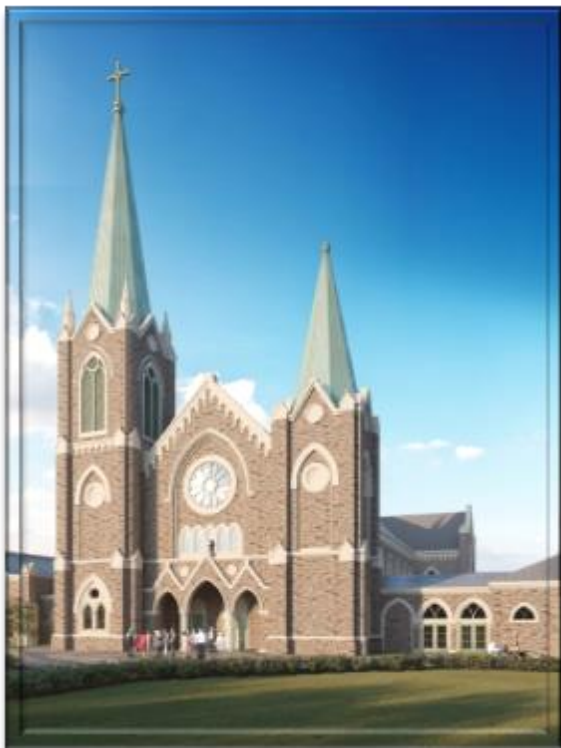


Stillwater Catholic Community

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 Pastor
Fr. Emeritus Jim Greiner
Fr. Kerry Wakulich - St. John Pastor
Fr. Lawrence Nwachukwu – Assoc. Pastor
Deacon Bart Brashears
Deacon Glenn Collum
Deacon Paul Govek
Deacon Tom Haan



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 2017

A Prayer for Healing

*Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you.
Allow Your healing Hand to heal me.
Touch my soul with Your compassion for others;
touch my heart with Your courage and infinite Love for all;
touch my mind with Your Wisdom,
and may my mouth always proclaim Your praise.
Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs,
and help me to lead others to You by my example.
Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body
and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength.
Touch gently this life which you have created, now and forever.
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: Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00pm
1st Friday after the Thursday 5:15pm Mass
Reconciliation: Sunday 9 – 9:30am & 11 – 11:30am

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“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” (Mt 13:22-23)



Gospel Meditation: *“But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”* In the parable of the sower that Jesus tells in today’s Gospel, the ideal is to be *“the seed sown on rich soil”* that yields an abundant harvest. As Jesus explains, this means we should strive to be *“the one who hears the word and understands it.”*

So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God’s voice (i.e., the word) and actually understand what he’s saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in order to make sure our seed bears fruit.

First, we must beware of *“the evil one”* who comes and steals away the seed of God’s word. Faithfully praying the Lord’s Prayer, with its request to “deliver us from evil,” is a good starting point here. Placing ourselves under God’s protection every day is like taking up a shield against the forces that would seek to derail us.

Secondly, we must be committed enough to God’s word that *“tribulation or persecution”* do not uproot us or make our faith wither and die. Here, too, sincerely praying the petition in the Lord’s Prayer—“Thy will be done”—can prepare us to accept whatever comes our way without waffling or wavering.

Finally, we must be careful that *“worldly anxiety and the lure of riches”* do not *“choke”* us. Again, we turn to the Lord’s Prayer and find an antidote built in: “Give us this day our daily bread.” We pray not for a new car or a winning lottery ticket, but for our basic needs.

So let us embrace the prayer Jesus gave us, indeed the **words** he himself gave us to say, as we seek to truly hear and understand God’s word.

