

**SVDP Food Pantry** Thank you for your generous donations to the food pantry! The pantry needs peanut butter, jelly, instant mashed potatoes, instant dry milk, canned milk, macaroni and cheese, canned or bottled fruit juices and canned fruit. Please consider a donation of food this month, knowing that through your kindness someone who is suffering will be helped. Donations should be placed in the blue SVDP box in the church entry. Thank you!

**SVDP Goodwill Voucher Program Discontinued** The St. Vincent de Paul Society is no longer able to accept donations of clothing, housewares or furniture. Thank you so much for your generosity in the past! Donations of food are still very much appreciated.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is held every Wednesday at 9 am through Thursday, 9 AM. Come spend 15 – 30 minutes to an hour with the Lord. For questions and further information please call Louisa Floyd – 248-5985.

**RCIA** This class is for non-Catholics or Catholics who want to know more about the teachings of the Church; it is a must for those wishing to come into the Church. Every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall beginning September 13th. Mike Romaka will be in charge of the classes. For more information call the Parish Office.

**LADIES GUILD BAZAAR** Craft Workshops continue each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. until the bazaar on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Nice Items for the grab bags are still needed. **Raffle tickets** will be on sale before and after each Mass. Prizes are cash: \$1000, \$750 and \$500. Prizes will be drawn on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

**PUT THE ITALIAN MEAL ON YOUR CALENDAR.** The Kitchen Committee and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual Italian Meal on Saturday, 16 September 2006 from 5:30 -8:00 pm in the FLC Gym. New chef-new menu. Advance tickets will be sold after all masses in the vestibule. Adults are \$8 and kids 6-12 yrs of age are \$4. Kids under 6 eat free. Tickets at the door will be \$10 and \$5 respectively.

**Catholic Charities Lawton Office** accepts donations of vehicles in working condition. These vehicles are donated to families that would otherwise have no transportation. The recipients of the vehicles work with a Catholic Charities case manager to ensure that it is properly maintained, insured and all title and taxes are completed and paid. Our staff takes care of the vehicle pick up and paperwork, and donations means more tax write offs for you. You can be sure that you are investing in someone's future, living out your faith, and empowering others to obtain self-sufficiency. For further information, please contact Deborah Odom, Lawton Regional Office Coordinator, at 353-1811.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY.** Anyone who is interested in preparing for the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings is welcome to join us. We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the FLC Library. For questions call Celine at 536-6351

### **Standing Meetings**

(Unless otherwise noted)

**Catholic Daughters:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. (September through June)

**Catholic Youth Organization** Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. (during school year) in the Family Life Center Library.

**Charismatic Prayer Group** Each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC Library.

**Choir Practice** each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church (Fall through Spring).

**Christian Meditation Group** Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the FLC Library. For information call Celine at 536-6351.

**Columbian Squires:** (Young men 10-18) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the P.H. Conference Room. Mike Romaka, 536-3960

**Hispanic Choir Practice** Friday 7-9pm in the FLC Conference Room

**Hispanic Renew:** Each Sunday 11-12pm in the FLC Library.

**Knights of Columbus:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Officers meeting last Tuesday at 6:30.

**Prime Timers:** Please watch the bulletin for meeting times.

**Ladies Guild:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. September through May, in the Parish Hall. Craft workshops every Tuesday March to November Bazaar.

**Parish Council** meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center Conference Room (except Dec. Jul. & Aug.). Watch the Bulletin for Changes.

**Safe Environment Video Training** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's at 1:00 p.m. in Church Conference Room unless otherwise noted. Contact Vicki @ 536-6355

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Family Life Center Conference Room.

**Tops: (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** Each Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center Conference Room.

**Ultrea:** (Cursillo Reunion) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in Family Life Center Conference Room.

**What Catholics Believe** Saturday, 10:30am in the Church Conference Room.

**Catholic Boys Club!** Wouldn't it be great if there was a club for our boys in which they could have fun learning about their Catholic faith, virtue, leadership, and apostolate, while at the same time playing sports with one another and their dads? Well, now they can through the Holy Family Catholic Boys Club! In fact, this is the 3rd year for the Catholic Boys Club at Holy Family, and this year we are accepting boys from the age of 8 thru 16. If this sounds like something you would like your son(s) to be involved in, please contact David or Laura Quinn at 492-6010 or [quinns4@tds.net](mailto:quinns4@tds.net) for more information or to register your son.

**Small Group Sharing:** Some parishioners have expressed interest in having small group sharing as we did during the RENEW. If you are interested please call Celine at 536-6351.

