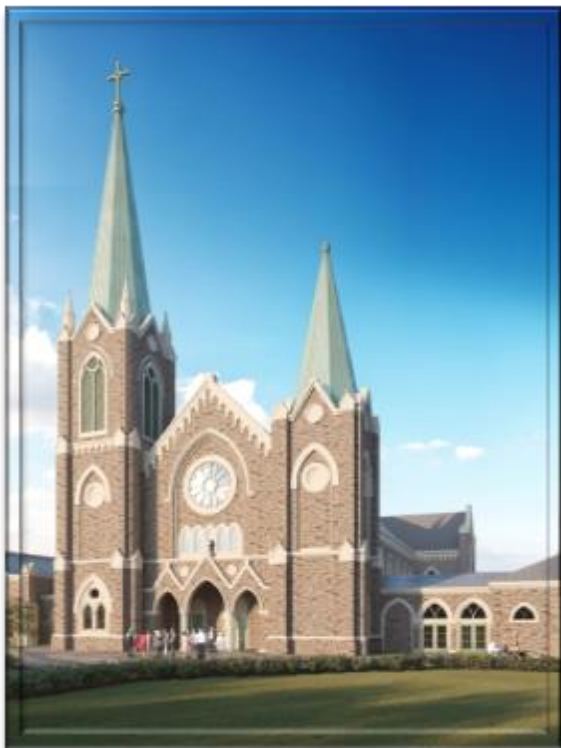


Stillwater Catholic Community

*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



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

Lord,
We are Your people, the sheep of Your flock.
Heal the sheep who are wounded, Touch the sheep who are in pain,
Clean the sheep who are soiled, Warm the lambs who are cold.
Help us to know the Father's love through
Jesus the Shepherd and through His Spirit.
Help us to lift up that love, and show it all over this land.
Help us to build love on justice and justice on love.
Help us to believe mightily, hope joyfully, love Divinely.
Renew us that we may renew the face of the earth.
Amen

**The Second Collection next weekend goes to support
Birthright of Stillwater.**

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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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“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.” (Jn 10:2-4)



Gospel Meditation - "Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

Jesus uses the image of a gate today to help us understand how we are to relate to him. He is our path to "pasture," in other words, to the peace and prosperity that we long for. He shows us the way to find all that we need right there before us.

Some people, however, may think that it's better to avoid the trouble of finding the gate and thus choose to enter another way instead. But Jesus says, "Whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber." Although this is all cast in the gentle terms of an analogy about sheep, the message is actually rather stern. Jesus is telling us that if we don't follow him, we are taking the wrong course of action. He is not suggesting a kind of relativistic principle that says, "Following me is one of many good options." No. He is telling us that in order to "have life and have it more abundantly," we must follow the path that goes by way of Christ.

This isn't always the easiest path to follow. It might mean taking the long way around a situation instead of a shortcut. It might mean waiting a little while to get to that pasture instead of hopping the fence and finding it on our own terms. Insisting on using the gate may also make us look like fools to those around us. But to be truly faithful followers of Jesus, we need to trust that his way is the best way. We need to trust that, by letting him lead, we will ultimately end up in the best possible pasture.

In our culture, it is becoming less and less popular to believe in one true religion, but as Christians we know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Readings for the Week of May 7, 2017

- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis - Apr. 30	\$5,300.00	\$304,259.00
St. John - Apr. 30	\$9,184.75	\$308,862.72

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

Annual Goal: \$4,260 Received to date: \$2,285.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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, Pake Mercer Clinesmith, 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, Mary Nichelson, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Raine Family, Danielle Robinson, Paul Schatz, Diana Sargent and Family, Pat Sohwide, 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.

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

- May 9 8:00am **Gwen Sawyer** – Marilyn Seiler
- May 10 8:00am
- May 11 8:00am †**Larry & Donna Dehls** – Knights of Columbus
- May 12 12:10pm **Luckey-Andrew Family**
- May 13 5:00pm **Fr. Ken**
- May 14 8:00am **Pro Populo**
- 10:00am **For the Families of the Parish**
- 1:00pm †**Rosie Satterlee Huerta** – Fay Cypret

St. John the Evangelist

- May 8 12:15pm
- May 9 5:15pm **Anne Zinn** – Perkins Family
- May 10 12:15pm †**Jacob & Anna Geiger Family**
- Sandra Kilcrease
- May 11 5:15pm **Student Intentions**
- May 12 5:15pm
- May 13 6:00pm
- May 14 9:30am **For all Mothers of the Parish**
- 11:30am **For all Mothers of the Parish**

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.



