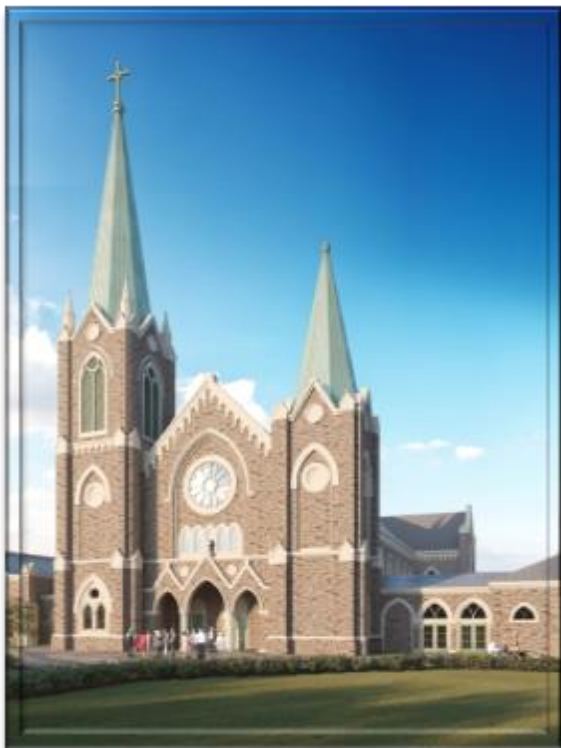


Stillwater Catholic Community

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



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2017

A Great Catholic, Mother Teresa wrote:

*The fruit of silence is prayer.
The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love.
The fruit of love is service.
The fruit of service is peace.*

(Submitted by a parishioner)

If you would like to submit a prayer to potentially be included on the front of the bulletin, please email erin@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org with the prayer, source and any other pertinent information.

The Second Collection this weekend, Sept. 10 will benefit
The Catholic University of America. www.giving.cuatoday.com
Please make checks payable to St. Francis or St. John.

Bulletin submissions should be directed to erin@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org
by Wednesday at noon prior to the Sunday publication. Submissions are
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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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"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses." (Mt 18:15-16)



Gospel Meditation: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also **pray** together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

Readings for the Week of September 10, 2017

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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, Dale & Elnora Dennis, Greg Deville, Fred Dick, Jack Dorman, Ed Eick, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Aria Gray, Cherry Gray, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorritiss, 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, Dick and Teddy Taylor, Robby Tiedt, Rosemary Weaver, Keith Willett, John Yother, Anne and Joe Zinn, Marge Zoellner, 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.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Relationships are difficult, requiring honesty, dialogue, respect, and tolerance. We can easily offend one another, even by doing the simplest of things. Feelings can be hurt and relationships can become hurtful. Sometimes, our own wounds end up wounding others. When division or discord results, rather than responding with anger, judgment, and vindication, Jesus instructs us to be compassionate, tolerant, respectful, and forgiving. We can do this even when we have to confront someone with the truth, which may not always be well received. Even with our brokenness, we are all an image of God and should do all in our power to properly resolve conflicts.

Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – Sept. 3	\$4,655.00	\$65,067.05
Catholic Charities – Harvey		\$5,999.55
St. John – Sept. 3	\$4,811.85	\$61,560.75
Catholic Charities – Harvey		\$2,292.00

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

Annual Goal: \$4,260 Received to date: \$3,956.90

Thank you for your continued generosity!

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

September 12 8:00am
 September 13 8:00am †Bobby Afill – Leah Afill
 September 14 8:00am †Gene Turner – Jo Turner
 September 15 12:10pm
 September 16 5:00pm
 September 17 8:00am Pro Populo
 10:00am For Deceased Family members and friends
 1:00pm For the Families of Parishioners

St. John the Evangelist

September 11 12:15pm No Mass
 September 12 5:15pm
 September 13 12:15pm
 September 14 5:15pm †Bobby Afill – Leah Afill
 September 15 5:15pm
 September 16 No Saturday Mass
 September 17 9:30am
 11:30am Pro Populo
 5:00pm



Beatification of
 Servant of God
 Fr. Stanley Rother

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



Free admission - Tickets not required

HOSPITALITY

Welcome Back Fr. Ken!!! Thank you, Stillwater Catholic Community for all the prayers and Mass intentions over the past months. He is back and healthy!

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 TODAY – Sept. 10th 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 16th 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.

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 – creprek-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 Education classes begin TODAY, September 10, 2017.

Classes will take place in the St. Francis Center (across from St. Francis church) from 11:15am to 12:30pm. Registration forms are available today and online at stfrancisxavierstillwater.org.

