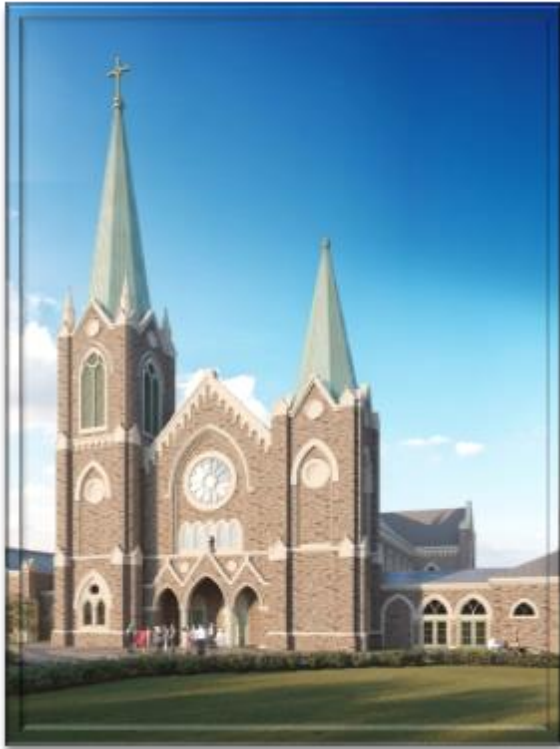


Stillwater Catholic Community

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. 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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

*God, my Father,
may I love You in all things and above all things.
May I reach the joy which You have
prepared for me in Heaven.
Nothing is good that is against Your Will,
and all that is good comes from Your Hand.
Place in my heart a desire to please You
and fill my mind with thoughts of Your Love,
so that I may grow in Your Wisdom and enjoy Your Peace.*

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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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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
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“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.” (Jn 14:15-17)



Gospel Meditation - "If you love me you will keep my commandments." It's really as simple as that. We are only paying lip service to the Lord if we externally declare ourselves to be Christians but don't follow through on a life that confirms it.

In our modern culture, we often think of love as a feeling or a kind of devotion. It is thus all too common to separate love from appropriate action. Perhaps we reassure ourselves that we love Jesus because we believe that he is the Son of God and our personal Savior. But these thoughts—or even any grateful or pleasant feelings that come along with them—are not the fullest manifestation of real love. Rather, as Jesus tells us directly in today's Gospel, "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

Now, for those of us who may be asking what exactly these commandments are, it's helpful to remember Jesus' response when he was questioned on the subject. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37-39). These fundamental principles embrace everything that Jesus calls us to do. If we put God first and foremost in our lives, and if we treat our neighbors as we would wish to be treated, then all the rest falls into place. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and any other fundamental Christian codes of behavior are all summed up here. Indeed, if we truly seek to love Jesus, putting him first and following his ways won't feel like a burden but rather like a beautiful blessing.

Readings for the Week of May 21, 2017

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 or Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – May 14 Birthright	\$4,204.00	\$319,204.00
St. John - May 14 Birthright	\$4,321.00	\$324,148.72
	\$726.00	

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

Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$2,385.81**

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 Nichelson, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, John Penn, Raine Family, Danielle Robinson, Paul Schatz, Diana Sargent and Family, Pat Sohrwide, Amy Bell Tidland, Teddy & Dick Taylor, Ernest Trojan, Rosanne Trompler, Clem and Mimi Ward, 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, especially James Ward (father of Clem Ward).

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 23 8:00am †MaryAnn Dorl – Lodes Family
 May 24 8:00am
 May 25 8:00am †Bernie Kopel – Her Family
 May 26 12:10pm Fr. Ken – Bobbie Andrew
 May 27 5:00pm Peter Crowe – Chris & Lindsey Anthony
 May 28 8:00am Fr. Ken
 10:00am For the Families of the Parish
 1:00pm For Deceased Family Members and Friends

St. John the Evangelist

May 22 12:15pm
 May 23 5:15pm
 May 24 12:15pm
 May 25 5:15pm
 May 26 5:15pm
 May 27 **No Saturday Mass**
 May 28 9:30am †Jacob & Anna Geiger Family – Sandra Kilcrease
 11:30am †Millie Bamford – Campbell Family

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Keeping the commandments of Jesus ultimately means loving as he loves. How do you think people feel after they leave your presence? This is a question worth pondering if we are serious about being disciples. Gentleness and reverence are beautiful charisms to foster as they speak boldly of love. If we truly love God and our brothers and sisters, we will always be gentle with them and treat them with the reverent dignity they deserve, regardless of what they have done. This is the ultimate challenge of discipleship. Committing ourselves today to following Jesus' commandments and to love as Jesus loves, how can we make those who meet us this week leave us happier and grateful that they have crossed our path?

HOSPITALITY

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

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 our High School Graduates!

“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

Thank you! We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your prayers, cards and acts of kindness during Joe’s illness. We expect a full recovery from what is usually a fatal disease. Your prayers were heard and we are very thankful for our church community. Joe still has a ways to go but we are confident in the weeks to come, he will be singing again! -Joe & Pam Haney

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.

New Baby Ministry – Please call the parish office if you are expecting or have recently had a baby. We have a special gift for your little one and would like to bring your family a meal shortly after the baby arrives.

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



Vacation Bible School Pre-K – 5th graders June 26 – 29, 2017

9am to 12pm at St. Francis
VBS celebration party
Thursday June 29 at 6pm.

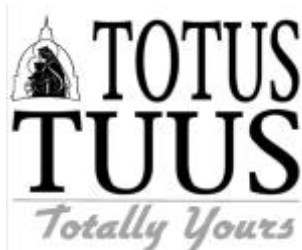
**Forms are available in the vestibule
and online at**

stfrancisxavierstillwater.org

Interested in volunteering? We need your help! Contact Sarah at 372-7987 or crepek-5@brightok.net.

