

Stillwater Catholic Community

*Serving the Parishes of St. Francis Xavier and St. John the Evangelist
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, 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



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2017

Prayer for Veterans

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom.

We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day.

We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way.

Shield them from danger and bring them home.

Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.

Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen. (Prayer written by Concord Pastor)

Next Sunday, November 19 – Fr. Lenny Delgado will be visiting St. Francis Xavier to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Also next week, our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. Learn more at

www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Please make checks payable to your Parish.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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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: Tues. – Friday 8:00 – 9:00am
Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00pm
1st Friday after the Thursday 5:15pm Mass
Reconciliation: Tues. – Friday 8:00 – 9:00am
Sunday 9 – 9:30am, 11 – 11:30am & 3:45 – 4:45pm

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“The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” (Mt 25:10b-12)

Fr. Ken's Reflection: Within a few years of being alive, a child learns to recognize that life is a cycle. Our cycle of life exists on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly cycle. There is also a generational cycle that is on the order of several decades. As an example, one parishioner lost her mother, who lived a long life. That was difficult but within days of her mother's passing, she had the joy of the birth of her first grandchild. Life in our world begins and ends and is constantly renewed in the rhythm that is human life. In our Church, we celebrate, in human terms, the great mystery of salvation, Christ himself. We use a yearly cycle to celebrate our share in the life of Christ.

We begin our cycle with Advent. We remember the age old longing of the people of Israel and really, all peoples, for the coming of God to bring salvations and purpose to our lives that would otherwise end in oblivion. Christmas is the part of the great mystery in which God personally enters our lives (in the person of the Son). At Christmas, we celebrate that divine life is now eternally and in time united to human life. We celebrate at Easter the fulfillment of Christmas, that Christ offers the life he received from Mary for our salvation. The Easter event (Last Supper, Good Friday, Easter and Ascension) makes it possible for the life giving Holy Spirit to once again, be poured forth and bring a new creations, the Church, into being. Mere humans are now part of Christ's life by our being part of the Church. Finally, we look forward to the end, when all things must return to their Creator.

In two weeks time, we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday. This is actually a relatively new liturgical day, compared to Christmas and Easter. Christ will demand an accounting of our lives. Final Justice must be settled. Sounds scary and it should be. We do however, have a way of meeting Final Justice; we have the mercy born of our faith that tempers justice and make it bearable to stand before God and in fact, makes us pleasing. The gospel today tells us it requires something of us. Stay awake! Not physically but spiritually. In other words, make yourself aware constantly of the presence of our Lord and his coming.

In the gospel, the man was off to get a bride. The delay was not uncommon; he was probably working the deal with the bride's father. The servants' job was to be ready. The fatal flaw of the five foolish maidens was that they did not prepare for long haul. They did not think beyond the immediate moment when they thought they would be part of their master's joy. In a real sense, they were thinking of themselves and the immediate moment. They even had time to go get more oil, but they refused to think beyond the immediate moment. My friends, our faith is not simply saying now that we believe in Jesus; it is a commitment for the long haul and it requires that we continually seek to be prepared. It is the same thing an emergency responder does. They may have no emergencies for quite some time, but still prepare daily for the call that will come. Likewise, let us be wise, let us strive to be aware of our faith in our daily lives and live according to its principles so that we may be prepared when the inevitable moment comes.

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2017

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
 Saturday: Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33
 Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – Nov. 5	\$9,693.00	\$130,330.00
St. John – Nov. 5	\$6,646.85	\$117,873.95

Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)
 Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$4,787.90**

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:

Elia Adams, Maria y Ricardo Aguilar, Jayden Andrew, Nena Batista, John Belusko, Catherine Cabañeros, Kathryn Campbell, Salomón Cárdenas, Daniel Centeno, Pat Clemente, Greg Deville, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Paulina Figueroa, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorrillis, Oscar González, James Grice, Todd Hachett, Monica Held, Cipriana Hernández, Mary Horton, Bob Kargel, Dennis Kastl, Michael Knight, Mariela Latchman, Phyllis Lambert, Christopher Leffall, Gerry & Sally Messbarger, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, Mario Nieves, Christy Paculan, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Bethany Pate, John Penn, Dick Powell, Nancy Pruitt, Claudia Ramos, Larry Redburn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, James Scerine, Paul Schatz, Pat Sohrrwide, Beth Stroud, Dick and Teddy Taylor, Pat Teller, Robby Tiedt, Hector Vivar, Don Wagner, Lindsay Wahlmeir, Rosemary Weaver, Paul Westhaus, John Yother, Anne and Joe Zinn, Marge Zoellner, and those providing and 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.

