

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS \*

Meets the second Tuesday of the month

## ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets the second Monday of the month,  
September through May only

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses: 8:00 am and 11:30 am  
Sunday Mass: 9:45 am at our Mission,  
St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walters  
Daily Masses: Monday-Saturday 7:30 am  
Check Mass Schedule for any changes.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should call for an appointment at least three months prior to the desired date of Baptism. Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for more information.

## MARRIAGE

At least six months preparation time is required and one party must be registered in the parish. Please call the parish office to begin this preparation.

**THRIFT SHOP \* (580) 581-1309**

Currently Open Mondays and Wednesdays  
Only, From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT ST. JUDE \*

Jolene Schonchin (580) 583-7556  
Meets the third Saturday of the month

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY \*

(580) 355-7837  
Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month

## Letter From Our Pastor, Fr. John Paul Lewis

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past week, I was struck by an excerpt from **The Introduction to the Devout Life** that the Church includes in her liturgy for the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, who wrote the book. I share it with you here, because I think it is a beautiful reflection on the call to holiness that every one of us has, regardless of our state in life.

*When God the Creator made all things, he commanded the plants to bring forth fruit each according to its own kind; he has likewise commanded Christians, who are the living plants of his Church, to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each one in accord with his character, his station and his calling.*

*I say that devotion must be practiced in different ways by the nobleman and by the working man, by the servant and by the prince, by the widow, by the unmarried girl and by the married woman. But even this distinction is not sufficient; for the practice of devotion must be adapted to the strength, to the occupation and to the duties of each one in particular.*

*Tell me, please, my Philothea, whether it is proper for a bishop to want to lead a solitary life like a Carthusian; or for married people to be no more concerned than a Capuchin about increasing their income; or for a working man to spend his whole day in church like a religious; or on the other hand for a religious to be constantly exposed like a bishop to all the events and circumstances that bear on the needs of our neighbor. Is not this sort of devotion ridiculous, unorganized and intolerable? Yet this absurd error*

*occurs very frequently, but in no way does true devotion, my Philothea, destroy anything at all. On the contrary, it perfects and fulfills all things. In fact if it ever works against, or is inimical to, anyone's legitimate station and calling, then it is very definitely false devotion.*

*The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged and fresh, just as he found them. True devotion does still better. Not only does it not injure any sort of calling or occupation, it even embellishes and enhances it.*

*Moreover, just as every sort of gem, cast in honey, becomes brighter and more sparkling, each according to its color, so each person becomes more acceptable and fitting in his own vocation when he sets his vocation in the context of devotion. Through devotion your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to the prince becomes more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable.*

*It is therefore an error and even a heresy to wish to exclude the exercise of devotion from military divisions, from the artisans' shops, from the courts of princes, from family households. I acknowledge, my dear Philothea, that the type of devotion which is purely contemplative, monastic and religious can certainly not be exercised in these sorts of stations and occupations, but besides this threefold type of devotion, there are many others fit for perfecting those who live in a secular state.*

*Therefore, in whatever situations we happen to be, we can and we must aspire to the life of perfection.*

In Christ,

Fr. John Paul



This weekend, our St. Vincent de Paul Society is accepting donations after Mass. Your generous contributions are used right here, to help the people of the Lawton Community.

This past month SVdP has helped 3 families with food, 4 families with rent, 1 family with fuel, and 13 families with utilities.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society line at (580)355-7837 and leave a detailed message. We will return your call as soon as possible.



### Adult Faith Formation

Everyone is welcome to join Deacon Quinnett in the Parish Hall on **January 29, 2023** at **3:00 pm** for Adult Faith Formation.

The lesson this week is:

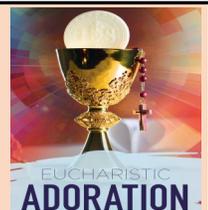
**What are the Sacraments all about?**

### First Friday Adoration February 3, 2023

All day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning after the 7:30 am Mass with

Vespers and Benediction at 6:45 pm.

Come spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord!



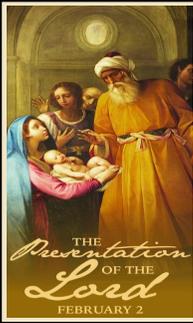
A FAMILY OF  
*Faith*



### A Family of Faith

This Wednesday, **February 1<sup>st</sup>** is Parent Night from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

Parent meet in the Parish Hall while students meet in their classrooms.



**February 2, 2023**

**The Presentation of the Lord** begins at 6:30 pm in Parish Hall with blessing of the candles followed by a candlelit procession over to the church to celebrate the Eucharist.

# YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group is meeting on **February 1, 2023 from 6:30-8:00** in the St. Mary Building.

## PRISON MINISTRIES OUTREACH



On **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Blessed Sacrament Parishioners will provide a meal to the offenders of Lawton's Pre-Release Center. The meal is served at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to bring prepared salads, vegetables and desserts, as well as, serve the meal at **6:00 pm**. Call Charles Benke at (580)353-5011 and leave a message if you can help.

# LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The Story of Salvation

A free 12-week in-person Continuing Adult Faith Formation Parish Group Study presented online live from FOCUS by internationally known Scripture teachers Curtis Martin and Edward Sri on **Monday evenings 7 p.m. - 7:55 p.m., January 23 - April 10, 2023.**

Depending upon number of participants, we will meet in the Mary Building Conference Room or in the Parish Hall.

