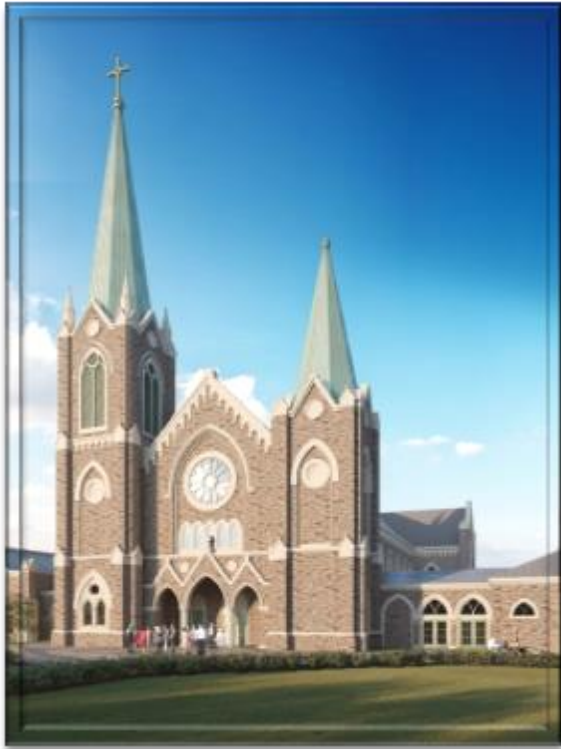


# Stillwater Catholic Community

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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Deacon Glenn Collum  
Deacon Paul Govek  
Deacon Tom Haan



## Fifth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2017

### Happy Mother's Day

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace.

Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers.

Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood.

May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mother's day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you... In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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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 Student Center will be closed May 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Worship Schedule

**Sunday** 9:30am, 11:30am  
**Daily Mass:** Mon. 12:15pm & Wed. 12:15pm  
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  
Sunday 3:45 – 4:45pm

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*"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." (Jn 14:2-3)*



**Gospel Meditation** - *"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do."* What were the works that Jesus did? Miracles, sometimes, but what were the essence of these miracles? Caring for the sick, comforting the sorrowful, feeding the hungry ... much of Jesus' ministry was spent in carrying out what we call the works of mercy. But he did more than that; he also preached and publicly shared the good news, he fostered fellowship and community, and he prayed. All of this makes a kind of plan of action for us as Christians. As Jesus says today, if we truly believe in him, we will follow in his footsteps and do these same things.

What this all suggests is that belief itself—having faith, being Christian—is only part of the picture. Jesus expects us to take this faith and put it into concrete, practical action. Apparently, this goes hand in hand with real faith. If actions don't follow, then faith is not being lived to its fullest.

This of course presents a real challenge. Our lives are busy and our plates are full, just with the tasks and demands of daily existence. It can seem like a burden to serve others, to share the Gospel, to be actively involved in a faith community, to find time to pray. But these are meant to be priorities for true disciples of Christ. And as many will testify, when we sincerely ask God to help us get our priorities in order, he has a way of miraculously multiplying our time. Somehow, we find the opportunities right before us to follow God's will and bring our faith to life. That simple prayer of asking for help may be where we need to start. The first step is not so much to fill our calendar as to fill our hearts, or just to pray that God will fill our hearts, with the desire to *"do the works"* of Jesus.

### Readings for the Week of May 14, 2017

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12  
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

### Parish Contributions

Fiscal Year: 7/1/2016-6/30/2017

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
<b>St. Francis – May 7</b>	<b>\$5,401.00</b>	
<b>St. Francis Automatics</b>	<b>\$5,340.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,741.00</b>	<b>\$315,000.00</b>
<b>St. John - May 7</b>	<b>\$6,265.00</b>	
<b>ST. John Automatics</b>	<b>\$4,700.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,965.00</b>	<b>\$319,827.72</b>

**Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)**

Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$2,385.00**

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

### PRAYER

We started a new prayer list so 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:

Jaden Andrew, Emma Bisges, John Belusko, Nan Bokorney, Barbara Bradley, Susie Causley, Pake Mercer Clinesmith, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Stan Fimple, Joe Haney, Fr. Ken Harder, Bob Kargel, The Bob Kerntke Family, Phyllis Lambert, Kathryn Lovell, Tim Mongin, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nicholson, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Raine Family, Danielle Robinson, Paul Schatz, Diana Sargent and Family, Pat Sohrawide, Amy Bell Tidland, Teddy & Dick Taylor, Ernest Trojan, Rosanne Trompler, Anne and Joe Zinn, Marge Zoellner, and those receiving care from Stephen Ministry.



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

Please pray for the repose of all Souls.

