ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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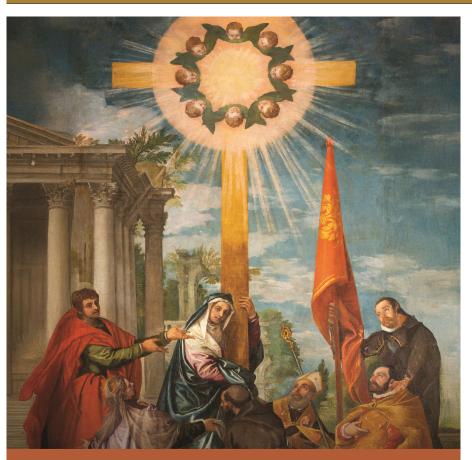
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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 • FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to be faithful, caring, enthusiastic disciples. We build up the Kingdom of God by worshipping and praising Him, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and witness, giving loving service to our neighbor and strengthening the parish community.

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

24 hours a day/7 days a week See p. 3 for details

MASS TIMES

Saturday

Vigil, 4:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am, 9:30 am* 11:30 am*, 5:30 pm * child care available, incense

Daily & Holy Days

See "Mass Intentions" on p. 2

SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Penance

 Wednesday
 5:00-6:00 pm

 Friday
 4:00-5:00 pm

 Saturday
 3:00-4:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 405-340-0691 Emergencies call 405-340-0691

Baptism Prep

Parish_Office@stjohn-catholic.org

Matrimony

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance

MUSIC FOR WEEKEND OF SEPT. 13-14, 2025

Entrance Hymn G574 - Crown Him with Many Crowns

Gloria G316

Scripture Readings & Responsorial Psalm G1208

Offertory Hymn G801 - Take Up Your Cross

Communion Hymn 642 - What Wondrous Love Is This

Communion Hymn G520 – This is the Feast of Victory

Post-Communion Hymn – Soul of My Savior (Front of Hymnal)

Recessional Hymn G881 - Lift High the Cross

WORSHIP

GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy What About Bob? Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac

named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for break-

through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness - rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We

> see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

> This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

- Father John Muir

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 147:30 am
Monday 157:30 am † William Allen Tate
Tuesday 167:30 am † Thurman Fussell
Wednesday 177:30 am † Scheryl Harris 11:30 am † Bob Hamilton
Thursday 187:30 am
Friday 19 7:30 am
Saturday 207:30 am Luie & Adita Blanco 4:30 pm † Matthew Przygocki
Sunday 21 7:30 am. † Bart Mohr 9:30 am. People of the Parish 11:30 am. † Joseph Nguyen 5:30 pm. † Mary Logiodice

t = deceased

Want to sign up for a Mass intention? Please contact parish_office@stjohn-catholic.org or (405) 340-0691.

Helpers of the Holy Souls Prayer Meeting

All who are interested in praying for the Church Suffering are invited every 1st 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.



The Flame of Love Rosarv Join us in praying this special Rosary every Saturday morning at

11 am in the Daily Mass Chapel (location subject to change).



Pray The Rosary Daily

Please join us before daily Mass on all weekdays, in the Sanctuary, at 7:00 am and Sundays at 11:00 am before 11:30

am Mass to pray the Holy Rosary. If you are interested in leading the rosary, contact Ann Sorrels at 405-834-5906.



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 and they can assist you.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Catherine D. Adams Jennifer Addington Anonymous Liz Aderhold * Jo & Dennis Askew Allison Buechner Stormy Austin * Mike & Molly Carpenter Cindy Clark

Mack Clayton Larry Coshow *

Robert (Bob) Cox

Marcia Daniels

Jerry Day *

Deacon Robert Dunlap

Ed Faulk

Lavetta Fields

Maryanne Forsythes

Berta Gonzales *

Jack Goodson

Jessica H.

Roger Hamby

Raellen Harris *

Irmgard & John Hoffman

Jeremy & Family

Joey

Jana Jolly

Family Kooken

Dave & LeoNora Lutgring

Tom Mcnally

Karen Meeker

Charlene Mimms *

Michael & Martha Minnis

Patrick Mitchell

Kevin Morefield

Pete Morgan

Delores Nobles *

Joni Pyron

Albert Quintana

Judah Emil R.

