

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

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:2

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. JOHN PAUL LEWIS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany is a Greek word that means “revelation.” While we have come to associate this feast primarily with the magi finding Jesus in Bethlehem and giving him homage, this feast traditionally commemorated three events in the life of Jesus. These three events represent different aspects of the revelation of who Jesus is. These events are the coming of the magi, the Baptism of the Lord, and the Wedding Feast at Cana.

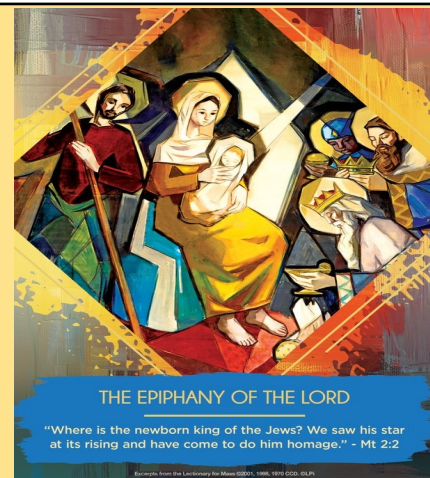
In the coming of the magi, we see that the revelation of Jesus as God and the Savior of the world is to be extended, not just to God’s chosen people in Israel, but also to the rest of the world, the Gentiles, represented by these three magi. They offer him gifts and pay him homage, foreshadowing the day when the whole world will recognize Jesus as the King of Kings, who gives himself in love to save us. In his Baptism, we receive from the Lord a direct affirmation of who Jesus is from the Father, and his grace is offered to us through our own Baptism. The Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove, and the voice of the Father declares, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” In our own Baptism, we are privileged to share in that sonship, and the Father looks upon us with the same love with which he looks on Jesus.

Finally, in the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus performs his first miracle, revealing through his works that he is God made man, who came to redeem the whole world. In changing the water into wine, he reveals to us that he wants to generously pour out his grace on us, giving us the best of what he has to offer, so that we may be drawn into the eternal joy of the heavenly kingdom.

I pray that your Epiphany is a blessed celebration of the Lord’s revelation to us. May he enter into your life and bring transformation in holiness, that you may rejoice forever with him in His Kingdom.

In Christ,

Fr. John Paul



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Blessed Sacrament will provide meals to the homeless families at Family Promise this week.

Volunteers are needed to bring a meal to the Family Promise Facility at **5:00 pm** each night the week of **January 8th through the 14th.**

Meals can be homemade or bought and are simply dropped off.

You do not stay, so bring disposable dishes. Contact Charles Benke at 580-353-5011.



Adult Faith Formation

Everyone is welcome to join Deacon Quinnett in the Parish Hall on **January 8, 2023 at 3:00 pm** for Adult Faith Formation.

The lesson this week is: Having a Catholic Prayer Life

Young Adult Prayer Event

The Young Adult Group is having a Prayer Event on **January 10th** from **6:30 pm-7:00 pm** in the Church followed by a social. Snacks will be provided and kids are welcome!



Rosary...Join in praying the rosary, every Wednesday, at 6:30 pm in the church.

A FAMILY OF
Faith



A Family of Faith

This Wednesday, **January 11th** is only for First Communion and Confirmation Classes.

They will meet in the RE Building from **6:30 pm-8:00 pm.**

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will only be meeting the first Wednesday of the month.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2023 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.



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



Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference

Our hope is to create a space for intentional investment to enrich your ordinary, everyday life, and help you receive the gifts and graces necessary to live boldly and authentically as a Catholic woman. No matter your age or stage of life...This conference is for YOU.

