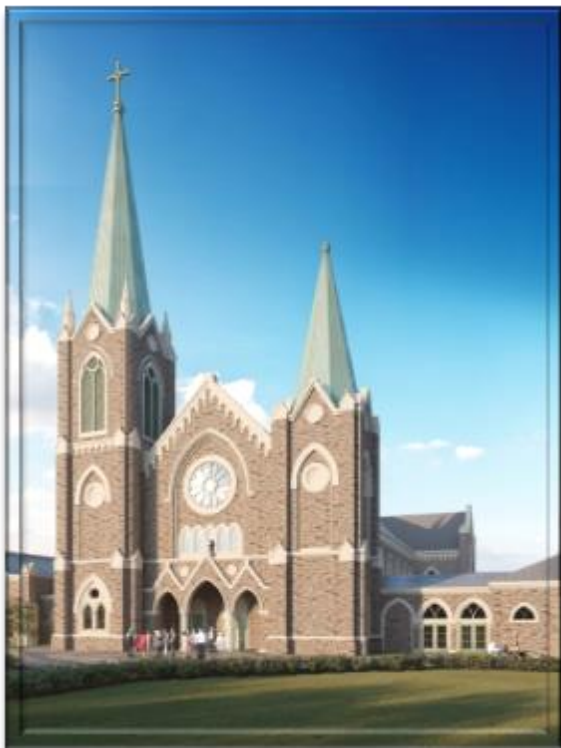


# Stillwater Catholic Community

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.**

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Fr. Lawrence Nwachukwu – Assoc. Pastor  
Deacon Bart Brashears  
Deacon Glenn Collum  
Deacon Paul Govek  
Deacon Tom Haan



## The Ascension of the Lord May 28, 2017

*O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary,  
my Savior and my Brother, for You are God.  
I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race,  
as I hope one day by Your grace to follow  
You in my person into heavenly glory.  
Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly  
task which You have given me. Let me labor diligently  
all my life with a greater appreciation for the present.  
Let me realize that only by accomplishing  
true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment  
and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Amen.*

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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

**Sunday** 9:30am, 11:30am  
**Daily Mass:** Mon. 12:15pm & Wed. 12:15pm  
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  
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*“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt 28:18b-19)*



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." What consoling words Jesus had for his disciples, even as he was about to bring an end to his earthly ministry. He had spent some time with them after his resurrection, but now his mission was complete and he was about to return to be with his Father in heaven. Undoubtedly this must have been a difficult moment for the disciples. But as if to reassure them, Jesus gives this remarkable promise: that he will **always** be with them, even when he is no longer physically present. We know, of course, that the presence he is referring to comes through the gift of the Holy Spirit. And what is most wonderful about this promise is that it also applies to us!

Jesus is with **us** always. His presence dwells in our hearts through the sacrament of baptism in which we receive the real, indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. We are not alone! The sometimes difficult journey of Christian life is not one we need to navigate solo. Christ himself ascended into heaven so that he could make himself present in a more universal and timeless way through his Spirit to all people who call upon him. Thus we rejoice on this feast of the Ascension. It's not so much about Jesus leaving. Rather, it's about him continuing his mission in a new way, a way that includes us very directly.

So let us remember that Jesus is present with us, even when we cannot see him next to us or hear his voice loud and clear. Let us call upon his Holy Spirit when we need guidance, comfort, or direction. And today, let us give thanks to God the Father for sending his Son to save us and for giving us his Spirit to accompany us on our own journey of life.

### Readings for the Week of May 28, 2017

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-5, 7/Jn 21:20-25  
 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 19:8-11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

### Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – May 21	\$3,590.00	\$322,794.00
St. John - May 21	See bulletin next weekend for Collection	
Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)		
Annual Goal:	\$4,260	Received to date: \$2,698.81

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, Barbara Bradley, Susie Causley, Pake Mercer Clinesmith, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Cherry Grey, Joe Haney, Fr. Ken Harder, Bob Kargel, Phyllis Lambert, Kathryn Lovell, Tim Mongin, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, John Penn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia Roque, Rey Roque, Paul Schatz, Pat Sohrwide, Beth Stroud, Amy Bell Tidland, Teddy & Dick Taylor, Ernest Trojan, Rosanne Trompler, John Walker, Clem and Mimi Ward, Rosemary Weaver, 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 Mary Ellen Bishop and James Ward.

