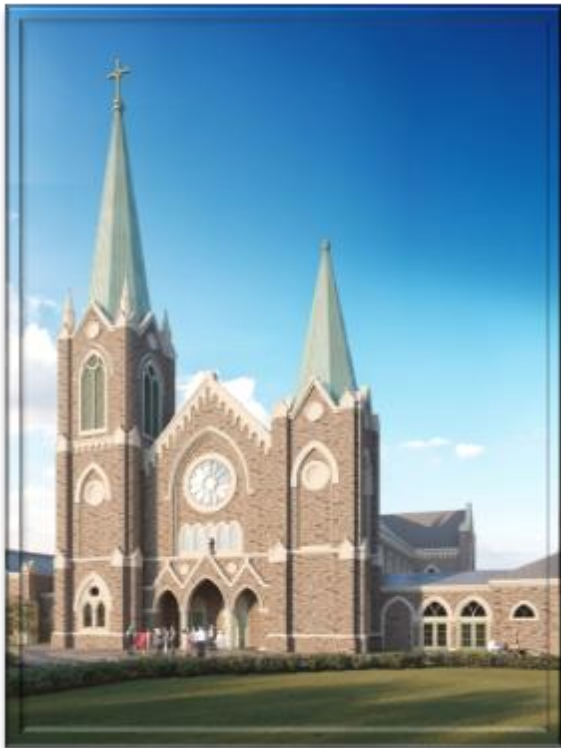


Stillwater Catholic Community

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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Fr. Kerry Wakulich - St. John Pastor
Fr. Lawrence Nwachukwu – Assoc. Pastor
Deacon Bart Brashears
Deacon Glenn Collum
Deacon Paul Govek
Deacon Tom Haan



The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2017

Prayer of Thanks for People

God of Love,
I thank You for the people in my life
who are easy to love.
I thank You for my family and friends
who understand my actions,
who support me in my decisions,
and whose presence can lift the burden of a thorny day.

Help me with those who are difficult to love.
When they come at me with criticism
and wild expectations,
when they ignore me
or try to bend me to their will,
let me recognize their flaws and their dangers.
But then let me remember your attitude toward them,
and lead me to see them
in the light of Your love. Amen.

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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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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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*While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” (Mt 17:5)*



Gospel Meditation: *“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”* Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus’ divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today’s epistle. Peter writes, *“We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.”* Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, *“We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it.”* Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an *“eyewitness”* to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of his hearers.

So although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.

Readings for the Week of August 6, 2017

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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:

Francis and Mercy Agila, Jayden Andrew, John Belusko, Catherine Cabañeros, Kathryn Campbell, Pat Clemente, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Cherry Gray, Essy Gorruttis, Joe Haney, Fr. Ken Harder, Monica Held, Bob Kargel, Phyllis Lambert, Christopher Leffall, Anissa Magallanes, Heath Myers, Tim Mongin, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, Christy Paculan, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, John Penn, Weston Everett Reynolds, Whitney Reynolds, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, Paul Schatz, Lynn Schwartz, Pat Sohrowide, 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, especially Anne Trompler and Nelly Zapata Orozco.



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: 7/1/2017-6/30/2018

| | Weekly | To Date |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| St. Francis – July 30 | \$3,929.00 | \$30,825.00 |
| St. John – July 30 | \$2,880.75 | \$25,613.50 |

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

Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$3,576.72**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

August 8 8:00am †Mr. & Mrs. AJ DeGeorge Sr. - Skip DeGeorge
 August 9 8:00am Lacy & Family
 August 10 8:00am Fr. Ken
 August 11 12:10pm Luckey – Andrew Family
 August 12 5:00pm Fr. Ken
 August 13 8:00am For Intentions of Parishioners
 10:00am For the Families of Parishioners
 1:00pm For Deceased Family Members and Friends

St. John the Evangelist

August 8 5:15pm †Joseph DiMonico – Anna Noll
 August 9 12:15pm Dcn. Tom & Jan Haan – The McKelvey's
 August 10 5:15pm Francis & Mercy Agila – Bernadette Perkins
 August 11 5:15pm Pat Clemente – Jo Geresi
 August 12 No Saturday Mass
 August 13 9:30am
 11:30am



Beatification of
Servant of God
Fr. Stanley Rother

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017
 10 a.m., Cox Convention Center, OKC



Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Free admission - Tickets not required

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.

