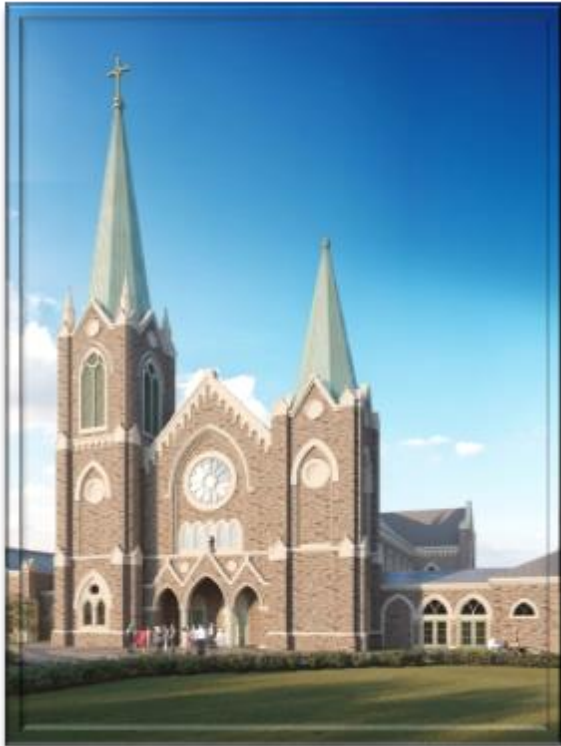


Stillwater Catholic Community

*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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 2017

The Fatima Prayer

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell,
and lead all souls to Heaven,
especially those in most need
of Your Mercy".

(Our Lady at Fatima, 13th July 1917)

Catholic Charities - Second Collection this weekend, Oct. 15 at St. Francis.
Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.
Your Parish Office will forward the checks onto Catholic Charities.

Next Sunday, Oct. 22 is World Mission Sunday.
Please make checks payable to your Parish.

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: 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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"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son..."Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." (Mt 22:2, 4bc)

Fr. Ken's Reflection: A king invites guest to a wedding feast. To be invited was a great honor. We must also remember there was not as much going on back then. There were no meetings or clubs like we have. Moreover, people ate much more simply, so the possibility of a feast was even more enticing. Imagine being invited to a White House state dinner. The honor is once in a lifetime, wouldn't you change your plans so that you could go? Moreover, the invitation was given well beforehand, so everyone knew it was coming and could plan accordingly. Can you imagine having such an invitation? It would certainly give prestige. To refuse such an honor after accepting the invitation would certainly be bad form and even a scandal. The kingdom of heaven is like that feast. To go, a person must be willing to change their way of life, their way of thinking to enter. Just the first guests invited refused because they had their own concerns, people do the same now. We can allow our worldly concerns to take precedence over the invitation to enter, even now, the kingdom of heaven. The king continues to invite others, in fact all people to his feast. A problem arises in the parable. One person isn't dressed right. It seems a bit harsh that the king would not make an allowance. However, the point here is that even though the time was short, the guests could still prepare themselves. The one who entered unprepared wanted the benefit of the king's feast but failed to respond appropriately. He went to the feast as he wanted, not as he should have. There is a common theme that runs through the parables in the past weeks. The owner invites workers into his vineyard; he gives them the means of sustenance. The king invites guest to a feast, he honors them and feeds them. Yet, in both cases the generosity of the vineyard owner and the king are met with ingratitude by some, to their own ruin. Those invited into the vineyard or the wedding feast must change themselves to enter; they mustn't try to do as they please. It is no accident that many scenes in the gospels have a feast involved. The meal is a central event in human living and in Christ, it has become the central event of our faith life. We are invited, even now, to participate in the very life of God. Our liturgy (literally, the work of the people) is the way in which we enter the kingdom. Our worship is a rich tradition that comes to us from the Apostles themselves. This gospel was written not to scribes and Pharisees but to Christian believers as an exhortation and a warning. Just because one enters the feast, by saying yes to Jesus, does not mean that they will stay. Only by being clothed by a life that shows belief in Jesus is one counted worthy as staying.

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Parish Contributions

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

	Weekly	To Date
St. Francis – Oct. 8	\$6,038.00	\$105,518.00
St. John – Oct. 8	\$5,885.15	\$98,294.90

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

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

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, Ed Eick, Paulina Figueroa, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorruttis, Oscar González, James Grice, Monica Held, Cipriana Hernández, Bob Kargel, Dennis Kastl, Nancy Klepper, Mariela Latchman, Phyllis Lambert, Christopher Leffall, Ed Long, Anissa Magallanes, Gerry & Sally Messbarger, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nicholson, Christy Paculan, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Bethany Pate, John Penn, Claudia Ramos, Larry Redburn, 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, Lindsay Wahlmeir, 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.

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.

Book of Innocents - The Catholic Community provides prayerful support for parishioners experiencing the loss of a child in the womb, at birth, or shortly after birth. The "Book of the Innocents", located in Our Lady of Consolation Chapel at St. Francis, is for composing memories, poems or a few words about your child. It is hoped that this book can facilitate healing by offering peace and wholeness in life's challenging sorrows.

† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

October 17 8:00am †Larry & Donna Dehls – Knights of Columbus
 October 18 8:00am
 October 19 8:00am †Doris Grenbacher Dick
 October 20 12:10pm †Mac McKelvey - Carolyn
 October 21 5:00pm †Joe Nelson – Jenny and Family
 October 22 8:00am Pro Populo
 10:00am For Deceased Family members and friends
 1:00pm For the Families of Parishioners

St. John the Evangelist

October 16 12:15pm Deyenka Pereya – DeShani Fernando
 October 17 5:15pm Fr. Ken
 October 18 12:15pm †James Ward
 October 19 5:15pm
 October 20 5:15pm †Helen Bisges – Art Bisges
 October 21 No Saturday Mass
 October 22 9:30am Pro Populo
 11:30am †Frances Fusselman
 5:00pm

October is Month of the Holy Rosary –
 PRAY THE ROSARY



HOSPITALITY

Join us for Coffee and Donuts, TODAY! At St. Francis after the 8am and 10am Masses. 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.



Olive Wood Carvings and Crafts - A Christian Group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land is visiting St. Francis Xavier on Saturday and Sunday October 21 & 22. They come to us to sell the olive wood carvings and crafts that are hand made by the Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income. Please pray for the Christians in the Holy Land.

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 – 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

First Communion Parent Meeting - We will have an information meeting **TODAY, October 15th**, 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 29th** 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!

**There will be no RE classes during
Fall Break (October 22nd)!**

YOUTH MINISTRY 6th – 12th Grades

Oct. 15
Confirmation: 11:30am to 12:30pm
Edge: 5 to 6:30 pm
Life Teen: 7pm
At the CYO House

Oct. 21
DCYC in Tulsa

Oct. 22
No Confirmation Class
Edge: 5 to 6:30pm
Life Teen: 7pm
At the CYO House

Oct. 27
High School Lunch at Noon
Albright’s Barn

Oct. 29
Confirmation: 11:30am to 12:30pm
No Edge
No Life Teen
Trunk or Treat at 5pm on
the St. Francis Lawn

Adult Formation

RCIA –Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Join us this Wednesday, Oct. 18th in St. Francis Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm for *The Paschal Mystery 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. Please note there will be **no session on Oct. 28th**.

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
Nov. 14 – Candidates for God’s Mercy
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.

4 YouTube channels for Catholic Families

- ~ **Life Teen Inc.** – features impeccable video production, powerful storytelling with a Catholic perspective, and an occasional laugh.
- ~ **Catholic Breakfast by Fr. John Muir** – The Most Important Meal of Your Day: Catholic Breakfast. Short inspirational videos (<5 mins).
- ~ **Beyond the Pew by Ablaze Ministries** – Built from the conviction that “sainthood starts at home,” Beyond the Pew is a YouTube playlist powered by Ablaze Ministries.
- ~ **ODB Films** – If you need a quick emotional and spiritual pick-me-up, a trip to the ODB Films YouTube Channel will do the trick.

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 November 9th at 7pm at St. Francis Center in Rm. 5.

Stillwater Catholic Women Meeting – Monday, October 16th 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 19th at 7pm at St. Francis Center in Rm. 5. Meetings are open to parishioners.

Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Grand Knight – Chris Stoner [texasqok87@sbcglobal.net](mailto:texaqok87@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.

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.

The Stillwater Junior Service League is holding their 29th annual Harvest II Food Drive from October 11th-October 26th. The effort benefits families in need by working with local agencies to distribute canned and dry goods throughout the community. Harvest II collection barrels are available at the Parish Office or in the vestibule at St. Francis Xavier.

Birthing 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!

Mother Teresa Ministry provides food and gas to those in need throughout Stillwater and the surrounding area. If you know of someone that might need assistance, please have them call (405) 372-7673.

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Pope Francis constantly reminds us of the wideness of God's mercy and its unconditional character. God is always patiently loving his children and opening the doors to his heart. We must, however, freely choose to accept God's invitation and join in the feast of his love. We desire many things and we have restless hearts. We often attempt to quench our desire with things that are short-lived and shallow. All of us long to be satisfied and at peace. How do we announce to the world, in ways that are convincing and without judgment, that it is really God whom we seek?

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

HEALTHIER CHOICES, HEALTHIER YOU

A **free** chronic disease self-management class is being offered in Stillwater. This class is sponsored by the Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative (OHAI) and is designed to provide participants with the tools to manage symptoms that stem from an on-going health condition. Learn skills that help manage pain, fatigue, sleeplessness, and stress. Each session of this 6 week series, empowers you with tools that can put you back in control of your health.

WHO THIS CLASS IS FOR:

This class is designed for *individuals or caregivers* who are managing an on-going health condition such as but not limited to arthritis, diabetes, anxiety, hypertension, COPD, physical limitations, vision or hearing loss.

Healthier Choices, Healthier You will be held on Wednesdays, October 18th- November 22nd, from 1-3:30 pm at St. Francis School 602 S. West. Please contact Brandi Bishop, RN Parish Nurse, 405-269-2252 or brandi@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org to register or with any questions.

****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. ****

Bereavement Mass Thursday November 2nd 6 pm at St. Francis

Everyday Stewardship

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the *Washington Post* who died in 2007 is credited with saying, "The best things in life aren't things." As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all.

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

WANTED: All Stillwater Catholic Women who want to help with "Unique Gifts" to sell at our upcoming Bazaar. "Craft Night" will be this Monday evening at St. Francis School beginning at 6:30pm. Check out the St. Francis Website for a list of crafts and supplies. You are invited to join the fun!

