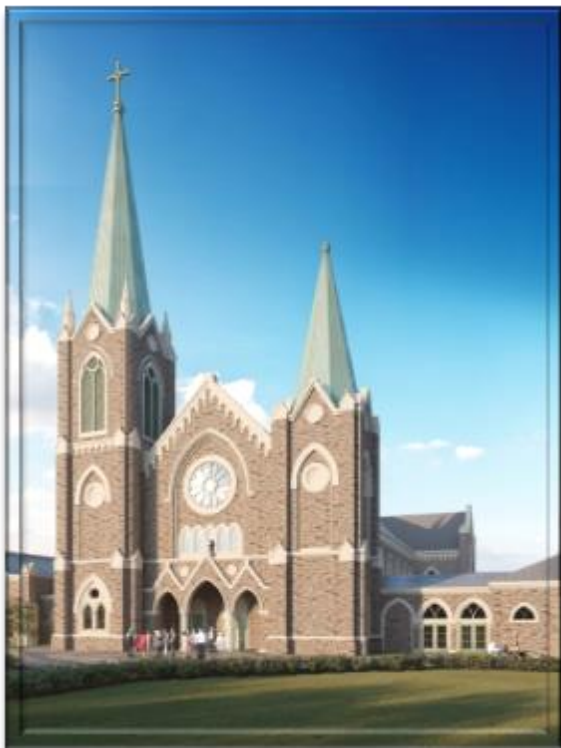


# Stillwater Catholic Community

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



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2017

*Hail Mary full of Grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed are thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death*

*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  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday after the Thursday 5:15pm Mass  
**Reconciliation:** Sunday 9 – 9:30am & 11 – 11:30am

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*“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” (Mt 13:44)*



"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Jesus today gives us the image of a merchant who knows he has discovered a great treasure. In fact, its value is so tremendous that the man is willing to sell **everything** else in order to possess it. Why? Because he knows it will all be worth it. He knows that the pearl will bring him more reward than anything else he has ever owned, more even than all his possessions combined.

This Gospel story is meant to help us understand the unfathomable value of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can compare to it. No material item, no honor or success, can compete with this pearl of great price. Everything we have, short of this, is **finite**: limited, temporary, and ultimately fleeting. Eternal happiness, on

the other hand, is **infinite**. It never ends. This is the deep contentment, the satisfaction, the peace, and happiness that we crave, the kind that doesn't disappoint.

Like the merchant in the parable, we too should understand the value of this discovery. As Christians, we have "found" the treasure beyond all other treasures! Life in Christ, both now and in heaven, is truly the pearl of great price. The only question is whether we are willing to "sell" all that we have to obtain it. In other words, are we willing to release the other things that claim hold on us? Are we ready to put Christ first in our lives? All of us need to take pause from time to time and examine our attachments and priorities. Money, pleasure, success, or comfort can often seem so important to us that we falsely begin to imagine these things will bring the happiness we so desire. But the message is loud and clear today: the kingdom of heaven is the true treasure we long for.

### Readings for the Week of July 30, 2017

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  
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35  
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

### Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – July 23	\$5,599.00	\$26,896.00
St. John – July 16	\$4,305.30	\$22,732.75

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

Annual Goal: \$4,260 Received to date: \$3,576.72

**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:

Francis and Mercy Agila, Jayden Andrew, John Belusko, Catherine Cabañeros, Kathryn Campbell, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Cherry Gray, Joe Haney, Fr. Ken Harder, Monica Held, Bob Kargel, Phyllis Lambert, Christopher Leffall, Anissa Magallanes, Heath Myers, 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, especially Samantha Francis and Quang Leiu.



**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

August 1 8:00am  
 August 2 8:00am  
 August 3 8:00am †Barbara A. Smith – Marilyn Seiler  
 August 4 12:10pm †Anna Moscardini – Maria Sorrentino  
 August 5 5:00pm Mary Ellis Humpal - Family  
 August 6 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

August 1 5:15pm  
 August 2 12:15pm Francis & Mercy Agila – Art Bisges  
 August 3 5:15pm  
 August 4 5:15pm †Lorraine Vandermark  
 August 5 No Saturday Mass  
 August 6 9:30am Anne & Joe 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.



