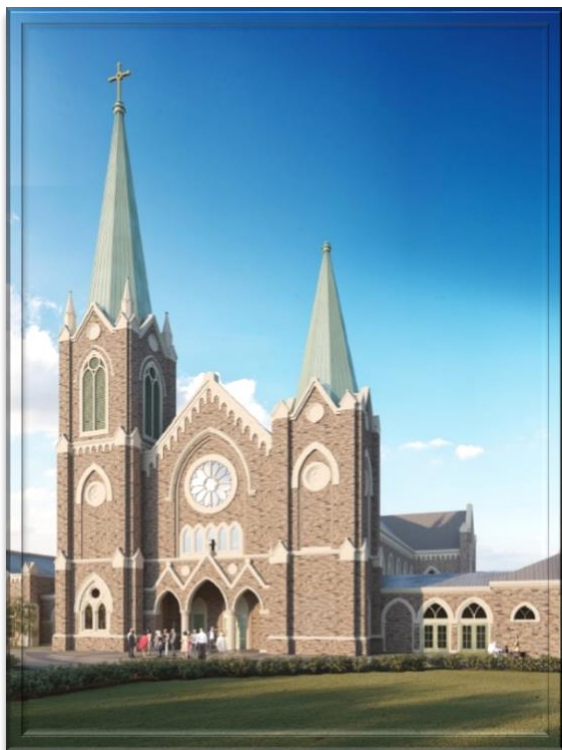


Stillwater Catholic Community

*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



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018

FAITH & WORKS APPEAL

The Diocese of Tulsa is doing some amazing things! Bishop Konderla is reaching out to rural areas like never before and we're seeing record interest in our youth programs, seminary trips, marriage preparation and outreach to the Hispanic community. During the weekend of February 4th, I'll be asking each household to consider a gift to the 2018 Faith & Works appeal "Transforming Lives Through Christ." That's what our diocese does every day and it's our responsibility to see that the good work being done can continue. The goal for the entire diocese is \$2.2M. Saint Francis Xavier's goal is \$41,846. Let's meet that and exceed it so Bishop Konderla and the great staff in Broken Arrow can do what needs to be done in supporting the parishes and growing our programs.

I'm giving \$500 to the effort. Will you join me?

-Father O'Brien

We are collecting old palms for ashes on Ash Wednesday. If you have any old Palms, there is a basket in the vestibule of St. Francis.

Bulletin submissions should be directed to erin@sfxstillwater.org by Wednesday at noon prior to the Sunday publication. Submissions are subject to editing. Graphics are appreciated and used if space permits.

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: 1st Friday after 12:10pm Mass
Reconciliation: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30pm & Sat. 3:00 – 4:30pm

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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

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All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. (Mk 1:27-28)

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:

1180 When the exercise of religious liberty is not thwarted, Christians construct buildings for divine worship. These visible churches are not simply gathering places but signify and make visible the Church living in this place, the dwelling of God with men reconciled and united in Christ.

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. 1217 1. As soon as possible after completion of the building, the new church is to be dedicated or at least blessed, following the laws of the sacred liturgy. 2. Churches, especially cathedrals and parish churches, are to be dedicated by solemn rite.

Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – Jan. 21	\$5,290.00	\$232,633.81
St. John – Jan. 21	\$5,072.00	\$186,245.56

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 Gorritiss, 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 Nichelson, 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.



† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

January 30 8:00am **Dcn. Bart and Connie Brashears – Bobbie Andrew**
 January 31 8:00am **Thanksgiving for Fr. Ken**
 February 1 8:00am **Thanksgiving for Fr. Ken**
 February 2 12:10pm **Luckey – Andrew Family – Bobbie Andrew**
 February 3 9:00am **Fr. Ken Harder – B. Andrew**
 5:00pm **Mary Catherine Diss**
 February 4 8:00am **Pro Populo**
 10:00am
 1:00pm

St. John the Evangelist

January 29 12:15pm **NO Mass**
 January 30 5:15pm **Joshua Votruba – OSU Knights**
 January 31 12:15pm
 February 1 5:15pm **Lisa Larios – OSU Knights**
 February 2 5:15pm **†Marjorie Feher – OSU Knights**
 February 3 **No Saturday Mass**
 February 4 9:30am
 11:30am **†Ward and Eilenne Gasche – Sandra Kilcrease**
 5:00pm **Pro Populo**

Please remember in your prayers all those currently serving our Country.

