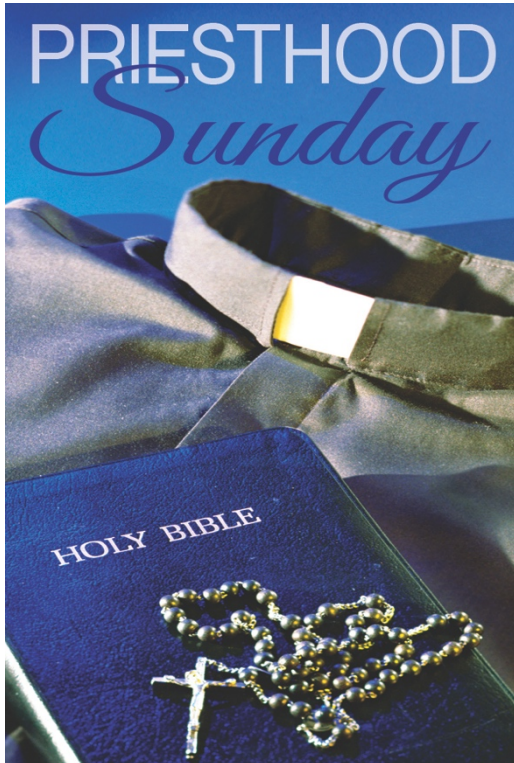


Stillwater Catholic Community

*Serving the Parishes of St. Francis Xavier and St. John the Evangelist
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, 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



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 2017

WE LOVE OUR PRIESTS!

**Thank you - Fr. Ken, Fr. Kerry, Fr. Lawrence and Fr. Greiner
for all that you do for our Stillwater Catholic Community!!**

Prayer for our Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding,
and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

All Saints' Day – November 1st – Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times at St. Francis – 7:00am, 5:30pm and 7:30pm (Spanish)

Mass times at St. John – 12:15pm and 6:30pm

Offering supports the Mother Teresa Ministry.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Email: cindy@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org

Website: www.stfrancisxavierstillwater.org

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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Phone: 405-372-6408 † Fax: 405-372-6409 † 032176

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Website: www.catholicpokes.com

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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He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:37-39)

Fr. Ken's Reflection: Fall break has just passed. Students and teachers got a welcome break from classes. It is also a time of tests. I remember, as a student, asking teachers what material would be on a test. After all, in several months quite a bit of material could be presented, which was the most important? Admittedly, I or my fellow students would ask because we didn't want to study everything but I can imagine from a teacher's point of view, there are certain things they want their students to understand above other things. In other words, there is a hierarchy of importance in things taught. In the gospel, Jesus has just shut down the Sadducees, the Jewish leaders who didn't believe in resurrection. The Pharisees did believe in resurrection and must have been pleased that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees. They test Jesus now, my guess is that they felt threatened by him, even though he had won against their foes.. In the gospel of Mark, the question is actually part of an honest discussion. Think for a minute, there were (and I guess still are) 613 precepts in the Jewish Torah that a good Jew should follow. That is a lot of rules, did they all have the same importance? Were there some that were more important to fulfill than others? If it was difficult to follow all the rules, which ones should a person do first? The answer Jesus gives was perfectly orthodox for the Jews. Love of God with all of self was part of the great Shema prayer that Jews say several times a day, kind of like the Our Father is to us. His innovation is to connect it with love of neighbor as self. Jesus shows that the same principle that guides Judaism guides what would become Christianity; the command to love. Love as a command seems odd, after all, isn't love something you feel? Indeed it is, on an emotional level. On a deeper, personal level, love is an action of the will, it is a choice a person makes beyond what one feels. Love is what gives the hero courage to put life on the line. Love is what motivates a person to give up something so another may do well. Love is that action of the will by which we become fully personal. Christ repeats this command at the Last Supper when he commands his disciples to love as he has loved. Just as physical exercise makes the body better, so love is the exercise, if I may put it that way, that makes us a more real person. The whole notion of a person is a being that relates to other persons. Because God Himself is personal, he has need of relating to another. Of course God cannot need anything outside of himself so within himself there is a community of persons. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father and this love proceeds from both as the Holy Spirit. Note that we often talk of the power of the Holy Spirit. That power is love, God's love. Love is our power as well. Of all the things we can do, love is the one that makes us like God. Note this, that our love of God is seen in how we love neighbor. If we love neighbor, then we also have love of our own selves. Love of self is not pride, it is a gratitude and peace with who we are. To truly be human means that we have this three-fold love, each building the other. In our faith, all our practices, all our rituals, all our rules, like those of Judaism have the one goal of increasing our love of God, neighbor and self. Love, for that is what makes you a better you and one with God.

