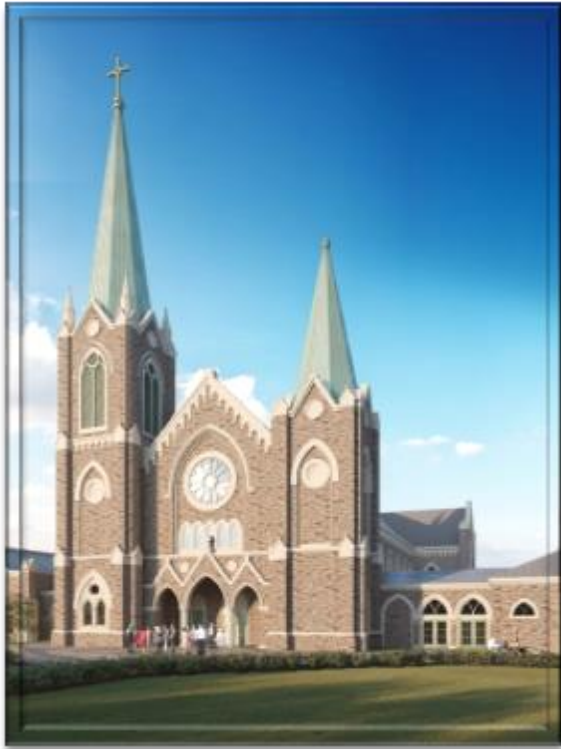


Stillwater Catholic Community

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
Bishop of Tulsa, David Konderla
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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



Pentecost Sunday June 4, 2017

Prayer of St. Augustine

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,
that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,
that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit,
that I may always be holy.

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Next weekend – June 11th, the second collection will
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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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No Daily Mass on Monday June 5th.

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: Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00pm
1st Friday after the Thursday 5:15pm Mass
Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 – 5:30pm
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Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:21-23)



GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” Then, he said it again. And then, “he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” Jesus brings peace, and he brings the Holy Spirit. Peace, in fact, is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Today, on this feast of Pentecost, we remember the dramatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit that came upon those first apostles and the peace that came along with it. But we do more than remember. We also celebrate the presence of this same Spirit in our midst.

Through the sacrament of baptism, every Christian receives the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in his or her soul. Thus, the gift of peace is already ours! The question is whether or not we have really begun to appreciate and utilize this most precious gift. Like the apostles who had locked themselves up “for fear of the Jews,” we too are capable of imprisoning ourselves in our own anxieties. We fret and worry about the future, about our sufferings or our disappointments, and too often let these concerns stifle the true peace that Jesus offers us.

But the Church today urges us to rejoice and to step out in faith like the apostles who left their fears behind them. Peace not only alleviates our fears, it also frees us to live our faith to the fullest, to have the courage to take risks, and to leave our comfort zone for the sake of the Gospel. This is what we are called and, not only that, **empowered** to do. Anything less is a kind of spiritual poverty we bring upon ourselves. God has given us the gift of himself, present and available in every moment, every place, and every situation. May we recognize this most wonderful gift and give thanks with grateful hearts.

Readings for the Week of June 4, 2017

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 19:8-11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
 Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6/Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9/Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcd, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 12:28-34
 Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10/Mk 12:35-37
 Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8/Mk 12:38-44
 Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – May 28 Catholic Communication Campaign	\$5,591.00	\$348,155.17
St. John - May 21 & 28 Catholic Communication Campaign	\$6,449.00	\$330,597.72
		\$479.00

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

Annual Goal: \$4,260 Received to date: \$2,804.72

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:

Emma Bisges, John Belusko, Susie Causley, Pake Mercer Clinesmith, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Cherry Grey, Joe Haney, Fr. Ken Harder, Bob Kargel, Phyllis Lambert, Kathryn Lovell, Tim Mongin, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nicholson, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, John Penn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia Roque, Rey Roque, Paul Schatz, Pat Sohrwide, Beth Stroud, Teddy & Dick Taylor, Robby Tiedt, Ernest Trojan, Rosanne Trompler, John Walker, Rosemary Weaver, 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

June 6 8:00am Fr. Ken – Bobbie Andrew
 June 7 8:00am Fr. Ken – Doris Bastion
 June 8 8:00am †Mary Ellen Bishop – Marilyn Seiler
 June 9 12:10pm †Mary Ann Dorl - Souleks
 June 10 5:00pm †Joe Nelson – Jenny and Family
 June 11 8:00am Pro Populo
 10:00am For those in Need
 1:00pm For Deceased Family Members and Friends

St. John the Evangelist

June 6 5:15pm
 June 7 12:15pm Ann Zinn – Perkins Family
 June 8 5:15pm
 June 9 5:15pm
 June 10 No Saturday Mass
 June 11 9:30am Ann Zinn – 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.



Book of Innocents at St. Francis

The Catholic Community provides prayerful support for parishioners experiencing the loss of a child in the womb, at birth, or shortly after birth. The “**Book of the Innocents**”, located in Our Lady of Consolation Chapel, is for composing memories, poems or a few words about your child. It is hoped that this book can facilitate healing by offering peace and wholeness in life’s challenging sorrows.



