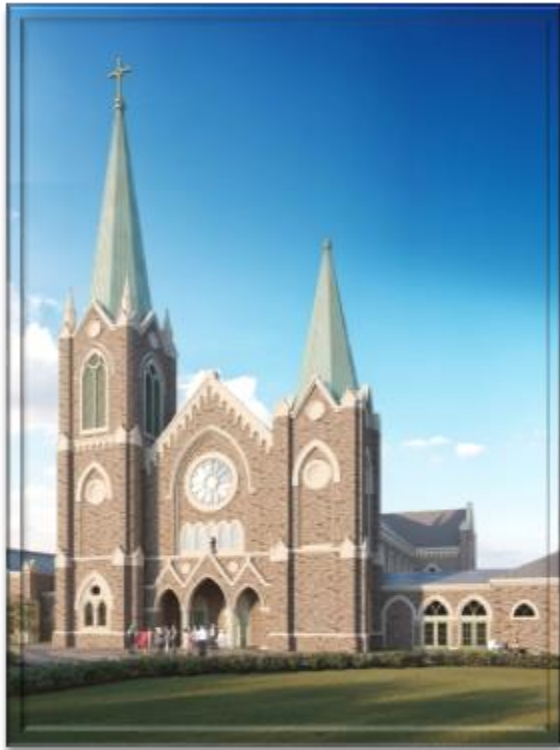


Stillwater Catholic Community

Serving St. Francis Xavier and St. John the Evangelist Parishes
Part of the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma – Together, Our Faith Goes Further

We seek to spread the word of God and serve our community
and the universal Church through the Pillars of Parish Stewardship:
HOSPITALITY, PRAYER, FORMATION, AND SERVICE.

His Holiness, Pope Francis
Bishop of Tulsa, David Konderla
Fr. Ken Harder, AJV, JCL - St. Francis
Fr. Kerry Wakulich - St. John
Fr. Emeritus Jim Greiner
Deacon Bart Brashears
Deacon Glenn Collum
Deacon Paul Govek
Deacon Tom Haan



Sunday of Divine Mercy April 23, 2017

Divine Mercy

Eternal God,
in whom mercy is endless
and the treasury of compassion
- inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us
and increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments
we might not despair
nor become despondent,
but with great confidence
submit ourselves to Your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

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The Second Collection next weekend, April 30th goes to support the
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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 1:00pm (Spanish)
Daily Mass: Tues., Wed. and Thurs. – 8:00am
Friday – 12:10pm
First Saturday of the Month Mass at 9:00am
Holy Days: 7:00am, 5:30pm & 7:30pm (Spanish)
Adoration: Tues. & Wed. – 8:30am &
1st Friday after 12:10pm Mass
Reconciliation: Wed. 5:30 – 7:00pm & Sat. 3:00 – 4:30pm

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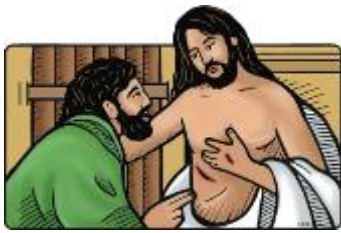
Worship Schedule

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm (Student)
Daily Mass: Mon. 12:15pm & Wed. 12:15pm & 9:00pm (Student)
Tues., Thurs. & Friday – 5:15pm
Holy Days: 12:15pm & 6:30pm
Adoration: Tues – Friday 8:00 – 9:00am
Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00pm
Reconciliation: Tues – Friday 8:00 – 9:00am
Sat. 4:30 – 5:30pm
Sunday 3:45 – 4:45pm

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*“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him,
“My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” (Jn 20:27b-29)*



Gospel Reflection- *“Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”* This greeting from the resurrected Christ must have been a profound one for the disciples. They were living behind locked doors *“for fear of the Jews,”* which really meant for fear of their own lives. They had seen what happened to Jesus and didn’t want to face the same fate. Imagine the paralysis of this fear, keeping them locked inside a prison of their own making.

But even the walls and the locks could not keep Jesus out! He came *“although the doors were locked”* and brought them a message of peace. And then their fear turned to gladness for they *“rejoiced when they saw the Lord.”*

This transformation from sadness to joy, from fear to peace was not just a gift for these first disciples. It is a gift for all of the followers of the Lord, ourselves included! When we are afraid of what might happen in our lives, where we are trapped or paralyzed by the burdens of our own habitual sins, Jesus wants to step in and offer us peace. This is what we celebrate today on this feast of the mercy of Christ. His love and peace—the gift of his mercy—is meant for all of us, weak, sinful, and scared though we may be.