**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

May 16 8:00am †Ellie DeGeorge  
 – Skip DeGeorge  
 May 17 8:00am  
 May 18 8:00am †Frances Fusselman  
 – Bobbie Andrew  
 May 19 12:10pm **Communion Service**  
 May 20 5:00pm **Fr. Ken**  
 May 21 8:00am **Pro Populo**  
 10:00am **For the Families of the Parish**  
 1:00pm **For Deceased Family Members and Friends**

#### St. John the Evangelist

May 15 12:15pm **No Mass**  
 May 16 5:15pm **No Mass**  
 May 17 12:15pm **No Mass**  
 May 18 5:15pm **No Mass**  
 May 19 5:15pm **No Mass**  
 May 20 **No Saturday Mass**  
 May 21 9:30am **Ann Zinn** – The Perkins Family  
 11:30am

### 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.



### Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

"Let yourself be built into a spiritual house." These words are found in today's second reading. Are we willing to take up this challenge? Being built into a spiritual house means that I am willing to be shaped, constructed, stretched, changed, and designed. Growth involves many challenges and a lot of pain. It is not easy allowing my humanness to be transformed into the divine, and trusting God to do the work. Life's issues can easily cause us to try to control the uncontrollable and to become overly anxious when confronted with life and death issues. Yet Jesus tells his followers, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." For those willing to be stretched and shaped into the spiritual dwelling they are meant to be, these words can be reassuring and lead to greater trust.

## HOSPITALITY



**Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers of our Catholic Community!**  
**We wish you a blessed day.**

*Her children rise up and call her blessed.  
Proverbs 31:28*

**Welcome to Fr. Lawrence Nwachukwu, the new Associate Pastor at St. John.**

**Join us for Coffee and Donuts!** Coffee and Donuts at St. John after the 9:30am Mass  
NO Coffee and Donuts at St. Francis Today!

**There is NO Knights of Columbus Breakfast** this weekend at St. Francis. Please join us for the next breakfast June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Spanish classes for Adults** – Please call Luz Flores (405-742-8985) 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.

**Congratulations to all those graduating from Oklahoma State University this weekend!**

*“Be Strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*



## FORMATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sarah Dorman – [creprek-5@brightok.net](mailto:creprek-5@brightok.net)  
(405) 372-7987

**Vacation Bible School:** Cave Quest VBS - Following Jesus the Light of the World! June 26-29, 2017 from 9am to noon. VBS celebration party Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. **Pre-enrollment beginning soon!** Interested in volunteering? Contact Sarah at 372-7987 or [creprek-5@brightok.net](mailto:creprek-5@brightok.net).

**Vacation Bible School Decoration Making Days:** We will meet June 7<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in the RE building at 10am to plan and make decorations for our fun VBS! All help and ideas welcome!

**Totus Tuus:** The program will be held July 9 - 14, 2017. The 1st-6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will meet Monday through Friday from 9am-3pm. The older students will begin meeting Sunday evening.

### Youth Ministry (6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Ashleigh Martin –  
[catholicyouth@brightok.net](mailto:catholicyouth@brightok.net)  
(405) 269-3786

### Attention all High school Seniors!!!

There will be a Graduation Mass on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am at St. Francis with a reception after Mass. Please contact Ashleigh Martin if you plan to participate.



### Adult Formation

#### Grow Closer to God through Mary

Pope Francis has encouraged the Church to look to Mary as the Mother of Mercy, by praying, “Gazing toward you, our Immaculate Mother, we recognize the victory of divine mercy over sin and over all its consequences. May it reignite us in the hope of a better life, free from slavery, resentments, and fear.”

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Mary in Fatima, Portugal

In 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared before three young shepherds in a small village in Fatima, Portugal. During the culmination of six visits, Mary asked them to make a sacrifice for the sins of the world and the conversion of sinners, urging them to warn the world, but convey hope that prayer and sacrifice can achieve world peace. The greatest effect of the apparition has been the ever-increasing devotion to the Rosary and prayer for the conversion of Russia that Our Lady emphasized.

**Want to Grow Closer to God Through Mary?** Download the free app, *365 Days with Mary*, on your android or apple smart phone. Use the content for daily reflection on growing in mercy through prayer and reflection on Mary's example. The app includes, daily quotes, prayers, book excerpts, Marian reflections and much more.

**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

**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 17<sup>TH</sup>!  
**Proceeds will benefit our Catholic Preschool.**

**Join us May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for the Preschool Graduation and Annual Fundraiser.** Graduation will be in the church followed by a reception, ice cream social and Silent Auction at the School.

**SFSJ Preschool is accepting enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year** for children 1-5 years of age. For more information, please contact Maggie Beckham at (405) 624-3450.

