

# 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. Brian O'Brien - 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



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2018

Eternal God, please bless our priests,  
who represent You on this earth.

Make them more greatly aware of the grace  
that You pour out through them when they minister the sacraments,  
and help them to fall more deeply in love with You  
after each and every Mass that they celebrate.

Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd Your flock,  
when they are in doubt of their faith,  
that they may be examples of Your Truth  
and guide us always on the path to You.

We ask these things of You our Eternal Priest.  
Amen.

**Welcome to Stillwater Fr. Brian O'Brien!!**

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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 – 6:30pm & 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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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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*John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. (Jn 1:35-37)*

**Father O'Brien wants you to know about two major texts that should be very important to the life of Catholics and our work here at Saint Francis Xavier:**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church- Promulgated in 1992 by St. John Paul II, The CCC contains the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church. Each week, we'll publish a paragraph for your benefit and reflection. This week's Catechism paragraph is:

**520** In all of his life Jesus presents himself as *our model*. He is "the perfect man", who invites us to become his disciples and follow him. In humbling himself, he has given us an example to imitate, through his prayer he draws us to pray, and by his poverty he calls us to accept freely the privation and persecutions that may come our way.

Canon Law- Promulgated in 1983 by St. John Paul II, The Code of Canon Law contains the laws that govern the Holy Catholic Church including the Sacraments and parish life. This week's canon is:

Can. 208 From their rebirth in Christ, there exists among all the Christian faithful a true equality regarding dignity and action by which they all cooperate in the building up of the Body of Christ according to each one's own condition and function.

**Readings for the Week of January 14, 2018**

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21  
 Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Parish Contributions**

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

|                               | <u>Weekly</u>      | <u>To Date</u>      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>St. Francis – Jan. 7</b>   | <b>\$8,186.00</b>  |                     |
| <b>St. Francis Automatics</b> | <b>\$5,270.00</b>  |                     |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$13,456.00</b> | <b>\$219,669.81</b> |
| <b>St. John – Jan. 7</b>      | <b>\$5,397.66</b>  |                     |
| <b>St. John Automatics</b>    | <b>\$4,600.00</b>  |                     |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$9,997.66</b>  | <b>\$176,885.81</b> |

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

Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$5,056.90**

*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, Justin Aguilera, Maria y Ricardo Aguilar, Jayden Andrew, Nena Batista, John Belusko, Kathryn Campbell, Salomón Cárdenas, Daniel Centeno, Pat Clemente, Scott Day Greg Deville, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Paulina Figueroa, Stan Fimple, Mary Katherine Gracia, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorrillis, Oscar González, James Grice, Todd Hachett, Monica Held, Cipriana Hernández, James Higbee, Larry Hoberock, Bob Kargel, Carol Kliesen Michael Knight, Phyllis Lambert, Lisa Larios, Mariela Latchman, Christopher Leffall, Anisa, Bernadette and Michael Magallanes, Luis Mendoza, Gerry & Sally Messbarger, Belinda Mooney, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nichelson, Mario Nieves, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Bethany Pate, John Penn, Dick Powell, Claudia Ramos, Larry Redburn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, James Scerine, Paul Schatz, Cara Shelton, Pat Sohrwide, Beth Stroud, Ray Tallent, Teddy Taylor, Pat Teller, Robby Tiedt, Hector Vivar, Don Wagner, Lindsay Wahlmeir, Rosemary Weaver, Paul Westhaus, Tara Woods, 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. This book can help facilitate healing by offering peace and wholeness in life's challenging sorrows.

**† Mass Intentions †**

**St. Francis Xavier**

January 16 8:00am **Jim Littell & The Cowgirls** – Bobbie Andrew  
 January 17 8:00am **Dcn. Bart and Connie Brashears** - Bobbie Andrew  
 January 18 8:00am **†Frank Sorrentino** – Maria Sorrentino  
 January 19 12:10pm **Paul & Jean McMullen**  
 January 20 5:00pm **Fr. Andy Seiler**  
 January 21 8:00am **Pro Populo**  
 10:00am **Thanksgiving for Fr. Ken**  
 1:00pm **For the Families of Parishioners**

**St. John the Evangelist**

**Clergy Education January 15 – 17 – No Daily Mass**

January 15 12:15pm **NO Mass**  
 January 16 5:15pm **NO Mass**  
 January 17 12:15pm **NO Mass**  
 January 18 5:15pm  
 January 19 5:15pm **Manuel Lazaro – Quintero** – OSU Knights  
 January 20 **No Saturday Mass**  
 January 21 9:30am Ignacio Murillo Aguilera – OSU Knights  
 11:30am Returning Students

## HOSPITALITY

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

**Join us for the monthly Knights of Columbus Breakfast this weekend –** January 14<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall (basement) of St. Francis from 8:30am to 11:30pm. \$10 per family or \$4 per person. Free Blood Pressure Screening will be available.

