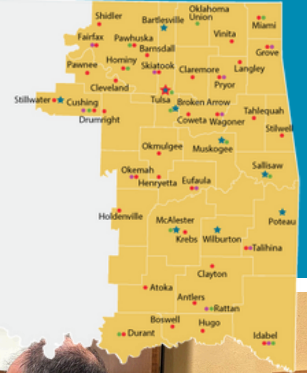


SERVICE IN ACTION

May 2025



The quiet service of our sacristans

There are a number of “hidden” ministries here at Catholic Charities. These ministries don’t have offices, but we all benefit from the service of their volunteers. Sacristans are one of those ministries.

We have two regular sacristans at CCEOK – Jeannette Lauderdale and Vic Alonzi – who primarily care for the linens used at Mass each weekday. They care for these linens with humility and respect and prayerfully go about their unseen work. The Sacristans are crucial to ensuring linens are prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, enhancing the quality of our daily community’s liturgical celebrations.

It might seem straightforward – take the soiled linens, throw them in the washing machine, put them in the dryer and bring them back cleaned. But there is much more involved. First, there are the purificators - the linens used at Mass to purify the chalice and ciborium. These will often have traces of the Precious Blood on them, especially when used for the distribution of the Precious Blood to the faithful. They cannot be just thrown into the washing machine. First, any Precious Blood remaining on the purificator must be diluted with an abundant amount of water separately from all other materials. Then the diluted Precious Blood, along with the water, is poured directly into the ground.

The same precautions must be taken with the altar cloth and corporal (the cloth placed under the sacred vessels,

but on top of the altar cloth) as there can be small remnants of Christ’s Body and Blood embedded in the material. The purificators and corporals require ironing and a special folding pattern to make them ready to use during Mass.

In addition to caring for the purificators and corporals, our sacristans launder the lavabo towels (the towel the priest uses prior to the Eucharistic Prayer when he prays, “Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”)

And the altar cloth needs special attention as it will have wax droplets from the candles placed on the altar during the period of Eucharistic Adoration.

Jeannette and Vic are the quiet servants who go unnoticed, but provide an invaluable service. They are fervent believers who work with their hands and their hearts to bridge the threshold of the earthly with the divine. They care for the linens that come into contact with the divine Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus. They have an awesome responsibility, and they do so with all reverence and care.

We’re still looking for someone who can dust and straighten up the chapel once a week, between 9 am and 11 am. Please contact the Volunteer office at volunteer@cceok.org if you are interested in this behind-the-scenes role.





The logo for "Loving in Lent" features the word "Loving" in a large, purple, cursive font with a small cross above the 'i'. Below it, the words "IN LENT" are written in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font. The entire text is set against a background of a light brown wicker basket.

Thank you to everyone
who helped make our first
Loving in Lent a great success!





Barbara Collier (Porta Caeli House and The Market), Diane Bechtel (Ministry of Compassion) and Mae Timmons (Porta Caeli House) were recently recognized by The Tulsa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women with the Women of Achievement Award. Congratulations!



It was great to have the Diocesan Youth Senate on campus to volunteer on a recent Saturday morning at The Market. Thank you for being Love Changing Lives!



The Volunteer office and Adult Education Volunteer Coordinator, Bena, recently attended a volunteer recruitment fair at Woodland Hills Mall, sharing with shoppers all of the great volunteer opportunities at CCEOK.

A big CCEOK
≡Welcome≡
to all of our newest volunteers!

Emma Eads – Dental
Jorge Laguna - Dental
Samantha Manning – Dental
Bella Bernal – Education
Dim Ngai - Immigration
Kevin Clark – Market/Kitchen
Elise Oldfield - Market
Phillip Welch – McAlester
Larry Vander Hagen – Ministry of Compassion
Tyler Blankenship – MMO
Jim Nordhues – MMO
David Magee - PCH
Jan Magee - PCH
Maximilian Massell – PCH
Monica Massell – PCH
Katherine Murphy – PCH
Haley Sebastian – PCH
LaQuanda Zandbergen - PCH



Congratulations to the Workforce Development Culinary Training graduates and to their volunteer instructors (some pictured below). We are so proud of them!



The Volunteer office recently joined Skiatook Mobile Food Pantry volunteers at a mobile food pantry there. Thanks to all the dedicated local volunteers who help their neighbors in need on the last Friday of every month!



*Spring
cleaning*

The Market will be closed on May 2 & 7 and May 26.
May 7th from 9am to noon will be a time to clean The Market.
Please RSVP to Joell in The Market if you are able to help clean.
Lunch will be provided but they need a head count for food.



**Catholic Charities
Ministry of Compassion
volunteers braved the
rain and helped out at
MOC's Easter food
basket distribution.
Way to go everyone!**



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