

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
Fr. Ken Harder, AJV, JCL - St. Francis Pastor
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



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 18, 2017

Prayer to Share the Life of Jesus

Loving Father, faith in your word is the way to wisdom. Help me to think about Your Divine Plan that I may grow in the truth. Open my eyes to Your deeds, my ears to the sound of Your call, so that my every act may help me share in the life of Jesus. Give me the grace to live the example of the love of Jesus, which I celebrate in the Eucharist and see in the Gospel. Form in me the likeness of Your Son and deepen His Life within me.

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Next weekend, the second collection will support Pope Francis' work through the Peter's Pence Collection.

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Communion Service June 20th – 22nd

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 June 19th – 23rd

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: Sunday 9 – 9:30am & 11 - 11:30am

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*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world...
For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:51, 55-56)*



Gospel Meditation - *“The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’”* From the beginning, the Eucharist has been a source of controversy. Some people have always found the teaching difficult to accept. But as Catholics, the Blessed Sacrament is at the heart of our worship and our spirituality; we go to Mass to share in the holy sacrifice of Jesus’ body and blood, and we receive spiritual nourishment from partaking of this heavenly food. As Jesus himself tells us in today’s Gospel, *“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”*

From this passage it is clear that Jesus intended the Eucharist to be a tremendous gift for us, for *“whoever eats this bread will live forever.”* This of course is because the bread is Christ’s *“flesh for the life of the world.”* In other words, just as he gave his body on the cross to save us from our sins, so too this same flesh is given for us at every Mass to strengthen our weakness and unite us more deeply to our Savior.

Receiving Communion isn’t like taking a magic pill, however. We must beware of reducing this sacrament to an empty ritual or a foolproof guarantee of heaven. No, it is quite possible to receive Communion unworthily and reject its spiritual efficacy. Just like the benefits of a healthy meal can be undone by a habit of binging on junk food, so too we can prevent holy Communion from having its full benefits when we crowd our souls with vices and sins. If, on the other hand, we wish to let this sacrament of divine grace flourish, we should receive it with a sincere spirit of gratitude and reverence, praying that we may be made worthy to receive such a gift.

Readings for the Week of June 18, 2017	
Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33


Parish Contributions		
Fiscal Year: 7/1/2016-6/30/2017		
	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis - June 11	\$5,182.00	\$365,171.17
St. John - June 11	\$3,885.30	\$346,042.02
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

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, John Belusko, Susie Causley, Pake Mercer Clinesmith, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Eileen Gasche, 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, Rosemary Weaver, Keith Willett, 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 20	8:00am Communion Service
June 21	8:00am Communion Service
June 22	8:00am Communion Service
June 23	12:10pm †Bernie Kopel – Her Family
June 24	5:00pm †Richard Campbell - Family
June 25	8:00am Pro Populo 10:00am For the Families of Parishioners 1:00pm For Deceased Family Members and Friends
St. John the Evangelist	
June 20	5:15pm No Mass
June 21	12:15pm No Mass
June 22	5:15pm No Mass
June 23	5:15pm No Mass
June 24	No Saturday Mass
June 25	9:30am 11:30am Eileen Gasche – Sandra Kilcrease

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 ~~~~~

Today is all about transformation. The bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ and we, by partaking in the Eucharist, are also transformed into the body and blood of Christ. St. Augustine issued a wise instruction regarding the Eucharist: “Become what you eat.” This is the real challenge of every Eucharistic celebration. Will we allow God to transform us into his Son so that the hope, love, healing, comfort, and mercy he embodies can be brought to our world through us? As Jesus feeds us, how can we feed others?

~~~~~ 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



Happy Father's Day!!

God, Our Father. Bless these men, that they may find strength as fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their daughters and sons, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

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 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

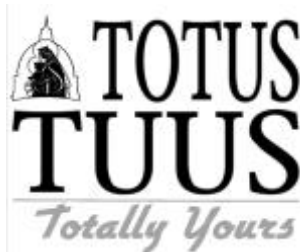


Vacation Bible School
Pre-K – 5th graders
June 26 – 29, 2017
9am to 12pm at St. Francis

Forms are available in
the vestibule and online at
sfrancisxavierstillwater.org

Vacation Bible School
Decoration Day: Please join us in the
RE building at 2:30pm as we transform
our VBS meeting places into cool Cave
Quest adventures. Many helping
hands needed!!

VOLUNTEER MEETING will be
Sunday June 25th at 2:30pm. Please
plan to attend this short but important
safety meeting and pick up your
volunteer t-shirt then stay to decorate.



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.).

The June Baptism Class will be Tuesday, June 20th at 7pm.

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.

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.

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

July 11 – Confirmation
Catholic Bar Mitzvah or Trinitarian Life
August 1 – Eucharist
Just a wafer OR Flesh & Blood

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.

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.

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.

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.

Birthright of Stillwater is a crisis pregnancy center that focuses on love. We believe it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, please contact Lori Wieder at 377-5683!



Stephen Ministry - A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend. Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them--tell them about our Stephen Ministry!

Stephen Ministers are members of St Francis Parish who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend. To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister please contact Angela Pradia at (405)762-9405 or Mary Ellen Holley at (405)762-9357 or stephenministystw@yahoo.com

Evangelization Team- Join us in our efforts to continue Pope Francis' evangelization program. If you have any names of people for the evangelization team to visit, place their name in the Drop Box on the table in the vestibule. Please email stillwatercatholicsreturn@gmail.com for more information.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Men's Health

When it comes to living well, men's health is in the midst of a crisis – not just in Oklahoma, but across the U.S. The statistics are alarming:

- Men are 40 percent more likely to die than women
- On average, women outlive men by 7 years
- Men visit a doctor only half as many times as women
- Only 66% of men have a personal physician whom they see regularly

Improving men's health starts at home with individuals and families taking steps to prevent illness, disease, and other health risks in order to live a safer and healthier lifestyle. Some tips for men include:

1. Learn your family health history
2. Know and understand your health numbers (i.e. blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, Body Mass Index-BMI)
3. Work safely-Use safety equipment, wear seatbelts.
4. Get regular check-ups with your healthcare provider
5. Pay attention to signs and symptoms that aren't normal for your body
6. Eat what counts and stay physically active
7. Be smoke-free and avoid alcohol or drink in moderation
8. Have healthy relationships
9. Manage stress and talk with someone you trust if you're having problems

It's never too late to "step up" and make choices that will help men live longer, healthier lives. www.cdc.gov

****Seeking Spanish Speaking Nurses to assist with monthly 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

When I was a child I can remember stopping by my parish or another local Catholic church to just spend some time in prayer before the holy Eucharist. We didn't have exposition and adoration much in those days, but we were keenly aware of the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. I would sometimes stare at the lighted candle near it and know that Jesus was alive.

I had never heard someone speak about a stewardship way of life back then. If I am honest, the primary message I heard back in those days was along the lines of we need to be as good as we are able. Sacrifice was only at Lent, disciples were people in the Bible, and generosity mostly had to do with the collection basket and the poor box at the church entrance. I even went to Catholic schools!

Maybe the message of stewardship was there somewhere packaged differently and I just missed it. It wasn't until I was an adult, and after acquiring two theology degrees, that I understood both with my head and my heart what a stewardship way of life really meant. But I look back at those days and I realize that the groundwork was laid for me to understand these things. It was those times before the holy Eucharist that I began to understand true sacrifice. It was at those times that I began to understand how actions and realities that seem so simple to the human eye can be so profound. And it was at those times that I began to see that true love knows no bounds. What does the holy Eucharist say to you about stewardship? Maybe today is a great time to reflect on your answer.

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