Guidebook Directory Updates – Please check the old Guidebook directories (available in the vestibule at St. Francis and Lobby at St. John) and make sure your listed phone number, address and email is correct. There are forms available if you to update any of your contact information. Also, if you own or work for a local business that might be interested in advertising in the directory, please contact St. Francis Parish Office at (405) 372-6886.

There will be NO Reconciliation on Wednesday, August 9th from 5:30 to 7pm at St. Francis Xavier. The next scheduled time for confessions is Saturday, August 12th from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Registration after Masses will begin at St. Francis the weekend of August 12/13th. Registration at St. John will be after Masses on August 20th.

Catechists and Assistants Needed: Before you set your fall schedule, please consider being a religious education teacher or classroom assistant. We need help in every classroom and are especially in need of Pre-k teachers. All curriculum and materials are provided with lots of guidance from seasoned teachers and staff. Think about it, pray about it, and contact Sarah Dorman with any questions. The children need you! (372-7987, crepek-5@brightok.net)

Welcome Back Breakfast: Join us on Sunday, August 27th for a continental breakfast in the Parish Hall at St. Francis following the 10am Mass. All families welcome! Look forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH MINISTRY

August 12-13 - Registration for Edge (Grades 6-8) and Life Teen (grades 9-12) after all Masses at St. Francis Xavier

August 13- Back to School Pool Party from 5:00-6:30 for Edge and from 6:30-8:00 for Life Teen at the Gallegos' house (2900 S. Country Club Rd.). Come hang out, meet your peers and your group leaders, swim and eat!

August 20- Registration for Edge and Life Teen after [9:30](#) and 11:30 Mass at St. John

August 23- Parent meeting in the basement of the CYO house ([717 S. Hester St.](#)) at 6:00. During this meeting, you will be able to ask questions about the program and will be given information and a calendar for the upcoming year. Please make plans to be there.

August 27- First night of Edge and Life Teen! This night will be a fun get-to-know-you kind of night with icebreakers, games and of course food! We will meet in the basement of the CYO house (717 S. Hester) from 5:00-6:30 for Edge and 7:00-8:30 for Life Teen.

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 Baptism Class will be August 6th at 6:30pm in Rm 5 of the St. Francis School. To register, please call the parish office at (405) 372-6886.

Preschool Update

Enrollment numbers for fall of 2017 came in at less than 10 students, creating an extreme burden in our ability to cover fixed costs. With regrets, our program has been suspended until we are in a position to offer quality and professional programs that add value to the parish. We are working on reinstatement of an advisory board whereby focus will be directed at enhancing our program in many ways. If you have interest in serving on this board, please contact the parish office.

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

Maria Scaperlanda Book Signing Event at St. John TODAY, August 6th at 2:30pm

Includes a presentation about Fr. Stanley Rother and signing of her book, *"The Shepherd Who Didn't Run"*

Fr. Stanley Rother Beatification September 23, 2017 at 10am Cox Convention Center

Buses will be available for transportation. \$25 per person. Call your parish office for more details.

2017 Catechetical Conference Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma Faith & Works

August 19th from 9am to 5pm

At Double Tree Tulsa-Downtown
The entire conference will be in English and Spanish. Tickets are \$15 per person.
Breakfast & Lunch provided.
Conference will end with Mass & a blessing at Holy Family Cathedral at 5:00pm.
Visit dioceseoftulsa.org/events/catechetical-conference for more details.

Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Grand Knight – Chris Stoner
texagok87@sbcglobal.net or 405-612-3135

Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the basement of St. Francis Xavier. First Degrees are generally held on the forth Monday of each month as needed, but other arrangements can be made if necessary. Anyone wishing to join, please contact Chris Knight, Chris Stoner, or any Knight for more details. All Catholic men over the age of 18 are encouraged to seek membership. For more details check out www.KofC.org or our Facebook Page Knights of Columbus 5266.

