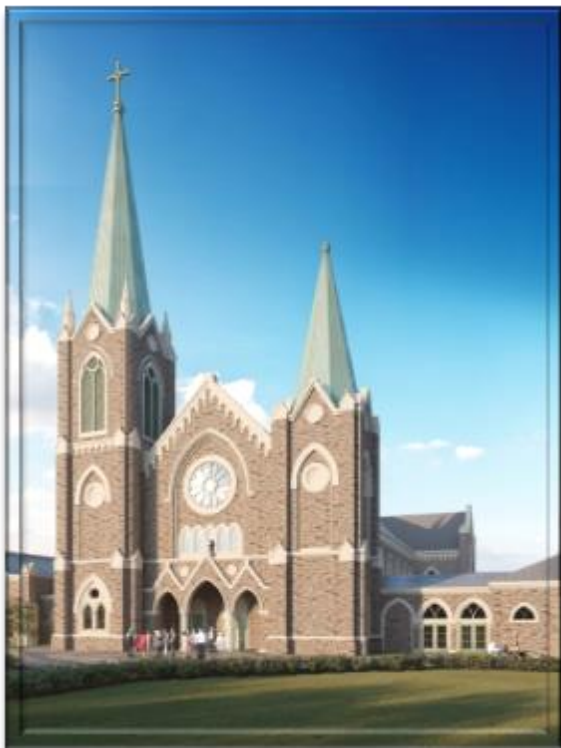


# Stillwater Catholic Community

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  
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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



## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2017

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

**Bishop Konderla asks for a Call for Solidarity with our Brothers and Sisters Impacted by Hurricane Harvey:** Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. We also stand with our brother bishops in the region who have the difficult task of providing pastoral care in these most trying times while managing their own losses. Our prayerful and financial support is urgently needed.

Funds given to the collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB. The hurricane has affected southeast Texas, including the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, and could also strike Louisiana. Please give generously - Please make your check payable to St Francis or St John. Your parish office will forward the donations on to Catholic Charities.

The Second Collection next weekend, Sept. 10 will benefit The Catholic University of America. [www.giving.cuatoday.com](http://www.giving.cuatoday.com)

Bulletin submissions should be directed to [erin@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org](mailto:erin@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org) by Wednesday at noon prior to the Sunday publication. Submissions are subject to editing. Graphics are appreciated and used if space permits.

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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  
5:00pm (Student)  
**Daily Mass:** Mon. 12:15pm & Wed. 12:15pm & 9pm (Student)  
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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*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?” (Mt 16:24b-26)*



**Gospel Meditation:** "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terrible ordeal. He wanted "no such thing" ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan. Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not. To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks.

Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his resurrection.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think "as God does" by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there. In fact, Jesus tells us later in this Gospel to take up our cross and follow him. That is not the "human" way of thinking. It's the Godly way. Our natural response is to reject and scorn the trials and tribulations that we face, but Jesus wants us to embrace them patiently and "come after" him on the (sometimes rough) road to eternal life.

**Readings for the Week of September 3, 2017**

- Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

**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, Greg Deville, Fred Dick, Jack Dorman, Ed Eick, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Aria Gray, Cherry Gray, Essy Gorrattis, 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, Rosemary Weaver, Keith Willett, John Yother, Anne and Joe Zinn, Marge Zoellner, and those impacted by Hurricane Harvey 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.

**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.

**Life Chain Sunday** – This is the 28<sup>th</sup> year of this Prayer event in Payne County. Please join us on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 2 to 3pm to stand and pray as collective witnesses that we value life and will sacrifice an hour of our time to pray in public together. The group will gather near Perkins road between Virginia and 3rd. Signs can be picked up at Frontier Plaza from 1 to 2pm. For more information, contact Yolanda McCune at 405-880-3219.

**Parish Contributions**

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
<b>St. Francis – Aug. 27</b>	<b>\$4,540.00</b>	<b>\$60,412.05</b>
<b>St. John – Aug. 27</b>	<b>\$4,935.40</b>	<b>\$56,748.90</b>
<b>Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)</b>		
Annual Goal:	<b>\$4,260</b>	Received to date: <b>\$3,941.90</b>
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity!</b>		

**† Mass Intentions †**

**St. Francis Xavier**

- September 5 8:00am †Frank Whinery - Family
- September 6 8:00am Fr. Ken
- September 7 8:00am **Special Intentions**
- September 8 12:10pm **Luckey – Andrew Family**
- September 9 5:00pm †Joe Nelson – Jenny & Family
- September 10 8:00am **Pro Populo**
- 10:00am **For Deceased Family members and friends**
- 1:00pm **For the Families of Parishioners**