Readings for the Week of July 16, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
 Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Parish Contributions

Fiscal Year: 7/1/2017-6/30/2018

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – July 9	\$4,260.00	\$13,108.00
St. John – July 2	\$6,663.15	
St. John – July 9	\$3,723.30	
Total	10,386.45	\$15,086.45

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

Annual Goal: \$4,260 Received to date: \$3,094.72

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PRAYER

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:

Jayden Andrew, John Belusko, Pake Mercer Clinesmith, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Eileen Gasche, Cherry Grey, Joe Haney, Fr. Ken Harder, Monica Held, Bob Kargel, Phyllis Lambert, Anissa Magallanes, Tim Mongin, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, John Penn, Weston Everett Reynolds, Whitney Reynolds, Danielle Robinson, Garcia Roque, Rey Roque, Paul Schatz, Lynn Schwartz, Pat Sohrowide, Beth Stroud, Teddy & Dick Taylor, Robby Tiedt, Ernest Trojan, Rosanne Trompler, Rosemary Weaver, Keith Willett, John Yother, 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.

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

July 18 8:00am Fr. Ken
 July 19 8:00am Susie Klausmeyer – Marilyn Seiler
 July 20 8:00am †James Ward
 July 21 12:10pm †Val Webb – Dot Webb
 July 22 5:00pm †Joe Nelson – Jenny and Family
 July 23 8:00am †Paul and Inez Seiler
 10:00am For the Families of Parishioners
 1:00pm For Deceased Family Members and Friends

St. John the Evangelist

July 18 No Daily Mass
 July 19 12:15pm Pat Darlington – Bernadette Perkins
 July 20 5:15pm
 July 21 5:15pm
 July 22 No Saturday Mass
 July 23 9:30am
 11:30am Joseph & Margaret DiMonico – Anna Noll



**Beatification of
 Servant of God
 Fr. Stanley Rother**
 Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017
 10 a.m., Cox Convention Center, OKC.


 Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
 Free admission - Tickets not required

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.



HOSPITALITY

Join us for Coffee and Donuts, TODAY! At St. John after the 9:30am Mass

Stillwater Catholic Community Pool Party – Join your Catholic Community for fellowship and fun TONIGHT, July 16th from 6pm to 8pm at the City of Stillwater Pool. Lifeguards will be provided and concessions will be open.

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.

Mark Your Calendar - Bazaar Planning Meeting: If you would like to be involved in the Annual Bazaar at the New Church on December 2nd, please join us at the next planning meeting on August 3rd at St. Francis School. The time of the meeting will be posted in next weekend's bulletin. Cindy Beckman makes adorable pillows each year for the Bazaar and this year is asking for about 8 ladies to assist with cross stitch designs. If interested, please contact the Cindy at (405) 372-6886.

FORMATION

Youth Formation - Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Sarah Dorman, RE Coordinator – crepek-5@brightok.net or 405.372.7987
Ashleigh Martin, Youth Minister – catholicyouth@brightok.net or 405.269.3786

Thank You
so much!

To all those who helped make
Totus Tuus a success last week.

Please keep our Youth in your
prayers as they travel to
Steubenville Mid America
July 21 – 23.

This is a high-energy youth
conference where thousands of
teens are invited to encounter
Jesus Christ through dynamic
speakers, engaging music, the
Sacraments, small group
discussions and fellowship.

STILLWATER CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY



Grab your towel and swimsuit
and come to the
City of Stillwater Pool
TODAY, July 16
from 6pm to 8pm.
See you there!

Lifeguards will be provided.
Concessions will be available.

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.

Adult Formation

**Faith, Froth &
Catholic Stuff You Should Know**
at St. John
5:15 Mass, 6:00 Food, 6:30 Talk

August 1 – Eucharist
Just a wafer OR Flesh & Blood

**Living Every Day With
PASSION & PURPOSE**
Matthew Kelly

September 30, 2017 | 6pm to 10:30pm
At the Cox Convention Center in OKC.

Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you ready for more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God's plan for your life?

**Our Stewardship Council will provide
½ Price Ticket Sales after all Masses.
(Value of \$39 but this weekend ONLY
you pay \$20)**

Heritage Gallery – Rother Exhibit

Visit the Heritage Gallery at the Catholic Pastoral Center (CPC) to learn more about the life and mission of Servant of God Father Stanley Rother.

Plan your Visit:

CPC - 7501 NW Expressway, OKC
Mondays – Friday 9am to 4pm
Limited Saturdays: July 29 and Aug. 19
9am to noon

Free and open to the public.

