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Please submit items for the bulletin to: secretary stjms@sbcglobal.net Deadline is noon Wednesday for the upcoming weekend



Readings for September 24, 2023 Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Matthew 20:1-16a

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St. James Catholic Church

"THUS, THE LAST WILL BE FIRST, & THE FIRST WILL BE LAST." -M&TTHEW 20:16

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

> **Readings for October 1, 2023** Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Matthew 21:28-32

If you are a new parishioner, please fill out a registration card located at the back of the church. Place it in the box on the back table or leave it at the office.

	Mass Intentions
Tues	09/26 - 8:30am - Anna Riha & Family - Special Intention
Thurs	09/28 - 8:30am - +Kay Ewing by Family
Sat	09/30 - 8:30am - Anna Riha & Family - Special Intention
Sat	09/30 - 5:30pm - Toni Stark - Special Intention
Sat Sat Sun	10/01 - 9:30am - +Kay Ewing by Family

This Week at St. James September 24-30

Sun 9:30am - Mass Tues 7:00pm - RCIA - Hall

Wed 6:00pm - CRE & 1st Communion Parent Meeting 5:30pm - Mass Sat

> Weekend Collection September 16/17

\$3,810.35

Total Collection

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do vou stand here idle all day?' They answered 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to the foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning to with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

PRAYING FOR THE SYNOD: In this September's copy of the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic, there's an article by Ken Coughlin, "Conversation in the Spirit: A process, not an event". The gathering referred to in the article will begin with an ecumenical prayer vigil on September 30 in St. Peter's Square, led by the Taizé Community, followed by a 3 day retreat for the participants (October 1-3). After the retreat, participants will begin the work of prayerful discussions, October 4-29, with a 2nd session planned for October 2024.

The prayer below has been printed in various forms for the Synod, and is printed on the United States Catholic Bishops website (attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL

Beginning Friday, September 22 we will have Mass at Jane Phillips Hospital at 11am. It will be the 4th Friday of every month.

Celebration Ministries

September 30, 2023

Greeters David & Carolyn Benne **Gift Bearers** David & Carolyn Benne Lector/Intersessions Fidelis Villegas **Extraordinary Ministers** Rose Hammerschmidt Linda Ruegsegger Servers Nguyen **Cross Bearer** Marion Hammerschmidt Senior Usher Chris LaFrancois Usher **Rayln Boudreaux**

October 1, 2023

Greeters NEED Guy Lenora **Gift Bearers** Enrico Lodrigueza Bee Bradley Lector/Intersessions Allan Carlson **Extraordinary Ministers** Karen Cruce Marcos Moran Servers Anthony Mann Abby Shelley **Cross Bearer Becky Bradley Senior Usher** NEED Usher Peter King

We Pray For Michael Bellamy, Martha Clark, Chris Duncan, Alice Fagan, Kathy Gonser, Brad Hart, Yvonne Herman, Pat & Christine Kendrick, Darrel Kimery, Carol Marrs, Teresa McDonald, Joan McKinney, Debbie Miller, Jake Munyon, Julie Neece, Mark Pace, Eva Scott, Toni Stark, Laura Stanfill, Shelley Sumner, Lexi Towne and Bob & Jane Zoeller

VINITA OKTOBERFEST by Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Saturday, October 14, 9:30am-4pm. For more information on the festival, including if you want to be a vendor, please visit holyghostvinita.org/oktoberfest.

CONCERN NEEDS For September we are collecting canned chili, soup and pudding cups.

CRE CONTINUES AT ST. JAMES CHURCH 6pm

Sacraments Preparation (First Reconciliation and First Communion) has changed to a 2 year program beginning in first grade (minimum age, but can start any grade after that) and receiving at the end of their second year of preparation. If you have a First OR Second Grade student then we would love to meet with you to discuss the program and what is expected this first year of change! We know there will be lots of questions! Please join us for the mandatory parent meeting this week on Wednesday, September 27, 6:30pm at St. James Church. Questions before the meeting? Contact Carey Auschwitz crebartlesville@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 8, will be our first CRE Sunday of the year at St. John 10:30am Mass. There will be a pancake breakfast to benefit our CRE program from 8:30-11am, we would love to feed you breakfast and have you support our program. CRE students and families are all invited to attend and sit together. There will be a fun craft for the kids after Mass!

