



*During Lent, my bulletin letter will contain excerpts from writings of some of the great spiritual leaders of the Church. I hope you find them inspiring, as I have, and that they give you something to think and pray about as you draw closer to the Lord in this holy season.*

**Boast Only of the Lord**  
by Saint Basil the Great, bishop

*The wise man must not boast of his wisdom, nor the strong man of his strength, nor the rich man of his riches. What then is the right kind of boasting? What is the source of man's greatness? Scripture says: The man who boasts must boast of this, that he knows and understands that I am the Lord. Here is man's greatness, here is man's glory and majesty: to know in truth what is great, to hold fast to it, and to seek glory from the Lord of glory.*

Boasting of God is perfect and complete when we take no pride in our own righteousness but acknowledge that we are utterly lacking in true righteousness and have been made righteous only by faith in Christ.

Here we see all overweening pride laid low. Humanity, there is nothing left for you to boast of, for your boasting and hope lie in putting to death all that is your own and seeking the future life that is in Christ. Since we have its first fruits we are already in its midst, living entirely in the grace and gift of God... Through his Spirit, God also reveals his wisdom in the plan he has preordained for our glory... God gives power and strength in our labors... [and] God rescues us from dangers beyond all human expectation.

*Fr. Novak*

**Collection for February 28**

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 20,085.80
Offertory Loose Collection	\$ 715.71
Children's Envelopes	\$ 13.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,197.00
School Endowment/Scholarship Fund	\$ 139.00
The Needy	\$ 100.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 23,250.51</b>

**Second collection is for debt reduction.  
Thank you.**

**Easter Lilies**

If you would like to purchase a Lily to decorate the altar at Easter in memory of a loved one, they are \$10. Please call the Parish Office (354-2743).



**Liturgy Schedule**

There will be no daily Mass this week. Fr. Novak will be visiting seminarians.

**Friday, March 12, Lenten Weekday**

- All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:00 pm Taize Prayer
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 13, In Anticipation of Sunday**

- 5:00 pm *Pro Populo* (For the People)

**Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 am †) Souls in Purgatory (Joan Marrs)
- 10:30 am †) Tom Gleason (Max & Florence O'Hara)

The Marian candles in the chapel burn this week  
In Memory of Gene & Rita Hughes  
by Ann Bohanan & Eugene Hughes

**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, March 7**

- School 9:15 am RE – PreK thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Marian Hall 9:15 am Adult Ed
- Marian Hall 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
- Youth/Gym 6:00 pm TYME

**Monday, March 8**

- Marian Hall 7:00 pm Paula's Daughters
- Meeting Rm 7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg.
- Conf Room 7:00 pm KoC Ladies Auxiliary

**Tuesday, March 9**

- Marian Hall Noon Golden Sagers
- Gym 3:15 pm Girl Scouts
- Marian Hall 6:00 pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting
- Music Room 6:30 pm Handbells
- Meeting Rm 7:00 pm Project Gabriel
- Gym 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, March 10**

- Church 6:30 pm Choir
- Youth/Gym 6:30 pm Half TYME
- Marian Hall 7:00 pm RCIA

**Thursday, March 11**

- Marian Hall 6:30 pm Book Club

**Friday, March 12**

- Conf Room 9:30 am Bible Study
- Marian Hall 7:30 pm Lenten Meal – Altar Society

**Sunday, March 14**

- Marian Hall 9:15 am Adult Ed

**Scripture Readings for the Week**

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Manna Pantry Collection: March 6 & 7  
Laundry Soap**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 8: Protection from Predators (Paula's Daughters)

A special presentation will be made at 7:00pm in Marian Hall by Kelly Brookshire with the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department regarding "Protection from Predators". This session promises to be very interesting and informative. All parishioners are welcome to attend!! For info, contact Rita Gregg (373-2778), Rose Marie Crowe (354-2798) or Connie Dahl (350-2260).

### March 8: Ladies Auxiliary \*\*Meeting Change\*\*

To avoid conflict with Spring Break, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will host their monthly meeting a week early. It will be held at 7:00 pm in the *Conference Room*.