Please pray for the repose of All Souls, especially Marjorie Feher and John Taylor.

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.

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.



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. See bulletin insert.

22nd Annual Catholic Men's Conference March 03, 2018

The OSU Knights of Columbus invite all men of the Stillwater Catholic community to join us in attending this year's conference at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in Norman, OK. Join us to hear four great speakers telling us why we are **"CALLED TO BE SAINTS"**. Program includes breakfast and lunch, opportunity to visit Catholic vendors, speaker presentations, confessions, ending with Mass concelebrated by Most Rev. Paul S. Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City, Most Rev. David Konderla, Bishop of Tulsa, and Most Rev. Anthony Taylor, Bishop of Little Rock. Register online now at www.catholicmen.net Early Bird registration ends Feb. 05. Transportation available. Parish Contact is Greg Feher @405-747-4847.

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 28, 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.

RE "Packin' It Up!" Days

If you would like to help pack RE and preschool supplies to ready for our move to the new church, we will have packing days on Saturdays, February 10th and 24th from 10am-2pm. In addition, every Friday from 10am-12pm we will be sorting, cleaning, and packing items in the school building. All help is appreciated! Contact Sarah with any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

January 28

Confirmation
1130am to 1230pm

Edge 5 to 630pm
Life Teen 7 to 830pm

Feb. 1

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



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.

Adult Faith Formation

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

The next class will be Jan. 31 at St. Francis in the Parish Hall from 7 to 8:45pm covering Matrimony & Holy Orders. 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. RCIA at St. John is on Wednesday nights from 7pm to 8:30pm. For more details, please contact (405) 372-6408.

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 **7:00 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.

Faith and Froth at St. John

First Tuesday of each month starting Feb. 6
5:15pm Mass, 6pm Social, 6:30pm Talk

Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference 2018

The **11th Annual Conference** will be held **March 10th** at the new Edmond Conference Center at i-35 and Covell. Registration is \$60 through March 1. Visit www.OCWConferece.com for more details.

Prayer in the Directions

The second annual Prayer in the Four Directions Retreat by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City's American Indian Catholic Outreach and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Spiritual Center of Oklahoma will be March 3rd at Our Lady of the Lake Lodge, Guthrie. The theme is, "Being a Missionary Where You Are." Contact Deacon Roy Callison, American Indian Catholic Outreach Coordinator, (918) 822-3255.

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 TBD.

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.

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.

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_mklady@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. For more information, please contact Mary Lee Weaver at 918-508-7142 or marylee@cceok.org.

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Jesus had a way of amazing the crowds. There was something very different about not only what he taught but how he taught it. He brought an authority to what he said that gave it a credibility that was not experienced elsewhere. His words were not only prophetic but rang true to the experience of the people, especially those who were poor, marginalized, victimized, lost, or forgotten. Do Jesus' words ring true to you? The Gospel message transcends time and space and has a profound relevancy in every generation. Jesus is still trying to point us toward our truth and have us see and accept who we are in God. Are you ready to hear this? We are asked to bring credibility to this same Gospel message by how we live our lives.

Health and Wellness

Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252



Handwashing is like a "do-it-yourself" vaccine—it involves five simple and effective steps (**Wet, Lather, Scrub, Rinse, Dry**) you

can take to reduce the spread of illness so you can stay healthy. Regular handwashing, is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others.

Handwashing is a win for everyone, except the germs.

1. **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), and apply soap.
2. **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
5. **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Hand sanitizers may not be as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy or to remove harmful chemicals, like pesticides and heavy metals, from hands.

Studies have shown that handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related illnesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu. www.cdc.gov

***Flu update as of 1/25/2018. There have been over 2000 hospitalizations and 74 influenza-associated deaths this season in Oklahoma.

Everyday Stewardship

When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today.

Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact the most those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts.

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