

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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Our Mother of Mercy Church, Waynoka

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Bulletin deadline Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Phillipians 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again; Rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayers and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.



Ministers - Dec. 19/20, 2015

Alva: Rosary: Pat Cook

Lector: Fred Jungman

EMHC: Pat Harkin, Liz Bittle

Servers: Ronald V.

Usher: Josh Schwerdtfeger

Gifts: Lenette Shelite

Cherokee:

Lector: Mary Austin

Usher: John Austin, Betty Dunsworth

Gifts: Susan C.

Waynoka:

Lector: Ron Bouziden

Usher: Kama Nixon

Tri Parish Advent Penance Rite

on Wednesday, December 16, 2015

6:30 pm at Sacred Heart in Alva

Father Bala and several other priests will be available to hear confessions.

St. Cornelius Christmas Baskets

Donations of food is now being accepted to fill Christmas baskets for needy families in Cherokee. St. Cornelius Altar Society will supply a ham. Please bring groceries to church on Sunday or make arrangements with Mary Austin at 580-596-2476. Food items must be brought no later than December 20th. Thank you for your generosity!

★ *Christmas Holy Day Masses*

Thursday, Dec. 24 - 12:00 midnight, Sacred Heart, Alva

Friday, Dec. 25 - 9:00 am, Sacred Heart, Alva

Friday Dec. 25 - 11:30 am, St. Cornelius, Cherokee

New Year's Holy Day Masses

Thursday, Dec. 31 - 4:00 pm, Our Mother of Mercy, Waynoka

Friday, January 1 - 9:00 am, Sacred Heart, Alva

Friday, January 1 - 11:30 am, St. Cornelius, Cherokee

Liturgical Schedule

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am: Mass, Alva

3:30 pm: Sacrament of Confession, Waynoka

4:00 pm: Mass, Waynoka for Priests Intention

Sunday, December 13

8:15 am: Sacrament of Confession, Alva

9:00 am: Mass, Alva for The People

11:15 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation, Cherokee

11:30 am: Mass, Cherokee for Priests Intention

Monday, December 14

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 15

6:00 pm: Sacrament of Confession

6:30 pm: Mass, Alva

Wednesday, December 16

12:00 noon: Mass, Alva

6:30 pm: **Advent Penance Rite**, Alva

6:30 pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament, Cherokee

Thursday, December 17

8:00 am: Mass, Alva

Friday, December 18

NO MASS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 19

3:30 pm: Sacrament of Confession, Waynoka

4:00 pm: Mass, Waynoka for Priests Intention

Sunday, December 20

8:15 am: Sacrament of Confession, Alva

9:00 am: Mass, Alva for The People

11:15 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation, Cherokee

11:30 am: Mass, Cherokee for Priests Intention

*The Holy Rosary is prayed before Mass
on the first and third Sundays of the month in Alva and every
Sunday before Mass in Cherokee.*

Please pray for:

Don & Bunny Pfeiffer, +Kathryn Pierce, Guadalupe Torres, Duvigen Torres, Bea Valencia, +John Hendrix, Michael Arebalo, Tracy Lundy, Kyle Hadwiger, Tammy Brown, Gary Kilian, Mary Ellen Turner, Glenn Schlarb, Deacon Gary Means, Louise Ewing, Deloris Kilian, Donovan Reichenberger, LaUna Levings, Ruby Kaczor, Wesley Mervine, Fred Isenbart, Sr., Rev. Lawrence & his parishioners, Richard Glossip, Tom Reid, Geneva Difenbach

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS: Dec. 5/6,2015

	Sacred Heart	St. Cornelius	Our Mother of Mercy
Weekly Budget	\$1,260.00	\$340.00	\$260.00
Collection	\$2,253.00	\$209.00	\$155.00
Over/Under	+\$1293.00	-\$131.00	-\$105.00
Good Samaritan	\$56.46	\$7.12	
Building Fund			
Parking Lot Fund			
Candles	\$52.90		
Capital Campaign			\$2,430.00

