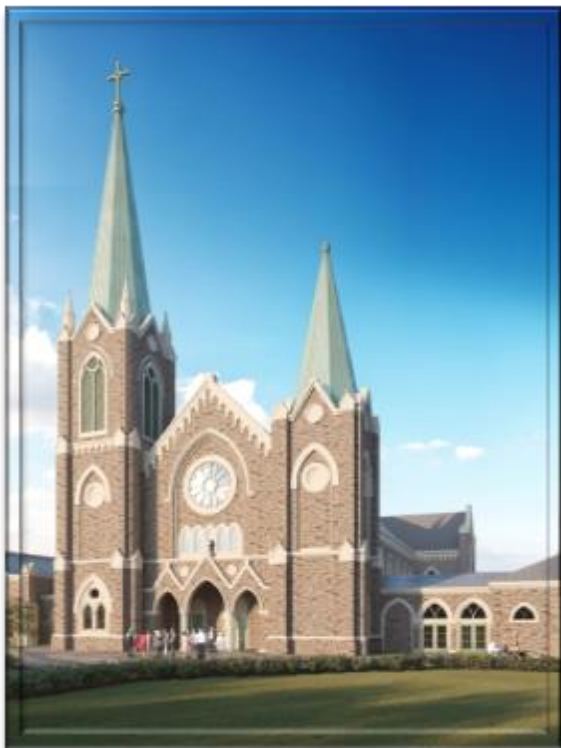


Stillwater Catholic Community

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



Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, putting off our old self with all its ways,
we may live as Christ did,
for through the healing paschal remedies
you have conformed us to his nature.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

The Second Collection this weekend goes to support the
Catholic Home Mission Appeal – Strengthening the Church at Home.

Bulletin submissions should be directed to saintfrancis2@brightok.net by Wednesday at noon
prior to the Sunday publication. Submissions are subject to editing.
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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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They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

(Lk 24:33-35)

Catholic Stuff You Should Know – The Easter Egg Tradition and Mary Magdalene (Find more info at catholiccompany.com)

According to tradition, after Jesus' Ascension into heaven, the Magdalene – a wealthy woman of some importance – boldly presented herself to the Emperor Tiberius Caesar in Rome to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ, with an egg in hand to illustrate her message.

Holding the egg out to him, she exclaimed for the first time what is now the universal Easter proclamation among Christians, "Christ is risen!" The emperor, mocking her, said that Jesus had no more risen than the egg in her hand was red. Immediately, the egg turned red as a sign from God to illustrate the truth of her message. The Emperor then heeded her complaints about Pilate condemning an innocent man to death, and had Pilate removed from Jerusalem under imperial displeasure.

While we do not know if this story is true with absolute certainty, we do know that the tradition of handing out red eggs at Easter is one that originated among Christians in Apostolic times. And often we find Mary Magdalene depicted in icons holding a red egg. Moreover, the story fits into the various cultural traditions already surrounding the symbol of the egg.

For many cultures, even before the time of Christianity, the egg was a symbol of creation, spring, and rebirth. After the resurrection of Christ, the egg took on a new meaning for Christians and became a symbol of new life breaking forth while leaving the empty tomb behind. Perhaps this became even more pronounced due to the account of Mary Magdalene.

Eggs were what helped people to understand a new theological truth – the resurrection of the dead, and new religion – Christianity – built around the first Resurrection.

As a symbol of Christ's resurrection, the Easter egg then became a symbol for rebirth of all mankind at the resurrection on the Last day due to the merits of Jesus Christ. "Easter eggs" were shared with one another as a joyful symbol of Christian hope.

Readings for the Week of April 30, 2017

- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16/Mt 13:54-58
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/Jn 14:6-14
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Stan Fimple, Joe Haney, Fr. Ken Harder, Bob Kargel, The Bob Kerntke Family, Phyllis Lambert, Kathryn Lovell, Tim Mongin, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Raine Family, Danielle Robinson, Paul Schatz, Diana Sargent and Family, Pat Sohrwide, 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 Geraldine Drumright, Nelly Fernandez and Bob Kerntke.