**St. John the Evangelist**

- September 4 12:15pm **No Mass**
- September 5 5:15pm †Margaret DeMonico
- September 6 12:15pm †Jacob & Anna Geiger – Sandra Kilcrease
- September 7 5:15pm
- September 8 5:15pm
- September 9 **No Saturday Mass**
- September 10 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:30am †Frances Fusselman – Annie Ortiz
- 5:00pm



**Call your Parish Office about Bus Transportation**

## HOSPITALITY

**Have a happy and blessed Labor Day!** Your Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Join us for Coffee and Donuts, TODAY!** At St. Francis after the 8am and 10am Mass. At St. John after the 9:30am Mass.

**Join us for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast, next Sunday** – Sept. 10<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 Women's Luncheon – Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm at St. John Parish Hall.** Resolve to make new friends at the inaugural luncheon of the Stillwater Catholic Women with special guest speaker Bishop David Konderla. Kindly RSVP by Sept. 11 to Julie Lauvetz (405) 707-9989 or Julie Huber at [jahuber14@gmail.com](mailto:jahuber14@gmail.com).

**Welcome to all!** We welcome seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts and jaded cynics, the lost, the found....and especially YOU! 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.

## 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

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

##### Religious Education classes

begin next Sunday, **September 10, 2017**. Classes will take place in the St. Francis Center (across from St. Francis church) from 11:15am-12:30pm.

**Catechist and Volunteer Meeting** - If you have volunteered to help with our classes we have meetings scheduled for Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Each will be in the St. Francis Center, Room 5. Please make plans to attend the meeting that best fits your schedule.

**Catechist and Volunteer VIRTUS Training** - If you have volunteered to help with RE classes and have not completed the online VIRTUS child safety class and background check, please contact Sarah for information. This needs to be completed before RE begins!

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

**September 3** – No Edge or Life Teen classes

**September 7-** Lector Training at St. Francis at 6:30 pm. This is for any youth interested in becoming a lector for youth masses throughout the year.

**September 8-** High School Lunch begins! All youth in high school are invited to attend lunch each Friday at the Albright's Barn (2615 E. McElroy Rd)!

**September 10** – Confirmation Parent/Youth Meeting from 11:30am to 12:30pm at CYO House – 717 S. Hester St. Please bring a copy of your Baptismal Certificate to this meeting!!

Edge: 5 to 6:30 pm at CYO House  
Life Teen: 7 to 8:30pm at CYO House  
Bring your friends!!!

## Adult Formation

### RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Join us this Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> in St. Francis Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm for the Intro to things in the Church, Q & A. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:terri.schutte4@gmail.com).

### Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Grand Knight – Chris Stoner

[texagok87@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](http://www.KofC.org) or our Facebook page, Knights of Columbus 5266.

### Faith, Froth & Catholic Stuff You Should Know

Tuesdays – Once a Month at St. John  
5:15 Mass, 6:00 Social, 6:30 Talk/Q&A

Sept. 12 – He's a Priest? Really? That Guy?  
Oct. 10 – Love is Love? Nope Not Really  
Nov. 14 – Candidates for God's Mercy

[catholicpokes@gmail.com](mailto:catholicpokes@gmail.com) or 405-372-6408

### Pre-Cana – Marriage Preparation Classes

Couples planning to get married in the Catholic Church need to take 2 Saturday sessions totaling 12 hours. The Fall classes are scheduled for Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Xavier from 9am to 3pm (Coffee and donuts served at 8:45pm). Lunch will be provided. Registration forms can be found online or in the vestibule. Please contact the parish office with any questions, (405) 372-6886.

### Baptism Preparation Class

If you are a parent or god-parent, Baptism classes are conducted by a Deacon at the St. Francis Center (602 S. West St.) on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. To register, please call the parish office at (405) 372-6886.

### 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.

Rediscover your Catholic Faith through the wonderful collection of Faith Formation series, Movies, Documentaries, Bible Studies, books and much more.

## SERVICE

**UPDATE - New Date for Dedication Mass:** Our dedication Mass has been rescheduled for February 4, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

**Stephen Ministry Recruitment Meetings** - Consider attending the informational meeting. This meeting 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 2, 2017 and continues through March 2018 and includes 50 hours of training.

**The recruitment meeting is 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](mailto:stephenministristw@yahoo.com) or [stephenministry.org](http://stephenministry.org).