**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 30 8:00am †Wayne Pullen – Gerry Pinion  
 May 31 8:00am Communion Service  
 June 1 8:00am †Bernie Kopel – Her Family  
 June 2 12:10pm Fr. Ken – Bobbie Andrew  
 June 3 5:00pm Personal Intentions  
 June 4 8:00am Pro Populo  
 10:00am 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Stephen and Mary Welty  
 1:00pm For Deceased Family Members and Friends

### St. John the Evangelist

May 29 12:15pm  
 May 30 5:15pm  
 May 31 12:15pm  
 June 1 5:15pm  
 June 2 5:15pm †Horacio Mottola – Maria Mottola  
 June 3 No Saturday Mass  
 June 4 9:30am  
 11:30am †Floyd and 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, June 1st will begin after the 5:15pm Mass and end on Friday, June 2nd at the 5:15pm Mass.

At St. Francis, Adoration on Friday, June 2nd will begin after the 12:10pm Mass and end on Saturday, June 3rd at the 9:00am Mass.



## HOSPITALITY



**The Parish Office of St. Francis and St. John will be closed on Memorial Day – Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Have a wonderful and safe holiday weekend!**

**Join us for Coffee and Donuts, TODAY!** At St. Francis NO Coffee and Donuts  
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.

## FORMATION

### Youth Formation - Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Sarah Dorman, RE Coordinator – [creprek-5@brighttok.net](mailto:creprek-5@brighttok.net) or 405.372.7987  
Ashleigh Martin, Youth Minister – [catholicyouth@brighttok.net](mailto:catholicyouth@brighttok.net) or 405.269.3786



**Vacation Bible School**  
Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
June 26 – 29, 2017  
9am to 12pm at St. Francis

VBS celebration party

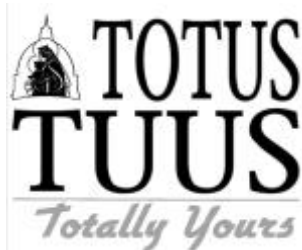
Thursday June 29 at 6pm.

**Forms are available in the vestibule and online at**

[stfrancisxavierstillwater.org](http://stfrancisxavierstillwater.org)

Interested in volunteering? We need your help! Contact Sarah at 372-7987 or [creprek-5@brighttok.net](mailto:creprek-5@brighttok.net).

**Vacation Bible School Decoration Making Days:** We will meet June 7th and 17th in the RE building at 10am to plan and make decorations for our fun VBS! All help and ideas welcome!



**Stillwater Catholic Youth**  
1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders  
July 9 – 14, 2017 at St. Francis

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. A team from the Diocese of Tulsa will lead this week-long program. More information on registration will be available soon!

1st-6th Grade students will meet Monday through Friday from 9am-3pm.

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet at the Youth House (717 S. Hester) in the evenings.

**Watch for more information!**

**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.

### Adult Formation

**Join us for the Final Bible Study Class on June 6<sup>th</sup> - *Matthew: The King of His Kingdom*** at St. Francis in the Parish Hall at 1pm and/or 6:30pm. All parishioners of the Stillwater Catholic Community are welcome to join us to enjoy a visual of where Jesus walked. Larry Hoberock will be giving a presentation on his recent trip to the Holy Land. The next Bible Study Group will start back in September. Watch the bulletin for more details. Questions about the bible study or final presentation, please contact Terri Schutte at (260) 579-6464.

**Want to Grow Closer to God Through Mary?** Download the free app, *365 Days with Mary*, on your android or apple smart phone. Use the content for daily reflection on growing in mercy through prayer and reflection on Mary's example. The app includes, daily quotes, prayers, book excerpts, Marian reflections and much more.

**FORMED.ORG** – Extensive online formation opportunities for you and your family. Logon to FORMED.org with our parish membership code: e4623f.



**Mission Trip to Mound Bayou, MS, June 11 – 18.** The Youth will be working with St. Gabriel's Mercy Center to provide assistance with painting, yard work, building, reading and much more to the community and surrounding areas. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Preschool News and Activities

Maggie Beckham, Director – (405) 624-3450

**SFSJ Preschool is accepting enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year** for children 1-5 years of age. For more information, please contact Maggie Beckham at (405) 624-3450.

