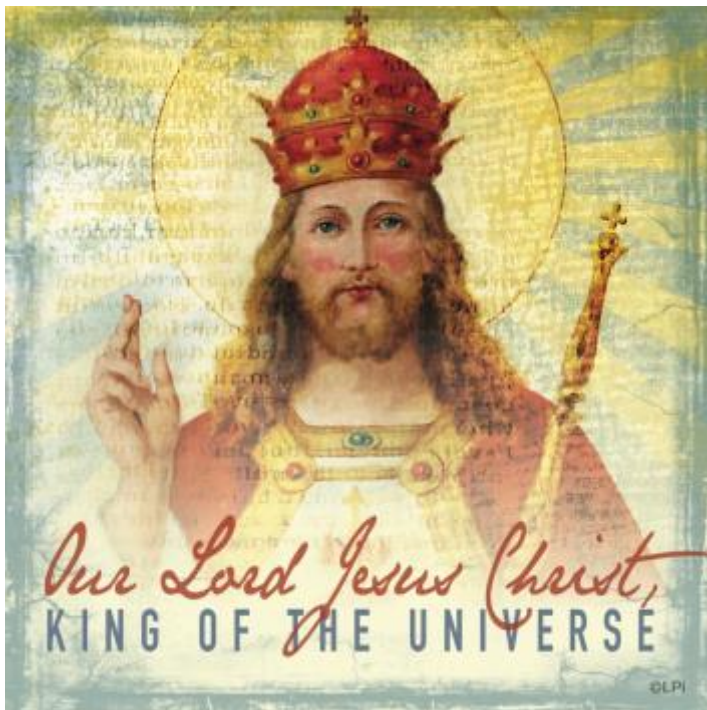


Stillwater Catholic Community

*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
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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



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 26, 2017

Almighty, everlasting God,
Who in Thy beloved Son,
King of the whole world,
hast willed to restore all things anew;
grant in Thy Mercy that all the families of nations,
rent asunder by the wound of sin,
may be subjected to His most gentle rule.
Who with Thee lives and reigns world without end.

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: 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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“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’” (Mt 25:34-36)

Fr. Ken's Reflection: It may seem rather odd that, according to the church calendar, we are at the end of the year. Your correct reply would be, we have one more month in 2017. However, we don't always measure a year from January to January. For instance, we measure a school year from August to May. In the financial world, a year is often measured from July 1 to June 30. In a similar sense, the church has its *liturgical* year, which is measured from the first Sunday of Advent to Christ the King Sunday. So, liturgical year 2018 begins next Sunday. We use the term liturgical to describe our calendar for a reason. The word 'liturgy' means work of the people, much in the same way that we talk about public works, like water services, etc. We have narrowly defined liturgy through the centuries to mean the work of the people of God. In other words, it is the holy work of God's people. Each year, the Church goes through a cycle of celebrating the events that bring us salvation. Every one of the events that are part of our salvation are grounded in time. All events but one have already happened. The Nativity of Christ (Christmas), Epiphany, the Paschal Event (the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ), the Ascension and finally Pentecost are grounded in what we call the past. Historically, they have happened. Because they are divine actions, they have their origin in the eternal now and so their effect is for all time. From our natural point of view, they are past. From a spiritual point of view, they are always now. There is one event of salvation that has not historically happened, it is in the future. The event that has yet to happen brings salvation to fulfillment; it is the return of Christ in glory. The gospel today gives us a glimpse of what that is. It is a time when final justice happens. In his coming among us to win our salvation, Jesus taught that we all fail in justice before God and deserve condemnation. The only remedy for that is to acknowledge our lack of justice and appeal to his mercy. If that is our way of life, then the final accounting will not find us wanting. Today's focus is one of accountability, or justice. It is quite easy to overlook justice as an important reality of our faith and our lives in general. In fact, I think that the universal desire for justice is itself a proof of our spiritual nature and that something exists beyond the physical reality. We all have a sense of justice. We also know that justice is not fully realized here. At times we fail to be just to others and get away with it and others are unjust to us a get away with it. We often appeal to final justice. The only way justice can fully be satisfied is if there is one who has the power to make it so. That One is God himself. My friends, every time we celebrate Mass, we are participating now in the great events that bring salvation. We celebrate not just past events but one event that has yet to come but is still present now. Final accountability is the last thing. Just as we can participate now in events that are past, so we must participate in the one to come. How will you stand when the final accountability is upon you? If you hold yourself accountable now with honesty and humility, you can ask for mercy now so that you won't suffer rejection later.

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – Nov. 19	\$3,756.00	\$144,803.00
St. John – Nov. 19	See next week's bulletin	

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, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorritis, 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 Sohrwide, 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

At St. John the Evangelist, Adoration begins on Thursday following the 5:15pm Mass and ends on Friday at the 5:15pm Mass

At St. Francis Xavier, Adoration begins on Friday following the 12:10pm Mass and ends on Saturday at the 9am Mass.



† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

November 28 8:00am †Richard Campbell - Family
 November 29 8:00am †Doris Gruenbacher Dick
 November 30 8:00am †Joe Nelson – Jenny & Family
 December 1 12:10pm †Eddie Bessie Moravec – Dot Webb
 December 2 9:00am Mary Ellis Humpal - Family 5:00pm
 December 3 8:00am Pro Populo
 10:00am For Deceased Family members and friends
 1:00pm For the Families of Parishioners

St. John the Evangelist

November 27 12:15pm No Mass
 November 28 5:15pm
 November 29 12:15pm
 November 30 5:15pm
 December 1 5:15pm
 December 2 No Saturday Mass
 November 3 9:30am
 11:30am †Floyd & Helen Baldwin – The Hammans
 5:00pm

HOSPITALITY

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.

The St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebration is December 3! Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall starting at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person and available at the Parish Office. Please RSVP no later than November 29.

The Annual Christmas Bazaar hosted by Stillwater Catholic Women is Saturday, December 2 from 9am to 2:30pm. Come shop, eat, and visit. You don't want to miss this fun event!

Thank you, Cathy Perry, Kimberly Williams, Kim Howell, and all those who helped organize and prepare the Stillwater Catholic Community Thanksgiving Dinner!!

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.)

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

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.

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.

First Reconciliation - December 13th at 6:30 pm at St. Francis. There is a short cookies and punch reception following the service.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

NO Classes November 26

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.

All Classes resume on December 3.



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Stillwater Catholic Youth Ministry



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Join us in the Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm on Nov. 29 for "The Last Things" 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

Our Matthew study has come to an end. On January 9th, we will begin a new 5-week study titled **A Biblical Walk Through The Mass** at 1:00 pm or 6:30 pm. This study will help you to "come to know and understand the Mass like never before with Dr. Edward Sri. Learn why we say what we say and do what we do as Catholics. With freshly awakened eyes of faith, the words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading to a richer, more fruitful worship experience." For more information or to register for this study, call Terri Schutte at 260-579-6464 or via email: terri.schutte4@gmail.com. This study is from Ascension Press.

Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Grand Knight – Chris Stoner
texasqok87@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.

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

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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 stephenministryw@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.



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

Next Week is our **"Twas the Night before Christmas" Bazaar!** Please bring all **St. Nicholas Market Square** items, **Silent Auction Baskets, Baked Goods, jams & jellies** to the St. Francis Center (School) beginning at 2:00pm on Friday, December 1st. (Suggested Price would be helpful). **"Creatures Stirring" Attic Treasures** may be brought early to the school-please call Terry Schutte, (260-579-6464) to make arrangements for early drop-off. Please contact Ashleigh Martin 405-269-3786 for **CANDY**. Stock up on frozen dinners at **"Dash Away-Dash Away" Frozen Dinners to GO!**

Don't forget lunch at the **Storybook Café!**

Thank you, Cindy Beckman (612-4285) & Julie Huber (762-6621), Bazaar Co-chairs

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

- In 2017 an estimated 53,670 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the U.S., and over 43,090 will die from pancreatic cancer.
- Pancreatic cancer is the 3rd leading cause of cancer-related death in the U.S.
- Pancreatic cancer is one of the few cancers for which survival has not improved substantially over nearly 40 years.
- Few risk factors for developing pancreatic cancer are defined. The risk for cigarette smokers is nearly twice that for those who have never smoked. Family history of pancreatic cancer, chronic pancreatitis, alcohol use, obesity and diabetes are risk factors.
- Pancreatic cancer may cause only vague symptoms that could indicate many different conditions within the abdomen or gastrointestinal tract. Symptoms include pain (usually abdominal or back pain), weight loss, jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes), loss of appetite, nausea, changes in stool, and diabetes.
- Pancreatic cancer is a leading cause of cancer death largely because there are no detection tools to diagnose the disease in its early stages when surgical removal of the tumor is still possible. For more information www.pancreatic.org

Everyday Stewardship

One day when I was walking the city streets where I was giving a series of talks, I saw what appeared to be an older woman hunched over with a sign asking for help. At first I passed her, on my way to visit the local drugstore. But then I came back around when I realized that I had not been very mindful upon first seeing her. I didn't have much cash to give her, but as I always tell everyone else in my talks, oftentimes what people need more than cash is someone to at least acknowledge them. I reached into my pocket to give her what little I had and I simply said, "Hello. I hope you are okay and I hope you can use this."

When her face turned toward me I saw she was probably only about sixteen years of age and she was very beautiful. She smiled immediately and said how much this meant to her. She gathered up her few belongings and I watched her walk to a café for a meal. I turned to walk back to my lodging and I thought to myself, "She could have been my daughter." That's when the still, small voice spoke to me saying, "Don't you understand? That was your daughter!"

Who is your daughter or son, your mother or father? Who is your neighbor? Better yet, in whom do you see Jesus? A young homeless girl on the street can take on so many forms: stranger, neighbor, daughter, and Jesus. Unless we are mindful of those in our midst, we miss the chance to see any of them. We must never be fooled by appearance. That day I almost missed seeing my Lord.

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Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

As the King of the universe, Christ does not desire earthly power or kingly admiration. What Christ our King desires is that we advocate and work for those most in need among us: the poor, the unfortunate, the forsaken, the abused, and the exploited. Providing for the basic needs of others is a human right that we must strive to fulfill. If someone is hungry, feed her. If someone is without shelter, provide one. If a person requires clothes, clothe him. When others are in harm's way, find them safety. When it comes to basic human needs, it does not matter **why** a person is in need; all that matters is that someone **is**. That's where you and I, who are citizens of God's eternal kingdom, come in. What we do for the least of these, we do for God.