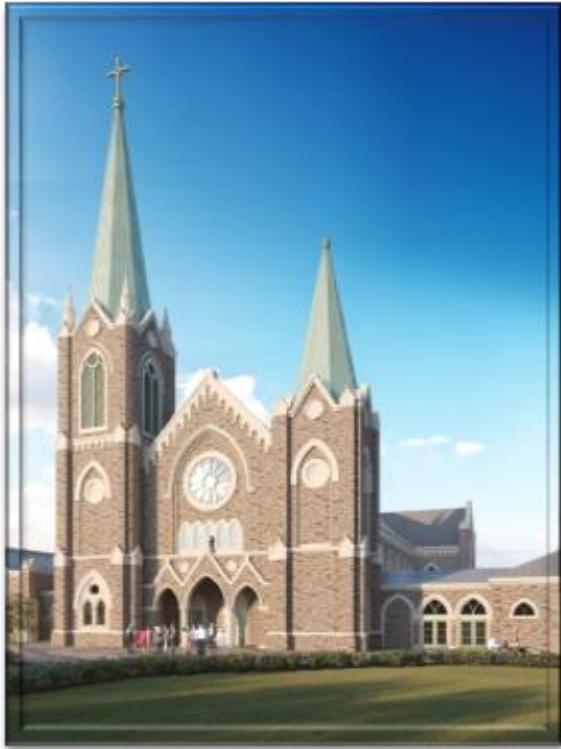


# Stillwater Catholic Community

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



## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2017

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Oh Mother Most Pure, we come to You as a family and consecrate ourselves to your most Immaculate Heart. We come to You as a family and place our trust in Your powerful intercession.

Oh Dearest Mother Mary, teach us as a mother teaches her children, for our souls are soiled and our prayers are weak because of our sinful hearts. Here we are Dearest Mother, ready to respond to You and follow Your way, for Your way leads us to the heart of Your Son, Jesus. We are ready to be cleansed and purified.

Come then Virgin Most Pure, and embrace us with Your motherly mantle. Make our hearts whiter than snow and as pure as a spring of fresh water. Teach us to pray, so that our prayers may become more beautiful than the singing of the birds at the break of dawn.

Dear Mother Mary, we entrust to Your Immaculate Heart of hearts, our family and our entire future. Lead us all to our homeland which is Heaven.

Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

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Next weekend, the second collection will support the Church in Africa.

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Parish Office Closed July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

#### 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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Parish Office Closed July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<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:** Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday after the Thursday 5:15pm Mass  
**Reconciliation:** Sunday 9 – 9:30am & 11 - 11:30am

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“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—  
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” (Mt 10:42)



**Gospel Meditation:** "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." When Jesus says paradoxical things like this, we can still trust him. Even when he makes claims that, at first glance, seem impossible, we know that he's not talking gibberish. Why? Because Jesus lived the ultimate paradox: he brought life out of death. His resurrection proves for us that things are not always as they appear. The Crucifixion, which looked like the end of Jesus' influence, was actually a tremendous new beginning.

So when Jesus promises that we will find life through a kind of death, we shouldn't question his claim. Of course in today's Gospel, Jesus isn't necessarily talking about physical death, although the "red" martyrs who suffer for him do in fact find their reward in eternal life. "White" martyrdom, on the other hand, is a kind of death to self that doesn't involve bloodshed. It means putting love and generous service ahead of our own self-gratification. It means doing these things for the sake of Christ. When he tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is what he's talking about.

So, how can we be white martyrs today? How can we sacrifice our desire for perfect comfort, or entertainment on demand, or status or pleasure or sleep or whatever else for the sake of serving another person? In our families, in our schools and workplaces, in our parishes, in our neighborhoods and our communities, there are myriad opportunities to "lose our lives" for the sake of Christ. But don't forget, in dying to ourselves, we will find our lives in a new way! The fulfillment Christ offers us in return, both now and in eternity, will be far better than anything we try to cling to on our own.