And we who receive this great gift of mercy from the Lord are also called to be merciful to others. We are called to be peacemakers and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Our celebration of Divine Mercy need not stop at the doors of our own hearts. We can seek ways to be ministers of God’s mercy to others, reaching out with the love of God, bringing comfort and consolation to those who need it most.

Readings for the Week of April 23, 2017

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

PRAYER

We started a new prayer list so if you would like to add or remove someone, please contact the Parish Office at (405) 372-6886. Due to space limitations, names are removed from the list after 1 month.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Jaden Andrew, Emma Bisges, John Belusko, Nan Bokorney, Barbara Bradley, Susie Causley, Terry Deer, Sally Denny, Ed Eick, Edith Garllet, Joe Haney, Joe Hamman, Fr. Ken Harder, Bob Kargel, Phyllis Lambert, Kathryn Lovell, Tim Mongin, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Danielle Robinson, Paul Schatz, Diana Sargent and Family, Amy Bell Tidland, Rosanne Trompler, Anne and Joe Zinn, Marge Zoellner, and those receiving care from Stephen Ministry.



Please remember in your prayers all those currently serving our Country.

Please pray for the repose of all Souls, especially Les Sargent.



Prepare the Way of the Lord – Tell anyone who cannot attend Mass the good news! The St. Francis 8:00am Mass will be broadcast on 94.3FM and 780AM at 9:30am each Sunday.

FINAL REQUEST FOR MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION

(Includes Daily Mass, Prayers, Meditations, and much more)

It is time to renew our Parish bulk subscription for Magnificats. The new subscription will begin in June and the bulk subscription rate is \$29.95 per year. If you would like to continue or start a subscription, please contact the Parish Office at (405) 372-6886 by April 27th. Please make checks payable to St. Francis and put Magnificat in the memo.

Parish Contributions

Fiscal Year: 7/1/2016-6/30/2017

St. Francis

Holy Thursday (Mother Teresa)	\$1,235.64
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$835.50
	<i>Weekly To Date</i>
Easter Sunday - Apr. 16	\$7,653.00 \$294,364.00

St. John

Holy Thursday (Mother Teresa)	\$2,947.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$270.00
	<i>Weekly To Date</i>
Easter Sunday - Apr. 16	\$4,941.65 \$295,001.17

Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)

Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$2,085.00**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

April 25	8:00am †Bernie Kopel – Her Family
April 26	8:00am
April 27	8:00am Fr. Ken
April 28	12:10pm †Darwin R. Boardmen, III
April 29	5:00pm First Communion
April 30	8:00am Fr. Ken
	10:00am Shirley Dohmann
	-Jo Geresi
	1:00pm For Deceased Family members and friends of the Parish

St. John the Evangelist

April 24	12:15pm Rose Green – Perkin’s
April 25	5:15pm Student Intentions
April 26	12:15pm †Dcn. Tom Doyle–Bokorney’s
April 27	5:15pm Student Intentions
April 28	5:15pm
April 29	6:00pm
April 30	9:30am
	11:30am

Book of Innocents- *The Catholic Community provides prayerful support for parishioners experiencing the loss of a child in the womb, at birth, or shortly after birth. The “Book of the Innocents”, located in Our Lady of Consolation Chapel, is for composing memories, poems or a few words about your child. It is hoped that this book can facilitate healing by offering peace and wholeness in life’s challenging sorrows.*

HOSPITALITY

Join us for Coffee and Donuts TODAY! At St. Francis after the 8am & 10am Masses
NO Coffee and Donuts at St. John.

20th Anniversary of Diaconal Ordination: All are invited to join us for a Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Diaconal Ordination of Deacon Paul Govek, Deacon Tom Haan and Deacon Dick Berberet on Tuesday April 25th at St. John. Mass starts at 5:15pm and a reception will follow. Please RSVP to saintfrancis@brightok.net or 405-372-6886.

Come pray the Rosary: The Hispanic Community invites all parishioners to join them at St. Francis to pray a bilingual holy rosary every Thursday at 6:00pm for the recovery of Fr. Ken Harder and all those in need of healing.