We'll let you know in advance. You can also watch (or rewatch) the recording after each session whenever it suits your schedule. To watch on your own register as an individual at <https://focusequip.org/lentenstudy2023/>.

## IN THE FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS XXVII CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

- Conference Information**
- Date: February 25, 2023
  - Location: Embassy Suites Conference Center in Norman, OK
  - \$59 Early Bird registration good through Feb 6, 2023. \$69 after that
  - Mid school/high school registration is \$29...anytime
  - College aged young men: \$39 anytime
- Registration will be online: [www.catholicmen.net](http://www.catholicmen.net)

**Parents Night Out Fundraiser**

**February 11, 2023**  
**5:00 pm-9:00 pm**  
**St. Mary Gym**

Dinner will be served to the children and there will be crafts, games, and plenty of fun. All ages are welcome. Cost is a donation. There will be adult supervision at all times. Registration forms are available at [lawtoncatholic.com](http://lawtoncatholic.com). All proceeds benefit the youth of our parish going to World Youth Day in Portugal.



## Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference

"be blessed"  
March 4, 2023  
Embassy Suites, Norman

Student Admission-\$39 + \$4.01 fee  
General Admission-\$65 + \$5.95 fee  
[Register at: okcatholicwomen.com](http://okcatholicwomen.com)

## SPECIAL EVENTS!

- February 16<sup>th</sup>**—Vespers and All Night Vigil at Shrine 5:00 pm, Oklahoma City
- February 17<sup>th</sup>**—Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine 11:00 am Mass Dedication, Oklahoma City
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>**—Ash Wednesday  
Mass Times: 7:30 am & 7:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm St. Patrick, Walters

# BIRTHDAYS

## JANUARY

**January 30** Amanda Aguilar-Constanao, Lorita Holman and Darianna Sarmiento

**January 31** Bella Breacher, Cecilia Esquer, Christopher Landoll, Clifford Miller, Peggy Rine and John Rodriguez

## FEBRUARY

**February 1** Eva Barrientos, Lourdes Martinez, Hunter Ramirez, Marie Schoonaert, Eva Velasco and Ray Wilbanks

**February 2** Duane Rodriguez

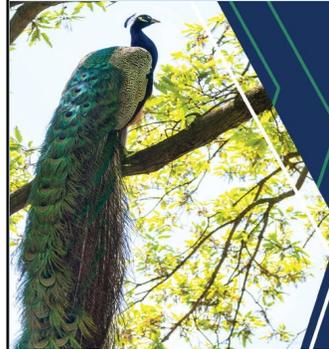
**February 3** Charles Benke, Erica Castillo, Veronica Castillo Kirk and Luis Maldonado

**February 4** Bart D. Butemeyer and Bret M. Butemeyer

**February 5** Crystal Arevalo, Catherine Flood, Yolanda Gonzalez, Shelby Jung and Ashley Morales

JANUARY 29, 2023

**WELCOME TO  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
We are glad you are here today!



**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

### **Monday, January 30**

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (+Jed E. Fisher by Kim Fisher)

10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

7:00 pm—Lenten Bible Study until 8:00 pm in St. Mary Building Conference Room

### **Tuesday, January 31**

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (+Francis John Scotto by Heather and John Scotto)

6:00 pm—Choir Practice in the church

### **Wednesday, February 1**

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (For the discerners and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City)

10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

6:30—Family of Faith Parent Night until 8:00 pm

6:30—Rosary in Church

### **Thursday, February 2**

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (+Josephine Marsh by Angela and Angelo Tortora)

6:00 pm—Aldersgate Prisoner Dinner

**6:30 pm—Candle Blessing and Mass**, beginning in Parish Hall

### **Friday, February 3**

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (For the Intentions of Charles Benke by His Family)

**8:00 am—All Day Adoration until 6:45 pm**

### **Saturday, February 4**

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (For all those who are suffering; spiritually, physically or financially)

**3:00 pm—Confessions** until 4:30 pm in the Church

**5:00 pm—Mass** (For the People of the Parish)

### **Sunday, February 5**

**8:00 am—Mass** (For the Intentions of the Conner Family by Cathleen Conner)

**9:45 am—Mass at St. Patrick in Walters**

(For all parishes in the Diocese of Oklahoma City)

**11:30 am—Bilingual Mass** (+Ellen Larson Cordes by Eddie Larson)

3:00 pm—Adult Faith Formation in Parish Hall

### **Mass Attendance January 14 and 15, 2023**

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 144 in attendance.  
Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 130 in attendance.  
Sunday Morning at 11:30 am had 206 in attendance.  
Total Attendance 480

## THANK YOU

for your generosity

### **Our Weekend Mass Offerings January 14 and 15, 2023**

General Fund—Envelopes and Cash	\$4,339.31
Parish Improvement Fund(464646)	\$429.00
Retired Priest and Religious	\$100.00
General Fund Online Giving	\$1,150.09
Parish Improvement Fund Online Giving	\$18.09

Second Collection Next Week:  
Parish Improvement Fund

**We want to extend our deepest thanks  
for your continued support.  
Your generous contributions  
help sustain our Parish.**

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walters  
Weekend Mass Attendance and Offerings

### **Saturday, January 15, 2023**

Operating Fund \$385.25

Attendance 19

Thank you for your support.