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.

Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis - Apr. 23	\$4,595.00	\$298,959.00
St. John - Apr. 23	\$4,676.80	\$299,677.97

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

- May 2 8:00am †Frank Sorrentino – Marilyn Seiler
- May 3 8:00am
- May 4 8:00am †Martha Hill – Bobbie Andrew
- May 5 12:10pm †Tom Doyle – Bobbie Andrew
- May 6 5:00pm †Richard Campbell - Family
- May 7 8:00am Pro Populo
- 10:00am For the Families of the Parish
- 1:00pm For Deceased Family Members and Friends

St. John the Evangelist

- May 1 12:15pm †Mavis Neuner – Bernadette Perkins
- May 2 5:15pm Student Intentions
- May 3 12:15pm
- May 4 5:15pm Student Intentions
- May 5 5:15pm
- May 6 6:00pm
- May 7 9:30am Ann Zinn – The Perkins
- 11:30am †Floyd & Helen Baldwin - The Hammans

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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

At St. John, Adoration on Thursday, May 4th will begin after the 5:15pm Mass and end on Friday, May 5th at the 5:15pm Mass.

At St. Francis, Adoration on Friday, May 5th will begin after the 12:10pm Mass and end on Saturday, May 6th at the 9:00am Mass.



HOSPITALITY

Join us for Coffee and Donuts TODAY! At St. Francis after the 8am & 10am Masses
At St. John after the 9:30am Mass

Spanish classes for Adults – Please call Luz Flores (405-742-8985) or Dr. Cida Chase (405-377-0671) for more information or to register for a class.

Beginning Class – Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15pm in Rm 5 at St. Francis/St. John School.

Introductory Class – Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15pm in Rm 6 at St. Francis/St. John School.

Intermediate Class – Mondays from 6:15-7:15pm in Rm 6 at St. Francis/St. John School.

Congratulations to all the children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

at St Francis Xavier, this Saturday at the 5pm Mass and this Sunday at the 1pm Spanish Mass

Saturday, April 29th at 5pm: Xander Agnew, Peyton Carpenter, Jayden Crocker, Sela Curtis, Ashlyn Janus, Elina Ji, Heidi Long, Maddox Martin, Ciaran McAllister, Brynnlyn Myers, Calvert O'Hara, Colbin Pellegrin, Brayden Pratt, Cameron Racy, Ethan Sires, Edward Strong, Tristan Stugelmeyer, Mya Wolfe and Spencer Yannuzzi.

Sunday, April 30th at 1pm Spanish Mass: Froilan Gamez, Edgar Galindo, Mario Merino, Jashia Ferretiz, Aaliyah Machuca, Vianey Machuca, Ricardo Rodriguez, Vincent Saldivar.

There will be a reception following the Saturday 5pm Mass and Sunday 1pm 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.

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: Rice Bowls are due back to the RE office ASAP.

Vacation Bible School Planning

Meeting: Join us on Wednesday, May 3rd at 7 pm for an important planning meeting. We will meet in the St. Francis Parish Hall (basement). Summer and VBS will be here before you know it!

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! Friends and family welcome!

Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest VBS - Following Jesus the Light of the World! June 26-29, 2017 from 9am to noon. VBS celebration party Thursday June 29th at 6pm. More details coming soon!

Youth Ministry

(6th to 12th grade)

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

Youth Ministry Bake Sale Today

after all St. John Masses to benefit the youth attending the Steubenville Conference. Please come out and help support our youth.

Sunday 4/30

Confirmation Class 11:30am at CYO House (717 S. Hester). This class is for all those making Confirmation and their sponsors.

Edge 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Y-Disciple 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Sunday 5/21

Attention all HS Seniors!!!
Graduation Mass on May 21st at 10am with a reception after Mass. Please contact Ashleigh Martin if you plan to participate.



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! 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 - 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.

