

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**1010 NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lawton, OK 73505 • (580) 536-6351 • Fax: (580) 536-6352**

**INFANT BAPTISMS** Parents are required to contact the Parish Office for baptismal preparation classes. Classes are held on the 1st Monday of the month.  
*Bautizos En Español* Los padres necesitan contactar la oficina de la Parroquia para tomar las clases de preparacion. Las clases seran el primer miercoles de cada mes.

**QUINCEANERA CLASSES** Please contact the office 6 months prior for the Quinceanera preparation classes.  
*Quinceañera Clases* Por favor contacte la oficina con seis meses de anticipacion.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** Please call the parish office if someone is seriously ill or in the hospital.

**MARRIAGE** Please contact the priest 6 months prior to your wedding date. Date or facility will not be scheduled until after couples have met with clergy.

**PRAYER CHAIN** For a circle of prayers for you or a loved one call Vicki Gable, 536-6355 or Alicia Abbott, 536-9156.

**NEWCOMERS** We welcome you! Please register in the parish by calling or coming by the Parish office. Forms are also available in the vestibule of the church.

**BOOK AND GIFT STORE** is located near the Parish Hall, open before and after Mass and during Religious Education hours on Wednesday evenings. Maintained by Dr. Anne Williams.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Daily Mass Mon - Thurs 12:00 noon,  
Friday Communion Service  
12:00 noon

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 4-5 p.m.

Chapel Open Daily from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or by code after hours. Call the office for code.

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Main Office 536-6351 Fax 536-6352  
Religious Education 536-6355

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes run from September through May  
Pre-K Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Grades K-5 Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Grades 6-12 Wednesday 6:45 p.m.

RCIA for adults RCIC for children  
Call Office for information.

## ABUSE HOTLINE (405) 720-9878

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City takes the safety of our children very seriously. Therefore, The Archdiocese offers the Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of any minor by a member of the clergy or other church personnel. This hotline is confidential.

**Fr. Kirk Larkin**  
**Pastor**

## PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Kirk Larkin, Pastor 536-6351  
Deacon Jim Coe 536-9337  
Deacon David Bunch 529-3191

## PARISH STAFF

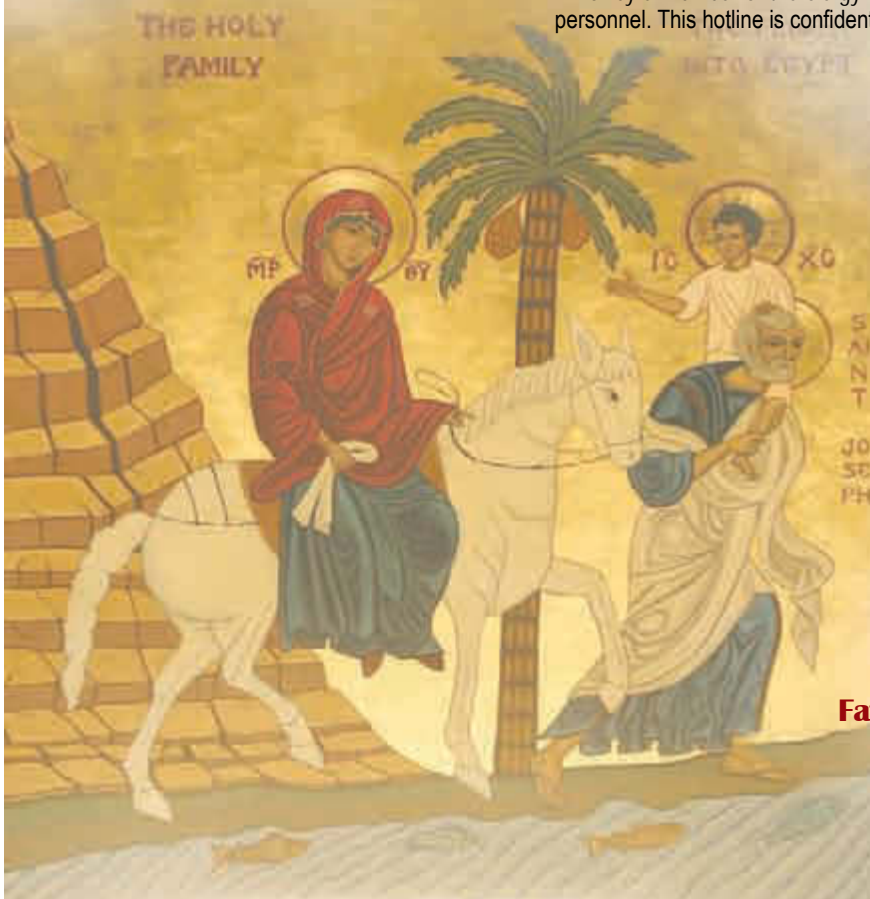
Business Manager Jim Coe  
Director of Religious Ed Vicki Gable  
Youth Director Jay Bonifield  
Music Director Frederick Krieger  
Parish Secretary Nicole Buswell  
Bookkeeper Sandra Roberts  
Parishioner Records Gretchen Hajek  
Facilities Director Roger Sessom  
Custodian Bill Sickler  
Custodian Joe Morita