Book of Remembrance - During the month of November, we invite you to place the names of deceased loved ones in the Book of Holy Souls. (Located near the Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel at St. Francis Xavier)

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

November 14 8:00am **Luckey – Andrew Family**
 November 15 8:00am **†Larry & Donn Dehls – Knights of Columbus**
 November 16 8:00am **†John Knight - Daughter**
 November 17 12:10pm **†Val Webb – Dot Webb**
 November 18 5:00pm **†Emil Kastl – The Brashears**
 November 19 8:00am **Pro Populo**
 10:00am **For Deceased Family members and friends**
 1:00pm **For the Families of Parishioners**

St. John the Evangelist

November 13 12:15pm **No Mass**
 November 14 5:15pm
 November 15 12:15pm
 November 16 5:15pm
 November 17 5:15pm
 November 18 **No Saturday Mass**
 November 19 9:30am **†Eleanor Becker – The Steindls**
 11:30am
 5:00pm

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—880-0553) 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.

Join us for the **Knights of Columbus Breakfast TODAY, Nov. 12th**

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.



Stillwater Catholic Community Thanksgiving Dinner- The Stillwater Catholic Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be **Sunday, November 19th at the Payne County Expo Center.** Serving will begin at 6:30pm. This is a very rewarding event that brings our Catholic Community together. Many volunteers are needed; sign-up sheets are in the vestibule at St. Francis and Lobby of St. John. We especially need help cooking turkeys. All ingredients and directions provided!

Mark your calendars for the St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebration on December 3! Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. Tickets and more information will be available soon.

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.

FORMATION

Youth Formation - Religious Education & Youth Ministry

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pre-K – 5th Grades
St. Francis Xavier Center
(602 S. West St.)

RE Classes: 11:15am to 12:30pm

First Communion Information - Copies of Baptismal certificates and Sacrament Information forms are needed ASAP. These must be on file for the children to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please forward to the RE office at your earliest convenience.

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children
Safety Classes - The VIRTUS safety class for children in K-2nd Grades is TODAY - 3rd-5th grade class is November 19th. Please see Sarah before classes begin if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the class.



YOUTH MINISTRY

6th – 12th Grades
CYO House (717 S. Hester St.)

November 11-19

Canned food collection for Thanksgiving Baskets, there will be a bin in the vestibule of the church to collect any items that you wish to donate.

November 15

Life Teen ski trip deposit due

November 19

Youth Mass at SJE 9:30 am Mass
Confirmation 11:30-12:30

Edge and Life Teen pack and deliver Thanksgiving Baskets 2:00-4:00
CYO house basement

Community Thanksgiving Dinner is 6:30pm at the Expo Center; all youth are needed to help serve

Life Teen Ski Trip-Our LT group is going to Colorado for Spring Break to ski! We will leave on March 18th and return March 22nd. The cost of the trip is \$550 per person and families are welcome. If you or your child would like to attend, the deadline to sign up is November 15. Please contact Ashleigh Martin for more information or to sign up!

Adult Formation

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.
Rite of Acceptance is Today at the 10am Mass. Join us this Wednesday, Nov. 15th in St. Francis Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm for the "*Mary & the Saints*" 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.

Mindfulness and Prayer

Join Fr. Ken Saturday mornings at 10:30am in St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Bible Study

Continuation of *Matthew*
St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall
Every Tuesday at 1:00pm or 6:30pm
For more information
call Terri Schutte at 260-579-6464.

Faith, Froth & Catholic Stuff You Should Know at St. John

5:15 Mass, 6:00 Social, 6:30 Talk/Q&A
Nov. 14 – Candidates for God's Mercy
catholicpokes@gmail.com or
405-372-6408

Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Grand Knight – Chris Stoner
texaqk87@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 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. For more details check out www.KofC.org or our Facebook page, Knights of Columbus 5266.

Baptism Preparation Class

If you are a parent or god-parent, Baptism classes are conducted by a Deacon at the St. Francis Xavier Center (602 S. West St.) on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. To register, please call the parish office at (405) 372-6886.

FORMED - The Catholic Faith on Demand

Extensive online formation opportunities for you and your family.
Logon to FORMED.org with our parish membership code: e4623f.

Rediscover your Catholic Faith through the wonderful collection of Faith Formation series, Movies, Documentaries, Bible Studies, books and much more.

SERVICE

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - The next meeting is December 14th at 7pm at St. Francis Center in Rm. 5.