Kelli Roberts

Steve Roy

Justin Rucker

Susan Scherm

Louis Schneider

Robert Sellers

Sean Somner

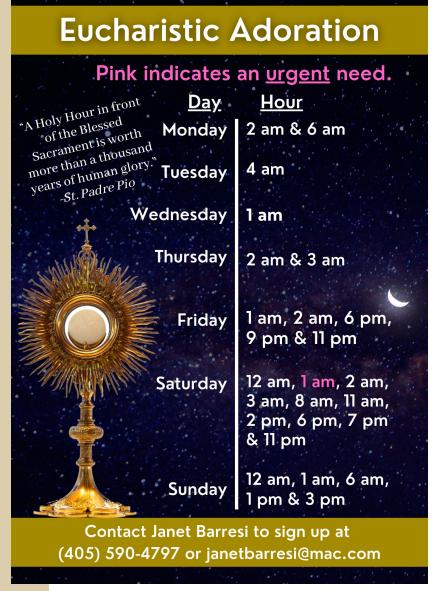
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James & Marie Steichen

Family of William Tate

John Tichenor * **Grant Waters** Wanda White Sharon Wilt

* New this week





We have a lost and found! Did you know we have a lost and found? If you are missing something, please check the lost and found cabinet underneath the Blessed Stanley Rother Reliquary in the upper level of the church.



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Sharon Louise Koppari

ADMINISTRATION

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Parish Offertory

 Weekly Collection (9/2 - 9/8/25)
 \$76,069.54

 FY 26 Year to Date Collection
 747,887.86

 FY 25 Year to Date Collection
 711,816.10

 FY 26 Collection Budget
 3,744,000.00

Poor Box/Samaritan House

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Weekend of September 14, 2025

White Envelope — Weekly Offering

Purple Envelope — provides tuition assistance for our parishioners who attend Bishop McGuinness and Mount St. Mary Catholic High Schools

Red Envelope — provides tuition assistance to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

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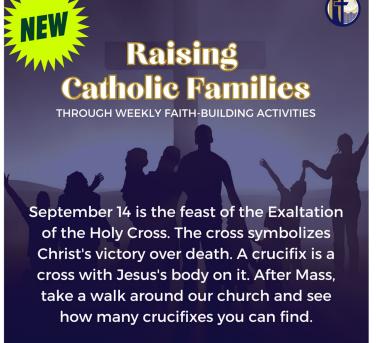
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UPCOMING EVENTS



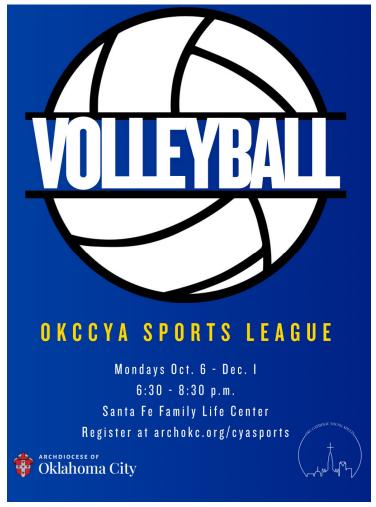
You can view all upcoming events at St. John's on the events page on our parish website. Scan the QR Code or visit stjohn-catholic.org/events





Every Wednesday
10 am-1 pm in the Great Hall
Albert Quintana will entertain our
group this week. TimeOut

members enjoy food, fun, and fellowship and we invite you to join us. For more information about this Senior group, contact Debbie Kosters (405) 204-1783 or Pat Bourgeois (405) 938-5544.



Bulletin and Email Content Submissions should be directed to communications@stjohn-catholic.org by noon on Thursday (10 days before Sunday.) Submissions are accepted as space permits and are subject to editing. Graphics will be created if space permits.

OUTREACH



SAMARITAN HOUSE

42 E. 9th Edmond, OK Open Monday- Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm samhouse@stjohn-catholic.org 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:

toilet paper and cereal



Join the Choir

The Choir meets at 7 pm on Wednesdays in the Choir Room next to the Sanctuary. They sing each weekend at the 9:30 am Mass.