### 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 May Class will be May 18<sup>th</sup> in Rm. 6 at 7:30pm. 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 Annual Mother's Day Collection benefits Birthright of Stillwater** – For more than 40 years, Birthright of Stillwater has been dedicated to helping mothers and their babies. Your gift helps provide all the free services offered by Birthright, including pregnancy tests, clothing, diapers, counseling and more. Please make checks payable to Birthright of Stillwater and place in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Lori Wieder at 377-5683!

**St. John Women's Guild** will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 16 in the St. John parish hall for their last meeting. Please come and enjoy the evening with us. If you have questions, please call Rose Wilkinson at 377-7593.

**Evangelization Team** – Join us in our efforts to continue Pope Francis' evangelization program. Place names of people for the evangelization team to visit in the Drop Box in the vestibule at St. Francis. For more info - [stillwatercatholicsreturn@gmail.com](mailto:stillwatercatholicsreturn@gmail.com).



**Food Backpack Program** – The backpack program is designed to ensure that every child in need from Stillwater Middle School has nutritional food to eat on the weekend while away from school. Help feed a hungry Stillwater Middle School child on the weekends for an entire year for an average cost of

\$175/year. If you want to sponsor a child, contact us today. All donations are welcome! Checks can be made payable to St. Francis Xavier Church/backpack program. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (405) 372-6886.

**Stephen Ministry** – You Can Help! You are the front lines of the caring ministry in our parish. Throughout the week, as you meet and greet those around you, think Stephen Ministry. If you see people who are downcast or struggling through difficult times, think Stephen Ministry. Tell them about the special ministry in our parish where they can receive the extra love and care they need to make it through the challenge or crisis they are facing. Please contact Angela Pradia at (405)762-9405 or Mary Ellen Holley at (405)762-9357 or email [stephenministrystw@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenministrystw@yahoo.com).

**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 June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Rm. 5 of the St. Francis/St. John School.

### Knights of Columbus Council 5266

**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 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.



### Knights of Columbus Council #11135

**Enter to Win!** One family from our Stillwater Catholic Community will have an expense paid trip to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference being held in Wichita, KS August 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Draw date is June 16. Previous winners are welcome to enter. One entry per family please. Brochures are available in the vestibule. Sponsored by the OSU Student KofC Council #11135. For more information contact KofC Greg Feher @ 405-747-4847.

## Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

### Happy Mother's Day

We encourage moms to make their health a priority. While being a mother means caring for others, here are a few things moms can do to take care of themselves.

**Eat healthy** - Healthy diets rich in fruits and vegetables provide essential vitamins and minerals that reduce the risk of cancer and other chronic diseases.

**Move more** - Add physical activity to your life; it's one of the most important things you can do for your health. Benefits include:

- Control your weight
- Reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease
- Reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes
- Reduce your risk of some cancers
- Strengthen your bones and muscles
- Improve your mental health and mood
- Improve your ability to do daily activities and prevent falls
- Increase your chances of living longer
- Walk, run, dance, bike, swim, garden, or do anything else that will help you get the recommended minimum 2½ hours of moderate physical activity each week.

**Sleep well** - Insufficient sleep is associated with a number of chronic diseases and conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and depression.

**Manage stress** - Best ways to manage stress are through self-care:

- Avoid drugs and alcohol
- Find support
- Stay active

For more information visit [womenshealth.gov](http://womenshealth.gov)

**Healthy Brain, Healthy Mind** is a free 4 week program, developed within the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Department of Geriatric Medicine. The class is designed to help individuals understand the many different techniques that help maintain a healthy brain which is vital for good mental health. Through class discussion and participation those who take this class will learn more than a dozen ways to improve their mental and physical health. Healthy Brain, Healthy Mind workbook included. To register, call Maricela at 405-271-6424 or email [centralOHAI@ouhsc.edu](mailto:centralOHAI@ouhsc.edu). Any questions please contact Brandi Bishop, RN Parish Nurse 405-269-2252 or [bmb29@hotmail.com](mailto:bmb29@hotmail.com).

### Everyday Stewardship

What do you think is the value of your stewardship? Do you believe that through your actions both great and small that God can touch people, heal them, and change their lives? Too often we can mistakenly assume that what we do, say, or offer can have little effect in the grand scheme of life. We are simply poor sinners in need of salvation so what could we do anyway?

Jesus speaks very powerfully to what can be done by those who believe in him and follow him. He says in John's Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Greater ones than these? Think about all the miracles of Jesus recorded in sacred Scripture. You and I can do works greater than those?

St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are Christ to a world that needs him. It is the Christ in you that responds to the Christ in me. If it were only you alone going about doing good works and deeds, then your stewardship would amount to little. But if you bear the name Christian, and you approach your discipleship seriously, you can truly do greater things. If you understand your stewardship as a way that Jesus works in our world, then this way of life, cultivating and sharing your gifts at every turn, becomes more valuable than all the gold in the world.