

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



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2017

Prayer after Death

In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.
The old order has passed away:
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever.
Amen.

Book of Remembrance

*During the month of November, we invite you to
place the names of deceased loved ones in the
Book of Holy Souls. (Located near the Our Lady of
Guadalupe Chapel at St. Francis Xavier)*



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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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

Vic Schutte – Director of Formation and Operations
Cindy Beckman – Business Manager
Erin Johnson – Office Assistant, Bulletin
Lori Wieder – Office Assistant, Website
Kevin Larios – Music Ministry (405) 624-2208 † klaros357@earthlink.net

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Student Center

201 N. Knoblock † Stillwater, OK 74075
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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
Kathleen Walker – Business Manager
Cathy Perry – Campus Ministry Director
Matt Bond – Campus Ministry Development Director
Marilyn Middlebrook – Music Ministry

Brandi Bishop – Parish Nurse † (405) 269-2252 † brandi@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org
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Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.
Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example.
For they preach but they do not practice.” (Mt 23:1-3)

Fr. Ken's Reflection: Many people have a favorite passage of Scripture. Among clergy, there are also passages that define how they exercise their ministry. Many bishops will put a passage on their coat of arms. For me, the gospel today contains a passage that I always keep before me, "They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on peoples' shoulders but they will not lift a finger to carry them." Jesus says this in the context of condemning the religious leadership of his day. The burden Jesus speaks of is the rules and practices of faith. The Jewish leaders put burdens of religious practice on the people but would not help them live out these practices. The same is true of any religious group. People are ready to condemn those who won't live out practices of faith. Quite often, the same people don't give any gentle guidance on how to live out practices. In our own Catholic faith, we do have rules we follow. Any society must have rules of behavior or the harmony of that society will falter. I know that sometimes, people become disillusioned with the Catholic faith because they feel it is too burdensome; that the rules don't lead a person closer to God but are merely disciplines that have no purpose but to burden a person and cause guilty feelings. I think that at some point in our faith life, we can feel this way. As a pastor, it is my duty to teach how our faith is to be lived, to lay a burden as it were. It is also my duty to help people with these burdens. It is important to understand that a good faith life is not the slavish satisfaction of rules. Rules are not to be a collar around the neck that restricts; they are more like lane markers on a road that help ensure we stay on the road. The original term for the disciples of Jesus were those on the new way of Christ. The image of Christ's disciples as people on a journey is as old as the Church. Imagine our faith as like a highway. It is paved, it is smooth. Yet, a highway without lane markers (rules as it were) is dangerous. Without lane markers and boundary markers, a person could easily run off the road. The rules of our faith are meant to guide us down the road, not condemn us for failure to follow them exactly. What I should do as a priest is what we should all do for each other, help guide each other. Notice that Jesus does pay respect to the office the Pharisees hold, it is just that they do so unworthily. In a similar way, the apostolic office (bishop, priest, deacon) are given to the Church to help guide. Our office is not our own, it is simply to carry to the people of the Church what Christ has always given; the means of grace. What I give to you is not my own teaching; it is that of the Church, which is Christ's. The best I can do is merely explain it in a way relevant to our culture. You have only one teacher, Christ himself. We, who are the Body of Christ, have the obligation of relaying those teaching to others. Let us strive to do so by helping carry the burden of faith. Then, we all will carry what we are capable of and attain the life Christ promises, not in weariness but in joy.

Readings for the Week of November 5, 2017

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – Oct. 29	\$4,364.00	\$120,637.00
St. John – Oct. 29	\$4,813.60	\$111,227.10

Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)
 Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$4,787.90**

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 Gorruttis, 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, Hector Vivar, 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.

**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.

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

November 7 8:00am †**Gene Iven** – Dot Webb
 November 8 8:00am †**Ellie DeGeorge** - Skip
 November 9 8:00am †**Gene Turner** – Jo Turner
 November 10 12:10pm †**Kurt Budke** – Shelly Budke
 November 11 5:00pm †**Goacchino "Jack" Sorrentino** – Maria Sorrentino
 November 12 8:00am **Pro Populo**
 10:00am **For Deceased Family members and friends**
 1:00pm **For the Families of Parishioners**

St. John the Evangelist

November 6 12:15pm **No Mass**
 November 7 5:15pm
 November 8 12:15pm **John Francis** – M.A.V Perera
 November 9 5:15pm **Mary Margaret** – M.A.V. Perera
 November 10 5:15pm
 November 11 **No Saturday Mass**
 November 12 9:30am †**Ernest Chastain** – The Jones
 11:30am
 5:00pm

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.



Stillwater Catholic Community Thanksgiving Dinner- The Stillwater Catholic Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be **Sunday, November 19th at the Payne County Expo Center**. Serving will begin at 6:30pm. This is a very rewarding event that brings our Catholic Community together. Many volunteers are needed; sign-up sheets are in the vestibule at St. Francis and Lobby of St. John. We especially need help cooking turkeys. All ingredients and directions provided!