### Readings for the Week of July 2, 2017

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42  
 Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29  
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27  
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34  
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8  
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17  
 Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

### 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, Susan L., Phyllis Lambert, Kathryn Lovell, Anissa Magallanes, Tim Mongin, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, John Penn, Weston Everett Reynolds, Whitney Reynolds, 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, John Yother, 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 25	\$4,552.00	\$376,909.17
St. John - June 25	\$3,408.80	\$352,780.62
<b>Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)</b>		
Annual Goal:	\$4,260	Received to date: \$3,094.72
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity!</b>		

### † Mass Intentions †

#### St. Francis Xavier

July 4 8:00am †Mary Ann Dorl – Marilyn Seiler  
 July 5 8:00am  
 July 6 8:00am Fr. Ken – Bobbie Andrew  
 July 7 12:10pm †Frank Sorrentino – Maria Sorrentino  
 July 8 5:00pm Personal Intentions  
 July 9 8:00am Pro Populo  
 10:00am For the Families of Parishioners  
 1:00pm For Deceased Family Members and Friends

#### St. John the Evangelist

July 4 No Daily Mass  
 July 5 12:15pm Anne & Joe Zinn – B. Perkins  
 July 6 5:15pm Scott Noll – Anna Noll  
 July 7 5:15pm Chris Noll – Anna Noll  
 July 8 No Saturday Mass  
 July 9 9:30am †Gary Pratt – Mona Pratt  
 11:30am †Jacob & Anna Geiger Family – Sandra Kilcrease

### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

At St. John, Adoration on Thursday, July 6th will begin after the 5:15pm Mass and end on Friday, July 7th at the 5:15pm Mass.

At St. Francis, Adoration on Friday, July 7th will begin after the 12:10pm Mass and end on Saturday, July 8th at the 9:00am Mass.



## HOSPITALITY

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!! The Parish Offices of St. Francis and St. John will be closed July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.** There will be no Daily Mass at St. John on July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be 8am Daily Mass at St. Francis. For any Sacramental emergencies over the holiday, please call (405) 310-8280.

**Join us for Coffee and Donuts, TODAY!** At St. John after the 9:30am Mass

**Join us for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast** on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30am in the St. Francis Parish Hall. \$10 per family or \$4 per person. All are welcome! Free Blood Pressure Screening will be available.

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

**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.

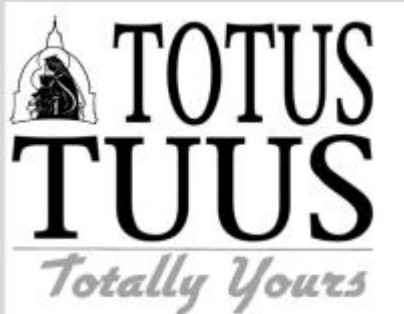
Introductory Class – Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15pm in Rm 6 at St. Francis/St. John School.

Intermediate Class – Mondays from 6:15-7:15pm in Rm 6 at St. Francis/St. John School.

## FORMATION

### Youth Formation - Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Sarah Dorman, RE Coordinator – [crepek-5@brightok.net](mailto:crepek-5@brightok.net) or 405.372.7987  
Ashleigh Martin, Youth Minister – [catholicyouth@brightok.net](mailto:catholicyouth@brightok.net) or 405.269.3786



**July 9 – 14, 2017 at St. Francis Xavier**

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. If you would like to host part of the Totus Tuus team or help provide meals for them, please contact Ashleigh Martin at (405) 269-3786.**

1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will meet Monday through Friday from 9am-3pm.  
Students are required to bring lunch and a water bottle.

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet from 7:30 – 9:45pm at the Catholic Youth House (717 S. Hester) beginning Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**There is no fee for this program.**

**Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of St. Francis or lobby of St. John or you can register online at [stfrancisxavierstillwater.org](http://stfrancisxavierstillwater.org)!**

### **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 the Parish Office at (405) 372-6886.

### **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 July Baptism class will be Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

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, 6:00 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](http://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](mailto:marilynseiler72@gmail.com).

