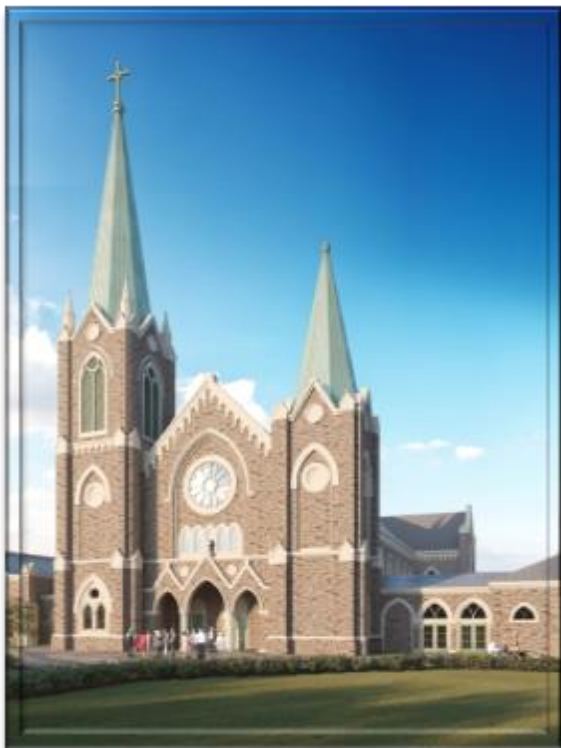


# Stillwater Catholic Community

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  
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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



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2017

*Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come from you.  
In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb  
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.  
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

#### St. Francis Xavier

Mass at 7:00am, 5:30pm and 7:30pm (Spanish)

#### St. John the Evangelist

Mass at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

Bulletin submissions should be directed to [erin@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org](mailto:erin@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org)  
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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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*Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Mt 14:28-30)*



**Gospel Meditation:** "Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened." How can we describe Peter? At once faithful and fearful, his jumbled responses remind us that he was no spiritual superman, well intentioned though he may have been. Peter wanted to believe, and in fact showed a great deal of confidence in Christ, but the temptation to doubt was strong enough to knock him off his feet, literally.

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Jesus reprimanded Peter. The words seem harsh. After all, Peter was the only one who had enough faith to even try something as ludicrous as stepping out of the boat onto the water in the first place. But perhaps Jesus wanted to emphasize that our faith needs to be strong enough to weather the storm, so to speak.

If we only believe in Jesus when the wind is calm and the waves are gone, is that truly having faith in him? Is that actually trusting in his supreme power over the forces of the universe? Peter began to sink as soon as a challenge appeared. Jesus called him, and he calls us, to stay on our feet even when the winds begin to blow.

So, what are the winds that threaten our faith? What kinds of gusts are blowing today? Whatever it might be—health problems, financial concerns, relational struggles—none of it is too much for Jesus to handle. But we must step out in faith and trust him! And we need to keep our eyes on him as we do so, instead of getting distracted by the force of the challenges we face. Jesus is bigger than any problem. We have nothing to fear as long as we are walking towards him.

### Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33  
 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28  
 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21—19:1  
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15  
 Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

### 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, Pat Clemente, Fred Dick, Jack Dorman, Ed Eick, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Aria Gray, Cherry Gray, Essy Gorrittis, 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, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, Paul Schatz, Lynn Schwartz, Pat Sohrowide, Beth Stroud, Robby Tiedt, 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 Ada Mae Ross.



**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.

### Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – Aug. 6	\$7,349.00	\$38,174.00
St. John – Aug. 6	\$10,897.85	\$36,511.35

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

Annual Goal: \$4,260 Received to date: \$3,591.50

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### † Mass Intentions †

#### St. Francis Xavier

August 15 **Holy Day - Assumption of Mary**  
7:00am, 5:30pm & 7:30pm (Spanish)  
 August 16 8:00am **Fr. Ken**  
 August 17 8:00am **Lacy & Family**  
 August 18 12:10pm †**Romeo Moscardini** –  
Maria Sorrentino  
 August 19 5:00pm †**Joe Nelson** – Jenny & Family  
 August 20 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 15 **Holy Day - Assumption of Mary**  
12:15pm and 6:30pm  
 August 16 12:15pm **Dcn. Dick & Pat Berberet** –  
The McKelvey's  
 August 17 5:15pm **Fr. Ken** – The Perkins  
 August 18 5:15pm  
 August 19 **No Saturday Mass**  
 August 20 9:30am **Keith Willett** – The Perkins  
11:30am

