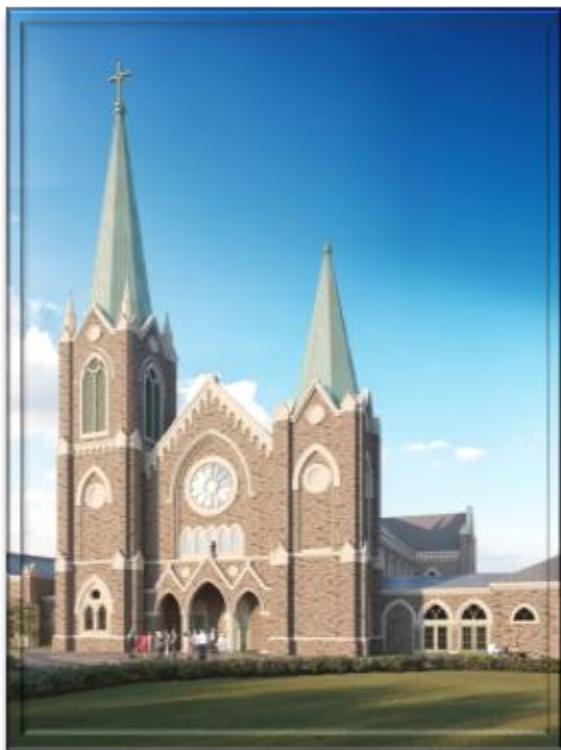


Stillwater Catholic Community

Serving St. Francis Xavier and St. John the Evangelist Parishes
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. Ken Harder, AJV, JCL - St. Francis
Fr. Kerry Wakulich - St. John
Fr. Emeritus Jim Greiner
Deacon Bart Brashears
Deacon Glenn Collum
Deacon Paul Govek
Deacon Tom Haan



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 16, 2017

Litany of the Way, Prayer for the Journey

As Jesus sought the quiet of the desert, teach us to pray.

As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, teach us to love.

As Jesus promised paradise to the thief on the cross, teach us to hope.

As Jesus called Peter to walk to him across the water, teach us to believe.

As the child Jesus sat among the elders in the temple, teach us to seek answers.

As Jesus in the garden opened his mind and heart to God's will, teach us to listen.

As Jesus reflected on the Law and the prophets, teach us to learn.

As Jesus used parables to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom, teach us to teach.

(From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers)

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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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~St. John Parish Office Closed Easter Monday, April 17th~

Worship Schedule

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm (Student)
Daily Mass: Mon. 12:15pm & Wed. 12:15pm & 9:00pm (Student)
Tues., Thurs. & Friday – 5:15pm
Holy Days: 12:15pm & 6:30pm
Adoration: Tues – Friday 8:00 – 9:00am
Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00pm
Reconciliation: Tues – Friday 8:00 – 9:00am
Sat. 4:30 – 5:30pm
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“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” (Mt 28:5b-7)

HOSPITALITY

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

20th Anniversary of Deaconate Ordination: All are invited to join us for a Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Deaconate Ordination of Deacon Paul Govek and Deacon Tom Haan on Tuesday April 25th at St. John. Mass starts at 5:15pm and a reception will follow. Please RSVP to saintfrancis@brightok.net or 405-372-6886.

Come pray the Rosary: The Hispanic Community invites all parishioners to join them at St. Francis to pray a bilingual holy rosary every Thursday at 6:00pm for the recovery of Fr. Ken Harder and all those in need of healing.

Congratulations to all the St. Francis/St. John RCIA Catechumens and Candidates becoming new members of our Church and congratulations to all the Catholics being Confirmed this Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 15th.

May the Easter season bring you peace and joy to last a lifetime!

Catechumens: Saydee Adams, Decheyna Bartholomew, Lori Christian, Ledino Cook, Mike Dale, Isabel Horton, Chris Petrin, Coby Rilee.

