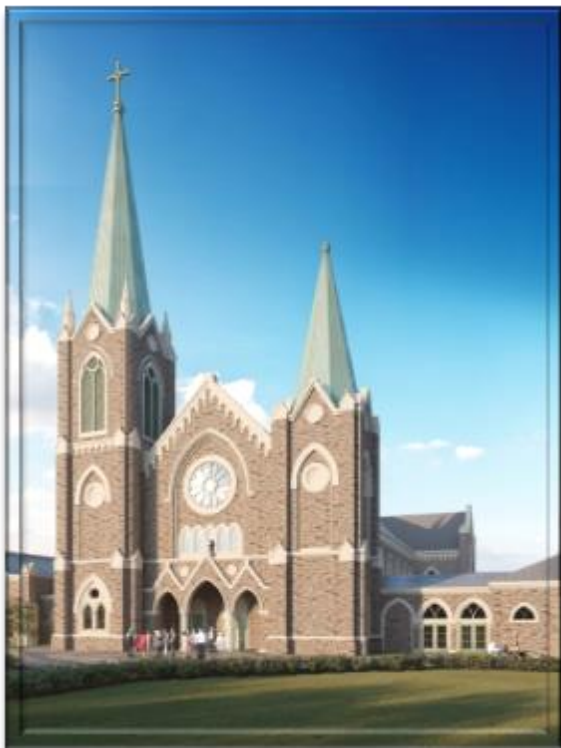


Stillwater Catholic Community

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



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2017

Evening Prayer by St. Augustine

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,
or watch, or weep tonight,
and give Your Angels and
Saints charge over those who sleep.
Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
Rest Your weary ones,
Bless Your dying ones,
Soothe Your suffering ones,
pity Your afflicted ones,
Shield Your joyous ones,
And all for Your love's sake.
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
5:00pm (Student)
Daily Mass: Mon. 12:15pm & Wed. 12:15pm & 9pm (Student)
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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"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (Mt 16:19-20)



Gospel Meditation: "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Simon got a new name after his profession of faith. As soon as he declared to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus renamed him with a title that means "rock." And with that name he gave Peter the mission to be a solid foundation upon which he would build **his** church. Not Peter's church. Not James or Paul's church. Not Martin Luther's or John Calvin's or anybody else's. This is Jesus' church, the church of Christ himself, that we call the Catholic Church.

So it was Christ himself who desired to give authority in the church—"the keys to the kingdom of heaven"—to a human leader. Peter was thus established as the first pope. He exercised a special kind of headship,

within the community of the apostles and the church at large, because Jesus gave him the power to do so, not because Peter claimed it for himself. And so too every pope since, right down to our Holy Father today, exercises this unique leadership within the Church.

What a gift this is to us! Jesus knew well the human tendency to squabble and disagree, to argue and compete. He knew that the church would be prone to all of this because of her members, and that providing a final voice of authority, saying in effect that "the buck stops here" would be helpful for maintaining unity. As Catholics, even in spite of the differing opinions and perspectives that are manifest in the Church, we nonetheless maintain a strong sense of identity and belief thanks in large part to the papacy. Today, may we give thanks for the pope and pray for him as he strives to lead all of us closer and closer to Christ.

Readings for the Week of August 27, 2017

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
 Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30
 Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27


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, Mary Davenport, Fred Dick, Jack Dorman, Ed Eick, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Aria Gray, Cherry Gray, Essy Gorrittis, Fr. Ken Harder, Monica Held, Bob Kargel, Phyllis Lambert, Christopher Leffall, Anissa Magallanes, Gerry & Sally Messbarger, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, Christy Paculan, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, John Penn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, Paul Schatz, Lynn Schwartz, Pat Sohrwide, 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 Karina Wilczek.

 **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.

Update on 1st Friday Adoration Schedule: On Thursday August 31st, 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.

Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – Aug. 20	\$7,268.05	\$55,872.05
St. John – Aug. 20	\$5,652.90	\$51,813.50
Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)		
Annual Goal:	\$4,260	Received to date: \$3,791.50
Thank you for your continued generosity!		