Readings for the Week of October 29, 2017

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Thursday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – Oct. 22	\$5,390.00	\$116,273.00
St. John – Oct. 22	\$3,072.90	\$106,413.50

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, Greg Deville, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Paulina Figueroa, Stan Fimple, Eileen Gasche, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorrillis, Oscar González, James Grice, Todd Hachett, Monica Held, Cipriana Hernández, Mary Horton, Bob Kargel, Dennis Kastl, Mariela Latchman, Phyllis Lambert, Christopher Leffall, Gerry & Sally Messbarger, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, Christy Paculan, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Bethany Pate, John Penn, Dick Powell, Nancy Pruitt, Claudia Ramos, Larry Redburn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, James Scerine, Paul Schatz, Pat Sohrwide, Beth Stroud, Dick and Teddy Taylor, Pat Teller, Robby Tiedt, Don Wagner, Lindsay Wahlmeir, Rosemary Weaver, Paul Westhaus, John Yother, Anne and Joe Zinn, Marge Zoellner, and those providing and receiving care from Stephen Ministry.



† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

October 31 8:00am †Doris Gruenbacher Dick
 November 1 8:00am **All Saints' Day**
 November 2 8:00am †Ellie DeGeorge - Skip
 November 3 12:10pm †Ernest Matousek – Dot Webb
 November 4 9:00am **Mary Ellis Humpal - Family**
 5:00pm **For Intentions of Parishioners**
 November 5 8:00am **Pro Populo**
 10:00am **For Deceased Family members and friends**
 1:00pm **For the Families of Parishioners**

St. John the Evangelist

October 30 12:15pm **No Mass**
 October 31 5:15pm
 November 1 12:15pm †Anna Steindl – The Steindls
 November 2 5:15pm
 November 3 5:15pm
 November 4 **No Saturday Mass**
 November 5 9:30am
 11:30am †Floyd & Helen Baldwin – The Hammans
 5:00pm

Please remember in your prayers all those currently serving our Country. Please pray for the repose of all Souls, Dennis Bailey, Keith Jones and Ed Long.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



At St. Francis Xavier Adoration begins Nov. 3rd following the 12:10pm Mass and ends at the Nov. 4th 9am Mass

At St. John the Evangelist Adoration begins Nov. 2nd following the 5:15pm Mass and ends Nov. 3rd at the 5:15pm Mass

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

- Mark 14:37

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.

Join us for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast every second Sunday of the Month 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.

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

St. Francis Xavier Center (602 S. West St.)

Stillwater Catholic Community “Trunk or Treat” - THIS SUNDAY beginning at 5pm we will have a pizza dinner, costume parade, and fun activities. Trick or treating begins when the meal is finished! If you plan to eat with us, the cost is \$2 per person with a \$10 maximum per family. Gather your costumes and candy and get ready for some fun! Cars are needed! If you plan to participate with your trunk, please RSVP to Sarah or Ashleigh at above email so we know how many parking spots we need. (or 372-7987).

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.

VIRTUS Protecting God’s Children Safety Classes

The VIRTUS safety classes for children will be Sunday, November 12th (K-2nd) and Sunday, November 19th (3rd-5th) during RE class time. The parent meeting regarding the classes is Sunday, November 5th, during RE class time in the St. Francis Parish Hall. Parents who do not wish for their children to attend may obtain Opt Out forms via email, the website, and the RE office. Opt Out forms are due November 5, 2017. For more information concerning the VIRTUS program for children, please contact Sarah Dorman at 372-7987 or sarah@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

6th – 12th Grades

CYO House (717 S. Hester St.)