**FORMED - The Catholic Faith on Demand**  
Extensive online formation opportunities for you and your family. Logon to FORMED.org with our parish membership code: e4623f.

**This Summer on FORMED.org rediscover your Catholic Faith through the collection of Faith Formation series, Movies, Documentaries, Bible Studies, books and much more.**

**Now on Netflix**  
*Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism*, the Emmy award-winning documentary film, is now available to stream on Netflix. For film details, visit [jp2film.com](http://jp2film.com). A guide to the documentary can be found at [kofc.org/college](http://kofc.org/college).

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Francis School in Rm. 5.



### 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](http://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](mailto:saintfrancisdf@brightok.net). Applications received before June 30, 2017 will be given priority.

**Preschool Teacher Needed** - SFSJ Preschool is looking for a dedicated and passionate teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. Job requirements: must comply with DHS regulations, preferably hold a CDA, Child Development Associates/Bachelors, Early Childhood Associates/Bachelors or related field. Experience is desired, but not required. Expect to work 20 – 28 hours per week. If you love working with children and enjoy sharing your Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office at (405) 372-6886 and email resumes to [saintfrancis@brightok.net](mailto:saintfrancis@brightok.net).



### Stressed? Feeling Down? Need

**Encouragement?** Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis.

They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! To learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know, contact Angela Pradia at (405)762-9405 or Mary Ellen Holley at (405)762-9357 or [stephenministyrstw@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenministyrstw@yahoo.com)

### Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

How does your commitment to Jesus Christ affect your life?

Our faith is not just a private affair but something that influences all of our relationships. Our baptism brings us into a very intimate relationship with God and makes us a brother or a sister to all of God's children. That identity we share colors how we relate to them and the level of responsibility we have to them. If we open ourselves to truly receive our God as Father and those with whom we journey as brothers and sisters, it can profoundly change and affect us. How has your baptism changed you?

## Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

### Have a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 8,000 Americans end up in the hospital annually during this time of year due to a firework-related accident. When celebrating the birth of our nation follow these simple precautions for a safe holiday.

- Children should never be allowed to handle fireworks. Although sparklers are believed to be a safe firework for little ones, they are actually one of the most dangerous. Sparklers burn at almost 2000 degrees.
- When lighting fireworks, it is best to wear safety glasses to protect the eyes.
- Fireworks should only be used in an outside area that is open and free of any potential obstructions.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby at all times to soak duds with, and do not try to relight them.
- Don't light fireworks in any type of container, and never carry them in a pocket. The friction of movement can cause them to light.
- Keep a first aid kit handy, and if serious injury is suffered, seek medical attention immediately.
- Perhaps most important, never mix alcohol and fireworks.

[Consumersafety.org](http://Consumersafety.org)

### Interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning?

Contact Daryl and Kathy Krehbiel at (405) 612-2005 or email at [StillwaterNFP@aol.com](mailto:StillwaterNFP@aol.com).

### Everyday Stewardship

It took five years of marriage before I was ready to have that first baby. Of course, now that I have three children I cannot imagine a life without them. After twenty-five years, I cannot imagine life without my wife as well.

And I know that I am lucky. I know those who have lost children or have been widowed. They couldn't imagine life without their loved ones either.

The tough reality to digest is that we don't own those whom we love. They are all gifts from God, entrusted to each of us as good stewards. If we cling too tightly, we become like the steward who buried his talents in the ground. If we don't care enough, we become like the prodigal son who squandered his gifts on gambling and frivolous living.

But can we love our loved ones too much? I am not sure it is possible to love others too much if it is genuine love. However, if we truly love them, then we will want to lead them to the One that gave them to us in the first place: God. We do that by demonstrating that no one comes before God in our lives, not even our family.

In this world, our loved ones make living meaningful. But this world is not the end. As much as we love them here, our ultimate goal is for them to live eternally with God. May my wife and kids never think I chose them over God, so that they may choose God over all else, as well.

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