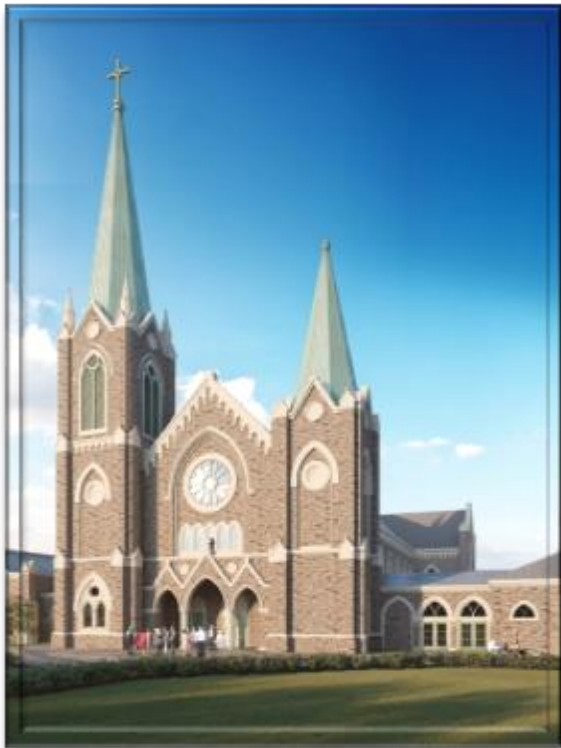


Stillwater Catholic Community

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2017

Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace
O Queen of the Rosary, Sweet Virgin of Fatima, who has
deigned to appear in the land of Portugal, we beg you to
watch over our dear homeland and assure its moral and
spiritual revival.

Bring back peace to all the nations of the world so that all,
our own nation in particular, may be happy to call you their
Queen and the Queen of Peace. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for our country.
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for all humanity a lasting peace.

The International Fatima Statue will be in
the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Oct. 13 – Oct 18
and in the Diocese of Tulsa, Oct. 20 – 22.

Visit <https://www.fatimatourforpeace.com/the-tour>

For more information about the Statue, Tour and Locations.



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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: Tues. – Friday 8:00 – 9:00am
Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00pm
1st Friday after the Thursday 5:15pm Mass
Reconciliation: Tues. – Friday 8:00 – 9:00am
Sunday 9 – 9:30am, 11 – 11:30am & 3:45 – 4:45pm

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“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” (Mt 21:32)

Fr. Ken's Reflection: To sons, to heirs of the father are called to work in his vineyard. Both have very different responses, both externally and internally. If you will notice, it is the internal response that counts. The first son says no. Working for others is no fun. His initial response, born of instinctive self-centeredness, So, the first son is, to all observances, disobedient. But he does something remarkable, he reconsiders his action and makes a choice. He chooses against his first, self-centered impulse. He makes a choice in obedience and does what is asked, even though he would appear to other to have been disobedient against the father. The second son says yes to the father. However, his response is not born of obedience, but is actually like the first son's response. In his self-centeredness, he says yes to the father knowing that the father will be pleased and reward him. Yet he has no intention of pleasing the father, he, like the other son, wants to please himself. Externally, the two sons are different. The interior reality for both at the outset is the same, both are self-serving. The subsequent response is the one that is truly personal, for it is the result of reconsideration and is where the true nature of each son lies. The first makes an act of love and despite the external sign of disobedience, does the will of the father. The second son makes no subsequent reconsideration of his ways. He is satisfied that he said yes, that the father was pleased and believes the illusion he has created that he is doing rightly. After all, his father is pleased with him for his affirmative response. This second son may even be condemning of the first one, who initially said no. Jesus points out that it is the follow-through that counts. A person's true intentions can be seen in consistent behaviors. The second son may have the pleasure of the father now, but when he fails to be consistent with his initial response, he will incur punishment. It will be all the worse because the inconsistency between external appearance and interior disposition is what we call hypocrisy, which is about the worst of sins. Remember that in the gospels, the only condemnation Jesus uttered against anyone was for condemnation. There were two responses to Jesus when he walked the Earth and those same two responses are present today. Either one believes or not. Why do some believe and others don't, even though the reality of Christ is present to all? Ultimately, the failure to believe is a result of hypocrisy. In our ordinary human living, we need to believe in others for our well-being. We need to trust our experts; doctors, engineers (mechanical engineers especially) and so on. We place trust in others because we understand that they see what we don't and by our trust, we benefit. It is the same with our faith. It is a reality we know is there, but don't fully understand. We must therefore trust the One who does know, Christ Himself. To not believe, when confronted with Christ, becomes a hypocrisy, which is to be an inauthentic human person. So, what is your consistent response to the call of the Father? Is your "no" at times followed by repentance? Is your "yes" followed by consistent action? Consider your ways so hypocrisy won't find a home in you. **-Fr. Ken**

