

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. Brian O'Brien - 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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2018

Heavenly Father,
the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others.

We ask this in Jesus' Name.
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 – 6:30pm & 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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As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mk 1:16-17)

Father O'Brien wants you to know about two major texts that should be very important to the life of Catholics and our work here at Saint Francis Xavier:

The Catechism of the Catholic Church- Promulgated in 1992 by St. John Paul II, The CCC contains the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church. Each week, we'll publish a paragraph for your benefit and reflection. This week's Catechism paragraph is:

1427 Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." In the Church's preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life.

Code of Canon Law- Promulgated in 1983 by St. John Paul II, The Code of Canon Law contains the laws that govern the Holy Catholic Church including the Sacraments and parish life. This week's canon is:

Can. 959 In the sacrament of penance the faithful who confess their sins to a legitimate minister, are sorry for them, and intend to reform themselves obtain from God through the absolution imparted by the same minister forgiveness for the sins they have committed after baptism and, at the same, time are reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by sinning.

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – Jan. 14	\$7,674.00	\$227,343.81
St. John – Jan. 14	\$4,287.75	\$181,173.56

Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)
 Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$5,056.90**

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, Justin Aguilera, Maria y Ricardo Aguilar, Jayden Andrew, Nena Batista, John Belusko, Kathryn Campbell, Salomón Cárdenas, Daniel Centeno, Pat Clemente, Scott Day Greg Deville, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Paulina Figueroa, Stan Fimple, Mary Katherine Gracia, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorritis, Oscar González, James Grice, Todd Hachett, Monica Held, Cipriana Hernández, James Higbee, Larry Hoberock, Bob Kargel, Carol Kliesen Michael Knight, Phyllis Lambert, Lisa Larios, Mariela Latchman, Christopher Leffall, Anisa, Bernadette and Michael Magallanes, Luis Mendoza, Gerry & Sally Messbarger, Belinda Mooney, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nicholson, Mario Nieves, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Bethany Pate, John Penn, Dick Powell, Claudia Ramos, Larry Redburn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, Gloria Saar, James Scerine, Paul Schatz, Cara Shelton, Pat Sohrwide, Beth Stroud, Ray Tallent, Teddy Taylor, Pat Teller, Robby Tiedt, Hector Vivar, 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 Marjorie Feher.

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.

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

January 23 8:00am **Paul & Jean McMullen**
 January 24 8:00am **Luckey-Andrew Family –**
 Bobbie Andrew
 January 25 8:00am **†Bernie Kopel – Her Family**
 January 26 12:10pm **†Sandra Schatz –**
 Charles Schatz
 January 27 5:00pm **Mass for Health and Peace**
 January 28 8:00am **Pro Populo**
 10:00am **Mary Davenport –**
 Michelle Slovak
 1:00pm **For the Families of**
Parishioners

St. John the Evangelist

January 22 12:15pm **NO Mass**
 January 23 5:15pm **Christopher Lopez –**
 OSU Knights
 January 24 12:15pm
 January 25 5:15pm
 January 26 5:15pm **Michael Martin – OSU Knights**
 January 27 **No Saturday Mass**
 January 28 9:30am **Pro Populo**
 11:30am **Adam Pittman – OSU Knights**
 5:00pm **Returning Students**

Book of Innocents- The Catholic Community provides prayerful support for parishioners experiencing the loss of a child in the womb, at birth, or shortly after birth. The **“Book of the Innocents”**, located in Our Lady of Consolation Chapel at St. Francis, is for composing memories, poems or a few words about your child. This book can help facilitate healing by offering peace and wholeness in life's challenging sorrows.

HOSPITALITY

Join us for Coffee and Donuts TODAY! Coffee and Donuts at St. Francis after 8am and 10am Mass. St. John after 9:30am Mass.

Join us for Cindy Beckman's Retirement Reception – A Retirement reception honoring Cindy Beckman after 18 years of loyal service to the Stillwater Catholic Community will be on Saturday February 3 after the 5pm Mass in the Parish Hall. More details to follow.

2018 Catholic Extension Calendars are now available at St. Francis and St. John. Please take one per family.

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 or visit sfxstillwater.org.

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.)

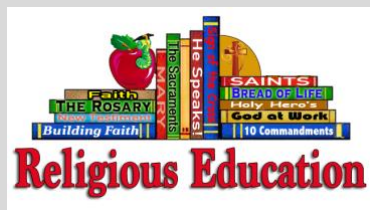
January 21, 2018
RE Classes from
11:15am to 12:30pm

First Communion Mini Retreat:

Please note the date change! The retreat will be **Sunday, February 4th**, during RE class time. This retreat is for the First Communion students and at least one parent/guardian. Effort should be made to attend. Attendance will be taken. Thank you!