For Special tours, call (405) 721-5651, ext. 141

**Special Book Signing Event
in Stillwater at St. John on August 6th.**
Maria Scaperlanda will be at St. John on Sunday, August 6th at 2:30pm to give a presentation about Fr. Stanley Rother and sign her book,
"The Shepherd Who Didn't Run"
All are welcome!!

FORMED.org - Catholic Faith on Demand
Our parish membership code: e4623f.

PERMANENT ADORERS NEEDED

Please help us continue to have 1st Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We need permanent adorers for the 7:00am hour on Fridays at St. John and the 4:00pm hour on Fridays at St. Francis. For more information, please call Art Bisges at (405) 612-3605.

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.).

The July Baptism Class will be Monday, July 17th at 6:30pm.

To register, please call the parish office at (405) 372-6886.

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 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 rescheduled to July 20th at 7pm at St. Francis School in Rm. 5.

Stewardship Council Meeting – Thursday, July 20th at 6pm at St. Francis School in Rm. 6. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meetings.

Parishioners in need of Transportation to OKC: We are searching for individuals who can help provide transportation for Mercy and Francis Agila to Mercy Hospital in OKC. Their daughter, Samantha was born early and will remain in the hospital for some time. If you are available, please contact Jan Haan at (405) 372-1469 or Mimi Ward at (405) 377-3884.



Change: To give a radically different position, course, or direction. Changes can be difficult – especially when they are unexpected. Stephen Ministers are trained to help people learn to cope with

the changes that have happened in their lives. If you have experienced great changes or know someone who has and would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Angela Pradia at (405)762-9405 or Mary Ellen Holley at (405)762-9357 or stephenministrystw@yahoo.com.



Preschool Teacher Needed - SFSJ Preschool is looking for a dedicated and passionate teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. Job requirements: must comply with DHS regulations, preferably hold a CDA, Child Development Associates/Bachelors, Early

Childhood Associates/Bachelors or related field. Experience is desired, but not required. Expect to work 20 – 28 hours per week. If you love working with children and enjoy sharing your Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office at (405) 372-6886 and email resumes to saintfrancis@brightok.net.

Mother Teresa Ministry June Report - Requested assistance in June was the highest since January. Volunteers issued 36 vouchers for a total of \$2,395. Both total outlay and number assisted in June were above average for the year to date. The last of the donations from the St. Francis preschool children were distributed this month. Supplemental bags of groceries totaled 37 and were greatly appreciated by those we helped. To those who regularly support this ministry to the needy in our midst, **Thank you!** And thanks to our volunteers for help with this corporal work of mercy.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

We are reminded today that the seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. What kind of soil do we have? God's word needs to take root in our lives so that we can remain faithful not only when life is easy but when it gets challenging and difficult. Anxiety, worldly cares and concerns, personal challenges, experiences of loss and death, and even fear and disappointment can prevent us from trusting God's promise. We can even find ourselves doubting God's fidelity and lose touch with his presence. Our soil can easily become rocky, hard, and unyielding. Open your eyes and ears today and let all that is around you lead you to God's presence. Then, do all in your power to cultivate and nurture a life that is eager to receive him and fertile for growing the seeds of God's kingdom.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Obstructive sleep apnea is a common and serious sleep disorder that causes you to stop breathing during sleep. The airway repeatedly becomes blocked, limiting the amount of air that reaches your lungs. When this happens, you may snore loudly or making choking noises as you try to breathe. Your brain and body becomes oxygen deprived and you may wake up. This may happen a few times a night, or in more severe cases, several hundred times a night. The lack of oxygen your body receives can have negative long-term consequences for your health. This includes:

- High blood pressure
- Heart disease
- Stroke
- Pre-diabetes and diabetes
- Depression

Common symptoms of sleep apnea include:

- Loud or frequent snoring
- Silent pauses in breathing
- Choking or gasping sounds
- Daytime sleepiness or fatigue
- Insomnia
- Morning headaches
- Nocturia (waking during the night to go to the bathroom)
- Difficulty concentrating
- Memory loss
- Irritability

Sleep apnea is a serious sleep disorder that needs to be treated. Talk to your medical provider about testing and the treatment options that are right for you. www.sleepeducation.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

Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more.

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, than the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit.

This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

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