

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Just some wandering thoughts from the pastor. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed this year from June 19, 2009 - June 18, 2010 to be a Jubilee Year in honor of the parish priest. A jubilee year goes way back to the Old Testament. It has been celebrated every 50 years, and all subsequent years in increments of 50 (50, 100, 150, etc.), since the Passover to remind the Israelites of their release from captivity in Egypt. The reason the year 50 is chosen is because it is the first year after the 49<sup>th</sup> year (7x7=49...seven, the perfect number multiplied by the perfect number). The jubilee year was a year in which all slaves were freed, all debts forgiven and the land was to lay fallow (uncultivated). This year we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests...hence the jubilee "Year of the Priest." I am not quite sure what we will do to commemorate this year but in the mean time, please pray for your priests.

I have been very pleased with the way the summer Faith Enrichment Program has been attended. We have a great audio/visual system that is working very well and the programs that have been presented thus far have been very good as well. If you have not attended any of these, please keep an eye on the bulletin and come join us in learning more about our faith in a very relaxed, comfortable setting.

The construction on the parish hall building is coming along quite well. The Parish Hall, PH kitchen are complete. The PH foyer area will be finished soon and we are in the process of remodeling the church bathrooms. As soon as they are finished we will begin painting and tiling the west hallway that is used for Religious Education. Please be patient with the construction and I know you will be pleased with the finished product.

Finally, I hope everyone is having a good summer. Any ideas on things that can be done to improve our parish are always welcome as are any suggestions on how I might be a better pastor...I can never improve on my deficiencies unless someone helps me understand them. God bless, Fr Larkin

### *From The Principal's Desk*

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

If I do not become a saint when I am young, I shall never become one. (St. John Berchmans)

## MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>/Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

**12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

Readings: Gn 28; 10-22a Mt 9: 18-26

**ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>

**12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

Readings: Gn 32: 23-33 Mt 9: 32-38

Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>

**12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

Readings: Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a Mt 10: 1-7

Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup>/Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,

Martyr and his Companions, Martyrs

**12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

Readings: Gn 44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45<sup>th</sup> 1-5 Mt 10: 7-15

Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>

**12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

Readings: Gn 46: 1-7, 28-30 Mt 10: 16-23

Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>/Benedict, Abbot

Readings: Gn 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a Mt 10: 24-33

July 12<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass**

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Duane and Corrine Boettcher

**8:30 AM Sunday Mass**

People of the Parish

**11:00 AM Sunday Mass**

75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of †Johann & †Helene Sippl by Corrine and Duane Boettcher

**1:00 PM Spanish Mass**

Readings: Am 7: 12-15 Eph 1: 3-14 Mk 6: 7-13

**St. Mary's Catholic School has positions available for highly motivated and qualified applicants looking for a challenging career in Catholic Education for the 2009-2010 school year.**



**The following positions are available.**

- Office Manager/Administrative Assistant. Must have very good working knowledge of Word, Excel and Outlook.
- Two 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers. Degree required. Early childhood certification desired or be willing to obtain certification
- One 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher. Degree required. Certification desired or be willing to obtain certification
- One assistant to the Cafeteria Manager/Assistant Cook

Full Benefits package is paid by the school. All applicants please submit resume and copy of application. In addition, for teaching positions, submit transcripts to Mr. Paolo J. Dulcamara, 611 SW 'A' Avenue, Lawton, Ok 73501. Phone (580) 355-5288 to schedule an interview.

**SUMMER FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

\*Wed., July 1st, 6:30 PM Catechism with  
Father Corapi  
"Divine Revelation Sacred Tradition"  
(All Programs held in the Parish Hall)

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

Women of Action Conference  
August 22, 2009  
St. Mark Catholic Church  
Norman, Oklahoma Call (405) 306-5187



The Ladies Guild will meet every Tuesday from  
9:30 - 1:00 PM. Child Care will be provided.

We have decided to have a bazaar on Saturday,  
Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Bring any craft ideas that you would like to create. We  
could use your help, so please come and join in the fun and  
fellowship.

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

**BAKE SALE FUND RAISER** next weekend July 11/12. The  
proceeds will help defray the cost for several of our youth  
who will be attending the National Conference in November as  
well as activities around the church and to buy food to feed  
the poor and homeless in Lawton. Please be generous.

**"YEAR OF THE TELESCOPE"** ... 2009 is the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Galileo. The Youth Group will go to the country, near  
Elgin, to look at the stars through a large telescope on July  
17<sup>th</sup> as there will be no moon. If it is cloudy, we will re-  
schedule to July 19<sup>th</sup> at the same time. Please gather in  
Jay's office at 6:30 PM so that we can leave at 7 PM. We  
will return around 11:00 to 11:30 PM. There is no charge  
and parents are encouraged to come as well.

**WHITE WATER All Day Fun Day** July 22...\$25.00 included  
Ticket, Transportation, Lunch and Snacks.

**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. \$5.00 is the  
cost.

Youth Director: Jay Bonifield 512-5377

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING.** The next Altar Server  
Training session will be held 10-11:30 AM on  
Saturday, July 25, 2009. This training session is  
for anyone interested in joining this special  
ministry. Any boy or girl, 10 years old or older is  
eligible to be an Altar Server. If you have any  
questions contact Linda at 353-2052.



FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND ARE IN MEMORY  
OF

† Deacon Herman Lawrence  
From

Virginia Scherler

**GRANT WORKSHOP....** Grant funding is available for  
parish and Catholic School projects that address the  
root causes of poverty and empower those in poverty  
to improve their lives. A workshop at Catholic  
Charities on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM will  
provide valuable assistance for those who may be  
interested in applying for a grant. Contact Becky at  
(405) 523-3009.

**PART TIME YOUTH MINISTER** Assumption of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary Parish in Duncan, Ok. is seeking a dynamic  
individual to minister to our youth through fun and  
fellowship. Responsibilities include planning and leading  
activities, trips and conferences in a Christian environment.  
Bilingual preferred. For more information see our Web Site  
at [www.assumptionparishonline.org](http://www.assumptionparishonline.org). Send résumé with  
references to "Youth Minister Search Committee",  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 711 W.  
Hickory Ave, Duncan, Ok 73533 or E-mail to  
[duncancatholic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:duncancatholic@sbcglobal.net).

**St. Gregory's Abbey**

Next weekend, July 11-12, Rev. Joachim Spexarth  
will be here to speak to the congregation about St.  
Gregory's University and the importance of  
Catholic Education. This will be their Annual  
Appeal and a second collection will be taken up.  
Please consider being as generous as you can.



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

Jeremy Goosey, Brian Ferguson, Frank Thibodeau, Jonathan Brodeur,  
Thomas York, John B. Larkins III, Matthew Gowan, Aaron Schmidt,  
Anthony Daniel, Wes Carter, David Burks, Bryce Robinson, Michael  
Yeager, Vincent L. Moscatello, Jr., Rob Hart and Jason Frascht.

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

Mike Morris, Clara Schaefer, Dorine Cherie, Adele Walker, Alice  
Conner, Marcos Melendez, Ed Crimmins, Brenden Scarfone, Geraldine  
Dawes, Stephanie Ortega, Don Trostle, Tony Niedermeier, Margaret  
Waskiewicz, Rosa María Méndez, Justa Talavera, Aurea Rivera,  
Martha Córdova, Leticia Lazo, Nilda Camarillo, Deborah Hachey,  
María Teresa Barreiro, Kimberly Trebing, Maria Panella, Regina  
Boucher, Lloyd and Lucia and Geraldine Gamero