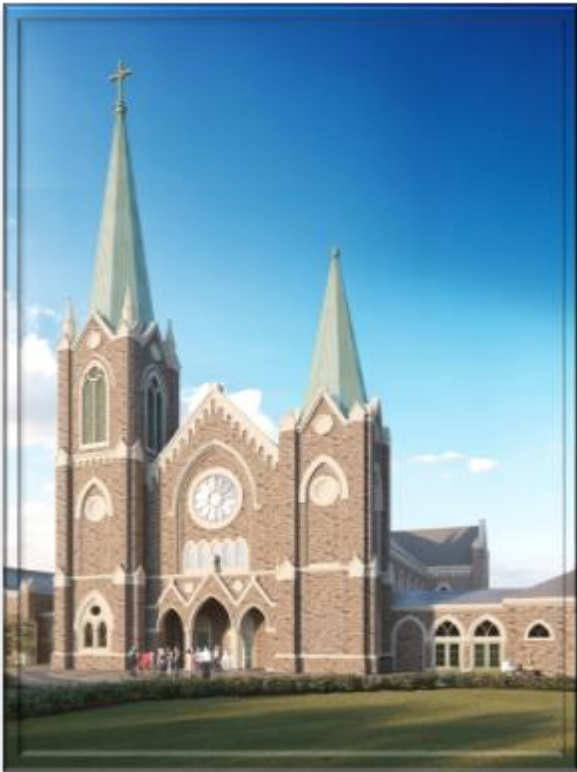


Stillwater Catholic Community

*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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2017

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve on another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts, we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing.

(From [Songs of Our Hearts, Meditations of Our Souls: Prayers for Black Catholics](#), edited by Cecilia A. Moor, Ph.D., C. Vanessa White, D.Min., and Paul M. Marshall, S.M.)

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

At St. Francis – Thanksgiving Eve Mass Nov. 22nd at 5:30pm
(There will be no 8am Mass or Confessions on Nov. 22nd at St. Francis)
At St. John – Thanksgiving Day Mass Nov. 23rd at 10:00am

The **Second Collection this weekend** will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please make checks payable to your Parish.

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier, Fr. Lenny Delgado!

He will speak at all the Masses this weekend on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach! Please be generous in your response to Father's Appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Phone: 405-372-6886 † Fax: 405-533-1728
Email: cindy@sfxstillwater.org
Website: www.sfxstillwater.org

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

Vic Schutte – Director of Formation and Operations
Cindy Beckman – Business Manager
Erin Johnson – Office Assistant, Bulletin
Lori Wieder – Office Assistant, Website

Kevin Larios – Music Ministry (405) 624-2208 † klaros357@earthlink.net

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Student Center

201 N. Knoblock † Stillwater, OK 74075
Phone: 405-372-6408 † Fax: 405-372-6409 † 032176
Email: catholicpokes@gmail.com
Website: www.catholicpokes.com

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

Kathleen Walker – Business Manager
Cathy Perry – Campus Ministry Director
Matt Bond – Campus Ministry Development Director
Marilyn Middlebrook – Music Ministry

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Sarah Dorman – Religious Education (PreK-5th) † (405) 372-7987 † sarah@sfxstillwater.org
Ashleigh Martin – Youth Ministry (6th – 12th) † (405) 269-3786 † ashleigh@sfxstillwater.org

“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’” (Mt 25:20b-21)

Fr. Ken's Reflection: Now is the time of year when the focus of the Church has shifted to a topic that is always a popular theme, the end of the world. Many people want to know when the end of the world is coming and look for sure signs. Some see it in natural phenomenon (earthquakes in Oklahoma?); some see it in world events, like terror attacks and other instances of political unrest. The Church's view, which reflects the view of Christ is different. That the world will end is certain; when it ends is unknown. There is a particular end of the world that each of us faces at the moment of death and the general end when life will cease altogether. The particular end of the world is the one that should interest us; I can guarantee that within 100 years, any one reading this will have faced their particular end; the general end could be as much as 100 million years when the Sun heats up and makes the Earth as inhabitable as Venus. The gospels, as well as Paul's letters, spend some time talking about our particular end; so we ought to pay attention. Today's gospel speaks of the theme of final accountability (which is what our particular end really means) in the form of a parable.