**Congratulations to all the children receiving the
Sacrament of First Holy Communion
at St. John the Evangelist this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.**

Evelyn Esposito, Stella Dzialowski and Kori Gallegos

There will be a reception following the 9:30am Mass to celebrate. Please join us!

Welcome to all! Thank you for celebrating Mass with the Stillwater Catholic Community today! If you would like to register as a new member or you need to make updates to your contact information, please contact the Parish Office at 405-372-6886.

New Baby Ministry – Please call the parish office if you are expecting or have recently had a baby. We have a special gift for your little one and would like to bring your family a meal shortly after the baby arrives.

FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Pre-K to 5th grade)

Sarah Dorman – creprek-5@brightok.net
(405) 372-7987

RE Classes today 11:15am to 12:30pm at the ST. Francis School Building.

Rice Bowls: Thank you for your support. Rice Bowls are due back to the RE office TODAY, April 23rd.

First Communion: St. Francis, April 29th at 5:00 pm Mass (practice the 28th at 6:30pm). In Spanish, April 30th at 1:00 pm Mass (practice the 26th at 6:30 pm).

May Crowning: The RE program will have a May Crowning service on Sunday, May 7th, during RE class time. There will be a cookies and punch reception following. This is our last RE class for the year.

VBS Meeting: Join us for a planning meeting on May 3rd at 7 pm. Everyone invited!

Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest VBS - Following Jesus the Light of the World! June 26-29, 2017 from 9am to noon.

Youth Ministry

(6th to 12th grade)

Ashleigh Martin – catholicyouth@brightok.net
(405) 269-3786

Youth Ministry Bake Sale Today
after all St. Francis/St. John Masses to benefit the youth attending the Steubenville Conference this summer. Please come out and help support our youth.

Sunday 4/23 Confirmation 11:30am–12:30pm
Edge 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Y-Disciple 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Sunday 4/30 Confirmation 11:30am–12:30pm
Edge 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Y-Disciple 7:00pm - 8:30pm



Adult Formation

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Begin the Journey to study the Catholic Faith! All are welcome to participate in this study! The next class is at 7pm on April 26th and will cover An Authentic Love that Lasts. Please contact Dcn. Paul Govek at (405) 377-7322 or Kimberly Williams (918) 230-4959 for more information.

Bible Studies:

Matthew: The King of His Kingdom Bible Study at St. Francis in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 1pm and 6:30pm. For information or to register for this study, contact Terri Schutte at (260) 579-6464.

FORMED – Formed is like Netflix for Catholics! So many useful resources. Logon to FORMED.org with our parish code: e4623f.

Preschool News and Activities

Maggie Beckham, Director – (405) 624-3450

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

Purchase chances to win a beautiful *Blue Nile Channel Cut 18K Gold Diamond Ring!* Retail Value - \$1400 \$10 for (1); \$15 for (2) or \$20 for (3) chances to win this gorgeous ring!

Purchase your tickets at the school beginning APRIL 17TH!

Proceeds will benefit our Catholic Preschool.

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Breathing is necessary for living. Without air and the ability to breathe, we would die. It is no wonder then that Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. As our physical breath is essential to physically live, the Holy Spirit is essential to personally and socially live. Jesus shows his friends that God is within them, sustaining them with his gifts and providing them with the fullness of life and love. We take God's role in our lives for granted and we give ourselves more credit than we ought. Much of what we treasure and accomplish every day is due to God's inner presence moving and acting within us calling us to new life.

Baptism Preparation Class:

If you are a parent or god-parent, Baptism classes are offered once a month and conducted by a Deacon at the St. Francis/St. John School (602 S. West St.). To register, please call the parish office at (405) 372-6886.

SERVICE

Liturgical Ministers— Thank you for your time and service at the celebration of Mass. We truly appreciate each of you! The St. Francis Liturgical Ministry schedule will be available in the vestibule or online. The St. John Liturgical Ministry schedule will be available in the lobby. If you need more information, please contact your Parish Office.

Stillwater Catholic Women- It's time to begin planning for future activities. Please join us for a meeting on Monday, April 24 at 6:30pm in the St. John Parish Hall.

Family Pizza Night to discuss improving support and treatment for people with mental illness in our community. As a kickoff to May as Mental Health Month; the Stillwater Catholic Parish Knights of Columbus Councils 5622 and 11135, have partnered with the Stillwater chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness to offer a "Family Pizza Night" with a screening of, MINDS ON THE EDGE: Facing Mental Illness, a Fred Friendly Seminar produced for PBS which will be followed by a panel discussion. Join us April 27th at 6:30pm in the SFSJ School building (602 S. West St.). Childcare will be provided.