Candidates: Josh Brewer, Bodie Chance, Cameron Cremin, Caleb Fitzgerald, Ashley Fitzsimmons, Aeryanna Gruenwald, Janine Hunt, Dalton Kilman, Collen Maher, Anne Mahoney Julia Meier, Kennedy Pate, Arthur Ray, Evan Rush, Maggie Walter, Robert Walter.

Catholics for Confirmation: Luis Anguiano, Sage Becker, Beau Blanchard, Chris Gaffney, Andrés Guerrero-Criado, Jay Kuruvilla, Will Littlefield, Maura Loyola, Raegan McKee, Laura Ruiz, Alexis Sadeghy, Emily Thomas, Angela Walter. Thomas Zacher.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Pre-K to 5th grade)

Sarah Dorman – crepek-5@brightok.net
(405) 372-7987

Sunday, April 16 – NO RE Classes today! Happy Easter! **Easter Egg Hunt** for children after the 10am Mass at SFSJ preschool playground. Bring your baskets!! Thank you, Catholic Youth for providing this fun event!

Rice Bowls are due back to the RE office April 23. Thank you for supporting our Lenten Service Project.

First Communion: St. John, April 23 at 9:30am Mass. St. Francis, April 29 at 5:00pm Mass and in Spanish, April 30 at 1:00pm Mass.

Youth Ministry (6th to 12th grade)

Ashleigh Martin – catholicyouth@brightok.net
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Sunday, April 16 - NO classes today, Happy Easter! **Easter Egg Hunt** after the 10am Mass at SFSJ preschool playground (inside the school if it rains).

Saturday, April 22 - Junior High/Edge will meet at El Tapatio (1711 N. Boomer Rd., by the High School) at 5:30 for dinner, then go to the roller dome (1519 Cimarron Plaza). Pick up at the Roller Dome at 8:30 pm. Cost is \$17 per person (for dinner and skating), please RSVP to Ashleigh Martin at catholicyouth@brightok.net or 405-269-3786 by April 20.

Saturday, April 22-Sunday, April 23 - Bake Sale after all St. Francis/St. John Masses to benefit the youth attending the Steubenville Conference this summer. Please come out and help support our youth.



Adult Formation

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Begin the Journey to study the Catholic Faith! All are welcome to participate in this study! The next class is at 7pm on April 19th and will cover A Catholic Moral Vision. Please contact Dcn. Paul Govek at (405) 377-7322 or Kimberly Williams (918) 230-4959 for more information.

Bible Studies:

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study at 9:15am at St. John in the Lounge. Please contact Lisa Carney at (405) 743-8142 for more information.

Matthew: The King of His Kingdom Bible Study at St. Francis in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 1pm and 6:30pm. For information or to register for this study, contact Terri Schutte at (260) 579-6464.

FORMED – Formed is like Netflix for Catholics! So many useful resources. Logon to FORMED.org with our parish code: e4623f.

Preschool News and Activities

Maggie Beckham, Director – (405) 624-3450

Easter Egg Hunt is Monday, April 17th during normal outdoor times for each class.

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

Purchase chances to win a beautiful *Blue Nile Channel Cut 18K Gold Diamond Ring!* Retail Value - \$1400 \$10 for (1); \$15 for (2) or \$20 for (3) chances to win this gorgeous ring! Purchase your tickets at the school beginning APRIL 17TH!

April 21st is Oklahoma Land Run Day at the Preschool!

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Alleluia, the Lord is risen! Mary of Magdala went to Jesus' tomb and found that it was empty. She was the first witness of the Resurrection and announced the empty tomb to other disciples. We are called to be witnesses too. Can you imagine the joy the disciples experienced when they realized that Jesus was actually raised from the dead? Sometimes our faith in the Resurrection can run lukewarm. We don't fully doubt that Jesus was raised but we aren't fully convinced either. Once we become convinced our lives, no matter where our roads take us, will automatically radiate with joy.

Like Mary, we are called to then share that joy with others so that they may realize that it is the Lord and come to believe.