A master of a household has gone away. Evidently, this was not uncommon in the ancient world for a landowner to be absent for one reason or another. According to their capacities, he entrusts wealth to his servants. Exactly how much a talent was uncertain; it was considered a large sum of money. These three servants have been chosen by their master as a sign of his trust, his favor upon them. This whole scenario is a description of Christianity itself. Christianity has the distinction of being a religion that was spread by preaching and the lived experience of its disciples. Because it is fundamentally a religion of right relationship with God, it must be shared with others. God has given

each of us the gift of knowledge of his Son, it must be shared with all other people. So to live as an authentic Christian, our faith must be an example to others; a call for others to know Christ. Whether or not others respond is up to them, but we must give them the opportunity. This parable also brings out another point. The first two servants, through their efforts, increased their wealth. But they could only increase what they had been given. In other words, No one starts from nothing. Even a person who has little resources but works hard to get wealthy still had to start with the gift of life itself as well as opportunities that were placed before them. In an absolute sense, no one is self made. Back to the three servants. The first two invest their energies into the work given them and by doing so, reap a reward commensurate to their talents. Each is equally praised, though the physical measure of their work is different because each was equal in their investment of self. The third servant is different. He claims fear of the master as a reason not to work; the master calls him lazy. It seems that fear can make a person lazy.

Perhaps the third servant did fear failure. Rather than proceeding with prudence and carefully considering his task, he buries the wealth. In ancient times, the burial of wealth was considered safe and also released a person of responsibility. This doesn't work for the third servant. At the final accounting, his lack of labor, his lack of self-giving is deemed wickedness. My friends, we have been given the gift of faith. Each of us lives it in our own way, with varying physical results. As we look to the inevitable final accounting, let us strive to be ready now by making the work of Christ present in all the works we do here.

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2017

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
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – Nov. 12	\$5,277.00	
St. Francis Automatics	\$5,440.00	
Total	\$10,717.00	\$141,047.00
St. John – Nov. 12	\$3,503.75	
St. John Automatic	\$4,500.00	
Total	\$8,003.75	\$125,877.70

Stillwater Catholic Radio (11/1/17-12/31/17)
 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, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorrillis, Oscar González, James Grice, Todd Hachett, Monica Held, Cipriana Hernández, Mary Horton, Bob Kargel, 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 Sohrowide, Beth Stroud, Dick and Teddy Taylor, Pat Teller, Robby Tiedt, Hector Vivar, Don Wagner, Lindsay Wahlmeir, Rosemary Weaver, Paul Westhaus, Tara Woods, 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, especially Eileen Gasche (mother of Sandra Kilcrease).

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. (At St. Francis Xavier)

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

November 21 8:00am †Sandra Schatz – Charles Schatz
 November 22 8:00am †Richard Campbell -Family
 November 23 8:00am **No Mass**
 November 24 5:30pm **Happy Thanksgiving**
 November 24 12:10pm †Bernie Kopel – Her Family
 November 25 5:00pm **For those in Need**
 November 26 8:00am **Pro Populo**
 10:00am **For Deceased Family members and friends**
 1:00pm **For the Families of Parishioners**

St. John the Evangelist

November 20 12:15pm **No Mass**
 November 21 5:15pm
 November 22 12:15pm
 November 23 5:15pm
 November 24 5:15pm
 November 25 **No Saturday Mass**
 November 26 9:30am
 11:30am **Pro-Populo**
 5:00pm

HOSPITALITY

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving! Both Parish Offices will be closed Nov. 22nd at Noon through Nov. 24th. The Offices will reopen on Monday at 9am. - Your Parish Staff

Join us for Coffee and Donuts, TODAY! At St. Francis after 8am and 10am Mass. At St. John after 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.



Stillwater Catholic Community Thanksgiving Dinner is TONIGHT!!

The Stillwater Catholic Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be **Sunday, November 19th at the Payne County Expo Center**. Serving will begin at 6:30pm.

The St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebration is December 3! Tickets are \$25 per person. Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall starting at 6:00 pm. Please see the Insert for more details.

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 3rd-5th grade class is TODAY, November 19th. Please see Sarah before classes begin if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the class.

First Reconciliation Retreat - The First Reconciliation Retreat for those attending First Communion class is December 10th during RE class time (11:15-12:30). The retreat is for the students and at least one parent/guardian. It will be in the St. Francis Parish Hall (basement). Attendance will be taken.

There are no RE classes during Thanksgiving Break (November 26th).

