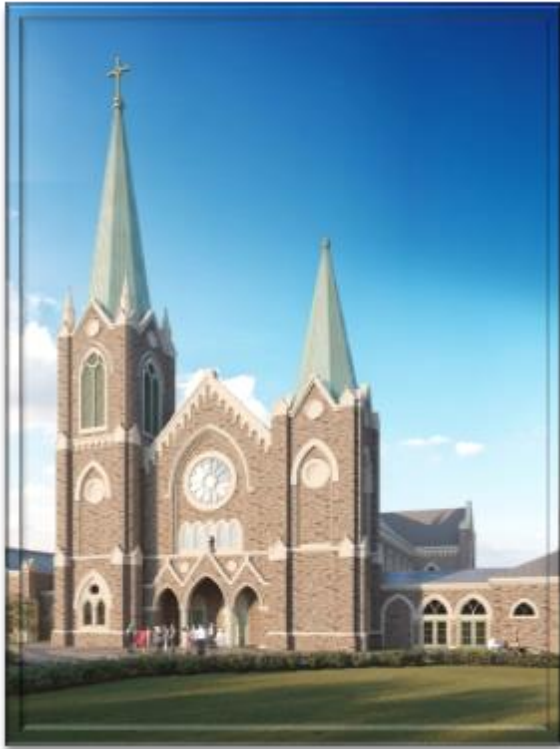


# Stillwater Catholic Community

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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## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 2017

### St. Francis of Assisi's Vocation Prayer

Most High, Glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of our minds.  
Give us a right faith, a firm hope  
and a perfect charity,  
so that we may always  
and in all things act according  
to Your Holy Will. 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  
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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Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...*?  
Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."  
(Mt 21:42ab, 43)

**Fr. Ken's Reflection:** A landowner asks his tenants to give him his share of the crop at harvest time. They refuse, kill his messengers and finally his son. The parable seems pretty clear but let's take a closer look at what Jesus was saying. First, who is the intended audience? It is the leaders of the people, not the people at large. The parable speaks to those entrusted with leadership of God's people. The leadership, rather than serving God in whose name they act, take ownership of the religion they are supposed to serve. There is a very important lesson for us today. First, it is the landowner who prepares the land. He put a hedge around it to protect it, he put a winepress so the grapes could be processed and built a tower for the tenants to live and watch over the land. In short, the tenants did nothing to make their source of livelihood; all was given to them. All they had to do was work the land and they would surely benefit. But their benefit could come about only when they gave the landowner what he asked of them. One would think the tenants would be grateful to the landowner for the gift of work which would give them sustenance. What happened? They began to think that their labors gave them rights which belonged to the landowner alone. So when the landowner asked for what was rightfully his, they responded violently. They even think that they can inherit the land after they kill the rightful heir. For a while, they prosper but the day of accounting comes to them. Not only are they removed from the vineyard which has sustained them, they receive what they have given, death. That message, spoken to leaders of the Jewish faith long ago has importance for us. The Jewish leaders then took control of the religion and made their interpretation, their understanding binding on all the people. They began to think that the way they practiced the Jewish religion made them superior to others. They made the fundamental error of disobedience. They ceased being open to what God revealed and interpreted Moses and the Prophets according to their own desire. My friends, it is very easy for us to do the same. On the western approach to town, there is a sign that tells people to worship at a church of their choice. I believe those who put it up had noble intent but there is a grave error in what that sign says. Basically, it tells a person to live out their faith as they see fit and not as to what has been the fullness of apostolic tradition. The whole notion of the word church comes to us by way of the German, 'kirk' which comes from the Greek "kurios" which means lord. In other words, the Church is those who are called by God to live in his house. The person who becomes part of the Church cannot redefine it for himself; that is the essence of paganism. Paganism is religion that is man-made. It is our core belief that our religion is founded by Jesus, who is God himself. Yes, it has elements of human organization which are quite prone to sin and weakness, yet the Church, as the creation of Christ is greater than its merely human component. That is our core belief as Catholics. We worship the way we do because it was commanded by Christ and passed on to us by every generation from the Apostles onward. Let us strive, my brothers and sisters, to live worthily in the house of the Lord we call Church by listening to what Christ taught, which has been passed to us from the Apostles. Obedience, that virtue of "listening" commands everyone, from the Pope, our bishop, our priests, our people to allow our Christian faith to teach. Let us be careful to accept what we have received rather than change it into something we like.

