

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Hispanic Community Fundraiser



Dinner in the parish hall on Sunday, March 25th, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Hispanic Community will prepare a Mexican dinner of Polloco (chicken & vegetables in foil), rice, beans, dessert and drinks. Tickets are: Adults-\$7.50, Children (5-10)-\$5.00 and Children (under 5)-\$2.50. Tickets will be sold after Mass. They will have Tamales for \$12 per dozen. Please call Maria Jimenez at 226-3537 to preorder tamales. All proceeds will go towards the Hispanic dancer's dresses/costumes!

RCIA - Those preparing to enter into the church at Easter are in a period call the Scrutinies as they journey through the final weeks of RCIA. They will use this period to reflect on their intention to join the Church. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers: **Johnnie Berryman, Melba Caperton, Kammie Pace, Larry Darter, Mae Ryhman, Heather Simon and Tracie Kelch.**

St. Lawrence Guild needs food for the pantry. If you can help, please bring your donation to the office. Thanks!

OLOG SUMMER CAMP 2012 is now open for Registrations! You can download the forms from the Archdiocesan website at www.archokc.org click on Summer Camp. There are seven sessions starting June 10th – July 27th for 3rd graders going in to 4th grade in the fall, all the way up to High School, (9th – 12th). If you have any question call the Youth & Young adult office at (405) 721-9220 or send an email to jcogburn@archokc.org. Scholarships are available based on need! Call the number above to obtain more information.

Second collection for Easter decorations will be taken up next weekend, March 24th – 25th.



MASS OF THE CHRISM and RENEWAL OF PRIESTLY COMMITMENT will be held on **Tuesday, April 3rd**. Parishioners are encouraged to attend if able, especially catechumens, sponsors, high school students preparing for Confirmation and their parents and sponsors, or those involved in ministerial service.

During the stormy season if any parishioners are out and about near the church when the tornado sirens are blowing, or you hear a storm warning, the front door of the rectory will be open and the school building basement shelter will be available. For those who cannot negotiate steps, there is a room in the north/south hallway school building that will be open.

A summer internship is available for any US Catholic with an interest in increasing Catholics awareness of poverty in the US, educate about Catholic social traditions and build bridges between the poor and the non-poor through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development program. For more information call Becky VanPool at 405-523-3003 or 800-375-8514 or on the web at bvanpool@cathcharok.org.

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION of the SACRAMENT of PENANCE and RECONCILIATION

St. Mary Church----- Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.
Holy Cross Church, Madill --- Wednesday, March 28, 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday will be held in the parish hall pending good weather. Those who cannot manage the walk may remain in the church.

FAITH FORMATION: This Sunday, March 18th and next Sunday, March 25th there will be no Faith Formation classes. Classes resume on Palm Sunday, April 1st.

SOUP KITCHEN: St. Mary's will be hosting the Soup Kitchen this week **March 19-23, 2012**. If you signed up to help your time and effort is greatly appreciated!
Lisa McCormick

W. LACY MULLEN SCHOLARSHIP

Students interested in a scholarship for 2012-2013 can come to the office and pick up an application form. Deadline to return the scholarship is **April 13, 2012**. High school seniors applying for this scholarship must be active and sustaining members of St. Mary Parish. Priority is given to those students beginning their first year of college. **Returning college students must re-apply for this scholarship.**

MILITARY DAY OF AWARENESS – Veterans, military members and their families, community professionals and all involved in ministry are invited to a “Day of Awareness” at the Catholic Pastoral Center on Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This day will build awareness of the concerns, needs and resources for service members and their families. Please RSVP to the Office of Family Life at 405-721-8944 by April 10.

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YOUR OPINION IS IMPORTANT - The Catholic Charities Board of Directors is working on a strategic plan and would like your input. Please take our short survey. Just go to www.catholiccharitiesok.org and click on the "Take Survey Now" tab located at the top right corner of the home page.

Attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and learn how to truly love your spouse as God calls you to. Next encounter is April 27-29, 2012 or September 14-16, 2012. Contact John & Tena at (405) 209-3515.

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By Bob Thaves

