

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 of Lent March 4, 2018

The Dedication of our new
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is NEXT SUNDAY!!

The Dedication Mass will begin at 9:00 am.
A nursery will be available.

There will be Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent
at 3:00 and 5:00 pm (Spanish)

**The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass will be the final Mass held
at the church on West St.**

Remember to set your clocks ahead on March 11.

The St. Francis Xavier Parish Office is updating calendars and preparing for the move to our new facility. If you lead a ministry, Bible study or other event that is recurring or planned to be at the new church facilities, please contact Lori at the office to submit and ensure your event details are included on our parish calendar. Thank you!

Bulletin submissions should be directed to lori@sfxstillwater.org by Monday 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

Rev. Brian O'Brien – Pastor † frobrien@sfxstillwater.org
Vic Schutte – Director of Operations † vic@sfxstillwater.org
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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

Rev. Kerry Wakulich-Pastor † frwakulich@gmail.com
Rev. Lawrence Nwachukwu - Assoc. Pastor †
Kathleen Walker – Business Manager †
Cathy Perry – Campus Ministry Director †
Matt Bond – Campus Ministry Development Director †
Marilyn Middlebrook – Music Ministry †

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The second collection for Solidarity with Foreign Churches scheduled for March 11 has been rescheduled for March 25.

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:

2056 The word "Decalogue" means literally "ten words." God revealed these "ten words" to his people on the holy mountain. They were written "with the finger of God," unlike the other commandments written by Moses. They are pre-eminently the words of God. They are handed on to us in the books of *Exodus* and *Deuteronomy*. Beginning with the Old Testament, the sacred books refer to the "ten words," but it is in the New Covenant in Jesus Christ that their full meaning will be revealed.

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. 986 §1. All to whom the care of souls has been entrusted in virtue of some function are obliged to make provision so that the confessions of the faithful entrusted to them are heard when they reasonably seek to be heard and that they have the opportunity to approach individual confession on days and at times established for their convenience.

Readings for the Week of March 4, 2018	
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35 Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Parish Contributions		
Fiscal Year: 7/1/2017-6/30/2018		
	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – Feb. 25	\$6,270.23	\$277,219.70
St. John – Feb. 25	\$2,591.10	\$211,449.41
Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/18-12/31/18)		
Annual Goal: \$4,260	Received to date: \$608.00	
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, Jaden Andrew, Nena Batista, John Belusko, Kathryn Campbell, Salomón Cárdenas, Daniel Centeno, Pat Clemente, Cozart Family, Greg Deville, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Paulina Figueroa, Stan Fimple, Mary Katherine Gracia, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorrittis, Oscar González, James Grice, Todd Hachett, Anne Haney, Shirley Harrington, Monica Heid, Cipriana Hernández, James Higbee, Mona Johnson, Bob Kargel, Carol Kliesen, Phyllis Lambert, Lisa Larios, Mariela Latchman, Christopher Leffall, Anisa, Bernadette and Michael Magallanes, Luis Mendoza, Gerry & Sally Messbarger, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mario Nieves, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Bethany Pate, John Penn, Severina Ponce, Dick Powell, Claudia Ramos, Larry Redburn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, 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

March 6 8:00am
 March 7 8:00am Luckey-Andrew Family-Bobbie Andrew
 March 8 8:00am
 March 9 12:10pm † Father Bob Schlitt-the Parish
 March 10 5:00pm
 March 11 9:00am **For the People St. Francis**
 3:00 pm
 5:00pm

St. John the Evangelist

March 5 12:15pm
 March 6 5:15pm **Ron Petrin-OSU Knights**
 March 7 12:15pm
 9:00pm
 March 8 5:15pm
 March 9 5:15pm
 March 10 **No Saturday Mass**
 March 11 9:30am
 11:30am
 5:00pm **Pro Populo**

Please remember in your prayers all those currently serving our Country. Please pray for the repose of All Souls.



Join us for Stations of the Cross at St. Francis every Friday at 11:30am, 6pm and 7:30pm (Spanish). Lenten Dinners will follow the 6pm Stations.

Join us for Stations of the Cross at St. John every Friday at 6 pm. The 6 pm Stations and Dinner on March 9th will be at St. John only.

HOSPITALITY

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

Lenten Dinners will follow the 6pm Stations of the Cross every Friday at St. Francis Xavier. Thank you to the Music Ministry for hosting this past Lenten Dinner. Please note this week's Stations of the Cross at 6pm and 7:30 pm (Spanish) will be at St. John. The Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry following the 6pm Stations.

FORMATION

Youth Formation - Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Sarah Dorman, RE Coordinator – crepek-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.)

March 4, 2018

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

Walking Stations of the Cross – TODAY! Join us directly following RE (12:30 pm) for lunch in the St. Francis Parish Hall and the Stations of the Cross. Please bring your own picnic lunch-drinks and dessert provided. The Stations of the Cross will take place outside on the St. Francis lawn and playground area.

First Communion Banners – Banners need to be turned in to the RE office by Sunday, April 8, 2018.