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dr. Robert Kern, Chairman  
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## FINANCE COUNCIL

Mr. Chuck Wade Mrs. Marie Scheirer  
Mrs. Marnie Kern Mrs. Sandra Roberts  
Ms. JoAnn Knecht Mr. Brian Henry



**Through the prayers and example of the Mother of God and St. Joseph, we are led by the Spirit to continue the ministry that Jesus began, giving glory to God by joyously proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in worship, word and witness.**

**Father Larkin: [holyfamilypriest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:holyfamilypriest@sbcglobal.net)**

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**[Holyfambulletin@aol.com](mailto:Holyfambulletin@aol.com)**

**Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 Noon**

# dear Padre

August 16, 2009

## How can a human pope be infallible?

I've always heard the pope is infallible. I find it hard to believe he never makes mistakes. If he's human, how can he be perfect?  
Diane

Dear Diane,

We don't claim the pope is perfect. From the Church's earliest centuries, Catholic Christians have acknowledged that Saint Peter and his successors, the bishops of Rome, have had a special role as teachers within the Church. But the way we speak of that role has developed over time. Likewise, Christians have long acknowledged that the Holy Spirit can and does preserve the Church from error in teaching about faith and morals. Yet exactly how this happens and the nature of the pope's role in the process were subjects of debate among Christians for centuries. The Church achieved some resolution to the debate in 1870 at the First Vatican Council, which produced the document *Pastor Aeternus*, also known as the First Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of Christ. That document finally gave an official description of how a pope could exercise infallibility in the Church. That description remains in force today. We Catholics believe the pope speaks infallibly when he acts as the pastor and teacher of all Christians and when, with the help of divine assistance, he defines a matter of faith or morals to be held by the universal Church. We believe the pope can exercise infallibility when he teaches, but only about faith and morals and only in union with the Church.  
*Matthew Allman, C.Ss.*

### YEAR OF THE PRIEST

June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010

Jesus, Savior of the world, sanctify Thy priests and sacred ministers



The Altar Flowers This Weekend  
are in loving memory of  
The anniversary of the birthdate  
August 14<sup>th</sup> of  
Deacon Pete Dulcamara  
From Carol Dulcamara, Children  
And grandchildren

## MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

### Monday August 17th

**12:00 PM MASS** † Deacon Pete Dulcamara by The Cara Family

Readings: Jgs 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22

**ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

### Tuesday August 18th

**12:00 PM MASS** † Josephine Francoeur by Joan Libro

Readings: Jgs 6:11-24a Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>/John Eudes, Priest

**12:00 PM MASS** † Clyde Fisher by William & Margaret Hess

Readings: Jgs 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16a

### Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>/Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

**12:00 PM MASS** † Cliff & † Marie Webb by Tom and Kay Conwell

Readings: Jgs 11:29-39a Mt 22:1-14

### Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>/ Pius X, Pope

**12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

Readings: Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>/ The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12

### August 23<sup>rd</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass**

† John Chudzinski by Leanora Chudzinski

**8:30 AM Sunday Mass**

People of The Parish

**11:00 AM Sunday Mass**

† Madge Wade by H. George Picek Family

**1:00 PM Spanish Mass**

Readings: Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69

## SUMMER FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

\*Tonight, August 16th

6:00 PM -8:00 PM

Footprints of God "Peter"

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\*Wed. August 19th 6:30 PM Catechism with Father Corapi  
The Life and Mission of Christ is a Mystery

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\*Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Dinner and a Movie "Maria Goretti"

The story of Maria Goretti is an incredible story of a young lady whose deep love for the Lord cost her her life. Maria died in Italy on July 6, 1902 at the age of 11 years old...she is one of the youngest canonized saints in the Church. This is a beautiful story of love and forgiveness.