Join us May 19th at 6pm for the Preschool Graduation and Annual Fundraiser. Graduation will be in the church followed by a reception, ice cream social and Silent Auction at the School.

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Does your celebration of the Eucharist ever transform you? Today we are presented with the story of what happened on the road to Emmaus. The disciples are simply journeying with Jesus, whom they do not recognize, talking about all that happened over the past days. They were quite bewildered as they did not know what to think about the empty tomb. Each year, we gather to celebrate the Resurrection and many of us wonder, what does it all mean? Jesus journeys with us every moment of our lives, yet we often do not recognize him. When we gather each week, the word of God, the homily that is preached, and the Eucharist that is received all help us lift the veil that often hides the wonder, power, and presence of God. Will you be open today to being taught, led, and transformed by Christ? He is walking with us, eager to open our eyes so that we can see.

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.

Blood Drive at St. John University Parish – Saving the Lives of Oklahomans since 1977. Look for the Bloodmobile on May 2 from 3:30 to 7:00pm. Donors get a limited edition 40th Anniversary t-shirt. For more information, contact Judi Kastl at (405) 372-6408.

Congratulations to the following parishioners who recently completed the 50 hours of training required to become a Stephen Minister - Deacon Bart Brashears, Connie Brashears, Patricia Bessman, Rhonda Coon, Daryl Krehbiel, and Kathy Krehbiel. As a Stephen Minister they will be able to offer support through a listening ear and heart to those who may be suffering in silence due to family crisis, financial difficulties, illness, or other hurts and bereavements. Stephen Ministers are the care givers, God is the cure giver. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. If you or someone you know would like a Stephen Minister, please contact Angela Pradia (405) 762-9405 or Mary Ellen Holley (405) 762-9357 or email stephenministrystw@yahoo.com.

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.

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 stephenministrystw@yahoo.com.

Birthright 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.



Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Skin Cancer

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States. Ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer. UV damage can also cause wrinkles and blotches or spots on your skin. The good news is that skin cancer can be prevented, and it can almost always be cured when it's found and treated early. Take these simple steps today to protect your skin:

- Stay out of the sun as much as possible between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher. Put on sunscreen every 2 hours.
- Cover up with long sleeves and a hat.
- Check your skin regularly for changes. Be on the lookout and tell your doctor about spots that have any of the following features:

The **ABCDE** rule-

- **A is for Asymmetry:** One-half of a mole or birthmark does not match the other.
- **B is for Border:** The edges are irregular, ragged, notched, or blurred.
- **C is for Color:** Color may include different shades of brown or black, or sometimes with patches of pink, red, white, or blue.
- **D is for Diameter:** The spot is larger than 6 millimeters across (about ¼ inch – the size of a pencil eraser), although melanomas can sometimes be smaller than this.
- **E is for Evolving:** The mole is changing in size, shape, or color. www.cancer.org

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. 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

The road to Emmaus is one of my favorite Gospel stories because it shows a Jesus that is masterful at reaching people. First, when he comes upon those walking on the road, he asks them what they are talking about and then asks them to explain. How often are we too eager to just start talking at people when we feel they need to hear what we have to say? Jesus offers an invitation for them to share first. Allowing them to share first opens them up for what Jesus will do next.

Second, Jesus takes time to interpret for them the words of the prophets. He gave them their turn and now it is his. Not only wise, but a movement of respect. After a long walk, they invite Jesus stay with them and dine. Third and finally, Jesus breaks bread with them and they are able to see that he is no ordinary traveler. He is the risen One. He could have just told them who he was, but allowing them by their experience to uncover who he was had the greater impact.

Jesus demonstrated to us in these actions how to be gracious and impactful when sharing the good news. If we are to be good stewards and fruitful disciples then we must imitate him in this regard. This Easter season let us practice the following: 1) Allow others first to share what they have to say. 2) Then be willing to take the time to explain fully or to the best of our ability our faith. And 3) help others find a way to experience firsthand the message you have shared. No one can understand love without witnessing love. In this way, your words and deeds will become a pathway to Jesus for others.

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