**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.

### Mother Teresa Ministry – August Report

August activity was the highest in 2017. In part that maintains a pattern for the last two years. August was the highest month in 2015 and second highest month in 2016. August needs may be higher due to higher utility bills for July, back-to-school expenses for children, and slower hourly labor in August prior to OSU classes resuming. Adding to those this year was closing of some food pantries in anticipation of Our Daily Bread, a new and larger community food pantry, opening in early September. Overall, we assisted 51 individuals or families with vouchers totaling \$3,285, the third highest one-month distribution in the past 6 years. We exceeded our “soft” budgeted amount for the month of \$2,000 by quite a bit; and still turned down several requests for help during the last week of the month. Donations from the August holy day collection were less than in previous years. A big “thank you” to all who donated. Your support of this ministry is much appreciated!

### 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:** Dcn. Paul Govek, Vic Schutte, 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. The next meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Francis School in Rm. 5.

**OSU Knights of Columbus** - Students interested in joining the OSU Council are invited to the luncheon meeting following the 11:30 am Mass Sunday, September 10 in the St. John library. OSU Knights of Columbus Council Officers for 2017-18 - Grand Knight - Michael Matousek, Deputy Grand Knight – Fikayo Oyebiyi, Chancellor - Babajide Ojo, Recorder - Jesse Posten, Advocate - Trevor Janda, Chaplain - Father Lawrence, Warden - David Salcedo, Lecturer - Adam Molnar, Inside Guard - Hasina Ralotomanana, Outside Guard - Garrett Kulfa

## Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

### Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Tai Chi helps to improve movement, balance, strength, and flexibility, as well as decreases pain and the incidence of falls. Movements are performed at a higher stance to make it easier for older participants and those with arthritis or other physical limitations. Tai Chi is low impact and puts minimal stress on muscles and joints, making it generally safe for all ages and fitness levels. Tai Chi has been described as meditation in motion, and is a great way to reduce stress.

**We will be offering 2 Tai Chi classes starting September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance- Beginners Class** will be held Tuesdays September 12<sup>th</sup>-November 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:15pm-6:15 p.m. at St. Francis School Room 5.

**Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance Advanced Class-** is a six-week advanced series that allows those who have completed Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance (TCMBB) to maintain the practice of the skills they have already learned. Advanced class will be held 1:30-2:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 12<sup>th</sup>-October 19<sup>th</sup>.

To register for either class please contact Maricela at OHAI 405-271-6424 or email [centralohai@ouhsc.edu](mailto:centralohai@ouhsc.edu) or Brandi Bishop 405-269-2252 or email [bmb29@hotmail.com](mailto:bmb29@hotmail.com)

### Everyday Stewardship

How many public self-storage facilities can you find in your city or town? They seem to be popping up everywhere. One day I was talking to my neighbor and he was explaining that he just wanted to have his garage back again. He was thinking about moving everything to a storage unit so he could gain what he wanted more than all that stuff: space. We talked about the fact that if he chose to follow through with it there was no shortage of places to house all of it. Of course, we also agreed that it would be better to simply let go of all it. He could sell it or give it away. But, of course, it was good stuff! So good, in fact, one was tempted to rent a whole new space to house it!

I am not against stuff in principle, but I do realize that stuff can become a stumbling block to real freedom. Sometimes our possessions take on an importance that begins to dictate how we act or how we give of ourselves to God and others. An everyday steward seeks detachment from things of this world that will one day pass away. Things that we possess should be seen as pathways into experiences that glorify God, whether they allow us to serve others, enrich our lives lived daily for God, or even help make leisure and recreation time resting in God's presence easier. But the simpler the life, the fewer distractions there are from focusing on those we love and our relationship with God. And besides, do you really think a monthly payment to house stuff you don't really need is the best stewardship way of life?

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### Stillwater Catholic Women - Christmas Bazaar

Plans are underway for our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Craft ideas will be on display at our “Lunch with the Bishop on September 16<sup>th</sup>.” Our October meeting will be devoted to making fun and unique crafts for the Bazaar. Watch the bulletin each week for Bazaar Updates! Please call co-chairs Cindy Beckman-372-6886 or Julie Huber 405-762-6621 with any questions.

### Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Even as people of faith we often find ourselves reasoning our way through our trials and difficulties. It makes a huge difference using our own eyes and not those of God. God knows that we live in an imperfect world filled with suffering, pain, difficulties, disappointments, and death; all part of the mix. Jesus shows us by example that when we encounter hardships God transforms them into something better. We do not need to despair. God gives us hope. When we view our lives through God's eyes and not our own this gift of hope and transformation becomes very apparent. We must lose our lives in order to gain them.