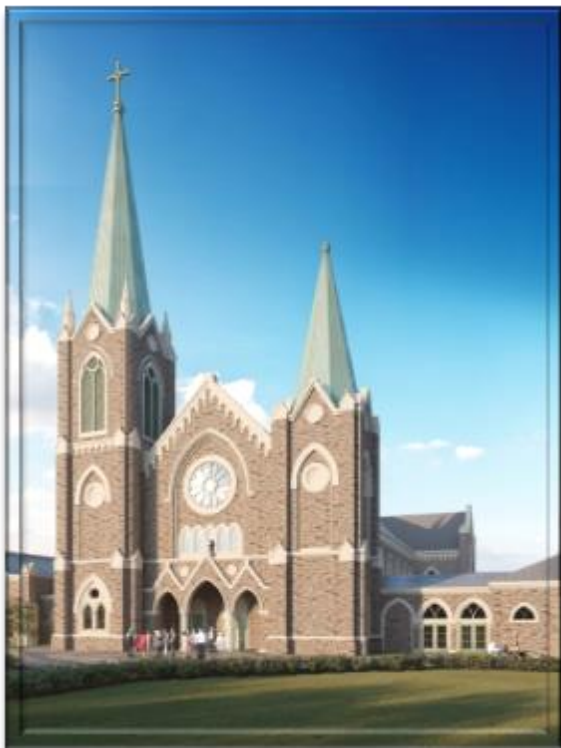


Stillwater Catholic Community

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
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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



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 2017

Father in Heaven,
We praise You for giving us Your Son
To be our Savior and Lord.
Bless us all as we gather here today,
And let us live happily in Your love.

Hear our prayer, loving Father,
For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

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 Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” (Mt 13:41-43a)



Gospel Meditation: *“The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.”* This is not a pretty picture. Jesus shares a parable in today’s Gospel that reminds us of a truth we would rather forget: evil is real, and the devil is at work. The bountiful harvest of our faith is something that Satan wants to destroy. And he has a host of diabolical tactics to help him carry out his wicked plans. But there is one strategy in particular that we must be on guard against.

As the French poet Charles Baudelaire put it, “The devil’s finest trick is to persuade you that he does not exist.” Sneaky as it may be, this approach is effective! And, unfortunately, the attitude of our modern era is very conducive to buying the lie. Too often we dismiss the idea of the invisible spiritual reality of angels and demons. It doesn’t seem “scientific” enough for us because it can’t be seen or “proven.” But neither can our faith! We believe in a host of invisible realities starting with God himself. We should not be fooled into thinking that the devil is a make-believe cartoon character with red horns and a pitchfork on his shoulder. Alas, no. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, “Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls ‘a murderer from the beginning’” (CCC 394) and, as we read in the Bible, *“Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil”* (1 Jn 3:8). This is not pretend, and so it must be taken seriously. But so too, the reality of Satan must be situated within the broader context of God’s supreme power. The devil “cannot prevent the building up of God’s reign” (CCC 395). The influence of evil can never defeat the power of our faith, unless we let it do so.

Readings for the Week of July 23, 2017

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
 Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – July 16	\$8,189.00	\$21,297.00
St. John – July 16	\$3,341.00	\$18,427.45

Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)
 Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$3,501.72**
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, Catherine Cabañeros, Kathryn Campbell, Pake Mercer Clinesmith, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Eileen Gasche, Cherry Gray, Joe Haney, Fr. Ken Harder, Monica Held, Bob Kargel, Phyllis Lambert, Christopher Leffall, Anissa Magallanes, Tim Mongin, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, Christy Paculan, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, John Penn, Weston Everett Reynolds, Whitney Reynolds, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo 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 25 8:00am †Bernie Kopel – Her Family
 July 26 8:00am †Richard Campbell - Family
 July 27 8:00am †Larry & Donna Dehls –
 Knights of Columbus
 July 28 12:10pm †Sandra Schatz –
 Charles Schatz
 July 29 5:00pm †Kay Lovell – Elizabeth Kastl
 July 30 8:00am **For Intentions of Parishioners**
 10:00am **For the Families of Parishioners**
 1:00pm **For Deceased Family Members and Friends**

St. John the Evangelist

July 24 12:15pm †Frances Fusselman –
 Her Family
 July 25 5:15pm †Bernard Becher –
 The Steindls
 July 26 12:15pm Dcn. Paul & Ann Govek –
 The McKelveys
 July 27 5:15pm
 July 28 5:15pm
 July 29 **No Saturday Mass**
 July 30 9:30am **Fr. Ken** – Bernadette Perkins
 11:30am **Jaxon Rey Gray** – Cherry Gray

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. 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.

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 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Registration after Masses will begin at St. Francis the weekend of August 12/13th. Registration at St. John will be after Masses on August 20th.