**(DUE TO MATURE CONTENT, CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12 ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED.)**

(All Programs held in the Parish Hall and Nursery Provided)

**A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIAGE**

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the Fall program beginning with a weekend on September 11-13, 2009 call (918) 695-7010 or visit our website [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



Father Leven is celebrating 50 years of priesthood this year and wishes to share it with us here at Holy Family. He will preside at all Masses next weekend, August 22/23 and the Knights of

Columbus will host a reception for him in the Parish Hall on Saturday evening after the 5:30 PM Mass. There will be light refreshments and a chance to visit with Fr. Leven, congratulate him and show our appreciation for the years he spent here as pastor as well as the 50 years of faithful service to the Church.

Enrollment forms for RE classes, for new families, are available in the RE Office and on our website, [www.holyfamilylawton.org](http://www.holyfamilylawton.org).



Religious Education News

Classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 13th for Pre-K – Grade 5 and on Wed. Sept. 16th for 6th-12th Grades. If your child attended classes last year then he/she has been advanced to the next grade level. All families, new and returning, must complete a FORM A for each child enrolled. For more information, please visit with Vicki Gable or call 536-6355.

**\*\*\*YOUTH NEWS\*\*\***

SUMMER FUN DAYS EVERY WEDNESDAY. Work around the Church in the morning; go to Mass and then Lunch and A Fun Activity in the afternoon. We will picnic in the mountains, miniature golf, bowling and other fun stuff. From 9:30 to 3:30 and \$5.00 is the cost.

NOTE.. On Aug. 19th, we will meet from 5:30 to 8:30 PM instead of meeting at 9:30 AM.

August 23rd "Feed The Poor" 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Youth Director: Jay Bonifield 512-5377

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AROUND THE WORLD**



Joseph Santos, Jeremy Goosey, Frank Thibodeau, Jonathan Brodeur, Thomas York, John B. Larkins III, Matthew Gowan, Aaron Schmidt, Anthony Daniel, David Burks, Bryce Robinson, Michael Yeager, Vincent L. Moscatello, Jr., Rob Hart, Jason Frasch, and Victor and Ashli Maldonado.

**GOOD NEWS**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Prv 9:1-6 / Eph 5:15-20 / Jn 6:51-58

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus talked about flesh being food and blood being drink. The disciples were split over what they heard. Some left. Some stayed. Why did some leave? There were *many* who no longer followed Jesus after hearing this teaching. To accept what Jesus said seemed grotesque. They couldn't imagine what Christ's words meant. Why did some stay? Did they understand what Jesus meant? Were they not shocked too? They had followed Jesus because they believed the news—the reign of God is near. Did they know now what they were saying yes to in staying? What was different between those who left and those who did not? Was it *what* they understood? Or was it *who* they were staying to hear? We who believe Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—are we able to take it all in? We have a tendency to congratulate ourselves: Hey, we're the ones who stayed! But do we experience the shock? Do we know the stunning meaning in the words of Jesus? Are we transformed in the way that bread becomes flesh and wine becomes blood? What has to change in *us* for us to stay? The huge challenge here is to believe, yes, and to think—to think differently, to think more, to see the depth of what Christ is in the Body and Blood of the Eucharist, to see the connections of Christ and this meal and the needs around us—all the while admitting our minds can never reach the end of such meaning or enclose its mystery in our limited understanding. We cannot plumb these depths. In other words, we can travel deeper into Christ's presence without ever reaching the end of it.

**From the Principal's Desk**

How is a Catholic Education Different...why a Catholic School?

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves." *Saint Francis de Sales*



**HOLY FAMILY MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM... NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!**

Last weekend our Men's Softball Team captured the 2009 ASA Men's Church National Championship at Kiest Softball Complex in Dallas. Teams from around the country participated in the two day competition. Holy Family was unbeaten in the tournament. Congratulations and "Thank You" for representing our parish on a National Level.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR SUFFERING FROM A DEBILITATING ILLNESS**

Fr. Joe Ross, Mary Jo Melby, Genevieve Sintic, Larry Sanchez, Billy Jo Walker, Tom Markley, Kori Hargraves, Lynette Finger, Karin Del Vecchio, Ken Hall, Mike Morris, Ed Crimmins, and Geraldine Dawes.