**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.

**Hen Party for the Urban Farm House Christmas Bazaar:** If you would like to be involved in the Annual Bazaar on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, please join us at the next planning meeting on August 1st at 7pm in the St. Francis School. We need farmhands! Please see insert for more details.

## FORMATION

### Youth Formation - Religious Education & Youth Ministry

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

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

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

##### Back to School Bash Gallegos' Pool

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
5pm to 6:30pm

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
6:30pm to 8pm

Come eat and meet your small group leaders and the other Youth!

**Registration for Youth Programs will be after all Masses August 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis and August 20<sup>th</sup> at St. John.**

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup>.

Maria Scaperlanda will be at St. John on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://DynamicCatholic.com)  
or call 859-980-7900.

### PERMANENT ADORERS NEEDED

**Please help us continue to have 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**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 [stephenministystw@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenministystw@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto:stillwatercatholicsreturn@gmail.com) for more information.

**The Knights of Columbus Council 5266** recently inducted new officers for the next two years.

**Grand Knight – Chris Stoner**

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**Deputy Grand Knight – Chris Knight**

([clminite@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clminite@sbcglobal.net)) 405-612-0015

**Treasurer – Nick Bidelspach**

**Financial Secretary – Maury Campbell**

Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the basement of St. Francis Xavier. First Degrees are generally held on the fourth Monday of each month as needed, but other arrangements can be made if necessary. Anyone wishing to join, please contact Chris Knight, Chris Stoner, or any Knight for more details. All Catholic men over the age of 18 are encouraged to seek membership. For more details check out [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org) or our Facebook Page Knights of Columbus 5266.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Francis School in Rm. 5.

### Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

As human beings, we desire to find happiness. This desire is so strong that we often go to great lengths to discover and obtain it. Unfortunately, our search sometimes brings us to the wrong places. We mistakenly think that money, certain possessions, social status, popularity, and even power and control can satisfy the longing that exists in our hearts. Time and again, one after another, these things come up empty and we find ourselves with the same unfulfilled longing gnawing at us deep within. It is only the kingdom of God that can satisfy our desire and that ache. We are made and hardwired for this. When we discover it, we know that we have found something very special—a pearl of great price. Then, everything comes together and is put in proper order: our relationship with God, others, ourselves, and even the universe in which we live.

## Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

### BACKPACK SAFETY CHECKLIST

In 2013 alone, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission cited 5,415 backpack-related injuries treated at emergency rooms. The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) recommends that parents choose the right backpack (see list below) and then help their children pack them properly, leaving out unnecessary items to ensure they weigh no more than 10 % of a child's body weight.

- Is the backpack the correct size for your child? Never wider or longer than your child's torso and never hanging more than 4 inches below the waist.
- Does the backpack have padded shoulder straps for comfort?
- Are the shoulder straps adjustable?
- Does your child use both straps?
- Does the backpack have a padded back?
- Does the backpack have compartments to keep contents in place?
- Does the backpack have reflective material?

[www.acatoday.org](http://www.acatoday.org)

Free Tai Chi class Tuesdays & Thursdays August 8<sup>th</sup>-September 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:StillwaterNFP@aol.com).

### Everyday Stewardship

My wife is a big Dave Ramsey fan. She loves when he tells people that in order to pay down their debt they need to sell so many of their possessions that the kids think that even they can be sold for the right price. He definitely sees earthly possessions as simply tools to be used and not *possessed*. This is a tough, countercultural message for sure in the eyes of the average American. Too often, our self-worth is derived from our wealth and the items we own. The size of our house, the brand of our car, and the quantity of our belongings are all gauges of success in our world. For Ramsey, not only can you not truly own anything if you owe money to others, it belongs to God anyway and is only given to us as stewards.

Could you sell all you have right now? Could you walk away from all that you have amassed and be truly free? When Jesus speaks of the merchant who sells all he has to obtain a pearl of great price, he calls us to see the pearl as the kingdom of heaven. Nothing on earth can rival the value of the kingdom. If that is true, why is it so hard to surrender everything to God to obtain it? It can be fear that keeps us from stepping out in faith. It can be selfishness that prevents us from letting go. Whatever it is, we must face the fact that we are *possessed* by it. The good news is that God does not expect us to conquer this obstacle on our own. But with God, all things are possible.

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