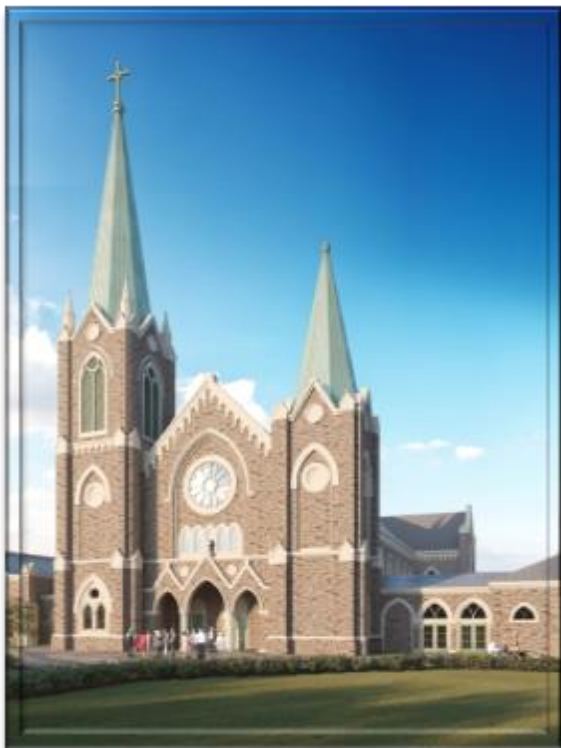


Stillwater Catholic Community

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.

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Deacon Bart Brashears
Deacon Glenn Collum
Deacon Paul Govek
Deacon Tom Haan



Solemnity of The Holy Trinity June 11, 2017

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

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This weekend, the second collection will support the
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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: Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00pm
1st Friday after the Thursday 5:15pm Mass
Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 – 5:30pm
Sunday 3:45 – 4:45pm

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*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.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (Jn 3:16-17)*



Gospel Meditation - "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." We are used to this profound idea, so used to it that we often glaze over the incredible reality: God the Father has a Son who became man and dwelt among us! Too often we blithely make the sign of the cross **in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, without realizing what a radical theology we are announcing.

Only Christianity proclaims a triune God. Only Christianity professes that we have one God in three divine persons. Only Christianity declares that the very nature of God is to be relational and literally "personal." Why does this matter? Because we are made in God's image, as the opening chapters of

Genesis tell us. We, therefore, are made in the image of this Trinitarian God who *is* love. We are built to be like this God! Just as God the Father loves God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, we too are called to love one another. In fact, we are not fulfilling our nature and design when we don't. And just as God loved the world (that is, us!) so too we are called to love him in return.

We don't have to embrace this image in which we were made, of course. God gave us freedom so that our love can be real, but this means our choices really matter. We can decide not to reflect God's interpersonal love in the world. We can opt not to return the love that God pours out to each of us. But this can only lead to disappointment in the end. After all, God sent his Son so that "everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Ultimately, this means spending eternity in the Trinitarian embrace of love. So why not start now?

Readings for the Week of June 11, 2017

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
 Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-37
 Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

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:

Jayden Andrew, 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, Lynn Schwartz, 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.

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.



Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – June 4	\$7,084.00	
St. Francis Automatics	\$4,750.00	
Total	\$11,834.00	\$359,989.17
St. John - June 4	\$6,859.00	
St. John Automatics	\$4,700.00	
Total	\$11,559.00	\$342,156.72

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!

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

June 13 8:00am †Helen Frazier – The Williams
 June 14 8:00am †Bernie Kopel – Her Family
 June 15 8:00am Fr. Ken – Bobbie Andrew
 June 16 12:10pm †Kurt Budke – Shelley Budke
 June 17 5:00pm Luckey – Andrew Family
 June 18 8:00am Betty & John Kresach 67th
Wedding Anniversary
 10:00am All Fathers of the Parish
 1:00pm For Deceased Family Members and Friends

St. John the Evangelist

June 12 12:15pm †James Ward – Mike McNamara
 June 13 5:15pm
 June 14 12:15pm †Jacob & Anna Geiger – Sandra Kilcrease
 June 15 5:15pm
 June 16 5:15pm
 June 17 **No Saturday Mass**
 June 18 9:30am All Fathers of the Parish
 11:30am

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Today's celebration of the Most Holy Trinity shows us how awesome and huge God really is! He is not a judgmental and aloof king reigning in heaven but a loving and compassionate God who is intimately involved with his children and all his creation. God as Father reveals the immensity of God's presence as seen in the wonder of creation: the stars and seas, the mountains and hills, and all the glory that surrounds us. Jesus reveals the compassionate and gentle face of God, a God of mercy who desires nothing more than for his children to seek and come to him. God the Holy Spirit reminds us that God is the very life force of our existence, without whom we would have no breath and the universe would have no life.

HOSPITALITY

Knights of Columbus Breakfast - Please join us TODAY for a delicious breakfast from 8:30am to 11:30am in the St. Francis Parish Hall. The cost is \$10 per family or \$4 per person. Free blood screening will be available.

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.