"be blessed" | March 4, 2023

Embassy Suites, Norman

Student Admission-\$39 +\$4.01 fee

General Admission-\$65 + \$5.95 fee

Register at: okcatholicwomen.com



OKLAHOMA MARCH FOR LIFE

JOIN US AS WE MARCH TO THE CAPITOL TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR LIFE

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Archbishop Paul Coakley
Archbishop of Oklahoma City



Owen Nease Ph.D.
Pastor, OKC Emmaus Baptist Church

JAN. 21, 10 A.M. 2023
STARTING AT THE OKLAHOMA CITY NATIONAL MEMORIAL

The roughly two mile march is optional. There will be buses stopping at the Oklahoma City National Memorial, a halfway point and the capitol.



SPECIAL EVENTS!

January 21st—Catholic Daughters Meeting

January 22nd—Knights of Columbus Breakfast

February 17th—Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine Dedication, Oklahoma City

For more information about OKC events go to archokc.org.

JOIN FLOCKNOTE

Want to stay up to date on parish events:
Text **Lawton** to **84576** to sign up for Flocknote and bulletins, updates and announcements.



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WeShare is an easy and convenient way to save time and support our church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.lawtoncatholic.com and click the "Give Now" tab.

If you would like to make contributions online, simply scan this QR Code with your smartphone camera. This code will take you directly to our contribution website. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



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January

BIRTHDAYS

January 9 Mireya Alcala and Justin Santos

January 10 Faith Ehrichs, Mauricio Gonzalez, Alexa Ibarra and David Sargent

January 11 Michael Carrubba, Jason Esquer, Brandi Flood, Alejah Ilidan and Marky Rubio

January 12 Dean Bread, Reginald Choquette, Sarah Isham, Christian Ortiz, Taylor Phillips, Letha Seibold, Dallas Villasenor-Avant and Tyler Youngblood

January 13 Maria Reyna, Shelby Riggins and Kellen Smith

January 14 Leroy Conway, Philip Immenschuh and Leslie Phelps

January 15 Matthew Arrington, Ember Augustine, Gwen Aviles, Kinley Benke, Johnathan Monday and Sarah Pierce

Thank You FOR GIVING GENEROUSLY

Our Weekend Mass Offerings December 24 and 25, 2022

General Fund—Envelopes and Cash	\$8,958.50
Parish Improvement Fund(464646)	\$2,693.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$305.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$895.00
General Fund Online Giving	\$1,894.74
Parish Improvement Fund—Online Giving	\$67.52

No Second Collection Next Week

**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, December 24, 2022

Operating Fund	\$385.00
Attendance	70

Thank you for your support.

The weekend of January 14th and 15th
the second collection will be for
Respect of Life.

JANUARY 8, 2023

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



Monday, January 9

7:30 am—Daily Mass (Intentions of Amanda Gonzalez by Her Family)
10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 am—Mass (+Randy Conner by Cathleen Conner)
6:00 pm—Choir Practice in the church
6:00 pm—Young Adult Prayer Event
6:30 pm—Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Josephine Marsh by Sara, Bob and Brian Baumgartner)
10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm
6:30—Family of Faith until 8:00 pm
6:30—Youth Group until 8:00 pm
6:30—Rosary in Church

Thursday, January 12

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Rev. Elmer C Robnett by Thanh Le)
6:30 pm—Holy Hour, in the church, followed by confessions

Friday, January 13

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Wanda Davidson by Her Parish Family)

Saturday, January 14

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Elizabeth Washburn by Her Family)
3:00 pm—Confessions until 4:30 pm in the Church
5:00 pm—Mass (+Josephine Marsh by Nancy and Ken Schwan)

Sunday, January 15

8:00 am—Mass (For the People of the Parish)
9:45 am—Mass at St. Patrick in Walters (Intentions of Bill Ille by His Parish Family)
11:30 am—Bilingual Mass (+William and Jane Larson by Eddie Larson)
3:00 pm—Adult Faith Formation in Parish Hall

Mass Attendance December 24 and 25, 2022

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 267 in attendance.
Sunday Morning at 12:00 am had 154 in attendance.
Sunday Morning at 10:00am had 157 in attendance.
Total Attendance 578