There will be no RE classes on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Confirmation
11:30am - 12:30pm
Edge 5 – 6:30pm
Life Teen 7 – 8:30pm

T-shirt Fundraiser—The youth are selling t-shirts commemorating the dedication of the new St. Francis Xavier Parish. For more information, see one of our youth or contact Ashleigh.

No Confirmation class on March 11.

LifeTeen and EDGE will have class in the youth lounge on March 11.

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 Mar. 7 at St. Francis in the Parish Hall from 7 to 8:45pm covering A(n Authentic) Love That Lasts 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.

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS?

We are conducting a poll to find out if there are members of our parishes who anticipate having transportation issues in getting to Mass regularly after we move to the new church. If you feel you will need assistance in attending regular Sunday Masses after March 11, please contact Judith Cronk at 405-269-1229 or judyklynne@yahoo.com

Faith and Froth at St. John

1st Tuesday of each month
5:15pm Mass, 6pm Social, 6:30pm Talk
Details, visit catholicpokes.com.

Adult Bible Study

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. St. Francis Xavier Parish will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on Tuesday, March 13 at 1:00pm or 6:30pm. We will meet in our new Parish Hall! You can sign up by email to Terri Schutte at terri.schutte4@gmail.com or call at 260-579-6464. I will be ordering a color-coded *Bible Timeline* Chart, and a Bible study workbook for \$19.95 for each participant that registers by March 6.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Knights of Columbus scholarship applications and renewals are now available. If you are a Knight of Council 5266 or the child of a Knight of the council, graduating high school this year and planning on furthering your education, you are eligible! Contact Maury Campbell at 714-0975 or mlcampbell7587@sbcglobal.net.
Applications due April 18th

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.**

CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP IS BACK!!

For all children 6th – 8th grade there will be "Into the Deep" Catholic Youth Camp at Lake Wister State Park July 23 – 27, 2018. The cost is \$200.
For more information, contact youth.office@dioceseoftulsa.org or 918-307-4907.

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 will be in April. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Stewardship Council Meeting – Watch the bulletin for more details on the next meeting.

Stillwater Catholic Women – Next Meeting will be Monday, March 19 at 6:30pm in the New St. Francis Parish Hall.

Stillwater Catholic Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 6 from 3 to 7pm. Look for the Bloodmobile at St. Francis (601 S. West St.). To Schedule your appointment, contact Judi Kastl at 405-747-5099 or visit obi.org. Walk-ins Welcome.

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS - If you are a Catholic adult who desires to deepen your relationship with Christ and neighbor, then this is your opportunity! Cursillo is a movement of the Catholic Church that teaches a method to grow in holiness, continued spiritual formation and to live the New Evangelization. Upcoming Cursillo Weekends are scheduled for: English Men on April 5-8, English Women on April 12-15 both at St. Anthony Parish, Okmulgee. For more information, please visit www.tulsacursillo.com or contact Mark Concienne at MarkConcienne@gmail.com or [918-633-5562](tel:918-633-5562)

If you are a Cursillista who would like to serve on the upcoming teams please contact Curtis at cusimms@yahoo.com or Jennifer at jahermba@yahoo.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_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.

CRS Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule at St. Francis. CRS Rice Bowl serves people in Iraq, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Malawi, and many other countries around the world. And Lenten Sacrifices placed in your CRS Rice Bowls also help communities in the United States. 25% of your Rice Bowl gifts support projects in your local community.

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

If we continue to journey through life without genuine self-knowledge, without knowing how our relationships ought to be ordered and what truth is, the path we walk will always be only dimly lit. In fact, when we make the wrong choices or find ourselves forgetting who we are, we can easily find ourselves in darkness. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”* Jesus is the light that came into the darkness. It is not enough for us to simply believe that Jesus is the Christ but we must live our lives in witness to this truth. The choices we make and the priorities we establish are going to either speak of someone who really does not care, someone who is confused, or someone who is wholeheartedly convinced of God's love. Which are you?

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Why is it important to find colorectal cancer early?

- Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. It's expected to cause over **50,000 deaths during 2018**.
- It can take as many as 10 to 15 years for a polyp to develop into colorectal cancer.
- Regular screening can often prevent colorectal cancer by finding and removing polyps before they have the chance to turn into cancer.
- Screening can also often find colorectal cancer early, when it might be easier to treat.
- When colorectal cancer is found at an early stage before it has spread, the 5-year relative survival rate is about 90%. When cancer has spread outside the colon or rectum, survival rates are lower.
- Starting at age 50, men and women at *average risk* for developing colorectal cancer should have a colorectal cancer screening.
- If you are at an increased or high risk of colorectal cancer, you might need to start colorectal cancer screening before age 50 and/or be screened more often. For more information: www.cancer.org. We also recommend discussing colorectal cancer screening with your primary care provider.



St. Francis Xavier is hiring for the position of Preschool Director!

We will open our doors in August 2018 in a beautiful new building and we need a dedicated Catholic educator to lead the charge. For more information and to see the job description please go to our website at www.sfxstillwater.org/job-opportunities.