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner –

The RE program along with Edge and CYO will have a pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00 pm. The dinner will take place in the St. Francis Parish Hall. We'll have lots of food and some crafts for the kids. Wear your favorite pajamas and join us for "breakfast"! More details and sign up coming soon.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

January 21
Confirmation
1130am to 1230pm

Edge 5 to 630pm
Life Teen 7 to 830pm

January 26
12pm High School Lunch
at the Albright's Barn
2615 E. McElroy Rd.



Adult Faith Formation

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.
The next class will be Jan. 24 at St. Francis in the Parish Hall from 7 to 8:45pm with Fr. O'Brien covering Penance & Anointing of the Sick. 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.

Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Grand Knight – Chris Stoner
texaok87@sbcglobal.net or 405-612-3135

Meetings are the second Monday of each month at **7:00 PM** in the basement of St. Francis Xavier.

Women's Lenten Retreat

Due to schedule of activities involving preparation for moving to the new church, the Ladies Lenten Retreat for 2018 is cancelled. Plan to attend the evening parish-wide retreat in late March....watch the bulletin.

Bible Study

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, started on January 9th at 1pm or 6:30pm and will continue every Tuesday for 5 weeks. For more information call Terri Schutte at 260-579-6464.

Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference 2018

Oklahoma Catholic women are invited to hear local and internationally known speakers at the 2018 Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference. The **11th Annual Conference will be held March 10th** at the new Edmond Conference Center at i-35 and Covell. The keynote speaker will include Immaculé Ilibagiza and Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda. The conference will include Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation. Registration is \$60 through March 1. Visit www.OCWConferece.com for more details.

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.**

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.

SERVICE

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - The next meeting is January 25 at 7pm in Rm 5 of the St. Francis Center.

Stewardship Council Meeting – The next working meeting is February 1 at 6pm at the Hampton Inn and Suites Board room on 6th and Country Club.

Calling all Vocalists - All St. John and St Francis vocalists are invited to participate in a music rehearsal at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, January 24, 2018, in the St. John Parish Hall. This rehearsal is to prepare the music for the dedication of the new church. All who enjoy singing are encouraged to attend this first rehearsal and join in song. It will be fun! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marilyn Middlebrook at pyt@okstate.edu or 405-612-0035.

Chili Supper to Benefit Birthright of Stillwater

The Knights of Columbus Council 5266 will be hosting a chili supper on Monday, February 12 from 5 to 7 pm in the St. Francis church basement. All you can eat chili with all the fixings for \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Everyone is welcome and proceeds from the dinner will go to Birthright of Stillwater. For more information contact Kem Kadavy at 405-612-4949.

NEW THIS YEAR!!!! 2018 Contribution Envelopes or Automatic Donation for St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Envelopes will be mailed directly to your home this year on a monthly basis. If you had envelopes or automatic draft set up at St. Francis in 2017, you should have received your first set of envelopes already. If you would like to use the envelope system or set up an automatic donation at St. Francis, please contact the parish office at 405-372-6886 or erin@sfxstillwater.org.

Interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning? Contact Daryl and Kathy Krehbiel at (405) 612-2005 or email at StillwaterNFP@aol.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 angie_mklday@yahoo.com.

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.

Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats –

A Spanish Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be offered on March 2-4 at Catholic Charities in Tulsa, OK. Fr. David Medina will be the priest and the therapist will be Martha Lievano-Stanton. There will also be a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offered in English on April 20-22 at Catholic Charities in Tulsa. Applications can be obtained at the St. Francis Parish Office or for more information, please contact Mary Lee Weaver at 918-508-7142 or marylee@cceok.org.

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Jesus proclaims today the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Jesus challenges us to accept a change of heart, to start believing and thinking differently. The Gospel asks us to take the focus off ourselves and away from self-concern, and place it on our brothers and sisters, especially those most broken and in need, and on our environment. We are called to be stewards of all God has created. This means that we are also called to work on God's behalf ensuring that all that God created and all who God created is cared for and protected.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Flu season arrived early this year in Oklahoma and has been deadly. The Oklahoma State Health Department released new numbers. Since September, there have been a total of 23 deaths and over 1,000 flu related hospitalizations.



Signs of the influenza (flu):

- Symptoms usually come on suddenly.
- Fever (usually high)
- Severe aches and pains in the joints and muscles (especially in the back)
- Generalized weakness
- Ill appearance with warm, flushed skin and red, watery eyes
- Headache
- Dry cough
- Sore throat and watery discharge from the nose or nasal congestion
- Vomiting or diarrhea is sometimes seen, particularly in children

Preventing the flu: Good health habits can help stop germs

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you or your child gets sick with a flu-like illness the CDC recommends staying home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or if not available use an alcohol-based hand rub
- •Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- •Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/flu

Everyday Stewardship

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

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