Baptism Preparation Class:

If you are a parent or god-parent, Baptism classes are offered once a month and conducted by a Deacon at the St. Francis/St. John School (602 S. West St.). The class this month will be on April 18th at 7pm. To register, please call the parish office at (405) 372-6886.

SERVICE

Liturgical Ministers— Thank you for your time and service at the celebration of Mass. We truly appreciate each of you! The St. Francis Liturgical Ministry schedule will be available in the vestibule or online. The St. John Liturgical Ministry schedule will be available in the lobby. If you need more information, please contact your Parish Office.

The Church Women United (CWU) spring luncheon is scheduled for Friday, April 21st at 12pm at the First United Methodist Church. Cost is \$8 and you may pay at the door; but you must make a reservation by April 17th. Reservations are made by contacting Sandrel Jones-Webster at 405-334-9200 or sandrel57@hotmail.com.

Stillwater Catholic Women- It's time to begin planning for the Bazaar and future activities. Please join us for a meeting on Monday, April 24 at 6:30pm in the St. John Parish Hall.

May is Mental Health Month. As a kickoff of the commemoration of May as Mental Health Month; the Stillwater Catholic Parish Knights of Columbus Councils 5622 and 11135, have partnered with the Stillwater chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness to offer a "Family Pizza Night" with a screening of, *MINDS ON THE EDGE: Facing Mental Illness*, a Fred Friendly Seminar produced for PBS, will introduce Mental Illness issues for a panel discussion co-led by Retired OSU President and Oklahoma Senator, James Halligan, PhD. with Parish Nurse Brandi Bishop, RN. Join us April 27th at 6:30pm in the SFSJ School building (602 S. West St.). Childcare will be provided.

Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Scholarships are available – Children of a Knight that are graduating high school this year, may apply for a scholarship through Council 5266. New and Renewal applications are available by contacting Maury Campbell at (405) 714-0975. Applications are due April 18th.



The Love Challenge – The Knights have accepted *The Love Challenge* with the Center of Family Love which means our Parish has a goal of raising \$10,000 by April 30th for our friend Jon and his home at the Center of Family Love. We have adopted Jon and he needs our help and support. Checks may be made out to the Center of Family Love and dropped off at the Parish Office. For more detailed information, please contact Chris Knight at (405) 612-0015.

Milton L. Highberger Memorial Foundation – College Scholarships available for Catholic students! Deadline for submitting applications is May 1st. Applications are available in the vestibule at St. Francis or you may contact Patty Wanger at wpw@suddenlink.net for more details.

Parish Council- During Fr. Ken's absence, the members of the council will continue to meet once a month to discuss parish business. The next meeting is May 11th at 7pm in Rm. 5 of the St. Francis/St. John School.

Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services- The bowls can be turned back into the St. Francis Parish Office Monday, April 17th. To donate online, please visit www.csricebowl.org/give.

Parish Nurse Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Thousands of Oklahoma children suffer abuse and neglect each year. According to a report by the Oklahoma State Department of Human Services, in 2016 there were 15,187 substantiated child abuse and neglect victims in Oklahoma. These statistics are a reminder that every possible effort needs to be made in preventing child abuse in Oklahoma.

Every person in Oklahoma who has reason to believe that a child under 18 has been abused or neglected or is in danger of being abused or neglected is required by law to promptly make a report. Failure to report child abuse is a misdemeanor offense. A person who reports suspected abuse in "good faith" is immune from criminal or civil liability.

If you suspect abuse or neglect, call your local Department of Human Services 405-707-3700 or the Oklahoma Child Abuse Hotline: **1-800-522-3511**. If the child is in imminent danger, contact **911** or local law enforcement. www.childwelfare.gov

Seasons of Hope Grief Group- A support group for those who have lost a loved one will meet April 23rd, April 30th and May 7th from 2- 4 pm at the CYO house 717 S. Hester. Please notify Brandi Bishop, RN, Parish Nurse, at 405-269-2252 or email bmb29@hotmail.com by April 16th if you are interested in joining.

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

Everyday Stewardship

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: *what!?* It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean when you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it *does* make a difference.

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