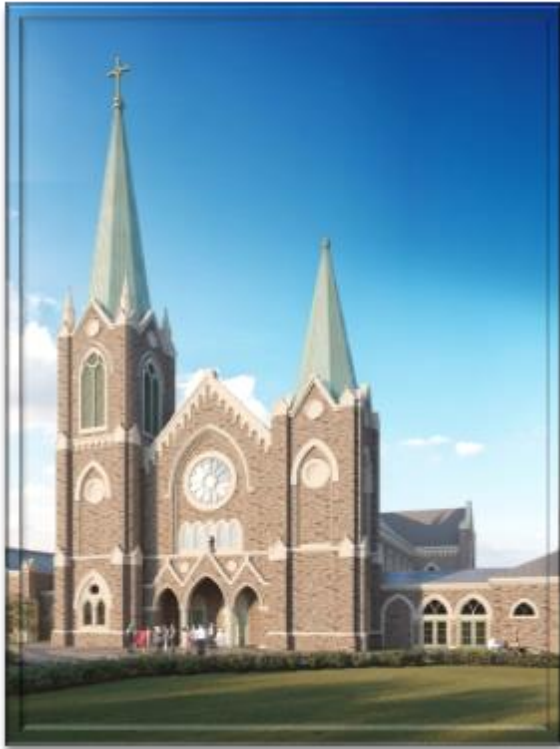


Stillwater Catholic Community

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 Glenn Collum
Deacon Paul Govek
Deacon Tom Haan



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2017

Prayer of Pope Pius XII Mary, Our Strength

O Virgin, fair as the moon, delight of the angels and saints in heaven, grant that we may become like you and that our souls may receive a ray of your beauty, which does not decline with the years but shines forth into eternity. O Mary, sun of heaven, restore life where there is death and enlighten spirits where there is darkness. Turn your countenance to your children and radiate on us your light and your fervor. O Mary, powerful as an army, grant victory to our ranks. We are very weak and our enemy rages with uttermost conceit.

But under your banner we are confident of overcoming him. Save us, O Mary, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, awe inspiring as an army set in battle array and sustained not by hatred but by the ardor of 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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“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour. (Mt 15:26b-28)



Gospel Meditation: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

Readings for the Week of August 20, 2017

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-5/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – Aug. 13	\$5,070.00	
Automatics	\$5,360.00	
Total	\$10,430.00	\$48,604.00
St. John – Aug. 13	\$4,949.25	
Automatics	\$4,700.00	
Total	\$9,649.25	\$46,160.60

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

Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$3,791.50**

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, Catherine Cabañeros, Kathryn Campbell, Pat Clemente, Mary Davenport, Fred Dick, Jack Dorman, Ed Eick, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Aria Gray, Cherry Gray, Essy Gorrittis, Fr. Ken Harder, Monica Held, Bob Kargel, Phyllis Lambert, Christopher Leffall, Anissa Magallanes, Gerry & Sally Messbarger, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, Christy Paculan, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, John Penn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, Paul Schatz, Lynn Schwartz, Pat Sohrwide, Beth Stroud, Robby Tiedt, 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.

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

August 22 8:00am †Sandra Schatz – Charles Schatz
 August 23 8:00am †Richard Campbell - Family
 August 24 8:00am †Ellie DeGeorge – Skip DeGeorge
 August 25 12:10pm †Bernie Kopel – Her Family
 August 26 5:00pm **Lacy and Family**
 August 27 8:00am **For Intentions of Parishioners**
 10:00am **For the Families of Parishioners**
 1:00pm †Horacio Ramirez – Amanda Ramirez

St. John the Evangelist

August 22 5:15pm
 August 23 12:15pm
 August 24 5:15pm
 August 25 5:15pm
 August 26 **No Saturday Mass**
 August 27 9:30am **The Bokorney's**
 11:30am

Update on 1st Friday Adoration Schedule: On Thursday August 31st, OSU has a home game. To avoid complications with 1st Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the entire schedule beginning Thursday @ 6pm will be at St. Francis and end on Saturday with the 8am hour followed by the 9am Mass.

The Fifth Annual National Day of the Remembrance of Aborted Children will take place at the memorial for the Aborted Children and their Mothers at St. John the Evangelist. Please join Spencer Rogers in praying the Rosary @ 9:00am Saturday, September 9th at St. John.



Call your Parish Office about Bus Transportation

HOSPITALITY

Bishop David Konderla Visit Next Week - Join the Convivio (Feast or Banquet)

We will be honored to have Bishop Konderla visit us next weekend on Sunday, August 27th and celebrate several Masses with our community. He will preside over the 10:00am and 1:00pm Mass at Saint Francis, and the 5:00pm Mass at Saint John the Evangelist. Come and enjoy the Bishop's favorite food! After the 1:00pm Mass, our Hispanic Community will host their monthly Convivio and a meal will be provided in the Saint Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Keep it Local. Give Blood with Oklahoma Blood Institute at St. John on Tuesday, August 29 from 4:30 – 7:30pm. Donate blood and get a Keep it local Shirt and a voucher for OKC Zoo entries. Look for the Bloodmobile!! To schedule an appointment, call Judi Kastl at (405) 747 -5099.