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 or 405.372.7987
Ashleigh Martin, Youth Minister – catholicyouth@brightok.net or 405.269.3786

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

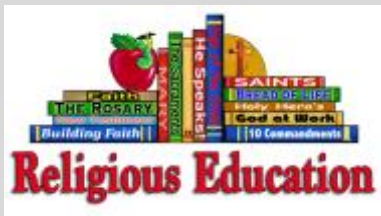
Pre-K – 5th Grades

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

RE Classes: 11:15am to 12:30pm

First Communion Information - Copies of Baptismal certificates and Sacrament Information forms are due to the RE office no later than November 1, 2017.

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 this TODAY, November 5th, during RE class time in the St. Francis Parish Hall. For more information concerning the VIRTUS program for children, contact Sarah Dorman at 372-7987 or sarah@stfrancisxaviersstillwater.org.



YOUTH MINISTRY
6th – 12th Grades
CYO House (717 S. Hester St.)

November 5

Confirmation Classes
11:30am to 12:30pm

6th – 8th Grade
Edge Planning Meeting: 4pm
Edge: 5 to 6:30pm



9th – 12th Grade
LifeTeen: 7 to 8:30pm
LifeTeen Planning Meeting: 8:30pm



High School Students - Join us every Friday at Noon for lunch at the Albright Barn
(2615 E. McElroy Rd.)

Note: No High School Lunch on November 24th.

Adult Formation

RCIA –Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Join us this Wednesday, Nov. 8th in St. Francis Parish Hall from 7pm to 8:45pm for the “*Why do I need the Church*” 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
Nov. 14 – Candidates for God's Mercy
catholicpokes@gmail.com or
405-372-6408

Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Grand Knight – Chris Stoner
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.

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

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Logon to FORMED.org with our parish membership code: e4623f.

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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.

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.

Stephen Ministry - 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 is going through a difficult time, contact Angela Pradia at (405)762-9405 or Mary Ellen Holley at (405)762-9357 or stephenministryw@yaho.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.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Office - 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.



"Twas the Night before Christmas" Bazaar

Saturday, December 2, 9:00-2:30
Support the Good Works
of the Stillwater Catholic Women

Back by popular demand, a SECOND Craft Night will be held on Monday, November 6th in the St Francis Xavier Parish Hall beginning at 6:30-8:30. We will make pine cone ornaments, and finish up crafts from our last workshop. Come and join the FUN!

LADIES: "COME AND GO" HELP is needed to prepare the bazaar mailing. You may come by the st francis office to help. Please call Cindy Beckman to help.

NEXT WEEKEND: Team leaders will be available after Masses to help you sign up to donate Silent Auction items, baked goods: pies, cakes, cookies, including jams and jellies, and don't forget Christmas Candy! Volunteers are always needed for our Café!

Join in the Christmas Spirit-Volunteer!

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

Great American Smokeout

Every year, on the third Thursday of November, smokers across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout. Encourage someone you know to use the date to make a plan to quit, or plan in advance and then quit smoking that day. By quitting – even for 1 day – smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing their cancer risk. The US Surgeon General has said, "Smoking cessation (stopping smoking) represents the single most important step that smokers can take to enhance the length and quality of their lives." It's hard to quit smoking, but you can do it. To have the best chance of quitting tobacco and staying quit, you need to know what you're up against, what your options are, and where to go for help. Please contact Brandi Bishop, RN, Parish Nurse for assistance or any questions 405-269-2252 or brandi@stfrancisxavierstillwater.org. You may also visit the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org and the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at www.okhelpline.com.



Everyday Stewardship

Over the years we have had many great social events in our parish community. We have had socials for New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Valentine's Day, and so many more. It seems we will use any excuse to have a party and enjoy each other's company. And for more than the last decade, my pastor has been present at most of these events. What always tickles me is to see him in his clerics going around with a tray of entrees or desserts as he seeks to serve his parishioners. We have joked that his clothing does resemble that of a waiter in a fine restaurant. The only difference is no tips! Sorry, Monsignor.

To see a shepherd serve his sheep causes me to reflect on how we are all called to serve one another. We are called to a life of humility and service, giving of ourselves for the greater glory of God. When we seek to serve our brothers and sisters, the Jesus in us meets the Jesus in them.

In our everyday lives we can find ways of serving others if we are mindful of the opportunities all around us. We must never fall into the trap of seeing others in terms of "us and them." In Christ, there is only **us**. In Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, servant or free. We are one. On this day, who will God place on your path for you to serve? Don't be fooled into thinking that all calls are for something grand. Sometimes, even a little dessert might be all it takes to show others they are loved.

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Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

It is so easy to cast judgment upon the thoughts and behaviors of others. We have heard the phrase, "Practice what you preach." If we really believe in Jesus we will put great effort and care into following his example and living his message. Humility is our goal. True humility begins when I see myself as one among many wounded, searching souls who are striving to work out a place in life and discover who God is and how God acts. We are here today because we need to taste and feel the God who reveals himself fully in the Eucharist—the God who is our strength, hope, and salvation. We are not here because we are better or wiser than anyone else for we are simply humble sinners in need of mercy.

Evangelization Team - Join us in our efforts to continue Pope Francis' evangelization program. If you have any names of people for the evangelization team to visit, place their name in the Drop Box on the table in the vestibule. Please email stillwatercatholicsreturn@gmail.com for more information.