### March 11: Book Club - *Jesus of Nazareth*

Following a 6:30pm dinner, the book club will discuss Chapters 5, 6, & 7 of Pope Benedict XVI's book (English translation 2007). Call the parish office for dinner reservations.

### March 13: St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Catholic Singles Group "Company" will meet in downtown OKC at 12:30pm to watch the parade. Call Mary 401-4105 for info.

### Save the Date: May 15<sup>th</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran will celebrate his Golden Jubilee with a state-wide gathering at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp. Mass will be held at 11:00am followed by a picnic, entertainment & children's games. Make plans to attend!

### Instrumentalists for Easter

Rehearsals will be as follows: 10am, Saturdays (March 13, 20 & 27) and 6:30pm Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Robert Noble in the parish office if you are interested.

### Woman of Achievement Named

Congratulations to Alberta French for being named the 2010 Woman of Achievement from our parish! Alberta will be honored at a banquet on April 10<sup>th</sup> at St. James parish. If you are interested in attending the banquet, **reservations are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Helga Kastl (354-0065). Cost \$15.

### Nursery for 10:30 Mass

Childcare is now available at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday mornings. The nursery will open at 10:15 and serves children age 6 months to three years. It is strictly first come, first served, with a limit of 20 children. The nursery is located in our school's pre-K3 classroom, where children can be dropped off at the outside entrance, on the west side of the north end of the school building. There is no fee for the service, but parents who use the nursery are encouraged to sign up as nursery volunteers. Please contact Margaret Noble at 350-2220 if you have questions or would be interested in volunteering.

### Sunday Morning Adult RE

During Lent, the Adult RE group will meet between the Sunday Masses to reflect on readings from the Bible. Join them in Marian Hall at 9:15am. Bring your Bible!

### Summer camp at Subiaco Abbey

Boys ages 9-13 yrs are invited to attend camp in Arkansas. For information or to apply online visit [www.campsubiaco.org](http://www.campsubiaco.org)

## TAP into FAITH

A growing ministry sponsored by St. John the Baptist parish is Tap Into Faith. Each month, the group meets at Pepe's Mexican Restaurant for Interesting Topics and Lively Conversation about our Catholic Faith. They currently have 35-50 who attend from 12 different parishes! Happy Half-hour begins at 8pm; Lecture at 8:30; Q&A at 9pm followed by fellowship. **The topic for March 11<sup>th</sup> is "Anger Management: Peace thru Forgiveness"**. They welcome ages 21-121 - married or single! For info call Mary (401-4105)

## Welcome To Our Parish

Sarah Ritz

Tony & Kimberly Yanda & Lola Mae  
Welbourne & Jamie McGahee & Kiera  
William Deneen  
Karen Bullock



"Let me care for you." Those words can bring a sigh of relief to people going through a difficult time in life. A Stephen Minister is willing to listen & be there while you work through tough times.

Call Deacon John Teague (283-0280), Mariavis Fitzmorris (354-7037), or Irene McAlister (354-5159).

## LET US PRAY

### Pray for the sick of our parish

John Hudgins; Lola Wedman; Erica Maar (*RCIA Candidate*); Joan Kennedy; Rose Anne Jackson; Rowdy Miller

### Pray for the sick family & friends of our parishioners

Mike Brockman, *son of Ethel Brockman*; Elizabeth Ruyle, *sister of Loretta Loveless & Adolph Klein*; Esther Richardson, *relative of catechumen Dawna Williams*; Annie Garcia, *mother of Luis Garcia*; Leon Malone, *friend of Jerry Livingston*; Robert Dale Kendall, *son of Bob & Fhyrne Kendall*; Dee Dee Rund, *niece of Georgia Rother & Christine Fitzgerald*; David Costiloe, *grandson of Connie Dahl*

## YEAR FOR PRIESTS



Remember in your prayers this week the following men from our Archdiocese who have been called to serve:

Fr. Joseph Pudhota  
Fr. Rayanna Pudhota    Fr. George Pupius

## Religious Education

### Religious Education

- Classes will be held for PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grades, Sun., March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- NO RE, Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - Enjoy Spring Break!

### Youth News

- TYME, Grades 9-12, Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>
- NO TYME - Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> OR March 21<sup>st</sup>
- 1/2 TYME, Grades 7-8, Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
- NO 1/2 TYME - Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>