Catechists and Assistants Needed: Before you set your fall schedule, please consider being a religious education teacher or classroom assistant. We need help in every classroom and are especially in need of Pre-k teachers. All curriculum and materials are provided with lots of guidance from seasoned teachers and staff. Think about it, pray about it, and contact Sarah Dorman with any questions. The children need you! (372-7987, crepek-5@brightok.net)

Welcome Back Breakfast: Join us on Sunday, August 27th for a continental breakfast in the Parish Hall following the 10am Mass. All families welcome! Look forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Please keep our Youth in your prayers as they travel back from Steubenville Mid America July 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.

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

2017 Catechetical Conference
Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma
Faith & Works

August 19th from 9am to 5pm
At Double Tree Tulsa-Downtown
The entire conference will be in English and Spanish. Tickets are \$15 per person.
Breakfast & Lunch provided.
Conference will end with Mass & a blessing at Holy Family Cathedral at 5:00pm.
Visit dioceseoftulsa.org/events/catechetical-conference for more details.

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

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!!

Fr. Stanley Rother Beatification
September 23, 2017 at 10am
Cox Convention Center
Buses will be available for transportation at St. John. \$25 per person. Call your parish office for more details.

PASSION & PURPOSE

Matthew Kelly
September 30, 2017 | 6pm to 10:30pm
Purchase a Ticket (\$39)
at DynamicCatholic.com or call
859-980-7900.

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

Preschool Update

Enrollment numbers for fall of 2017 came in at less than 10 students, creating an extreme burden in our ability to cover fixed costs. With regrets, our program has been suspended until we are in a position to offer quality and professional programs that add value to the parish. We are working on reinstatement of an advisory board whereby focus will be directed at enhancing our program in many ways. If you have interest in serving on this board, please contact the parish office.

SERVICE

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.



All Alone? Don't be. God doesn't want us to be alone. He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. If you or anyone you know is feeling alone, please contact Angela Pradia at (405)762-9405 or Mary Ellen at (405)762-9357 or stephenministw@yahoo.com

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.

Evangelization Team- Join us in our efforts to continue Pope Francis' evangelization program. If you have any names of people for the evangelization team to visit, place their name in the Drop Box on the table in the vestibule. Please email stillwatercatholicsreturn@gmail.com for more information.

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!

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 August 10th at 7pm at St. Francis School in Rm. 5.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Today we are presented with the parable of the weeds and the wheat. We struggle with the imperfection that exists in our world. This imperfection shows itself in human sinfulness with its consequences—disease, natural disasters, suffering, and even death. We wonder why God did not simply make everything perfect right from the beginning so that harmony, peace, and tranquility would be the norm. God builds free will into us and into our world so that we can learn to freely love him. Anything less than this would not provide the freedom to choose to acknowledge and develop our relationship with our Creator. For now, the weeds and the wheat must coexist. Our faith teaches us that we live and walk in hope that when the harvest comes only the wheat of God's love will remain.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Fight the Bite

4 D's of mosquito safety

Drain standing water on your property so mosquitoes won't breed. Use insect repellent that contains **DEET** on your clothes. Stay indoors at **Dusk and Dawn** when mosquitoes are most prevalent. **Dress** in long sleeves and pants and spray insect repellent on clothes.



Tips for Everyone

- West Nile Virus is the most common mosquito-borne disease in Oklahoma and it can be deadly to seniors. Symptoms of West Nile Virus include fever, headache, body ache and a rash. West Nile Virus is transmitted primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito. People cannot become infected through ordinary contact with an infected bird, horse, or human.
- Avoid mosquitoes whenever possible.
- Stay indoors or take personal protective measures, especially between dusk and dawn.
- Use mosquito repellent with DEET (up to 30% for adults and 10% or less for children ages 2-12). Follow the label directions before applying repellent.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants with socks and shoes outdoors when practical. www.occhd.org

Coming Soon: Free Tai Chi class Tuesdays & Thursdays August 8th-September 7th 1:30-2:30 St. Francis Montessori Preschool 602 S. West Street. To register call Brandi Bishop, RN Parish Nurse at 405-269-2252 or email bmb29@hotmail.com or call Maricela with OHAI at 405-271-6424.

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

How time flies! This coming year I will have one child graduate from college, one from high school, and one starting high school. I am exhausted thinking about it. My prayer for all my children is that they take the Holy Spirit with them in all that they do, and call on God to aid them in discerning their future. That is my prayer, but I know that it will not always be easy for them to follow this path. The key will be for each of them, if they choose, to be what God intended them to be, as opposed to trying to be what they want to be.

It sounds great to say to a child, "You can be anything you want to be." But at the core of this statement is often the lie that true happiness lies in fulfilling your will for your life. I have seen many people in my life that reached their goals only to find an emptiness and longing for something more. The reality is that our ultimate fulfillment and joy is becoming the person, not that we wanted to be, but the person that God created us to be. This does not mean that we are stuck in some predestined situation. There are many ways we can live out our destiny and use fully use the gifts God gave each of us. But it does mean that we have chosen a path based on where God is leading us and informed by an insight of the distinct gifts with which we have been created. At the end of that path is a life filled with joy, peace, and contentment.

This is what I want for my kids. May they find their success by discerning God's will and becoming the wonderful people that God intended.

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