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
At St. John after the 9:30am Mass

Knights of Columbus Breakfast at St. Francis next Sunday May 14th 8:30am to 11:30am.

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.

Thank you to all who planned, hosted and attended the wonderful celebration of the 20th Anniversary of our ordination as Deacons of the Catholic Church. – Deacon Dick Berberet, Deacon Paul Govek, and Deacon Tom Haan.



Congratulations to all those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Francis Xavier, this Saturday at the 5pm Mass.

Michael Albright, Brenda Bedolla, Katelyn Bishop, Antonio Camara, Aaron Cecil-Xavier, Rafael Cardenas, Tyler Carney, Isaac Fox, Aaron Hill, Landon Mages, Matthew McKay, Elizabeth Nieman, Jackson Palmer, Dean Ruhl, Emma Stewart and Sydney Weiser.

There will be a reception following the Saturday 5pm Mass to celebrate. Please join us!

FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Pre-K to 5th grade)

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

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

May Crowning: The RE program will have a May Crowning service TODAY, 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! Interested is volunteering? Contact Sarah at 372-7987 or crepek-5@brightok.net.

Youth Ministry (6th to 12th grade)

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

Sunday 5/7

Last regular class of the year! Permission slips and money are due for Frontier City.

Saturday 5/13

End of year trip to Frontier City. We will leave the CYO house at 10:30 and be back by 5:00. The cost is \$21 per person + money for snacks (optional).

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.

The Catholic Channel – Talk for Saints and Sinners. If you have Sirius XM Radio check out Channel 129 to hear wonderful Catholic Programs.

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

Did you ever wonder why so many images of a shepherd show him with a sheep around his neck? When sheep wander, they need to learn who to follow. A good shepherd realizes that in order for the animal to do this, there must be a bond so tight that they then “smell” like each other and the sheep can recognize the scent. Jesus has us around his neck. He wants us to follow him; not just his teachings, but in the relationship with his Father. Jesus shows us, by his life, suffering, death, and resurrection what we ought to do to be fully human and live as children of God. By bonding with those most poor and vulnerable, Jesus calls us to do the same and desires to be our Good Shepherd. As you worship here today, keep in mind an image of Jesus carrying you around his neck. He wants you to recognize him so that you can follow, especially when we find ourselves wandering away.

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.

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.). The May Class will be May 18th in Rm. 6 at 7:30pm. 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.



Food Backpack Program – The backpack program is designed to ensure that every child in need from Stillwater Middle School has nutritional food to eat on the weekend while away from school. Help feed a hungry Stillwater Middle School child on the weekends for an entire year for an average cost of \$175/year. If

you want to sponsor a child, contact us today. All donations are welcome! Checks can be made payable to St. Francis Xavier Church/backpack program. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (405) 372-6886.

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 stephenministw@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

Stroke Awareness Month

During a stroke, every minute counts! Fast treatment can lessen the brain damage that a stroke can cause. By knowing the signs and symptoms of stroke, you can take quick action and perhaps save a life—maybe even your own.

Signs of Stroke:

- Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or difficulty understanding speech
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance, or lack of coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

Call 9-1-1 right away if you or someone else has any of these symptoms.

Acting F.A.S.T. Is Key:

Acting F.A.S.T. can help stroke patients get the treatments they desperately need. The stroke treatments that work best are available only if the stroke is recognized and diagnosed within 3 hours of the first symptoms.

If you think someone may be having a stroke, act F.A.S.T. and do this simple test:

F—Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

A—Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S—Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or strange?

T—Time: If you see any of these signs, call 9-1-1 right away. www.stroke.org

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

In the past year, my wireless provider introduced something called HD Voice. Suddenly, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the call. How clearly can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ? In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper, but unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

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