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

August 29 8:00am †Larry Melvis – Marilyn Seiler
 August 30 8:00am **Lacy & Family**
 August 31 8:00am **Lacy & Family**
 Sept. 1 12:10pm †Bernie Kopel – Her Family
 Sept. 2 5:00pm **Lacy and Family**
 Sept. 3 8:00am **Pro Populo**
 10:00am **For Our Youth**
 1:00pm **For the Families of Parishioners**

St. John the Evangelist

August 28 12:15pm **No Mass**
 August 29 5:15pm **Fr. Ken**
 August 30 12:15pm †Karina Wilczek – Julie Huber
 August 31 5:15pm †James Ward
 Sept. 1 5:15pm
 Sept. 2 **No Saturday Mass**
 Sept. 3 9:30am **The Bokorney's**
 11:30am †Floyd & Helen Baldwin –
 The Hammans
 5:00pm **Pro Populo**



**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

Call your Parish Office about Bus Transportation

HOSPITALITY

Welcome Bishop David Konderla!!

Stillwater Catholics - Please join us TODAY for the Welcome Back Breakfast for our Youth and Families after the 10am Mass and for the Convivio (Feast or Banquet) after the 1pm Spanish Mass. Please bring your favorite side dish to the Convivio. Both events will be in the Parish Hall at St. Francis Xavier. We look forward to seeing you there!

Keep it Local. Give Blood with Oklahoma Blood Institute at St. John on

Tuesday, August 29 from 4:30 – 7:30pm. Donate blood and get a Keep it Local Shirt and a voucher for OKC Zoo entries. Look for the Bloodmobile!! To schedule an appointment, call Judi Kastl at (405) 747 -5099.

Stillwater Catholic Women's Luncheon – Saturday, September 16th from 11am to 1pm at St. John Parish Hall.

Resolve to make new friends at the inaugural luncheon of the Stillwater Catholic Women with special guest speaker Bishop David Konderla. Kindly RSVP by Sept. 11 to Julie Lauvetz (405) 707-9989 or Julie Huber at jahuber14@gmail.com.

Welcome to all! We welcome seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts and jaded cynics, the lost, the found....and especially YOU! 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.

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

Pre-K – 5th Grades

Welcome Back Breakfast:

Join us on TODAY, August 27th for a continental breakfast in the Parish Hall following the 10am Mass. All families welcome! Look forward to seeing you there! Enrollment forms will be available!

Religious Education classes begin September 10th at 11:15am-12:30pm in the St. Francis School (602 S. West Street). Enrollment forms are available online and at the Welcome Back Breakfast today!

Catechists and Assistants

Needed: Our 1st and 3rd grade classrooms need adults to assist the catechists. Please contact Sarah Dorman with any questions or if you are interested. The children need you! (372-7987 or crepek-5@brightok.net)

Catechist/Volunteer

Meetings: Our meeting times are Wednesday, September 6th at 7pm and Saturday, September 9th at 10am. Please make plans to attend the meeting that best fits your schedule. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY



6th – 8th 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.



9th – 12th 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 27- First night of Edge (5 to 6:30pm) and Life Teen (7 to 8:30pm) TONIGHT at the CYO House – 717 S. Hester St.

September 3 – No Edge or Life Teen classes

September 10 – Confirmation Parent/Youth Meeting from 11:30am to 12:30pm at CYO House – 717 S. Hester St.

Edge: 5 to 6:30 pm at CYO House
Life Teen: 7 to 8:30pm at CYO House

Adult Formation

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Join us this Wednesday, August 30th in St. Francis Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm for the Welcome, Orientation and Q&A Session. RCIA is open to all adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Deacon Paul Govek at (405)377-7322.

Bible Study

Join us for the continuation of *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* at St. Francis Xavier Church in the Parish Hall, (basement of the Church) beginning Tuesday, September 5th at 1:00pm for the afternoon study, or at 6:30pm for the evening study. Each session will be about 1 ½ hours. This half of the study will last for 12 weeks and conclude on November 21st. We welcome any new members who would like to join our study; we will begin with Chapter 13 of Matthew. For more information or to register for this study, call Terri Schutte at 260-579-6464 or via email: terri.schutte4@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Grand Knight – Chris Stoner
texagok87@sbcglobal.net or 405-612-3135

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 forth 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. For more details check out www.KofC.org or our Facebook page, Knights of Columbus 5266.

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. 9th and Oct. 7th 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.