Readings for the Week of October 1, 2017

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – Sept. 24	\$4,484.00	\$89,747.00
St. John – Sept. 24	\$5,436.00	\$81,735.15

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

Annual Goal: \$4,260 Received to date: \$4,456.90

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:

Elia Adams, Maria y Ricardo Aguilar, Jayden Andrew, Nena Batista, John Belusko, Catherine Cabañeros, Kathryn Campbell, Salomón Cárdenas, Daniel Centeno, Pat Clemente, Dcn. Glenn Collum, Greg Deville, Fred Dick, Jack Dorman, Ed Eick, Paulina Figueroa, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorrillis, Oscar González, James Grice, Monica Held, Cipriana Hernández, Bob Kargel, Mariela Latchman, Phyllis Lambert, Christopher Leffall, Anissa Magallanes, Gerry & Sally Messbarger, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, Christy Paculan, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, John Penn, Claudia Ramos, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, James Scerine, Paul Schatz, Lynn Schwartz, Pat Sohrwide, Beth Stroud, Dick and Teddy Taylor, Pat Teller, Robby Tiedt, Joyce Twine, Rosemary Weaver, Paul Westhaus, John Yother, Anne and Joe Zinn, Marge Zoellner, those impacted by Hurricanes and those providing and 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.

Life Chain Sunday - Join us as we pray for an end to abortion TODAY, Sunday Oct. 1, from 2-3. We will meet in front of Chick-Fil-A. For more information contact Mary Kate Tejral, tejral@brightok.net

National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness and Understanding – Interfaith Candlelight Vigil, Oct. 3rd. at 6:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier. Free Pizza will be served!

Animal Blessing- Pumarama will host an open house and animal blessing **Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017 from 3:30pm-4:00pm**. Bring your animals for a blessing. Call Leah at 405-880-7645 with question. Fr. Ken will also give a pet blessing at 5pm on the lawn at St. Francis.

October is Rosary Month – PRAY THE ROSARY

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

October 3 8:00am †Gene Turner – Jo Turner
 October 4 8:00am
 October 5 8:00am †Gene Turner – Jo Turner
 October 6 12:10pm †George Johnson – Daughter
 October 7 9:00am Mary Ellis Humpal - Family
 5:00pm Personal Intentions
 October 8 8:00am Pro Populo
 10:00am For Deceased Family members and friends
 1:00pm For the Families of Parishioners

St. John the Evangelist

October 2 12:15pm
 October 3 5:15pm
 October 4 12:15pm Nan & Baker Bokorney
 October 5 5:15pm
 October 6 5:15pm †Anna Dimonico – Anna Noll
 October 7 **No Saturday Mass**
 October 8 9:30am Pro Populo
 11:30am †Anna & Salvator – A. Noll
 5:00pm Johnny Vestal - Elaina

PRAYER CONT'D.



1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration

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

At St. Francis, Adoration on Friday, Oct. 6th will begin after the 12:10pm Mass and end on Saturday, Oct. 7th at the 9am Mass.

Pray the Rosary at Boomer Lake: The OSU Student Knights of Columbus Council #11135 invite everyone to join us for the 11th annual praying of the Most Holy Rosary commemorating the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's Miracle of the Sun apparition. This one hour event will take place at Boomer Lake, shelter #3 Saturday October 14th at 11:45 am. Contact Greg Feher, Rally Captain at 405-747-4847 or canuck1999@yahoo.com for more information or transportation assistance.