**Readings for the Week of October 8, 2017**

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43  
 Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28  
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**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, Ed Eick, Paulina Figueroa, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorrittis, Oscar González, James Grice, Monica Held, Cipriana Hernández, Bob Kargel, Dennis Kastl, Mariela Latchman, Phyllis Lambert, Christopher Leffall, Ed Long, 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 the 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.

**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.

**Parish Contributions**

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
<b>St. Francis – Oct. 1</b>	<b>\$4,293.00</b>	
<b>St. Francis Automatics</b>	<b>\$5,440.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,733.00</b>	<b>\$99,480.00</b>
<b>St. John – Oct. 1</b>	<b>\$5,974.60</b>	
<b>St. John Automatics</b>	<b>\$4,700.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,674.60</b>	<b>\$92,409.75</b>

Stillwater Catholic Radio (11/17-12/31/17)

Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$4,486.90**

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

**† Mass Intentions †**

**St. Francis Xavier**

October 10 8:00am †**Dorothy Chrz** - Souleks  
 October 11 8:00am  
 October 12 8:00am †**Sandra Schatz** – Charles Schatz  
 October 13 12:10pm **Lucky-Andrew Family**  
 October 14 5:00pm **Personal Intentions**  
 October 15 8:00am **Pro Populo**  
 10:00am **For Deceased Family members and friends**  
 1:00pm **For the Families of Parishioners**

**St. John the Evangelist**

October 9 12:15pm  
 October 10 5:15pm **Garrett Townsend** – Jeremy Stephens  
 October 11 12:15pm †**Joseph DiMonico** – Anna Noll  
 October 12 5:15pm  
 October 13 5:15pm  
 October 14 **No Saturday Mass**  
 October 15 9:30am **Anne & Joe Zinn**  
 11:30am **Pro Populo**  
 5:00pm

## PRAYER CONT.

### October is Month of the Holy Rosary – PRAY THE ROSARY



**Pray the Rosary at Boomer Lake:** The OSU Student Knights of Columbus Council #11135 invite everyone to join us for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual praying of the Most Holy Rosary commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am. Contact Greg Feher at 405-747-4847 or [canuck1999@yahoo.com](mailto:canuck1999@yahoo.com) for more information or transportation assistance.

## 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—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.

### 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.

**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.

## FORMATION

### Youth Formation - Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Sarah Dorman, RE Coordinator – [creprek-5@brightok.net](mailto:creprek-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 Rosary and Potluck** - October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Join us for a Living Rosary and Potluck on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. We will have a "Miracle of the Sun" Breakfast for dinner in honor of the miracle of the sun celebrated on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details and a Sign Up Genius!

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

**First Communion Information** - Copies of Baptismal certificates and Sacrament Information forms are due to the RE office no 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.

**Stillwater Catholic Community "Trunk or Treat"** - A Trunk-or-Treat is a Halloween event where kids go from parked car to car and get candy/treats. Trunks of cars can be decorated with a fun fall or Halloween theme or just contain bowls of candy. This year we will have a "Trunk or Treat" on **October 29<sup>th</sup>** at **5 pm** at St. Francis on the Religious Education Building lawn and playground. There will be prizes for decorations, costumes, etc. Dinner will be served as well. Mark your calendars!

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

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

##### 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  
At CYO House

##### Oct. 21

DCYC in Tulsa

### Adult Formation

**RCIA –Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.** Join us this Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> in St. Francis Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm for the *Who is Jesus? 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

Join Fr. Ken Saturday mornings at 10:30am in St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall. Fr. Ken is excited to share with parishioners some of the training he received while on sabbatical. All are welcome.

