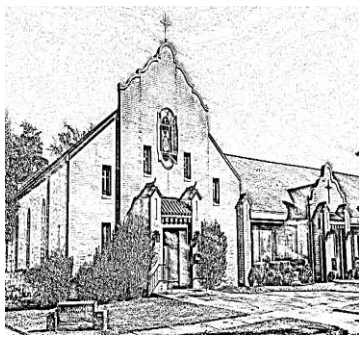


ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
324 W. Bridge Avenue, PO Box 578, Blackwell, OK 74631
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Rev. Balaswamy Bathini, Pastor

July 12/13, 2025
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37



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CONFESSIONS

Blackwell: On Saturdays at 4:30 pm or any time by appointment.

Tonkawa: On Sundays 15-20 minutes before Mass or after.

ADORATION

Blackwell: Weekly on Thursdays
9:00 am - 10:30 am.

Tonkawa: Weekly on Tuesdays
8:30-9:30 am.

ROSARY

25 Minutes before all the Masses.



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Masses in Blackwell	
Sat., July 12, 5:30 pm	Addie Marra - Blessings
Sun., July 13, 9:00 am	Jim & Lorraine McKain Family - Blessings
Wed., July 16, 5:30 pm	†Mary Shanilac
Thu., July 17, 9:00 am	For Fr.Bala Family-Blessings
Sat., July 19, 5:30 pm	For the Parish
Sun., July 20, 9:00 am	†Clifford Buellesfeld
Masses in Tonkawa	
Sun., July 13, 11:00 am	For the Parish
Mon., July 14, 8:15 am	† Bob & Margaret Steichen. St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Tues., July 15, 8:15 am	† Vern Ray & Barbara Humphries
Wed., July 16, 8:15 am	Fermin Blackwell Family-Blessings
Sun., July 20, 11:00 am	Joe Caughlin Family-Blessings

OFFERINGS: Blackwell: Sunday Collection - \$1,397.00 ; 2nd Collection - \$149.00; St. Vincent - \$44.00. **Tonkawa:** Weekly Collection - \$484; Building Fund - \$160; Centennial - \$; St.Vincent De Paul - \$60. Thank you for your generosity to our parishes.

FOR JULY: For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

PARISH REGISTRATION: As we begin to prepare for our church's centennial, we will be updating our Parish Registration records. All parishioners are asked to pick up and fill out a registration form from the table at the back of the church.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS: October 2026 will mark the Centennial of our church building. 1). In preparation for our celebration, we will begin having a 2nd collection every second Sunday of the month. This money will be used to fund centennial projects including, but not limited to, dinners, beautification projects, and expenses for planning. Please keep this in mind as you budget your giving each month. 2). We will need everyone to help out in some capacity to make this celebration great. You will find sign-up sheets at the entrance of the church for committees that need help. Please sign-up for at least one committee. If you have any questions, please call Robyn at (580) 761-6937.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA: St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband. Kateri, Mohawk for Catherine, contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. Her entire family died in the epidemic and she was raised by an aunt and uncle, a Mohawk chief. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She would hide her face under a blanket. She refused to marry. Her aunt and uncle were forced to accept the fact that she had no interest in marriage. At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. She often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk. Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans. Her feast day is July 14th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Let us wish Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their birthday during the month of **JULY: (Blackwell)** Carmen Rios (16), Robert Fisher (8), Fabiola Favela, Amelia Leatherman (18), Patricia Bradley (19), Ian P. (23), Karla Calleja, Ezequiel Hernandez, Cookie Stone (8), Lainey Leatherman (18), Alejandra Perez, Francisco F. (12), Collin Zink (22), Tonya Hill (4), Edgar Dominguez (21), Anni P., Jorje Miranda. **(Tonkawa)** Ron Richards (8); Zaillette Davis (15); Anjelica Munroe (19); Sydnee Jacobs (23).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: (From Blackwell) Terry Clonts, Matt North, Kathy Thomas, Adrian Marra, Katrina Hess, Anthony Bahm, Robert & Kitty Fisher, Samantha Ware, Meredith Sookbang, Kimberly Sookbang, David Bradley, Brandon Ward, Betty Evans, Eddie Zimmerschied, Jacob Marra, Emma Sanchez, Elaine Hooper, Jorje Miranda, Kenneth Cookson, Geraldine Phillips, Mike Thomas, Jo Edmisson, Bill Stone, Maan Amaronte, Steve & Sharon Lanie, Julia Stuever, Lorraine McKain, & Richard Thomas. **(From Tonkawa)** Russell Ross, Kristie Wright, Julie Robinette, Bart Brashears, Nicki Boonie, Connie VanAusdall, Enrique Eulloqui, Dianne Jeans, Susan Ochoa, Suzy Lenhart, Mike Jordan, Dineo Heilmann, AnnMarie Stanford, Malakai Boucherie, Travis O'Dell, Teresa Zink, Josette Mimbela, Blake Brown, Travis Parker, David L. Martin, Virginia Combrink, Janelle Elfvin, Charla and Rich Allan, Helen Rogers, Dan Pracht, Ann Thornburgh, Alva Mitchell, Sandra Mitchell, Abby Davis, Tyra Gleason, Mary Poskey, Robin McElroy, Candace Brown, Beverly Mazurier Hinrichs, Barry Kausler, Jill Muegge, Monica Ochoa, and Kristi Neighbors, Paula Jones, Barb Overland, Dorothy Davis, Marilyn Pendleton, Jeff, Madea, Connor, Tanner, Makenzie, Ozzie Davis and all military men and women.