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

NOW IS THE TIME!!! 2018 Guidebook Directory Updates

– Please take this time to look at the 2017 Guidebook directories (available in the vestibule at St. Francis and Lobby at St. John) to see if any updates are needed for your family. Forms are available if you need 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.

Deadline is Sept. 1, 2017.

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 2, 2017 and continues through March 2018 and includes 50 hours of training. The recruitment meetings are Monday, August 28th OR Monday, September 11th at 7:00PM in the Classroom building at St. Francis school. For more information contact Mary Ellen Holley at 405-762-9357 or stephenministrystw@yahoo.com or 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.

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.

New St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Parish Council

Fr. Ken Harder (Presider), Nick Bidelsbach (Facilitator), Kendall Hanson (Recorder), Mike Wieder (Convenor), Richard Cronk, Duane Helmberger, Julie Huber, Brenda Morales, Guy Palladino, and Marie Saatkamp **Ex Officio:** Dcn. Paul Govek, Vic Schutte, 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. The next meeting is September 14th at 7pm at St. Francis School in Rm. 5.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

We all know the given answers to the question: who is Jesus? Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah, Lord, and the Christ are some that immediately come to mind. But, who do *you* say that Jesus is? Who we need or want Jesus to be becomes the key to unlocking a relationship with God. For some, Jesus is just a prophet, a wise man, or an inspirational figure in history. These labels keep Jesus in the past and prevent us from really having a living, vibrant relationship with him. If Jesus is more than this to you, then who is he and what purpose does he serve in your life?

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

August is National Happiness Month

10 Ways to Find Happiness

Do something for someone else. Do a “five-minute favor” for someone. Five-minute favors are selfless giving acts, without asking for anything in return.

Give thanks. Your situation could be a lot worse. Start your day by thanking God for the things you take for granted.

Be diligent. Ever looked at an ant farm in action? Every single ant has amazing ambition and self-discipline. They are diligent! Usually the first step of motivation is exactly that—just focus on the first step.

Exercise more patience. Patience helps persons to relax and rethink when things are out of control.

Just. Say. No. Truly happy people live a simple life and have no problem saying no. life. They have a simple schedule. They don't take on more than they can handle. They live according to their values and purpose.

Be the first to reach out after an argument. Be the first to reach out to make amends, even if you're the one that has to apologize. That humble act will do wonders.

Do something fun. People who have fun on the job are more creative and productive, make better decisions, and get along better with colleagues.

Reframe! Negative self-talk can be toxic, as it reinforces irrational thoughts. Stop and reframe, and see if you can come up with a neutral or positive replacement.

Build up your faith. Faith extends your grace, forgiveness and love.

Spend some quality time with an elderly person. Elderly people have a rich and long history full of stories, experiences and perspectives you've never thought of from simpler days gone by.

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance Advanced Class- This six week advanced series allows those who have completed Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance (TCMBB) to maintain the practice of the skills they have already learned. To register contact Maricela at OHAI 405-271-6424 or email centralohai@ouhsc.edu or Brandi Bishop 405-269-2252, email bmb29@hotmail.com

We will also be offering **Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance- Beginners Class** Tuesdays September 12th-November 28th from 5:15pm-6:15 St. Francis School Room 5. To register contact Maricela at OHAI 405-271-6424 or email centralohai@ouhsc.edu or Brandi Bishop 405-269-2252, email bmb29@hotmail.com

Everyday Stewardship

Sometimes when I ask one of my children about who they were with or about a classmate at school they answer me with, “You don't know them.” Apparently, since I do not know him or her personally, I do not need to know the person's name. I may not know this person but I do know that he or she exists in the everyday life of one of my children. If my children don't share with me anything about their friend or classmate, I can only assume he or she has no great impact on my sons' or daughter's daily lives. Of course, sometimes the response I get is simply my teen being a typical teen.

Has Jesus had a significant impact on your life? Do you know Jesus personally? If someone asked you about him what would you say?

My children respond the way they do to me because they are still young and immature. However, some adults are immature as well: immature in faith. We shy away from any discussion of God in our lives and we rarely share our faith. Most days we will not be asked the question, “Who is Jesus?” But we will be in situations where we are being called to share a little bit about ourselves. If Jesus has truly changed our lives and we never seem to want to share something about him with others, they may as well assume that he has had no real impact on us. On the other hand, if we are mature disciples in Jesus Christ, I suspect that others can't help but know about the great friend we have in him.