901 NW 18<sup>th</sup> St, OKC, OK 73106**

**For people of ALL FAITHS who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide, as well as those wishing to provide support.**

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.



LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE: @StFrancisOKC



**ST. FRANCIS**  
OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



## OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER IGNATIUS 3-DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

*Encounter Christ through  
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**Sept. 10-13, 2026:  
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- Daily Spiritual Direction
- Mass & Reconciliation
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[Judene@OurLadyofGraceCatholicRetreatCenter.com](mailto:Judene@OurLadyofGraceCatholicRetreatCenter.com)



# SUPPORT

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## Alcoholics Anonymous

### *Edmond Clubhouse*

3130 B S. Boulevard

405-330-1160

edmondgroupaa.info

## Cancer Support Group

### *Touched by Cancer Support Group*

Memorial Rd. Church of Christ

2221 E. Memorial Rd.

Contact: Mike Wiley

405-478-0166

## Caregiver Support

For caregivers of loved ones with some type of dementia.

### *Santa Fe Presbyterian Church*

1603 N. Santa Fe

405-341-3300

### *Memorial Road Church of Christ*

2221 E. Memorial Rd.

Contact: Denise Hawkins

405-659-6633

## Chemical Dependency &

### Gambling Addiction

For individuals who want to address addiction or unhealthy behaviors and build a more balanced life.

### *A Chance for Change*

2113 W. Britton Rd.

OKC, OK 73120

405-840-9000

## Codependents Anonymous

A fellowship of men and women who want to develop healthy relationships to support and share with each other in a journey of self discovery.

### *First Christian Church Edmond*

201 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Contact: Kaleb

saturdayedmond coda@gmail.com

## Grief Support

### *Epiphany of the Lord*

7336 W. Britton Rd.

OKC, OK 73132

Contact: David Brambrink

405-659-7625

### *Henderson Hills Baptist Church*

1200 E. I-35 Rd.

405-341-4639

## Infant & Pregnancy Loss:

For mothers who have experienced the heartbreak of infant or pregnancy loss.

### *Carried & Loved*

Website: carriedandloved.com

Email: carried.loved@gmail.com

## Marriage Crisis

For couples experiencing suffering or crisis in their marriage.

### *Archdiocese of Oklahoma City*

7501 Northwest Expressway

Oklahoma City, OK 73132

### *Counseling*

archokc.org/catholic-counseling

### *Retrouvaille*

405-885-0667

## Mental Health Support

### *Depression and Bipolar Support*

### *Alliances of Oklahoma (DBSA)*

Edmond Public Library

10 S. Boulevard

405-254-3994

### *NAMI Support Group*

NAMI hosts support groups for people with mental illnesses as well as support groups for their families and caregivers.

Contact: 405-408-0886

NAMIEDmond.org

## Stroke & Brain Injury Support

### *OKC City Wide Stroke Support Group*

American Heart Association

5700 N. Portland, Suite 103

OKC, OK 73112

Contact: Janet Spradlin, Ph.D.

405-272-6554

### *Jim Thorpe Rehab Caregiver*

### *Support Group*

Integris Jim Thorpe Rehab Hospital

4219 S. Western Ave.

OKC, OK 73109

Contact: Allie Weaver

405-636-7883

### *Mercy Hospital Stroke Support Group*

4120 W. Memorial Rd., Suite 102

OKC, OK 73120

(Glass Pyramid)

Contact: 405-486-8737

### *OKC Brain Injury Support Group*

Valir Rehab Hospital

700 NW 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Contact: Gary Bulmer

405-721-8453

## Survivors of Suicide

### *Hope and Healing*

St. Francis of Assisi

1901 NW 18<sup>th</sup> St.

OKC, OK 73106

Contact: Denise Short

405-620-7991

short\_denise@yahoo.com

### *Crossings Community Church*

14600 N Portland Ave.

OKC, OK 73134

405-755-2227

IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

CALL 988



# AUGUST 2026

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                               | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                        | TUESDAY                                                                                                             | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                     | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                              | FRIDAY                                                                                                                | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p>* Full calendar can be found at <a href="http://www.stjohn-catholic.org/events">www.stjohn-catholic.org/events</a></p>                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                       | <p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation to Personal Prayer</li> <li>• Young Adult Summer Conversations</li> </ul>                                                                      |
| <p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's ACTS Team Mtg</li> </ul>                                                                                                     | <p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAS Volleyball</li> <li>• Women's ACTS Team Mtg</li> <li>• Cub Scout Mtgs</li> </ul>                                       | <p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAS Volleyball</li> <li>• Popsicles on the Playground</li> </ul> | <p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TimeOut</li> <li>• SEAS Volleyball</li> <li>• Youth Ministry 10:10 Challenge</li> <li>• Choir Practice</li> </ul>           | <p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAS Volleyball</li> <li>• SEAS New Parent Orientation</li> <li>• Knights of Columbus Member Mtg</li> </ul>                         | <p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAS Volleyball</li> <li>• Ladies Bunco</li> </ul>                  | <p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catechist Book Study</li> <li>• Beloved Widows of the Lord</li> <li>• Invitation to Personal Prayer</li> <li>• Baptism Preparation</li> </ul>             |
| <p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood Drive</li> <li>• Children's Liturgy of the Word</li> <li>• Men's ACTS Team Mtg</li> <li>• High School Youth Group</li> </ul> | <p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAS Volleyball</li> <li>• Women's ACTS Team Mtg</li> <li>• SEAS Back to School Night</li> <li>• Cub Scout Mtgs</li> </ul> | <p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Theresa's Quilt Guild</li> <li>• SEAS Volleyball</li> </ul>  | <p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAS First Day of School</li> <li>• TimeOut</li> <li>• Youth Ministry 10:10 Challenge</li> <li>• Choir Practice</li> </ul> | <p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAS School Mass</li> <li>• Children's Adoration</li> <li>• CDO/Nest Back to School Night</li> <li>• ACTS Core Team Mtg</li> </ul> | <p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAS Volleyball</li> <li>• Backyard Brews for SEAS Dads</li> </ul> | <p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Patriotic Exemplification</li> <li>• Young Adults Summer Conversations</li> </ul> |
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