Please do not drop off your children before 11:15am as there may not be proper supervision in the building at that time. Prompt pick up at 12:30pm is appreciated. Thank you!



YOUTH MINISTRY 6th – 12th Grades

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!!!

September 17

YM Canoe Trip on the Illinois River

Depart from St. Francis Xavier parking lot at 7:30am. Fr. Stuart Crevcure will say Mass for the Youth at St. Brigid in Tahlequah after the Canoe trip.
NO EDGE OR LIFE TEEN, Sept. 17!

Adult Formation

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Join us this Wednesday, Sept. 13th in St. Francis Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm for the *Journey of Faith*. 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) every Tuesday 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 fourth 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 Saturday sessions totaling 12 hours. The 2nd Fall class is scheduled for Oct. 7th 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.

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 or 405-372-6408

SERVICE

UPDATE - New Date for Dedication Mass: Our dedication Mass for the New St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church has been rescheduled for February 4, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

Stillwater Catholic Women - Christmas Bazaar

Plans are underway for our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2nd. Craft ideas will be on display at our "Lunch with the Bishop on September 16th." 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.



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 last informational/recruitment meeting is Monday, September 11th at 7:00PM** in St. Francis Center, Rm 5. For more information contact Mary Ellen Holley at 405-762-9357 or stephenministrystw@yahoo.com or stephenministry.org.

Food Backpack Ministry – Sponsor a Child! The backpack program ensures that each and every child in need from Stillwater Middle School has nutritional food to eat over the weekend. It cost on average \$175 per year to feed one child. All donations are welcome. 100% of money donated goes toward the program. Donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to St. Francis. For more information, contact Pepper Keeling at 405-742-7676 or St. Francis Parish Office at 405-372-6886.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - The next meeting is September 14th at 7pm at St. Francis Center in Rm. 5.

OSU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE OCT. 27

Stillwater Catholic Women and the St. John Knights of Columbus Council #11135 are offering four \$1000 scholarships for the OSU Spring 2018 semester. The scholarships are in honor of Fr. Bob Schlitt, Fr. Clement Pribil, Professor Emeritus Horatio Mottola and Deacon Bill Dunbar.

The scholarships are available to OSU undergraduate students who attend mass, have a GPA of 2.8 or higher, have completed at least 30 but no more than 115 credit hours, and if a transfer student, have completed at least 12 credit hours at OSU. Traditional and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply. The application form is available on-line at www.catholicpokes.com and at St. John's Parish Office. **Application deadline is: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017 at St. John's Parish Office.** If you have questions, contact Kathy Bidelsbach 405-620-3253.

Spanish classes for Adults – Please call Luz Flores (405—880-0553) 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.

PASSION & PURPOSE with Matthew Kelly on September 30, 2017 from 6pm to 10:30pm at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. Purchase a Ticket (\$39) at DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

10 Ways to Celebrate National Grandparents Day (Sept. 10, 2017)

Grandparents and grandchildren share a special relationship, so why shouldn't there be a day to honor their love?

- **Make a Photograph Craft** Grandparents love photographs of their favorite kids.
- **Interview Grandparents** Times have changed since grandparents were young, and kids will be fascinated to find out what life was like when grandma and grandpa were growing up.
- **Perform a Song** A performance dedicated to your grandparents will be a special memory. Organize all of the cousins to sing a song for grandma and grandpa.
- **Bake a Treat** Adult relatives can help kids bake muffins or cookies for their grandparents.
- **Offer Thoughtful Services** Grandparents do many things for their grandchildren. Make a little coupon booklet of things the grandchildren can do for the grandparents.
- **Record Your Family's History** Family trees and scrapbooks can be special keepsakes.
- **Hold a Sleepover** The purpose of the party is to encourage grandparent-grandchild bonding time, make the event easy on the grandparents by having a pizza delivered or by providing breakfast food.
- **Send a Homemade Card** A card is a loving gift for grandparents both near and far, especially if it's handcrafted.
- **Cook a Meal** Kids can organize plan, prepare and serve a meal to grandma and grandpa.
- **Share What You Love** Words of appreciation are a treasured gift. No matter what you decide to do in honor of National Grandparents Day, if it's done with love, it will be special to grandma and grandpa. This year, set aside this holiday to honor the grandparents in your life.

We will be offering 2 Tai Chi classes starting September 12th.

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

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance Advanced Class will be held 1:30-2:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 12th-October 19th.

To register for either class please contact Maricela at OHA! 405-271-6424 or email centralohai@ouhsc.edu or Brandi Bishop 405-269-2252 or email bmb29@hotmail.com

Everyday Stewardship

I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt, mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone.

These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we *naturally* owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.

You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.

I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me. There is nothing greater than love. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* - © Liturgical Publications Inc