From The Altar Society

The Altar Society would like to thank the parish for their help and participation in making the food sale a success. Whether you helped set up, prepared food, purchased food, or made a cash donation, we really appreciate your support. We depend totally on the revenue from the yearly dues and fund raisers to finance various parish and community endeavors. We continue to contribute to the Sacred Heart scholarship fund, provide gifts for the First Communicants, assist with Confirmation receptions, supply altar flowers on occasion, provide funeral dinners, donate to the Alva Public school's milk fund, and help with other requests from the pastor. Thank you again for your generosity. The Altar Society appreciates you!

Christmas Flowers for Church

Order Poinsettias Now

Call Susie at 327-0330 or 327-3832

Archdiocesan Collection

December 13, 2015

Retirement Fund For Religious

Pot Luck Dinner



St. Cornelius, Cherokee

December 13, 2015

After 11:30 am Mass

Everyone Invited!

Marriage

If you are engaged or preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage within the next year, please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy Callison as soon as possible to begin speaking about the "Marriage Preparation" process. It is never too early to have the first meeting with the priest, even if the subsequent meetings are months away. This meeting is necessary in order to set the date of the wedding.

Convalidations

If you or your spouse were Catholic at the time of your marriage and did not work together with a Catholic priest or deacon to be prepared for the Sacrament of Marriage, if you have not yet done so, you need to have your marriage convalidated (or as it is often said "blessed by the Church). This is a very simple process, and it costs nothing. Please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy Callison for more information.

Annulments

If you are now Catholic and are divorced and remarried (or even just dating after a divorce), your previous marriage needs to be annulled - even if you were not yet Catholic at the time of that previous marriage. Please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy Callison to ask questions about or to begin this simple and free process. This process is composed of filling out and submitting a small amount of paperwork (sometimes this includes a questionnaire). After those papers are submitted, your part of the work is finished. Once submitted, it takes anywhere from a few weeks to a few months for the process to be completed.

RCIA Instruction To "Become Catholic"

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or would like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic, please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy Callison by phone or by email. If you would like to come into the Church at Easter time in 2016, your first meeting with Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy should take place before the end of December.

Baptismal Seminars

If you need to have one of your children baptized (even if the child is not yet born) or if you desire to be the Godparent for the family member or friend who is being baptized, please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy to set up a one-hour baptismal seminar.

Confirmation

If you are a Catholic and for some reason have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy to arrange for that to take place in the upcoming months.

Development and stewardship director

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a Director of Development and Stewardship to manage the overall strategies of stewardship programs and comprehensive fund development. This position will direct and coordinate all phases of the annual giving appeal (ADF) and other fundraising development initiatives. The successful candidate must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. Candidates are required to have a bachelor's degree and five years experience in development or related field. Send resume and cover letter to Rev. William L. Novak, V.G., at wnovak@archokc.org.

Speaker on addiction and recovery

The archdiocesan Office of Family Life together with SAM (Substance Addiction Ministry) is bringing Art Christie to the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, on Dec. 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; registration at 6:30 p.m. Christie is the coordinator for substance abuse studies in the Sociology Department at the University of Central Oklahoma. Topics of discussion include addiction and the family, myths about addiction and recovery, and what can parents do? The event is free. To pre-register, call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944.

Seminarian Education Appeal

Catholic households in the archdiocese recently received a direct mailing from the Vocations Office, regarding our Seminarian Education Appeal (SEA). Our parishes no longer take up a second collection at Christmas Masses for seminarian education expenses. In place of the collection, the archdiocese sends a direct request for a pledge toward the appeal, along with a miniature version of the seminarian poster and a vocation prayer card. Last year, the SEA campaign collected more than \$207,525. We appreciate your generosity. Each financial gift goes toward the cost of educating our future priests. Please also pray for our seminarians and for more young men to join them. For more information, contact the Vocations Office at (405) 721-9351. You also can read more about vocations and upcoming events at www.archokc.org.