Milton L. Highberger Memorial Foundation – College Scholarships available for Catholic students! Deadline for submitting applications is May 1st. Applications are available in the vestibule at St. Francis or you may contact Patty Wanger at rwpw@suddenlink.net for more details.

Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services- Please turn the rice bowls back into the St. Francis Parish Office. To donate online, please visit www.csricebowl.org/give.

Mother Teresa Ministry provides food and gas to those in need around Stillwater and the surrounding area. If you know of anyone needing assistance, please have them call (405) 372-7673. "Each one of them is Jesus in disguise." – Mother Teresa

Stephen Ministry – Stressed? Feeling Down? Need Encouragement? Stephen Ministers provide care and support for people weighed down by little things in life or those that have experienced a major crisis. To learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know, please contact Angela Pradia at (405)762-9405 or Mary Ellen Holley at (405)762-9357 or email stephenministryw@yahoo.com.

Birthing of Stillwater is a crisis pregnancy center that focuses on love. We believe it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, please contact Lori Wieder at 377-5683!

Evangelization Team – Join us in our efforts to continue Pope Francis' evangelization program. Place names of people for the evangelization team to visit in the Drop Box in the vestibule at St. Francis. For more info - stillwatercatholicsreturn@gmail.com.

Parish Council- During Fr. Ken's absence, the members of the council will continue to meet once a month to discuss parish business. The next meeting is May 11th at 7pm in Rm. 5 of the St. Francis/St. John School.

Knights of Columbus Council 5266

The Love Challenge – The Knights have accepted *The Love Challenge* with the Center of Family Love which means our Parish has a goal of raising \$10,000 for our friend Jon and his home at the Center of Family Love. We have adopted Jon and he needs our help and support. Checks may be made out to the Center of Family Love and dropped off at the Parish Office. For more detailed information, please contact Chris Knight at (405) 612-0015.



Parish Nurse Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Alcohol Awareness Month

An estimated 88,000 people die from alcohol-related causes annually, making alcohol the fourth leading preventable cause of death in the United States. How much alcohol is too much? It could mean drinking too much at one time, drinking too often, or both. It's important to be aware of how much you are drinking, whether your drinking pattern is risky, and ways to reduce your risks.

Here are some strategies to help you cut back or stop drinking:

- Limit your drinking to no more than 1 drink a day for women or 2 drinks a day for men. (In general, 1 drink is equal to a: 1 Bottle of beer (12 ounces), 1 Glass of wine (5 ounces) or 1 Shot of liquor (1.5 ounces)
- Keep track of how much you drink.
- Choose a day each week when you will not drink.
- Don't drink when you are upset.
- Limit the amount of alcohol you keep at home.
- Avoid places where people drink a lot.
- Make a list of reasons not to drink.

What can I do if I or someone I know has a drinking problem?

Consult your personal health care provider if you feel you or someone you know has a drinking problem. Other resources include the National Alcohol Treatment Referral Service available at 1-800-662-HELP. This service can provide you with information about treatment programs in your local community. www.healthfinder.gov

Join us as we honor all healthcare workers and caregivers with a special prayer service. Blessing of the Hands, Wednesday May 3rd, 5:30 p.m. at St. Francis. Reception following in Room 6 of the St. Francis Preschool. For more information, contact Brandi Bishop, RN, Parish Nurse, 405-269-2252

Interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning?

Contact Daryl and Kathy Krehbiel at (405) 612-2005 or email at StillwaterNFP@aol.com.

Everyday Stewardship

Due to the constant unchecked flow of data and information through the Internet, it can be hard to know when a story is real news or rubbish. It never ceases to amaze me when someone I know has bought into some crazy fake news story. Sometimes the story is just so unbelievable: celebrities who gained two hundred pounds in a month, women having babies who were never pregnant, or people actually being seen who are dead! Like Elvis!

The apostle Thomas found the news that Jesus was alive just too far-fetched to believe. But he didn't first hear the news on the Internet or read it standing in the grocery store checkout line. His friends told him. His fellow apostles told him they had actually seen the Lord with their own eyes. Their testimony was not enough. He needed proof.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples. We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us. This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel. More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives. The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life. Pretty unbelievable, right?

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