HOSPITALITY

Join us for Coffee and Donuts, TODAY! 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.

Stillwater Catholic Community Family Game Night June 9th from 6:30-9pm in the St. John's Parish Hall. Whether you are young, or young at heart come join us for fun and fellowship. We have an assortment of games and cards, but please feel free to bring a game to share. We will have some lite refreshments, but you are welcome to bring additional snacks to share. For questions please contact Marie Saatkamp 405-269-9765 or Nick Bidelspach 580-370-5061.

Stillwater Catholic Women are hosting a Ladies Paint & Palate Friday June 16th from 7-9pm @ St. John's Parish Hall. Cost is \$10 per person. Feel free to invite a friend and enjoy fun and fellowship. RSVP to Julie Huber at jahuber14@gmail.com.

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 – creprek-5@brighttok.net or 405.372.7987
Ashleigh Martin, Youth Minister – catholicyouth@brighttok.net or 405.269.3786



Vacation Bible School
Pre-K – 5th graders
June 26 – 29, 2017
9am to 12pm at St. Francis

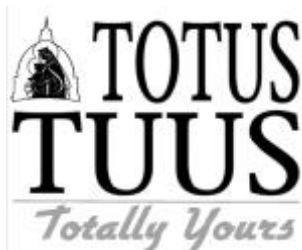
VBS celebration party
Thursday June 29 at 6pm.

Forms are available in the vestibule and online at

stfrancisxavierstillwater.org

Interested in volunteering? We need your help! Contact Sarah at 372-7987 or creprek-5@brighttok.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

Ireland Pilgrimage - Fr. Stuart Crevcoure will be leading a pilgrimage to Ireland from Sept. 24 - Oct. 4, 2017. For details, visit www.catholictraveltoday.com, or contact Alison Stookey at 918-237-5373.

Join us for the Final Bible Study Class on June 6th - Matthew: The King of His Kingdom at St. Francis in the Parish Hall at 1pm and/or 6:30pm. All parishioners of the Stillwater Catholic Community are welcome to join us for a visual of where Jesus walked. Larry Hoberock will be giving a presentation on his recent trip to the Holy Land. The next Bible Study Group will start back in September. Watch the bulletin for more details. Questions about the bible study or final presentation, contact Terri Schutte at (260) 579-6464.

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.



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

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.

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 at St. John.

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.



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 saintfrancisdfo@brightok.net. Applications received before June 30, 2017 will be given priority.

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

As we gather on this very beautiful feast of Pentecost we are reminded that God has not abandoned us but has left us the gift of the Holy Spirit as an advocate and guide. Negotiating our lives and living the Gospel can sometimes be difficult tasks. We are not always sure how to act or where to turn. We stand a better chance of obtaining greater clarity and focus and discerning what direction to take when we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have been given.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

On average, 37 children die each year from heat-related deaths after being trapped inside vehicles. Even the best of parents or caregivers can unknowingly leave a sleeping baby in a car; and the end result can be injury or even death.

7 tips that every parent should follow:

1. Look before you lock. Open the backdoor and look in the backseat to assure that everyone is out of the car.
2. Keep something you need in the backseat. Put your cell phone, briefcase, computer, lunch, ID badge, left shoe, or anything essential to your daily routine beside your child.
3. Travel with a furry companion. Keep a stuffed animal in the car seat. When baby is in the seat, the stuffed animal rides shotgun. The furry passenger serves as a reminder that baby's in the back.
4. Always lock the doors. Even if the car is in the garage, keep the doors locked to prevent curious children from getting into the car.
5. Put the keys away. Kids might want to play with keys and be able to get into the car without parents knowledge.
6. Have a plan with childcare provider. If your child does not show up to daycare or school without prior notice, someone should call to locate child.
7. If you see something, do something.

If you see a child alone in a car, do not hesitate to call 911.

www.kidsandcars.org

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

There are some things I miss now that my children are older. Fewer snuggles, fewer moments of awe and wonder, and fewer crazy questions that make me laugh. However, if I'm honest, there are some things I do not miss, especially the birthday party. I loved the aspect of celebrating my child's birth, but most years the party cost too much, involved too much stress, and resulted in a lot of presents that ended up in my garage. Today, nice dinners with family and friends sharing time together have taken the place of the "birthday party" and that is fine with me.

Centuries ago, God moved in such a profound way and sent his Holy Spirit upon us, imparting to the Church gifts that remain with us today. That first Pentecost was a first birthday party of sorts, with people gathered to celebrate their common faith in Jesus Christ. Of course, that party had none of the trappings of a child's event at Chuck E. Cheese's, but instead presented us all with generous gifts that could be used for the glory of God instead of the stuff children discard after a few weeks.

Every year I think it is important to really celebrate what God has given to us, the Church, on the feast of Pentecost. The generosity of God knows no limits and the Holy Spirit is alive. It's just that the gifts from this celebration need to be used or the celebration will be hollow. The gifts are free to us even though they are priceless. It would be poor stewardship to toss them in the garage with all those toys that time forgot.

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