**Update on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration Schedule:** On Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup>, OSU has a home game. To avoid complications with 1st Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the entire schedule beginning Thursday @ 6pm will be at St. Francis and end on Saturday with the 8am hour followed by the 9am Mass.

**The Fifth Annual National Day of the Remembrance of Aborted Children** will take place at the memorial for the Aborted Children and their Mothers at St. John the Evangelist. Please join Spencer Rogers in praying the Rosary @ 9:00am Saturday, September 9th at St. John.



*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

## HOSPITALITY

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

**Join us for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast, TODAY** – August 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30am in the St. Francis Parish Hall. \$10 per family or \$4 per person. All are welcome! Free Blood Pressure Screening will be available.

**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.

**Guidebook Directory Updates** – Please check the old Guidebook directories (available in the vestibule at St. Francis and Lobby at St. John) and make sure your listed phone number, address and email is correct. There are forms available if you to update any of your contact information. Also, if you own or work for a local business that might be interested in advertising in the directory, please contact St. Francis Parish Office at (405) 372-6886.

## FORMATION

### Youth Formation - Religious Education & Youth Ministry

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

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

##### Religious Ed. classes

Registration after all Masses will be TODAY, Aug. 12/13 at St. Francis. Registration at St. John will be after Masses on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 11:15am to 12:30pm in St. Francis School (602 S. West Street).

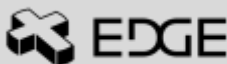
##### Catechists and Assistants

**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, [creprek-5@brightok.net](mailto:creprek-5@brightok.net)

##### Welcome Back Breakfast:

Join us on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 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



##### 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge resources speak to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth.



##### 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades

As a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Life Teen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and guide, Life Teen seeks to unleash the fullness of the Sacramental power present within the young Church.

**August 12-13-** Registration for Edge and Life Teen after all Masses at St. Francis Xavier.

**August 13-** Back to School Pool Party from 5:00-6:30 for Edge and 6:30-8:00 for Life Teen at the Gallegos' house (2900 S. Country Club Rd.). Come hang out, meet your peers and your group leaders, swim and eat!

**August 20-** Registration for Edge and Life Teen after 9:30 and 11:30 Mass at St. John

**August 23-** Parent meeting in the basement of the CYO house (717 S. Hester St.) at 6:00. During this meeting, you will be able to ask questions about the program and will be given information and a calendar for the upcoming year. Please make plans to be there.

### 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 Baptism Class will be August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Rm. 5 of the St. Francis School. To register, please call the parish office at (405) 372-6886.

**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

#### 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.

#### RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes begin August 30<sup>th</sup> and will be every Wednesday in St. Francis Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm. RCIA is open to all adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Deacon Paul Govek at (405)377-7322.

#### Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Grand Knight – Chris Stoner

[texagok87@sbcglobal.net](mailto:texagok87@sbcglobal.net) or 405-612-3135

Knights of Columbus Council 5266 invites all Catholic men over the age of 18 of Stillwater to their Open August Council meeting to be held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Basement of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Great opportunity to learn about the Knights of Columbus and its community involvement, and to meet other Knights from the Stillwater area. For more information contact GK Chris Stoner

[texagok87@sbcglobal.net](mailto:texagok87@sbcglobal.net) or 405-612-3135.

#### Fr. Stanley Rother Beatification September 23, 2017 at 10am

Buses will be available for transportation. \$25 per person. Please call St. Francis or St. John parish office for more details.

#### Pre-Cana – Marriage Preparation Classes

Couples planning to get married in the Catholic Church need to take 2 Marriage preparation classes. The Fall classes are scheduled for Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Xavier in the Parish Hall from 9am to 3pm. Lunch will be provided. Registration forms can be found online or in the vestibule.