**2018 Catholic Extension Calendars** are now available at St. Francis and St. John. Please take one per family.

## 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

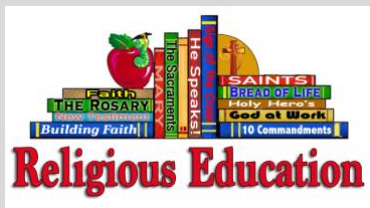
#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
St. Francis Xavier Center  
(602 S. West St.)

**January 14, 2018**  
RE Classes from  
11:15am to 12:30pm

#### First Communion Mini Retreat:

**Please note the date change!** The retreat will be **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, during RE class time. This retreat is for the First Communion students and at least one parent/guardian. Effort should be made to attend. Attendance will be taken. Thank you!



#### YOUTH MINISTRY

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades  
CYO House  
(717 S. Hester St.)

**January 14**  
Confirmation 1130am to 1230pm  
Edge 5 to 630pm  
Life Teen 7 to 830pm

**January 14**  
Ski Trip Meeting from 4 to 5pm  
at the CYO House. If you plan to go on the Spring Break Ski Trip, please attend this meeting. All forms and deposits are due!!

**A Night in Italy with our Youth**  
Spaghetti dinner fundraiser  
January 20, 2018 6:30-8:30 pm  
St. John Parish Hall  
Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children  
Come enjoy a fun-filled night with dinner, entertainment and meet Fr. Brian O'Brien!!  
Tickets will be available for purchase after each Mass.



### Adult Faith Formation

#### RCIA

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.**  
The next class will be Jan. 17 at St. Francis in the Parish Hall from 7 to 8:45pm covering The Mass and Eucharist.  
For more information, please contact Deacon Paul Govek at (405)377-7322.

#### The Tulsa March for Life Every Life is Sacred

Ecumenical March for Life on January 14, 2018. Noon Mass for the Sanctity of Human Life at Holy Family Cathedral. March begins in front of Holy Family Cathedral at 1pm. One Faith Community Joined Together for a Greater Purpose.

#### 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 **7:00 PM** in the basement of St. Francis Xavier. First Degree Ceremony is scheduled for Monday Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the SFX Parish Hall. Candidates need to meet upstairs 15 mins prior to ceremony.

Anyone who has completed the 1<sup>st</sup> degree and would like to advance through the Formation and Knighthood, there is an opportunity on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 12pm in Perry, OK. For more details, contact Nick at 580-370-5061.

#### Seminary Visit

Fr. Michael Pratt and Fr. Duy Nguyen will be taking young men to visit Holy Trinity seminary in Dallas from January 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. The trip is open and free to all high school and college age students. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Fr. Pratt at [frmpratt3@gmail.com](mailto:frmpratt3@gmail.com) or [918-884-4200](tel:918-884-4200).

#### Women's Lenten Retreat

Mark your Calendar for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Women's Lenten Retreat will be at St. Francis in the Parish Hall and the speaker is Fr. Christopher Brashears. Watch the bulletin for more information.

#### Bible Study

*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, started on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm or 6:30pm and will continue every Tuesday for 5 weeks. For more information call Terri Schutte at 260-579-6464.

### 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.**

### 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.



## SERVICE

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** - The next meeting is January 25 at 7pm in Rm 5 of the St. Francis Center.

**Stewardship Council Meeting** – The next working meeting is February 1 at 6pm at the Hampton Inn and Suites Boardroom on 6<sup>th</sup> and Country Club. There will be a short meeting on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Rm 6 at St. Francis to welcome and meet Fr. O'Brien.