### 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 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.

**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 June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Rm. 5 of the St. Francis/St. John School.

**Columbia Association Meeting** - Knights of Columbus Council 5266 will have a Columbia Association meeting following the council meeting on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The council meeting will be held in the St. Francis basement starting at 7:30 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.



### Knights of Columbus Council #11135

**Enter to Win!** One family from our Stillwater Catholic Community will have an expense paid trip to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference being held in Wichita, KS August 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Draw date is June 16. Previous winners are welcome to enter. One entry per family please. Brochures are available in the vestibule. Sponsored by the OSU Student KofC Council #11135. For more information contact KofC Greg Feher @ 405-747-4847.



### Director of Maintenance and Grounds

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is currently seeking a Director of Maintenance and Grounds to serve the Catholic community of Stillwater, Oklahoma. S/he will oversee the maintenance and upkeep of all buildings, equipment, facilities, and grounds on the new parish campus. This position is a working position, but will also require assigning work and supervision of other workers, whether paid or volunteer. This position will work closely with the Director of Formation and Operations to recruit other paid and volunteer workers. Qualifications and a complete job description can be found in the full posting on the parish website at [stfrancisxavierstillwater.org](http://stfrancisxavierstillwater.org). Applicants will be required to submit a resume with a cover letter explaining their qualifications and why they desire the position. Resumes should include three personal and three professional references. Resumes and cover letters should be sent to St Francis parish office by fax at (405) 533-1728 or by email to [saintfrancisdfo@brightok.net](mailto:saintfrancisdfo@brightok.net). Applications received before June 30, 2017 will be given priority.

### Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

At the Lord's Ascension the disciples were given very clear instructions, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." These are instructions for us as well. We have been given a purpose and a mission as believers and followers of Jesus Christ. Our celebration reminds us to take time for prayer. Prayer can deepen our awareness not only of who we are but of the Holy Spirit bringing Christ's mission to fulfillment. With this knowledge, we can believe more deeply and then act on that belief.

## Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

### May is Osteoporosis Month

It's never too early — or too late — to protect your bones from osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a bone disease that occurs when the body loses too much bone, makes too little bone, or both. These steps will help reduce your risk of osteoporosis.

**Calcium** Because calcium is a major component of bone, you need adequate amounts of this mineral throughout life to achieve and maintain peak bone mass.

**Vitamin D** Although most people know that calcium is critical for bone health, vitamin D is just as important. Your body needs vitamin D to absorb calcium. A lack of vitamin D can weaken bones and increase the risk of fracture.

**Being physically active** is another key component in preventing osteoporosis. Studies show that regular exercise early in life helps young people achieve a higher peak bone mass. Exercise at any age improves balance, coordination and muscle strength — all of which reduce the risk of falling and breaking a bone.

**Limit alcohol consumption** Alcohol can adversely affect the hormones that regulate calcium levels and reduce the formation of new bone.

**Quit Tobacco use** Research indicates that smoking increases the rate of bone loss. [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)

### Interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning?

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

### Everyday Stewardship

I remember watching part of a college graduation address where the speaker said, "With this degree you are commissioned to go into the world and make a difference." The imagery conjured up in my mind by the use of the word "commissioned" was pretty powerful. I thought about the commissioning of military officers and the responsibility they took on for the lives of their subordinates but also the lives of those they protected. To me the word meant something very serious and solemn. It meant huge responsibility and expectation.

In the Bible, Jesus gives what we call the Great Commission:

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (*Mt 28:19-20a*).

The word commission makes this more than a suggestion or a hope. There is an expectation, a responsibility, and a mandate. Of course, did you wake up this morning thinking about how you would fulfill the Great Commission today?

Sharing the faith is not just something we should do; it is something we must do. The key is that you don't need to speak all the time to share. It will be through your life of stewardship that others will be able to see Jesus. By giving of yourself, by always responding to the call, and by surrendering all to God, you will lead others to become disciples, to seek out the sacraments, and to observe his teachings. Yes, responding in full to the Great Commission, great things can happen.

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