HOSPITALITY

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

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.

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.

Columbus Day Talk by Fr. Stuart Crevcoure on Thursday, October 12

Reception at 7pm and Talk at 7:30pm on "Beyond Black and White Legends: The Relevance of Columbus for Today". This event will be at **St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall (basement)** and is free, open to everyone, and sponsored by the OSU and Stillwater Knights of Columbus.

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 - Classes have begun and are from 11:15am to 12:30 pm in the St. Francis Center. Enrollment forms are available today and online at stfrancisxavierstillwater.org. Please do not leave your children before 11:15am. Prompt pick up at 12:30pm is appreciated.

First Communion Information - Copies of Baptismal certificates are due to the RE office not later than November 1, 2017. You must provide a copy of the certificate even if your child was Baptized at one of our local Parishes. Contact the Parish Office where child was Baptized if you cannot find your copy of the certificate.

First Communion Parent Meeting - We will have an information meeting on Sunday, October 15th, during RE class time. The meeting will take place in the St. Francis Parish Hall (basement). Please make plans to attend!

Religious Education Rosary and Potluck - October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Join us for a Living Rosary and Potluck on Wednesday, October 11th, at 6:00 pm. We will have a "Miracle of the Morning Sun Breakfast" for dinner in honor of the Miracle of the Sun celebrated on October 13th. Watch for more details and a Sign Up Genius!

Love Feast - Love Feast is a community wide effort to feed the hungry in Stillwater. The Religious Education families support this effort the first Tuesday of each month. October 3rd is our first meal of the year. If your family is interested in helping serve and clean up this meal, please contact Sarah at creprek-5@brightok.net or 372-7987. We would love your help...serving others brings us closer to God!

YOUTH MINISTRY

6th – 12th Grades

October 1

No Confirmation
No LifeTeen
Edge 5 to 6:30pm

October 8

Confirmation:
11:30am to 12:30pm
Edge: 5 to 6:30 pm
Life Teen: 7pm
at CYO House
Bring your friends!!!

Oct. 13

Our Lady of Fatima
Pilgrimage in OKC

Oct. 14

Tailgate at OSU vs.
Baylor

Oct. 15

Confirmation:
11:30am to 12:30pm
Edge: 5 to 6:30 pm
Life Teen: 7pm

Oct. 21

DCYC in Tulsa

Adult Formation

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Join us this Wednesday, Oct. 4th in St. Francis Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm for the *Story of Salvation Session*. 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.

Mindfulness and Prayer Starts Oct. 7th

Join Fr. Ken Saturday mornings at 10:30am in St. Francis Parish Hall. Fr. Ken is excited to share with parishioners some of the training he received while on sabbatical. All are welcome. Please call the parish office if you have questions.

Bible Study

Join us for the continuation of *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* at St. Francis Xavier Church in the Parish Hall, every Tuesday at 1:00pm or at 6:30pm for the evening study. For more information or to register for this study, call Terri Schutte at 260-579-6464 or via email: terri.schutte4@gmail.com.

Faith, Froth & Catholic Stuff You Should Know at St. John

5:15 Mass, 6:00 Social, 6:30 Talk/Q&A
Oct. 10 – Love is Love? Nope Not Really
catholicpokes@gmail.com or
405-372-6408

Word on Fire - Catholicism Series

The Journey of a Lifetime
With Bishop Robert E. Barron is available for check out from St. Francis or St. John Parish Office. (Donated by OSU Knights of Columbus and a Parishioner)

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.

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 Men's Retreat Oct. 7th 5-9PM.

Come join us for an evening of Christian fellowship, prayerful reflection, and food in a casual outdoor setting. Our guest speaker, Bishop David Konderla

will speak about: "Building the Domestic Church, The Family Fully Alive" The retreat will be held at McMullen's Homestead on the NE corner of Country Club and McElroy. The retreat is hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council #5266. Please RSVP if possible to Nick Bidelspach (580) 370-5061 or at STJEPC@gmail.com.