#### Bible Study

Continuation of *Matthew*  
St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall  
Every Tuesday at 1:00pm or 6:30pm  
For more information  
call Terri Schutte at 260-579-6464.

#### 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](mailto: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.

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

**Stillwater Catholic Women Meeting** – Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the St. Francis Basement. We will have a brief business meeting and then work on items for the Bazaar. All women are welcome to attend.

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

### 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 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](http://www.KofC.org) or our Facebook page, Knights of Columbus 5266.

### 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](http://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.

**GOOD CATHOLIC FUN!** Town and Gown theatre is presenting the musical comedy NUNSENSE – Last Showtime is TODAY Oct. 8 at 2:30pm. Come for a good time, good music and good laughs as the "Little Sisters of Hoboken" do their best to stage a variety show to raise money for an urgent cause. Information and ticket sales at [townandgown.org](http://townandgown.org) or 372-9122.

### Mother Teresa Ministry – September Report

September was more nearly a typical month compared to August. Requests and assistance were lower than the unusually large numbers in August. Volunteers assisted 33 individuals or families. Assistance totaled \$2,095, just over our "soft" monthly budget. Average assistance per vouchers was \$58. Volunteers continue trying to be good stewards of the generous donations from Saint John and Saint Francis parishioners. Many parishioners donate during the holy day second collections for the Mother Teresa ministry and some donate regularly during the year. Either way, your support is greatly appreciated. *Thank you!*

### Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

How often do we find ourselves wanting what is not ours? Greed, envy, and even gluttony lead us to a bad end. We live in a world that feels very entitled. Many people believe that wants and needs ought to be provided or simply given to them, without any work or effort. It is easy to feel that we have received the short end of the stick or less than what we deserve. However, feeling shortchanged makes it impossible to walk with gratitude in our hearts and feel a sense of responsibility, the two essential elements of the spiritual life. Are we grateful?

## Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

### Breast Cancer Awareness Month

1. One in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.
2. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women.
3. Each year it is estimated that over 252,710 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,500 will die.
4. Although breast cancer in men is rare, an estimated 2,470 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 460 will die each year.
5. On average, every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer.
6. Over 3.3 million breast cancer survivors are alive in the United States today.
7. A woman's risk of breast cancer nearly doubles if she has a first-degree relative (mother, sister, daughter) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Annual **mammograms** can detect cancer early — when it is most treatable. In fact, **mammograms** show changes in the breast up to two years before a patient or physician can feel them. Contact Women First at 405-533-1388 for questions or to schedule your mammogram. [www.nationalbreastcancer.org](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org)

**\*\*Plans are underway for closure activities and ceremonies at both Parishes. To contribute ideas or join our planning group please contact Brandi Bishop 405-269-2252. \*\***

Flu shots available after Mass:

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

### Everyday Stewardship

You know how the story goes. Your son or daughter swears that while you were gone he or she only invited two friends over to watch a movie and eat popcorn. How those other twenty-five people got there with beer is still a mystery. They were not invited but your young host felt pretty uncomfortable just kicking them out. You did teach them about good hospitality after all.

That sure is a twisted view of hospitality, perhaps, but it does make me reflect on those I am willing to welcome into my home and those I am not. Who is my neighbor? Would I extend hospitality to the person that is alone? I have done so for holidays. But I have known them well. Would I invite someone into my home that I did not know? It could be unsafe. But what if I found myself alone somewhere without any connections. Where would I turn? Who could I trust?

There are no simple answers here but I wonder if we should really have the luxury of not asking the question. If the Christian will not invite in the lost and forsaken, who will? In the coming days, I suggest we all reflect on those in our midst who seem to be alone. Who can we invite into our lives who need something much more important than a party? Who is out there who simply need friends? They may not need a physical shelter but they do need the warmth of Christian hospitality and the kindness of others.

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### "'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 at St. Francis Parish Hall on Monday, October 16, 6:30, we will begin making crafts for the Bazaar. You are invited to join the FUN!