The Youth Choir meets on Sundays at 3 pm in the Choir Room next to the Sanctuary. They sing about the fourth Sunday of the Month at the 11:30 am Mass.

The Women's Chorus Sings for Holy Day Masses that are not on Sundays. They rehearse once or twice before the Holy Day Mass.

This is a great time to join. Call Danny Jack with your questions at (405) 871-5401.



Vacancy at St John's Way – Senior Living Community

2 Bedroom - 722 sq ft home - 1 full bath

Requirements:

- All residents of the household must be 60 years old or above.
- •At least one household member must be a registered, active, contributing parishioner of St. John's.
- •Renters must be able to live independently.
- •Housing is affordable and within close proximity to church allowing residents to participate in church activities.
- •Please call or email Alisa at se@stjohn-catholic.org or (405) 340-0691 to complete an application

September Peru Shipment

The next container will arrive in Piura just in time for Christmas! The **deadline** to have your F2F boxes at St. John's is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 20</u>. Inventory sheets are available in the Common's Closet. Volunteers are ready to receive your F2F boxes on the following dates:

Peru House (1009 S. Littler Ave.) - <u>Wednesdays</u>, September 3, 10, & 17 from 1-4 pm

Peru Warehouse (307

Wimbledon Road) – <u>Saturdays</u>, September 6, 13 from 10 am to 1 pm and Saturday, September 20th from 10 am-4 pm

Other times – by appointment; call Donna Rogge at (405) 740-1822 or Cheryl Pierce at (405) 924-6232.



St. Theresa's Quilt Guild

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9-11 am in the Council Room to make quilts for those in need. No experience necessary, join us for the next one on <u>October 14</u> for fabric, fellowship and fun!

> sttheresassjtb@gmail.com Linda Chrisco 405-831-9633



What should I do if a loved one or friend is homebound and needs to receive 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 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.

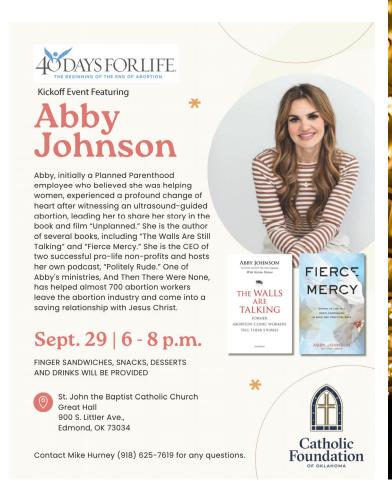
PARISH COMMUNITY







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





PARISH COMMUNITY



With Fr. Movak

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 6 - 7:10 PM IN THE GREAT HALL



Fr. Novak will share about the Jubilee Year, plenary indulgences, the beauty and significance of the Holy Door, and works of art that were created by some of the greatest artists who ever lived.







Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for Grades 8-12

The Knights of Columbus sponsors the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest to encourage today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in 8th through 12th grade (public, private, parochial or home schools) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The essay should be approximately 500-750 words on a specific subject, changing every other year. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme– which should showcase creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. For Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest resources, visit www.kofc.org/essay.

2025-26 Essay Topic: Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why? To enter the contest, please email Harold Teague before the end of September at: haroldrt3@gmail.com



Saturday, October 4 6 - 8 pm in the SEAS Gym



All Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders are invited for an evening of faith building through crafts, games and food. Please register on our website by scanning the QR code.

We need a few volunteers to help monitor.
For questions, please contact
children@stjohn-catholic.org.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Saturday, October 4 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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!



MEN OF ST. JOHN'S

Join us for coffee & a light breakfast as we grow together in our faith.

Meets every Thursday Beginning September 18th!

> 6:30-7:25 am in the Great Hall

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BILL CONDON: BCONDON@LAMAR.COM



THE BIBLE and the VIRGIN MARY

- · Discover how Catholic beliefs about Mary build on the Old Testament as well as the Gospels.
- · Learn why the early Church used titles like "New Eve" and "Ark of the New Covenant" for Marv.
- · Grow in your devotion to Our Lady.