OSU Knights Council Meeting and Luncheon at St. John, Oct. 8th at 11:30 am Mass, sit together in the first two rows on the left side of the altar, assist at Mass, attend luncheon meeting following the Mass and participate in Membership Drive. Following the 5 pm Mass sit with your brothers at the student dinner following the Mass

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - The next meeting is October 12th at 7pm at St. Francis Center in Rm. 5.

Stillwater Catholic Women Business Meeting – October 16th at 6:30pm.

Stewardship Committee Meeting – The next meeting is October 19th at 7pm at St. Francis Center in Rm. 5. Meetings are open to parishioners.

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 Bidelspach 405-620-3253.



"'Twas the Night before Christmas" Bazaar Saturday, December 2, 9:00-3:00

Each year parish members are given the opportunity to share their creative talents through NEEDLEWORK, SEWING, WOODCRAFTING, CARPENTRY, BASKET WEAVING, DECORATING, COOKING,

BAKING, CANDY MAKING!

SAVE THE DATE: After a short business meeting on Monday, October 16, 6:30, we will begin making crafts for the Bazaar. You are invited to join the FUN!

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Saying and doing are two very different things. Often, we say we are going to do the right thing but then we do not. We get distracted by a self-focused concern, apathy, fear, and a number of other excuses. The choice to act with virtue is always before us. The ability to choose is one of God's gifts. Fully living the Gospel means that we choose to "practice what we preach." Faith without action serves no purpose.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Why Get the Flu Shot?

1. Influenza (also called the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness that infects the nose, throat, and lungs.
2. It is estimated from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that 200,000 Americans are hospitalized because of complications from the flu each year.
3. It only takes two minutes to get the flu shot compared to a bout of flu that can last one to two weeks.
4. The elderly, children, and people with asthma are at higher risk for getting the seasonal flu. Additionally, the flu is transmitted when people live close together like in residence halls.
5. The seasonal flu shot changes every year to provide protection against the predicted strain that will be most active.
6. If you get sick, your family, friends, and peers may get sick as well.
7. The flu can cause serious side effects including death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that depending on the severity of the flu season anywhere from 3,000- 49,000 people pass away from complications from the flu each year.
8. Vaccination is the single best way to prevent the flu. Flu vaccines cause antibodies to develop in the body about two weeks after vaccination. These antibodies provide protection against infection with the viruses that are in the vaccine. www.cdc.org

Flu shots available after Mass:

October 7th-St. Francis 5 pm
October 8th-St. Francis 8 am & 10 am
October 8th- St. John 9:30 & 11:30 am

Everyday Stewardship

Remember a time when jealousy or envy reared its ugly head and you wished you had something that someone else owned? Maybe it was a house, a car, a bank account, or even that luscious green lawn. All humans have had that feeling before and some of us more often than others. After the emotion hit you, hopefully you considered all the good gifts you did have in your life and gave thanks for them. Let's pray that you are still not hanging onto those feelings. Unfortunately, we do live in a world that seems to fuel those desires and push us toward wanting more and more.

But let's level the field here. Did you ever hear of someone who died and was able to take any of those things into the afterlife? The reality is that nothing we have in this life truly belongs to us. We come into this world with nothing and as time goes by more gifts are entrusted to us but we never truly own them. So whom do they belong to anyway?

Of course, you know the answer. All that we have has been entrusted to us by God; to be cherished, cultivated, and then given back to him for his glory. God doesn't need any of these things, and we only need them short-term. All that we need long-term is God. If he is all we need in the end, I bet our lives would be more fruitful and happier if we focused on that now instead of later.

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Birthright of Stillwater is a crisis pregnancy center that focuses on love. We believe it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, please contact Lori Wieder at 377-5683!

40 Days for Life † Sept. 27 - Nov. 5

The 40 Days for Life Campaign is firmly rooted on a foundation of prayer and fasting. To help maintain focus on the Lord and stay in tune with his guidance, a series of daily devotionals are available at 40daysforlife.com.