## SERVICE

### New St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Parish Council

Fr. Ken Harder (Presider), Nick Bidelspach (Facilitator), Kendall Hanson (Recorder), Mike Wieder (Convenor), Richard Cronk, Duane Helmberger, Julie Huber, Brenda Morales, Guy Palladino, and Marie Saatkamp **Ex Officio:** Vic Schutte and Cindy Beckman  
**St. Francis Finance Committee:** Jim Burtschi, Lisa Lambert and Denny Sheller

**Next Parish Council Meeting** - 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 September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Francis School in Rm. 5.

Thank you to all the members that served on the St. Francis Xavier Parish Council in the past. Your time and talents were a blessing to our Church!

**Stephen Ministry Recruitment Meetings** - Have you considered becoming a Stephen Minister? Are you a caring Christian? Have you been approached by the pastor, other Stephen Ministers or fellow parishioners to consider this ministry? Might this be your talent, to commit your time to the Catholic community of Stillwater? To provide comfort and support to people experiencing challenges? Consider attending one of two informational meetings. These meetings will cover such topics as what is Stephen Ministry, who is a Stephen Minister, what a Stephen Minister is and is not, and how to become a Stephen Minister. Training starts October 9, 2017 and continues through March 2018 and includes 50 hours of training. The recruitment meetings are Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> OR Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Classroom building at St. Francis school. For more information contact Mary Ellen Holley at 405-762-9357 or [stephenministristw@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenministristw@yahoo.com) or [stephenministry.org](http://stephenministry.org).

**UPDATE - New Date for Dedication Mass:** Our dedication date has been re-set for February 4, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The previous date of November 19, 2017 was moved due to delay in delivery of key components of the Nave ceiling. Please mark your calendars and continue your prayers, as the time is approaching where we soon will enjoy the fruits of our labor.

**Stillwater Catholic Women Business Meeting** – August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall of St. John. The upcoming Luncheon with the Bishop, Bazaar and other events/activities will be discussed. All women are welcome!



### Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

#### National Immunization

**Awareness Month** is a reminder that we all need vaccines throughout our lives.

Back-to-school season is here. It's the perfect time to make sure your children are up to date on their vaccines.

Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by CDC's immunization schedule is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children

from a number of serious and potentially life-threatening diseases.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at an increased risk for diseases and can also spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer or other health conditions.

Talk to your child's healthcare provider to find out which vaccines are recommended for them before going back to school.

The need for vaccinations does not end in childhood. Vaccines are recommended throughout our lives based on age, lifestyle, occupation, travel destinations, medical conditions, and vaccines received in the past. You can find out more about which vaccines are recommended at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/)



#### 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 when all three of my children were learning to swim. In the beginning, it seemed like no matter how much assurance I gave them, they were certain they would drown. Even after watching me float in the water, they were pretty sure their bodies were created to sink. In time, they grew more comfortable in the water. Eventually, they could even swim the length of the pool. But this did not happen overnight. They had to grow in their faith that swimming was possible, not just for others, but for them as well.

Too many of us who are Christians believe that holiness is for someone else. We believe that the stories of the saints are about super humans who had something in greater supply than us. When our faith is weak, we assume that we can never have the faith of these holy men and women.

On the contrary, faith and holiness are not things only possible for a few. But we must practice our faith to grow in our faith. We must strive for holiness if we are to become holy.

Like a child fears the water before learning to swim, we often fear the path that leads to greater faith or holiness. We are not convinced that God can work in our lives to create a saint. Yet except for Mary, the Immaculate Conception, every saint was a sinner. God called every saint to exit the boat and walk toward Jesus on the water. In time, with practice and trust in God, they found they did not sink either.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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#### Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Peter saw Jesus walking on the water and began to walk toward him. He became frightened at how strong the wind was and began to sink. He took his focus off of Jesus and allowed his fears to get the best of him. Fear often gets the best of us and cripples us. We sink. Many of our actions and thoughts are motivated by fear. Think of how many opportunities you have missed because of fear. Jesus tells us to trust and to meet each day with faith and confidence.