Vacation Bible School Decoration

Making Days: We will meet June 7th and 17th in the RE building at 10am to plan and make decorations for our fun VBS! All help and ideas welcome!



Stillwater Catholic Youth 1st – 12th graders

July 9 – 14, 2017 at St. Francis

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. A team from the Diocese of Tulsa will lead this week long program. More information on registration will be available soon!

1st-6th Grade students will meet Monday through Friday from 9am-3pm.

7th-12th grade students will meet at the Youth House (717 S. Hester) in the evenings.

Watch for more information!

Adult Formation

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.ORG – Extensive online formation opportunities for you and your family. Logon to FORMED.org with our parish membership code: e4623f.

Questions about Mass?

Whether we have been attending Mass since birth or only a few weeks, we can find ourselves asking, “why do we do that?”

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring experts from the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of beautifully produced weekly short videos of 2 – 5 minutes. These free videos are available online and on demand. Because they are accompanied by a discussion guide with references, they are ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion. Discover or rediscover the beauty of our faith by visiting:

www.elementsofthecatholicmass.com.

Find more information about the Mass and our Faith on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/index.cfm>.



Mission Trip to Mound Bayou, MS, June 11 – 18. The Youth will be working with St. Gabriel’s Mercy Center to provide assistance with painting, yard work, building, reading and much more to the community and surrounding areas. Please keep them in your prayers.

Preschool News and Activities

Maggie Beckham, Director – (405) 624-3450

Last Day of School is Tuesday, May 23. May 22 – 23, the preschool is only open 9am to 12pm. No extended care. Have a wonderful summer!

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 School (602 S. West St.).

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.

Rally for the Rectory – House Warming Shower – Join us at St. John following the 5:15pm Mass on Tuesday May 23rd in the Parish Hall for Sips and Snacks. Help support the relocation of the Priests of St. Francis and St. John to live in one residence as a community by bringing a GIFTCARD in a denomination of your choice from Belk, Walmart, Bed Bath and Beyond or Visa.

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 8th at 7pm in Rm. 5 of the St. Francis/St. John School.

Knights of Columbus Council 5266 Final Request for 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.



Columbia Association Meeting - Knights of Columbus Council 5266 will have a Columbia Association meeting following the council meeting on Monday, June 12th. The council meeting will be held in the St. Francis basement starting at 7:30 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Knights of Columbus Council #11135

Enter to Win! One family from our Stillwater Catholic Community will have an expense paid trip to the 18th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference being held in Wichita, KS August 4th – 6th, 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.

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

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning. Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury deaths for children 1-4 years. Drowning is the fifth leading cause of unintentional injury deaths for all ages in the United States.

Water Safety Tips

- Swim with a buddy
- Avoid alcohol and drugs
- Avoid underwater breath-holding activities and games
- Use coast-guard approved lifejackets
- Designate a water watcher and supervise children closely
- Check with lifeguards before swimming
- Use Sunscreen and Drink Water
- Obey Posted Signs and Flags
- Enter Water Feet First
- Empty all tubs, buckets, and wading pools immediately after use
- Keep toilet lids closed and use toilet seat locks
- Remove toys and cover hot tubs
- Install fencing around pools and spas, and use self-latching gates
- Learn CPR

Participation in formal swim lessons can reduce the likelihood of childhood drowning death by 88%

For local swim lesson information contact:

Stillwater Public Pool 405-747-8090 or YMCA 405-372-5833 or Oklahoma State University 405-744-5510 www.watersafetyusa.org

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. The class will be held Tuesdays, May 23rd-June 13th from 1:30-2:30 in room 6 of St. Francis Preschool. To register, call Maricela at 405-271-6424 or email centralOHAI@ouhsc.edu. Any questions please contact Brandi Bishop, RN Parish Nurse 405-269-2252 or bmb29@hotmail.com.

Everyday Stewardship

My children could never succeed without their mother and me. That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves, it is just a fact. No one can find success in life in total isolation. I could never have become who I am today without my parents, various teachers and mentors, and my wife. Truth be told, I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern of the first disciples when it was apparent that Jesus was not going to be with them much longer. Some probably thought since Jesus had risen from the dead, he might just live with them in the same way forever. But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them, "I will not leave you orphans." He said he would continue to come to them and that he would send the Spirit to be with them at all times. They would not have to continue what he had started and preach the good news to the ends of the earth on their own.

We may sometimes feel that we are alone. We may at times try to do too much or show others that we are independent and strong. However, without the help of others, without the help of God, true success will always elude us. Our actions and words can become empty. The gifts we have received can either be cultivated in secret and in the shadows, or we can welcome the help that God provides in his Spirit, his community, and the sacraments he gave us. By working together the world will truly know the power of the risen Lord.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Director of Maintenance and Grounds

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is currently seeking a Director of Maintenance and Grounds to serve the Catholic community of Stillwater, Oklahoma. S/he will oversee the maintenance and upkeep of all buildings, equipment, facilities, and grounds on the new parish campus. This position is a working position, but will also require assigning work and supervision of other workers, whether paid or volunteer. This position will work closely with the Director of Formation and Operations to recruit other paid and volunteer workers. Qualifications and a complete job description can be found in the full posting on the parish website at stfrancisxavierstillwater.org. Applicants will be required to submit a resume with a cover letter explaining their qualifications and why they desire the position. Resumes should include three personal and three professional references. Resumes and cover letters should be sent to St Francis parish office by fax at (405) 533-1728 or by email to saintfrancisdf@brightok.net. Applications received before June 30, 2017 will be given priority.