PASSION & PURPOSE

Matthew Kelly

September 30, 2017 | 6pm to 10:30pm

Purchase a Ticket (\$39)
at DynamicCatholic.com
or call 859-980-7900.

SERVICE

New St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Parish Council

Nick Bidelspach (Facilitator), Kendall Hanson (Recorder), Mike Wieder (Convenor), Richard Cronk, Duane Helmberger, Julie Huber, Brenda Morales, Guy Palladino, and Marie Saatkamp
Ex Officio: Father Ken Harder, Vic Schutte and Cindy Beckman

St. Francis Finance Committee:

Jim Burtschi, Lisa Lambert and Denny Sheller

Next Parish Council Meeting - 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 August 10th at 7pm at St. Francis School in Rm. 5.

Thank you to all the members that served on St. Francis Xavier's Parish Council in the past. Your time and talents were a blessing to our Church!

UPDATE - New Date for Dedication Mass: Our dedication date has been re-set for February 4, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The previous date of November 19, 2017 was moved due to delay in delivery of key components of the Nave ceiling. Although regrettable, our construction company in conjunction with our steering committee are putting quality first and issues of this nature are not uncommon in the course of events that occur in a project of this size. Please mark your calendars and continue your prayers, as the time is approaching where we soon will enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Stillwater Catholic Women Business Meeting – August 14th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall of St. John. The upcoming Luncheon with the Bishop, Bazaar and other events/activities will be discussed. All women are welcome!



Pressure: A burdensome, distressing, or weighty condition. Are you feeling pressure right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude, or your relationships with your family and friends? Would you like to have someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next month or two? Our Stephen Ministers can help. To learn more please call Angela Pradia at (405)762-9405 or Mary Ellen Holley at (405)762-9357 or stephenministyrstw@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.

Mother Teresa Ministry – July Report

July continued to be a busy month for assistance requests. Volunteers issued 46 vouchers for a total of \$2,730. Both number assisted and total outlay were the highest his year. We exceeded our "soft" budget for the second month in a row. Summer assistance has been considerably higher for unknown reasons. Volunteers continue to listen to individuals' and families' needs and assist callers whenever possible. **Thank you** as always for supporting the Mother Teresa ministry.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Today our Gospel presents us with the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. We hear God say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Because of our baptism, we share in the same intimate relationship with the Father that Jesus has. This intimate relationship we have with God can transform us, just as it transformed Jesus. We, too, can radiate with love and newness of life and then help in transforming and positively impacting the lives of others. How has your relationship with God transformed you?

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Back-to-School Health Guide: 5 Tips for Getting Kids Back on Track

- 1 Establish bedtimes.** Adequate sleep is vital for concentration and consistent academic performance. Children 13 and under require 9–11 hours of sleep each night. Two weeks before school starts, experts recommend putting kids to bed earlier each night to get them used to the modified routine.
- 2 Plan healthy meals and snacks.** Packing your child's lunch every day puts you in control of the nutritional content. When you go grocery shopping, give your children multiple healthy snack options to encourage good eating habits. And don't skip breakfast; it's proven to keep your child alert and engaged all day.
- 3 Sign up for sports or other activities.** Your child's summer routine may have included sedentary activities such as video games and television. The start of the school year is a good opportunity to get them involved in an after-school sport or activity that will keep them fit and active. Health experts recommend 60 minutes of activity a day for kids to maintain a healthy weight.
- 4 Promote good hygiene.** It's no surprise that the classroom is a dirty environment. To keep germs at bay, encourage your children to wash their hands before touching food and after using the bathroom. Also, teach them to avoid sharing food or drinks with other kids.
- 5 Prevent problems with bullies.** Bullying can lead to depression in kids. Before school starts, openly discuss the dangers of bullying. Encourage your child to report any problems to you immediately. Notify school officials if bullying becomes a problem and follow up on their efforts to achieve a resolution. www.aofamily.com

Free Tai Chi class Tuesdays & Thursdays, August 8th - September 7th, 1:30-2:30, St. Francis School, 602 S. West Street. To register call Brandi Bishop, RN Parish Nurse at 405-269-2252 or email bmb29@hotmail.com.

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 times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

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