8th Annual Parents of St. John's **Chili Cook Off**



Thursday, Sept. 18 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Commons

Bring your award-winning chili (traditional chili toppings provided) to put to the test! Don't feel like cooking? Just come and eat, there's always plenty! Please register online! Contact sarah.boone.lepak@gmail.com for more information.



Spiritual Direction at St. John's

Spiritual Direction is a process guided by the Holy Spirit in which two people enter into a unique conversation. The Spiritual Director is trained to listen in a particular way to hear where God is present and acting in the life of another. The primary focus of Spiritual Direction is on a person's experience of God, often occurring in prayer, but not limited to times of formal prayer. Spiritual Direction is most concerned with helping a person with his or her relationship with God. If you

are interested in Spiritual Direction to deepen your own personal relationship with Jesus, reach out to Erin Snow at esnow@stjohn-catholic.org or (405) 340-0691.

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1000 S. Littler Ave, Edmond, OK 73034

Ph: 405-348-5364 Fx: 405-340-9627 Stelizabethedmond.org Principal Jenny Lang Assistant Principals Taylor Lothes Melissa Patton



Meet Principal Jenny Lang in the gym at 8:30 am to learn about the many opportunities St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School has to offer your family, followed by a tour of the school.

Upcoming Preview Dates:



September 30 October 28 **November 18** December 9 January 20 February 17 March 24 April 21

May 12

Please RSVP: (405) 348-5364

stelizabethedmond.org

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



BRONCHO CATHOLIC

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Emily Marable.....Campus Ministry uco@stjohn-catholic.org



Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for a sole intention of Fr. Novak, Fr. Jones, and Fr. Manti- a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

We want to pray especially for the physical, mental and spiritual health of Archbishop Coakley & all priests in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, that they may be filled with grace constantly as they pour out so much for our parish communities. Will you answer the call? If interested in SSA, Contact Nadine Kushnir (405) 615-0915.

One Holy Hour—One Priest—Each Week—One Heart of Prayer



KNIGHTS OF **COLUMBUS**

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: September Knight of the Month: Thomas Klag September Family of the Month: Shawn & Alicia Forth & Family

What's on the Knights' Calendar?

September 18—Men's Knight Out, Fassler Hall, 5:30-9:30 pm, open to all men of the parish ages 18 and older



Coats for Kids Drive

The goal of our Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids® program is to ensure that no child in our community goes without a coat during the winter season. Our primary distribution of coats has been at Positive Tomorrows, Oklahoma's only elementary school and social service agency specifically for children and families experiencing KNIGHTS homelessness.

Our current budget allows us to purchase three cases of brand-new coats for boys and girls, sizes 4-16, as well as teen boys and girls in sizes S-XL. The cost per coat is \$25. Should you be interested in participating with the Knights of Columbus in this endeavor, you may write a check, payable to KofC Council 6477, \$25 per coat, and mail it to George J Majoue, Grand Knight, Council 6477, Coats for Kids, P.O. Box 510, Edmond, OK 73083-0510. Coats purchased for donation, please contact George Majoue directly at (805) 478-5200 to make arrangements for pick up. Deadline is Friday, September 26.

CONTACTS

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Clergy

PastorVery Ro	ev. William Novak, V.G.
Assoc. Pastor	Rev. Stephen Jones
Assoc. Pastor	Rev. Mariadas Manti
Deacon	Frank Alexander
Deacon	David Ashton
Deacon	Robert Dunlap
Deacon	Randy Hearn
Deacon	Zsolt Nagykaldi
Deacon	Richard Rosencrans

Parish Staff

Events	Mel Ashton
Reception	
Outreach/HR	
Exec. Asst	Bernadette Dibler
Business Manager	Jennifer Dolf
Evang & Mission	Lynda Hearn
Communications	Kasey Holt
Music	Daniel Jack
Children's Ministry	Sarah Knoles
Youth Ministry	Matthew LeBlanc
Accounting	Amanda Pierce
Evang & Mission	Erin Snow
IT parish/school	Matt Thomason

Safe Environment......Alisa Zelnicek

Children's Day Out Ph 405-340-1789

Director.....Eva Nagykaldi

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults esnow@stjohn-catholic.org

Director.....Erin Snow