

Saint Francis Xavier

2110 N. Dogwood, Sallisaw, OK 74955

Easter Sunday April 16, 2017



Sunday Mass

Sat. 5:00 pm St. John
Sat. 7:30 pm St. Kateri
Sun. 9:00 am St. Francis
Sun. 11:30 am St. Joseph

Catholic Charities

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Weekday Mass

Tue. 6:00 pm St. Joseph
Wed. 12:00 pm St. John
Wed. 5:00 pm St. Francis
Thu. 6:00 pm St. Kateri

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Prayer Chain Contact: Please call Parish Office

VERONICA'S PRAYER PARTNERS: Tues. 8:30 a.m. in St. Francis Chapel. We pray and share scripture and fellowship.

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION: Will be held on Fridays from 6:00—7:00 pm in the Saint Francis Chapel

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Will meet the second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Saint Francis Parish Hall

ROSARY: At 8:30 am prior to the Sunday Mass

R C I A: Group meets on Wednesday, 5:30 pm, at Saint Francis

SAINT FRANCIS PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairperson: Michael Dodd; Secretary: Mary Lynn Lufkin; Members: Magdalena Santos

Mass Intentions:

FAMILY GUIDE FOR REFLECTION ON READINGS

All the Gospels agree that women were the first to come to the tomb. Mary Magdalene is always mentioned among them. The scene symbolizes a new creation brought about by Resurrection of the Light of the world. The darkness suggests the darkness that covered the abyss before light first appeared. When Mary Magdalene sees the stone removed from the entrance, she runs to the disciples with the news that "the Lord has been taken from the tomb!" She saw him die a few days ago, and that prevents her from drawing any other conclusion. The two disciples run side by side to the tomb. Peter sees the burial cloth and the cloth that covered Jesus' head, but he doesn't know how to interpret what he sees. The other disciple, the one Jesus loved and the source of this account, is the first to understand the significance of the empty tomb: "The Lord has risen." For John, all those who came to believe would be loved by Jesus and would love in return.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER COLLECTION REPORT

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION Building Maintenance

April 23: No Collection

COLLECTIONS: April 9 : — 2nd: -- St. Gregory's University

(Report next week)

**** CATHOLIC CHARITIES HELPING CENTER ****

ITEM OF THE WEEK : Bar Soap

Thank you and may God bless you! CC staff and volunteers

NEW CHURCH BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Collected to date: \$1,056,175.18 - Spent: \$1,444,811.03

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time, and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt today after Mass.

Congratulations

Congratulations to those baptized and received into the Church

Linda Pack, Walter Olmstead,

and Dale Wemhaner.

There will not be Mass or Bible Study Classes on Wednesday this week.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities are building a new storage building, through the help of many volunteers who are donating their time and skilled labor. We are trying to raise money for the building materials and concrete, and if you would like to help you could go to www.helpthecampaign.com or drop a check to PO Box 1321 or just drop it by the Catholic Charities at 409 N. Adams. We always need volunteers if you would like to help in that way also! Thank you and please contact the helping Center if you have any questions. May the Lord bless you.

New Choir Members

The parish music ministry always welcomes new choir members and encourages everyone. If you are interested in becoming a choir member talk to Nick Burrell before or after Mass.

ST. FRANCIS NEW CHURCH DRIVE-ALUMINUM CANS Next pick-up will be May 7, 2017

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ken Allen, Catherine Ballard, Irma Ballengee, Gary Biddle, Kenneth Blaschke, Alicia R. Carreras, Chae Pong Catron, Louise Cantonwine, Patty Counts, Cindi Cutshall, Donna Davis, Ella Dobbs, Beverly Dodd, Emily Dodd, Bill Furner, Martine Garcia Jr., Rosella Garvin, Robert Gavin, Jace Gavin, David Gillen, Donna Gillespie, Ray Gillespie, Lee Groves, Loretta Jordan, Hilton Hixon, Karen Hixon, Albert Luttmer, Diana Martinez, Jonnie Morain, Ruth Morain, Connie Murdock, Diamantina Carreras Nova, Teresa Pool, Floyd Silva, Larry Sparks, Margaret Tarver, Chona Tredway, Luz Maria Valdivia

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer, please call the parish office