Oct. 29 - TODAY

Confirmation:

11:30am to 12:30pm

No Edge or LifeTeen

← **Trunk or Treat
5pm at St. Francis
See details under the
RE Section**



Nov. 5

Confirmation

11:30am to 12:30pm



6th – 8th Grade

Edge: 5 to 6:30pm



9th – 12th Grade

LifeTeen: 7 to 8:30pm

Adult Formation

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

No Class this Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Please join us for All Saints Day Mass at 5:30pm. 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
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)

Knights of Columbus Council 5266 Grand Knight – Chris Stoner

texasqok87@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.

Baptism Preparation Class

If you are a parent or god-parent, Baptism classes are conducted by a Deacon at the St. Francis Xavier 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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - The next meeting is November 9th at 7pm at St. Francis Center in Rm. 5.

Stewardship Committee Meeting – The next meeting is November 16th at 6pm at St. Francis Center in Rm. 5. Meetings are open to parishioners.

Into the Streets – Oklahoma State University

This is one day of meaningful service once a semester giving students the opportunity to serve in a fun group environment as they strive to give back to their community and the City of Stillwater. Are you in need of help around the house or yard? Visit <https://okstateintothestreets.weebly.com> to submit a job request or find more information at St. Francis or St. John.

Into the Streets - Important Dates: November 3: Volunteer Sign Ups Due, November 4: Job Request Forms Due, November 11: The Event – Into The Streets

Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference

Discounted registration is open now for the Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference. Through Dec. 1st, the registration fee is \$50, which includes lunch. The fee will be \$60 from December 1st – March 1st. The 2018 conference will be held on Saturday, March 10 at the new Conference Center in Edmond. Speakers will include Immaculée Ilibagiza, Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda and Donna Heckler. Registration is open at www.OCWConference.com.

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!

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.

Love One Another As I Have Loved You . . . In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job--it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it. If you or someone you know are going through a difficult time contact Angela Pradia at (405)762-9405 or Mary Ellen Holley at (405)762-9357 or stephenministryw@yahoo.com. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care and to help you experience the healing power of Christ's love in your life.

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.

Help Wanted! With our continued growth and impending migration to the New St. Francis Xavier Church, we are challenged to grow our support staff. We have a need for more staff in our Parish Office, and would like to discuss opportunities with anyone that speaks Spanish, holds business office skills, and/or financial management skills. Part time and full time opportunities are under consideration to be filled. Please contact St. Francis Parish Office at 405-372-6886 for more information.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Tips for a Happy (and Safe) Halloween

Safe costumes:

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colored clothing.
- Have children carry glow sticks or flashlights so they can see better, as well as be seen by drivers.

Safe walking:

- Stay alert - Watch out for cars that are turning or backing up and don't dart out into the street or cross in between parked cars. Walk on sidewalks or paths. Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

Safe driving:

- Slowdown in residential neighborhoods.
- Be especially alert and take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car, such as talking on the phone or eating, so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. www.safekids.org

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

Seasons of Hope Grief Group- A support group for those who have lost a loved one will meet Sundays November 5th, 12th and 19th from 2- 4 pm at the CYO house 717 S. Hester. Please notify Brandi Bishop, RN, Parish Nurse, at 405-269-2252 by November 1st if you are interested in joining.

Everyday Stewardship

I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.

In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.

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Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

God insists that we treat each other with fairness and love. No compromise is offered here. The great commandment is specific: love God, neighbor, and self. Who is my neighbor? It is not just the person sitting next to me today or the people who live next door. Our neighbor is everyone, especially those most in need: those alien to you or to our country, those who are poor, alone, or abandoned, and even those who are the greatest of sinners. We really struggle with how to live these words. How do we open ourselves to the stranger, the immigrant, those who harm us, those in need, or those with whom we disagree? Pope Francis gives excellent guidance here. We are challenged to stretch our thinking and become more unconditional with others as God is unconditional with us.