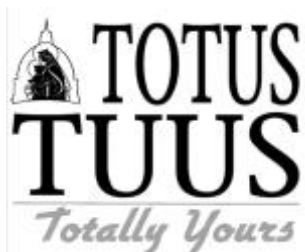
Stillwater Catholic Women are hosting a Ladies Paint & Palate Friday June 16th from 7-9pm @ St. John's Parish Hall. Cost is \$10 per person. Feel free to invite a friend and enjoy fun and fellowship. RSVP by June 14th to Julie Huber at jahuber14@gmail.com.

Stillwater Catholic Community Pool Party - Mark your calendar for July 16th from 6pm to 8pm at the City of Stillwater Pool. Lifeguards will be provided and concessions will be open.

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 will be 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 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!

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.

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.

Adult Formation

Faith, Froth & Catholic Stuff you Should Know
Tuesdays Once a Month at St. John
5:15 Mass, 6:00pm Social, 6:30 Talk

The Big 3 Keys to the Kingdom

June 13 - Baptism

Babies, Believers & Nons

July 11 - Confirmation

Catholic Bar Mitzvah or Trinitarian Life

August 1 - Eucharist

Just a wafer OR Flesh & Blood

Ireland Pilgrimage

Fr. Stuart Crevcoeur 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.

Retreat in Daily Life

Attaining a personal relationship with Jesus and finding God in all things are just two of the many gifts possible from experiencing the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Inquiries are being accepted for the 7-month Retreat by Marilyn Seiler, a trained Spiritual Director and Retreat facilitator.

Contact information: 405-334-1630 or email marilynseiler72@gmail.com.

FORMED.org

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

This Summer on FORMED.org check out this Faith Formation series:

The Wild Goose - Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit.

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into you heart.

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.

Stewardship Council – Next meeting will be Thursday, June 15 at 6pm at St. Francis School. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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 July 13th 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.



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.

QEV, Life Awareness Project

Thinking about life or curious as to what life as a priest, sister, brother, or married life would be like? Come to the **QEV, Life Awareness Project**, a weekend of intentional discernment about what God is calling you to do with your life. This will be open to Catholic SINGLES, **ages 17 to 45**, and will be held at the Newman Center at TU, on the weekend of **June 30 – July 2, 2017**. There is **no fee for attending**. For more information, contact tulsavocations@gmail.com or register online at dioceseoftulsa.org/vocations.



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.

Mother Teresa Ministry – May Report

Requests for assistance and assistance in May increased again compared with April and March. Volunteers assisted 27 individuals or families with groceries and gasoline totaling \$1,650. St. Francis preschool children and families donated \$77.07 in the "pennies" portion of their Lenten Mother Teresa project. We continue to distribute food they collected during Lent. Likewise, we continue to say **Thank You** to all who support the Mother Teresa ministry to those less fortunate in our community.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

June is National Safety Month!

This June, learn more about important safety issues like prescription medication, transportation safety, and falls.

Prescription medication: Prescription painkiller abuse and overdoses are a growing problem in the United States. Never share your medication with family or friends. Ensure all medications are secured in an area away from the reach of children and that all expired medications are disposed of safely. Rule of thumb is to dispose of any medications over the expiration date or greater than one-year-old. Stillwater Police Station (701 S. Lewis) has a medication disposal drop box located in the lobby.

Transportation safety: Practice safe driving by following traffic and speed rules, and wearing your seatbelt. Doing other activities while driving – like texting or eating – create distraction and increases chance of crashing. In fact, 1 in 5 or 17% of injury accidents are due to distracted driving. Most important, do not drink and drive!

Slips, Trips and Falls: An estimated 25% of Americans aged 65 and older fall each year. Many of these falls lead to broken bones and other health problems. Ensure households are free of falls risk. Keep the main entry and exit as well as all hallways free of any trip hazards such as throw rugs, boxes, and electrical cords. Install grab bars and use appropriate assistive devices to address physical and sensory impairments.

You can make a difference. Be safety aware!

****Seeking Spanish Speaking Nurses to assist the Health and Wellness Ministry with blood pressure checks and annual free clinic. If interested in volunteering please notify Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252.****

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

After years working for the Church, I can honestly say that even though I feel closer to God, I still cannot fully grasp all that is God. The complexity of God has been the source of many volumes by many writers and theologians. The crazy reality of growing in a relationship with God is that the more you get to know God, the more complex God becomes.

But I think that is true of human relationships as well. I feel like I can really peg a person one way or another after only meeting him or her a few times, but my wife and children continue to perplex me. Getting to know someone means you begin to uncover the layers of personality, feeling, and emotion that make up each human being. For those who see God as only a force or a light, God is simply defined. But for those who seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ, the God we find in relationship has many layers as well.

But that which we do know for certain about God comes to us primarily from the person of Jesus. He called us to a way of life by not only teaching us about how to live, but by showing us the example of his life. Our God is defined by generosity, sacrifice, compassion, and, of course, love. The more we incorporate these characteristics into our own life, the more we bear witness to the true nature of God. Then others can see a God that is a little less complex because they understand him through you and me. Our life will speak more than all the volumes written by all the theologians.

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