Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ this Easter, I have been reflecting a lot on the blessings that I have received since being assigned to Blessed Sacrament and St. Mary's Catholic School in the summer of 2016. Our community continues to grow and I know that many people are rediscovering their Catholic faith through our parish. Why is our parish continuing to grow? It is because we are a loving and supporting family, striving to follow our Lord to Everlasting Life! I am especially excited about our newest members of the Catholic Church who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. These individuals came to us from many different experiences, but at our parish, they have experienced God’s love. Thank you for your continued attention to welcoming new families to our parish and encouraging them to return each week to encounter the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

This week, we will not have Mass because I will be at the National Catholic Educator’s Association Conference in Ohio. I am looking forward to bring back many more ideas in order to prepare St. Mary’s Catholic School for the future. May God continue to bless your family throughout this Easter season!

The Lord is Risen!
Fr. Brian
Join us for a 10 week small-group retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*. Learn about God's infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy and console His heart by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely. Discover how suffering can actually help us grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**When:** Mondays 6:30pm-8pm, Apr 2nd to June 11th  
**Where:** Parish Hall Conference Room  
Please contact Kurt Lichtenstein at kurt.lichtenstein@gmail.com or the Parish office at 580-355-2054

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**Prison Ministries Outreach**
**Thursday, April 5**, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church we will feed about 75 offenders of Lawton’s pre-release centers. Meat will be provided. We need volunteers to bring prepared salads, vegetables and desserts and serve at 6:00 p.m. Please call Charles at 351-9649 for more information.

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**PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST**
New Vision Lawton Central Mall 12  
**Special Showing** for our Parish Sat, Apr 7, @ 7:20 pm,  
tickets $5.50 pp  
*Their faith challenged an empire. Their words changed the world.*  
It stars James Faulkner as Paul and Jim Caviezel as Luke and recounts the last days of Paul’s life during the persecutions of Emperor Nero.

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**Sacred Music in Season presented by St Ann’s Church in Elgin, OK**  
**Sunday, April 8th, 2018 at 4 pm.**
Come and join us as we raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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**Encounter with God’s Call Weekend**
The spring 2018 Encounter with God’s Call weekend is April 14-16. The trip allows young men in 11th grade through recent college graduates to visit a seminary, spend time with the archdiocese’s college seminarians, and get questions answered about the possibility of studying to become a priest for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Go online to www.okcvocations.com. Call (405) 721-9351.

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**Catholic Foundation Scholarships Available**
Completed applications are due April 3. Scholarships are available to current college students or high school seniors. The foundation provides scholarships to students attending a Non-Catholic or Catholic college or university. Visit www.cfook.org or contact the high school counselor, pastor or DRE. Contact the Catholic Foundation, (405) 721-4115 or cfo-info@archokc.org with any questions.

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He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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**St Mary’s Catholic School (580)355-5288**

**B I N G O**
**April 14 – 5-8 PM,**
Spring Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo/Silent Auction Fundraiser
Come have some fun and try for great prize baskets.
Dinner tickets for adults, $8; kids 4-12 $5.  
Silent auction items also available. All proceeds will benefit enhancing technology for the school.

Online Applications (new families) and Online Enrollment (everyone) is now open on the SMCS website (www.stmarys-ok.org) for the 2018-2019 school year. Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade are offered.  
Call (580)355-5288 to schedule a tour of the school.

**Maintenance/Janitor Position**
We are now accepting resumes to fill a full-time maintenance/janitor position to keep our parish and school operating well. If you are interested in applying, please contact the parish office or email your resume directly to blessed sacrament lawton@gmail.com

**Development/Communications Director**
We are now accepting resumes to fill a full-time Development and Communications Director for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and St. Mary’s Catholic School in order to ensure a solid future for our parish and school. This position would involve public relations, marketing, grant writing, and fundraising for the parish and school. If you are interested in applying, please contact the parish office at (580) 355-2054 or email your resume directly to blessed sacrament lawton@gmail.com.

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**For Daily Readings:**
Go to usccb.org/bible/readings

**Our Weekend Mass Attendance and Offerings**
**March 25, 2018**  
**Mass attendance**  
General Fund $6,336.94  
St. Vincent de Paul $2,796.21

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“Save Time and Donate Online!”
WeShare, is an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit blessed sacrament lawton.weshareonline.org.

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**