**Abuse of Minors Pastoral Hotline 405-720-9878** For the safety of children and healing of victims the Archdiocese provides this hotline. Calls are confidential with the following exception: Any allegation of sexual or physical abuse or neglect concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to the OK dept of Human Services, and/or the proper civil authorities.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### LECTOR WORKSHOP

Fr. Fuller will be conducting a workshop for all current lectors and those who would like to be lectors on the following dates:

Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 19 at 7 p.m.

You must attend one of these workshops if you wish to be a lector or continue serving the parish in this ministry. For questions, call Fr. Fuller, 536-6351

**Scripture Study starting Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> in the FLC Library 9:45-10:45 Call Marjorie Farrell at 353-6009 or Buddy Rogers 353-3704.**

**RE CLASSES** will begin on Sunday, September 10 for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Families that are new to Holy Family can pick up an enrollment packet from Vicki Gable in the RE office.

**COULD YOUR HEART** be tugging at you, but you don't quite know how to answer the call? Maybe the Holy Spirit is quietly knocking at the door of your heart toward a vocation with the youth in the Ministry of Religious Education. Won't you please help form and instill Catholic values and faith in our most precious ones? Answer your hearts call – I guarantee you won't regret it. *Vicki Gable/DRE*

**STRUGGLING AFTER ABORTION?** For men and women. Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The retreat offers and opportunity to enter deeply into the grieving process and identify the ways your abortion may have affected you. Discussions, spiritual exercises, prayer and reflection are combined with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service honoring your child and a Mass of Resurrection participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and tender compassion. Both men and women are invited to experience this therapy for the soul. The program is an apostolate of the Catholic Church, but those from other faith backgrounds are welcome to attend. **Next retreat: Friday, September 29 at 6pm to Sunday October 1 at 4pm. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$75.00. Space is limited. To register or for more information call Susan at 405-709-2707.**

### CARTRIDGE RECYCLING CENTER

**Help!** We've got a new and easy fundraiser! Bring your empty ink cartridges to Mass with you and deposit them in the specially marked box in the entry. We can earn up to \$4.00 per cartridge. When the box gets full we send it in, and they send us a check. Finally, we can do something worthwhile with all those cartridges. Collect them from your friends and neighbors.

**The money will go to help pay off our building debt.**

### Mass Schedule, Intentions and Readings

#### MONDAY Sep.11

Readings: 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Luke 6:6-11

**7:30 AM Communion Service**

#### TUESDAY Sep.12<sup>th</sup>

Readings: 1 Cor. 6:1-11 Luke 6:12-19

**9:00 AM Communion Service**

#### WEDNESDAY Sep. 13<sup>th</sup>

Readings: 1 Cor. 7:25-31 Luke 6:20-26

**9:00 AM Communion Service**

#### THURSDAY Sep. 14<sup>th</sup>

Readings: Num. 21:4B-9 John 3:13-17

**9:00 AM Communion Service**

#### FRIDAY Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Sorrows

Readings: 1 Cor. 9:16-19,22b-27 Luke 2:33-35

**9:00 AM Communion Service**

#### SATURDAY Sep. 16<sup>th</sup>

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:7-15 John 7: 11b-19

**5:30 PM Mass +M.J. Heptig**

**by Bob Heptig & Family**

#### SUNDAY Sep. 17<sup>th</sup>

Readings: Isaiah 50:4c-9a James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

**8:30 AM Mass +Kathleen Patterson**

**by Henry Acres and Family**

**11:00 AM Mass People of the Parish**

### STEWARDSHIP

*is what I do after I say "I believe"....*

**Amount needed each week \$13,614.04**

**Collection for Sep 2/3 \$ 17,222.23**

**Special Collections to Support Outside Organizations**

(Birth Choice & St. Johns Kitchen)	\$ 75.00
(St. Vincent de Paul)	\$ 1,114.00
Archdiocesan Special Collections	\$ 100.00
Parish Improvement	\$ 1,094.00
Cross International	\$ 857.43

**Remaining for Parish Operations \$13,956.30**

**Building Debt after August Payment \$343, 415.02**

**4 Stages of Marriage** The 4 states of marriages are (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4)Awakening. Many marriages experience only the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4<sup>th</sup> stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4<sup>th</sup> stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i.) The September program begins with a weekend at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City on September 8-10. Six post weekend sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons in Tulsa. Your marriage is worth the drive! Call David and Carol Sollars 918-695-7010 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).