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

November 19

Confirmation Class 11:30-12:30

Pack and Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets 2:00-3:30 (CYO House); please bring canned/ non-perishable food

No Edge or Life Teen Class
Volunteer at Thanksgiving Dinner

November 24

No High School Lunch

November 26

No Classes

Life Teen ski trip deposit and permission slips are due! Please get them turned in as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Ashleigh.

Our Youth are fundraising to help cover these costs of their Spring Break Ski Trip. If you need work done around your house (ex. raking leaves, decorating for Christmas, wrapping presents) please contact Ashleigh Martin at 405-269-3786.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Rite of Acceptance is Today at the 10am Mass. No Class on Nov. 22. Happy Thanksgiving! The next class will be Nov. 29th. 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.

Knights of Columbus Council 5266 Grand Knight – Chris Stoner

[texasok87@sbcglobal.net](mailto:texaok87@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.

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

Stillwater Catholic Women

Our Meeting is Monday Nov. 20th @ 6:30 pm in the St. John Parish Hall. We will recognize our four OSU Scholarship Winners, discuss the upcoming Bazaar and plan our Christmas party. All women of the parish are invited.

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 December 21st at 6pm at St. Francis Center in Rm. 5. Meetings are open to parishioners.



Giving Tree- St. Francis Xavier will be sponsoring a "Giving Tree" this Christmas season. If you are aware of any families in need of items (clothes, shoes, toys, etc.), please contact the parish office at 405-372-6886. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

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 stephenministystw@yahoo.com

Public Showing of Resilience Documentary

Watch the documentary to learn how traumatic childhood experiences last a lifetime and creates toxic stress that is linked to life-long health problems. Watch daily at 7pm on Suddenlink channel 14 or AT&T U-Verse channel 99. Stillwater CARES is requesting that we watch and share the information from this Documentary.

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. For more information about this wonderful ministry, please contact Lori Wieder at birthrightstillwater@gmail.com or at 377-5683!

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.



"Twas the Night before Christmas" Bazaar Saturday, December 2, 9:00-2:30

Your invitation to the Bazaar will arrive at your home this week along with **SHOPPORTUNITY** tickets for special gifts donated by our parishioners. Gifts this year include **Giclée print of original water color painting** by Phyllis Lambert; **Christopher Radko Collectible**

Ornament- Betty & Bud Townsend, Elizabeth's; **Two**

Oil Change & Tire Rotation-Chris Biggs, Firestone; **OSU "Spark" Phone Charging Case-**Sharon Sample, For Pete's Sake; **Needlework Art-**Beverly Dale; **A Home-baked Cheese Cake-**Kevin Larios! You may mail your tickets to the St. Francis Xavier Office or bring them to the Bazaar. You don't want to miss the opportunity to win one of our great prizes! Check out a few items available at the Bazaar by visiting the St. Francis Xavier website: www.sfxstillwater.org.

Thank you, Cindy Beckman and Julie Huber, Bazaar Co-chairs

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252



What is hospice?

When medical care cannot offer a cure, hospice provides care, comfort and support for persons with life-limiting conditions as well as their families. The hospice team works to make the person comfortable and relieve their symptoms and pain for the entire length of their illness. Hospice care is a family-centered team approach that includes, a doctor, nurse, social worker, counselor, chaplain, home health aide and trained volunteers. They work together focusing on the patient's needs—physical, psychological, social and spiritual. The goal is to keep the person as pain and symptom-free as possible while offering spiritual and supportive counseling to the patient and family members. Hospice is not a place. It's a special kind of care that gives you the power to live your life as you choose. To be at home. To be with loved ones. To be pain-free. To be comforted and cared for when you can no longer be cured. **It's about how you live.** For more information: www.caringinfo.org

Everyday Stewardship

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried twenty-five years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone—the current students as well as those now grown—laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those twenty-five years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to him and those around us for his glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

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Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Every one of God's children is a unique creation with talents and gifts that are found in no one else. Each of us is asked to bring our special "twist" to life and to living the Gospel, leaving our impact on the world in a way that no one else can. Are we ever afraid to use our gifts or to be who we are? Fear can cripple us and prevent us from discovering the profound and creative ways in which we can become the person God meant us to be. We like our comfort zones and do not like to be stretched and challenged. Yet this is necessary if we are going to produce the fruit we are capable of producing and live the radical message of the Gospel. For serious Christians, the status quo has got to go!