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

POSITION OPEN-Director of Development and Mission Advancement for St. John School. If you are interested or know someone that is, have them contact Fr. John to discuss the opportunity and requirements.

St. John School is in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested or have questions, contact the school office 918-336-0603.

YOUTH NEWS

High School Youth group (grades 9-12) begins THIS Sunday. September 24, 6:30pm, with Youth Coordinator, Blythe Zielenski. Please meet at the Youth House.

ROSARY RALLY & 5K RUN

Attending the Rally is free, but if you wish to participate in the Walk or Run, you need to register and there is a fee. Please go to tulsarosaryrally.com to register and for specific information. This event will be held Saturday, October 7, 8am, LaFortune Park, Tulsa.

FUN NIGHT! Saturday, October 7, at St. John Catholic School, 5-8pm

There will be Carnival Games, Entertainment; Concessions for purchase, and Trunk or Treat! Tickets are \$5 per child in advance, or \$7 per child at the door. Children aged 2 and under get in free. To purchase tickets online:

forms.gle/7UuaDNAfEoe8SXu9A Fun Night is sponsored by the St. John Catholic School's Home & School Association.

THEOLOGY AFTER HOURS AT ST. JOHN

Thursday, October 5, 6:30pm, Fr. Lynch Hall. There will be music, food, drink with child care provided (if possible, please call the office to let us know so we can have an estimate of the number of children and provide accordingly 918-336-4353). Dcn. Richard Berberet will present a talk on "The Blessed Eucharist-the source and summit of our life and faith as Catholic people". This talk will include some images of Eucharistic Miracles that have been experienced in various parts of the world. Free event!

> This weeks Altar Flowers are given by Bertha Lanckriet in Memory of Dick Lanckriet







RCIA Session #5 "Who is Jesus"

Presenter: Kim Barbour

Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life-the center of Christianity is a person: Jesus. Ultimately, we need to decide if Jesus really was who he said he was. We can't sit on the fence. Because if Jesus really was who he said he was, we need to make him the Lord of our lives, and when we do, everything changes.

> Tuesday, September 26, 7-9pm **St. James Catholic Church**

OUR LADY OF GRACE RETREAT CENTER

4919 S. Fairgrounds, Stillwater OK Contact for all (pre-registration required) judene@OurLadyofGraceCatholicRetreatCenter.com 405-747-5035

Creating with the Creator: An artistic retreat series for the artist and non-artist alike. Mondays (October 2, 9, 23, 30, November 6, 13), 9:30am-1pm, join with participants from across the state to learn from professional artist Leigha Liuzza. \$60 per Monday. Art supplies included.

Monday, October 16, 9am-3pm: Seeking Him Whom My Soul Loves, Contemplative Prayer, a Day of Reflection with Fr. Salvador Marquez-Munoz. Pastor, St. Mary Catholic Church, Siloam Springs, AR.(\$40 Mass & Lunch included)

November 2-5 Ignatian 3-Day Silent Directed Retreat. Trained Spiritual Directors will guide you into deeper prayer as you experience the beauty of nature, the quiet of a private chapel, comfortable prayer spaces, and expansive grounds to explore. Enjoy home cooking and a private room with a private patio overlooking a lake. (\$495 Lodging & Meals included)



HISPANIC FESTIVAL! EVERYONE WELCOME! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Please come join us in the St. John School playground. There will be food and drink for purchase. At 5pm, Mexican dancers and traditional Mexican singer will begin. At 7:30pm there will be live music.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL Weekend of October 7/8

Every day, our neighbors come to Catholic Charities in search of hope. Because of generous people like you, our staff and volunteers are able to give them a hand up. Your donation allows us to say "yes" to the needs of our community. With 15 programs, 7 locations, and 15 mobile food pantries across Eastern Oklahoma, Catholic Charities is uniquely positioned to help our neighbors in need. Some of the programs include: Adult Education: Counseling: Dental Care: Disaster Outreach: Emergency Assistance; Immigration Assistance; Refugee Resettlement; Pregnancy Care, and many other ways to assist our neighbors in Eastern Oklahoma.

You may also donate to our Annual Appeal today online at cceok.org/donate.