### **Chili Supper to Benefit Birthright of Stillwater**

The Knights of Columbus Council 5266 will be hosting a chili supper on Monday, February 12 from 5 to 7 pm in the St. Francis church basement. All you can eat chili with all the fixings for \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Everyone is welcome and proceeds from the dinner will go to Birthright of Stillwater. For more information contact Kem Kadavy at 405-612-4949.

### **NEW THIS YEAR!!!! 2018 Contribution Envelopes or Automatic Donation for St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.**

Envelopes will be mailed directly to your home this year on a monthly basis. If you had envelopes or automatic draft set up at St. Francis in 2017, you should have received your first set of envelopes already. If you would like to use the envelope system or set up an automatic donation at St. Francis, please contact the parish office at 405-372-6886.

### **Mother Teresa Ministry – December Report**

Requests and assistance were slightly lower than the previous two months and lower than previous Decembers on average. Fewer requests and assistance continued a trend that began in September. The church office was closed for a few days around the Christmas holiday, which probably contributed to fewer requests and assistance. It is believed the opening of Our Daily Bread food pantry also has resulted in fewer requests from the Mother Teresa ministry. Volunteers issued 16 vouchers totaling \$910 to 15 individuals or families. *Thank you* to all who contribute to this ministry! Your support is appreciated by those we are able to assist.

**Interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning?** Contact Daryl and Kathy Krehbiel at (405) 612-2005 or email at [StillwaterNFP@aol.com](mailto:StillwaterNFP@aol.com).

**Stephen Ministry - ALL ALONE?** Don't be. God doesn't want us to be alone. He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. If you or anyone you know is feeling alone, please contact Angela Pradia at (405)762-9405 or Mary Ellen Holley at (405)762-9357 or [angie\\_mklady@yahoo.com](mailto:angie_mklady@yahoo.com).

**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.

### **Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats –**

A Hispanic Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be offered on March 2-4 at Catholic Charities in Tulsa, OK. Fr. David Medina will be the priest and the therapist will be Martha Lievano-Stanton.

There will also be a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offered in English on April 20-22 at Catholic Charities in Tulsa.

Applications can be obtained at the St. Francis Parish Office or for more information, please contact Mary Lee Weaver at 918-508-7142 or [marylee@cceok.org](mailto:marylee@cceok.org).

## **Health and Wellness Ministry**

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252



**It's time to kick the habit Oklahoma!**

**January 17-24, 2018**

**is Quit Week in Oklahoma**

*January is a great time to quit smoking, and the OK to Quit campaign is the perfect opportunity to join with other Oklahomans and quit for good.*

- Oklahoma is 36<sup>th</sup> in the United States for smoking with more than 580,000 adult smokers.
- Tobacco is the #1 cause of preventable death in Oklahoma, causing about 7,500 deaths in Oklahoma per year.
- Tobacco kills more Oklahomans than AIDS, murder, suicide, alcohol, illicit drug use and auto accidents combined.
- If nothing changes, 88,000 Oklahoma kids alive today will die prematurely from smoking.
- Smoking costs Oklahoma \$1.62 billion in health care costs each year.

Organizations across Oklahoma are raising awareness of the benefits of quitting smoking. We also want to make sure you know about the resources available for those who want to quit. You can call the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at 1 800 QUIT-NOW or visit [www.OKHelpline.com](http://www.OKHelpline.com) to learn more about the free resources available to you. Quitting isn't easy, but you don't have to do it alone. It's OK to Quit. And it's OK to ask for help. Asking for help is the smartest move you can make when it comes to quitting smoking. Free tobacco cessation counseling available through Brandi Bishop, RN, Parish Nurse, Tobacco Cessation Specialist, 405-269-2252 or [brandi@sfxstillwater.org](mailto:brandi@sfxstillwater.org).

### **Everyday Stewardship**

Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn't say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn't even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

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### **Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week**

Sometimes it is difficult to hear God's call. We are trained to listen attentively and to hear many things, but spiritual ones are often missed. God is calling us all of the time. He is calling us to drink deeply of the well of life and not get distracted by the superficial and short-lasting things we choose to cling to. Have we ever given a true spiritual life and relationship with God a chance? Jesus says to us today, "Come, and you will see." May we take Jesus up on his invitation and like Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, be able to exclaim: "We have found the Messiah."