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 or 405.372.7987
Ashleigh Martin, Youth Minister – catholicyouth@brightok.net or 405.269.3786

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pre-K – 5th Grades

Religious Ed. classes

Registration at St. John will be after all Masses TODAY, August 20th. Classes begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 11:15am to 12:30pm in St. Francis School (602 S. West Street).

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



6th – 8th grades

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge resources speak to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth.



9th – 12th grades

As a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Life Teen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and guide, Life Teen seeks to unleash the fullness of the Sacramental power present within the young Church.

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!

Adult Formation

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes begin August 30th and will be every Wednesday in St. Francis Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm. RCIA is open to all adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Deacon Paul Govek at (405)377-7322.

Bible Study

Join us for the continuation of *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* at St. Francis Xavier Church in the Parish Hall, (basement of the Church) beginning Tuesday, September 5th at 1:00pm for the afternoon study, or at 6:30pm for the evening study. Each session will be about 1 ½ hours. This half of the study will last for 12 weeks and conclude on November 21st. We welcome any new members who would like to join our study; we will begin with Chapter 13 of Matthew. For more information or to register for this study, call Terri Schutte at 260-579-6464 or via email: terri.schutte4@gmail.com.

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. For more details check out www.KofC.org or our Facebook page, Knights of Columbus 5266.

Pre-Cana – Marriage Preparation Classes

Couples planning to get married in the Catholic Church need to take 2 Marriage preparation classes. The Fall classes are scheduled for Sept. 9th and Oct. 7th at St. Francis Xavier in the Parish Hall from 9am to 3pm. Lunch will be provided. Registration forms can be found online or in the vestibule.

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

New St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Parish Council

Fr. Ken Harder (Presider), Nick Bidelspach (Facilitator), Kendall Hanson (Recorder), Mike Wieder (Convenor), Richard Cronk, Duane Helmberger, Julie Huber, Brenda Morales, Guy Palladino, and Marie Saatkamp **Ex Officio:** 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 September 14th at 7pm at St. Francis School in Rm. 5.

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

Stephen Ministry Recruitment Meetings - Have you considered becoming a Stephen Minister? Are you a caring Christian? Have you been approached by the pastor, other Stephen Ministers or fellow parishioners to consider this ministry? Might this be your talent, to commit your time to the Catholic community of Stillwater? To provide comfort and support to people experiencing challenges? Consider attending one of two informational meetings. These meetings will cover such topics as what is Stephen Ministry, who is a Stephen Minister, what a Stephen Minister is and is not, and how to become a Stephen Minister. Training starts October 9, 2017 and continues through March 2018 and includes 50 hours of training. The recruitment meetings are Monday, August 28th OR Monday, September 11th at 7:00PM in the Classroom building at St. Francis school. For more information contact Mary Ellen Holley at 405-762-9357 or stephenministristw@yahoo.com or stephenministry.org.

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. Please mark your calendars and continue your prayers, as the time is approaching where we soon will enjoy the fruits of our labor.

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.



Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

August is National Children's Vision and Learning Month

According to the American Optometric Association, up to 80% of a child's learning in school is through their vision. Reading, writing, and using computers are among the visual tasks students perform daily. A child's eyes are constantly in use in the classroom and at play. When vision is not functioning properly, education and sports can suffer. A child may not tell you that he or she has a problem because they may think the way they see is the way everyone sees.

Signs that may indicate a child has vision problems include:

- Frequent eye rubbing or blinking
- Short attention span
- Avoid reading and other close activities
- Frequent headaches
- Covering one eye
- Tilting the head to one side
- Holding reading materials close to the face
- An eye turning in or out
- Seeing double
- Losing place when reading
- Difficulty remembering what he or she read



With 1 in 4 children having an undiagnosed vision problem consider getting a complete eye exam for your children and get them started off right for the new year. www.aoa.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

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is now in the history books and looking back I wonder if I have been changed at all by the observance. Certainly the focus on mercy wasn't all about God's mercy toward me? Yes, I focused on my sin and the need for God's forgiveness and grace, but hopefully that changed how I live my life and how I offer mercy to others.

The mercy we receive from God is not something we are to keep bottled up or hidden from others. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated and to love everyone, even our enemies. When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman I wonder what she did next. I would hope she in turn offered mercy and healing to others. Of course, I know she was imperfect just like me so I am sure in no time she was back to needing the mercy of Jesus. Her demon was gone, but there is always a new evil around every corner.

However, the fact that we are a broken people always in need of mercy does not lessen the command for us to offer mercy. Mercy is a gift like so many others that God lavishes on us with great generosity. We are called to cultivate this and share it with others as well. If we cannot do that then what was the real effect of God's mercy in our lives? If we do not allow God to change us into more generous stewards ready to offer mercy and love to all, then perhaps we are fooling ourselves that we are true disciples of Jesus at all.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Our relationships often need reconciling and healing. While it is easy to say, it is often difficult to achieve. Sometimes, reconciling requires that we take down the barriers that are sources of division, remove our prejudices, look beyond differences, and see the "sameness" that connects us one to another. Of course, each party has to be willing to do this in order for healing to occur. Our Gospel shows us the healing that can occur when both parties are willing participants.