Stewardship Committee Meeting – The next meeting is November 16th at 6pm at St. Francis Center in Rm. 5. Meetings are open to parishioners.

Stillwater Catholic Youth Service Project

Our Youth are collecting canned goods November 11 – 19 (bins will be in the vestibule at St. Francis Xavier). On Nov. 19, the Youth will organize and deliver Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need between 2pm and 4pm. If you are aware of any family in need of food for a Thanksgiving meal, please contact the St. Francis Parish Office at 405-372-6886. Please provide the family name, number of people in the family and contact information.

Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference

Discounted registration is open now. The 2018 conference will be held on Saturday, March 10 at the new Conference Center in Edmond. Speakers will include Immaculée Ilibagiza, Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda and Donna Heckler. Registration is open at www.OCWConference.com.

Stephen Ministry - 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 Holley at (405)762-9357 or stephenministryw@yahoo.com

Food Backpack Ministry – Sponsor a Child! The backpack program ensures that each and every child in need from Stillwater Middle School has nutritional food to eat over the weekend. It cost on average \$175 per year to feed one child. All donations are welcome. 100% of money donated goes toward the program. Donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to St. Francis. For more information, contact Pepper Keeling at 405-742-7676 or St. Francis Parish Office at 405-372-6886.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Office - Help Wanted! With our continued growth and impending migration to the New St. Francis Xavier Church, we are challenged to grow our support staff. We have a need for more staff in our Parish Office, and would like to discuss opportunities with anyone that speaks Spanish, holds business office skills, and/or financial management skills. Part time and full time opportunities are under consideration to be filled. Please contact St. Francis Parish Office at 405-372-6886 for more information.



"Twas the Night before Christmas" Bazaar Saturday, December 2, 9:00-2:30 JOIN THE FUN AND SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH THE BAZAAR!

After Masses this weekend our parishioners will have the opportunity to donate SILENT AUCTION ITEMS OR BASKETS, make CANDY, prepare BAKED GOODS, JAMS, JELLIES, prepare FROZEN DINNERS! The proceeds of the Bazaar will support the GOOD WORKS of the Stillwater Catholic Women. Check out the bulletin insert for contact information for our TEAM Leaders. Thank you, Cindy Beckman and Julie Huber, Bazaar Co-chairs

OSU Knights of Columbus - November 12, Sunday, Prospective members welcome to Council Meeting and Luncheon, 11:30 am Mass, sit together in the first two rows on the left side of the altar, assist at Mass, attend luncheon meeting following the Mass and participate in Membership Drive.

Following the 5 pm Mass sit with your brothers at the student dinner following the Mass.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Diabetes Awareness Month

Nearly half of all American adults have diabetes or prediabetes, yet most don't understand the life-long burden of this chronic illness or the 24/7 work it takes to effectively manage diabetes. Diabetes is a complex health condition that affects millions of people and without proper management, can lead to serious complications. People with diabetes are at an increased risk for serious health conditions, including cardiovascular disease, kidney failure, amputation and blindness. The economic burden of diabetes and prediabetes is \$322 billion each year, and people with diabetes have health care costs that are 2.3 times higher than someone without diabetes. Yet the true cost of diabetes is in the millions of lives it touches.

Changing your lifestyle could be a big step toward diabetes prevention-and it's never too late to start. Consider these tips:

1. Be more physically active- Exercise can help you lose weight and lower your blood sugar.
2. Get plenty of fiber-Lowers your risk of heart disease and promotes weight loss by helping you feel full.
3. Go for whole grain- Reduces your risk of diabetes by maintaining blood sugar levels.
4. Lose extra weight-Every pound you lose can improve your health, and you may be surprised by how much. Participants in one large study who lost a modest amount of weight — around 7 percent of initial body weight — and exercised regularly reduced the risk of developing diabetes by almost 60 percent.

For more information: www.mayoclinic.org and www.diabetes.org

Everyday Stewardship

For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we?

For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready.

Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet.

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Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Are we ready and prepared for what life will ask of us? The answers to life's challenges, especially those that involve purpose, meaning, and happiness are not found in material things or by searching the Internet. Many things in life require a journey of the heart and the acquisition of wisdom. When one acquires wisdom, one acquires priceless wealth. Sadly, pursuing wisdom is not valued by our world these days. Examining our lives, pondering the bigger questions, reflecting on where we have been and where we are going, are invaluable exercises that not only bring us wisdom but open our eyes to God's presence. Those who seek wisdom shall not be disappointed and will always be ready for whatever comes their way.