

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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2018

2018 Faith & Works Annual Appeal

Through your generosity to the Annual Appeal, we work together to provide ministry resources and services to our parishes that no single parish could otherwise provide for itself. You have been generous in the past, and I am praying that you will continue to partner with us as we seek to transform lives through Christ.

Most Rev. David A. Konderla
Bishop of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma

**Faith & Works Annual Appeal Pledge cards are available in the pews.
St. Francis Xavier Parish Goal is \$41,846
St. John the Evangelist Goal is \$45,000**

**For more information about the Appeal, please visit
<https://dioceseoftulsa.org/annualappeal>**

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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: 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
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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A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." (Mk 1:40-41)

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:

540 Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

Code of 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:

Canon 1249 - The divine law binds all the Christian faithful to do penance each in his or her own way. In order for all to be united among themselves by some common observance of penance, however, penitential days are prescribed on which the Christian faithful devote themselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their own obligations more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence, according to the norm of the following canons.

Readings for the Week of February 11, 2018

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Parish Contributions

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
St. Francis – Feb. 4	\$8,898.56	
St. Francis Automatics	\$5,430.00	
Total	\$14,328.56	\$257,080.81
St. John – Feb. 4	\$5,604.50	
St. John Automatics	\$4,470.00	
Total	\$10,074.50	\$200,076.46

Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/17-12/31/17)
 Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$5,076.90**

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, Jaden Andrew, Nena Batista, John Belusko, Kathryn Campbell, Salomón Cárdenas, Daniel Centeno, Pat Clemente, Greg Deville, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Paulina Figueroa, Stan Fimple, Mary Katherine Gracia, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorrittis, 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, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mary Nicholson, Mario Nieves, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Bethany Pate, John Penn, Dick Powell, Claudia Ramos, Larry Redburn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, Gloria Saar, James Scerine, Paul Schatz, Cara Shelton, Pat Sohrwide, Beth Stroud, Ray Tallent, Teddy Taylor, Pat Teller, Robby Tiedt, Hector Vivar, 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.



† Mass Intentions †

St. Francis Xavier

February 13 8:00am **Holy Face of Jesus**
 February 14 7:00am, 12:10pm & 5:30pm
Ash Wednesday
 February 15 8:00am †**Shirley Dohmann** –
 Craig & Michelle Greenberg
 February 16 12:10pm †**Shirley Dohmann** –
 Bill & Pat Dohmann
 February 17 5:00pm †**Joe Nelson** – Jenny & Family
 February 18 8:00am
 10:00am **For the People St. Francis**
 1:00pm

St. John the Evangelist

February 12 12:15pm **NO MASS**
 February 13 5:15pm **Joshua Votruba** – OSU Knights
 February 14 12:15pm †**Lorraine & Loren Vadermark**
 9:00pm **Amanda George** – Katie Peska
 February 15 5:15pm
 February 16 5:15pm
 February 17 **No Saturday Mass**
 February 18 9:30am
 11:30am **Pro Populo**
 5:00pm

Please remember in your prayers all those currently serving our Country.

Please pray for the repose of All Souls, especially David Martinez and Patty Hoyt (Mother of Peter Hoyt)

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.

HOSPITALITY

Join us for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast today from 8:30am to 11:30am in the Parish Hall of St. Francis Xavier. \$10 per family or \$4 per person. Free blood pressure screening will be available.

Join us for Coffee and Donuts TODAY! There will be Coffee and Donuts at St. John after 9:30am Mass. NO Coffee and Donuts at St. Francis, but please join us for the Breakfast.

If you are interested in subscribing to Give Us This Day, a daily devotional and prayer guide, please contact Mimi Ward (405-377-3884 or cmbjward@sbcglobal.net) by FEBRUARY 15th. A single subscription is \$39.95, 5-19 subscriptions are \$29.95 each. Information about the publication is available at giveusthisday.org

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.)

February 11, 2018

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

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner – The RE program along with Edge and CYO will have a pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00 pm. The dinner will take place in the St. Francis Parish Hall. We'll have lots of food and some crafts for the kids. Wear your favorite pajamas and join us for "breakfast"! You can find the Sign Up Genius link on the home page at sfxstillwater.org

RE "Packin' It Up!" Days - If you would like to help pack RE and preschool supplies to ready for our move to the new church, we will have a packing day on Saturday, February 24th from 10am-2pm. In addition, every Friday from 10am-12pm we will be sorting, cleaning, and packing items in the school building. All help is appreciated! Contact Sarah with any questions.

Sing and Praise Night - On Wednesday, February 28th, we will join other Parishes in the Diocese via "satellite" for an evening of fellowship, praise, and worship. The night begins with pizza at 6:30pm in the St. Francis Parish Hall (basement). There will be a speaker, Adoration, praise, and worship from 7-8pm in the church. Bishop Konderla will be joining us..everyone is invited to attend!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sunday, February 11

Confirmation 11:30am - 12:30pm
Edge 5 – 6:30pm
Life Teen 7 – 8:30pm

Steubenville Registration is due this weekend. If your child is in grades 8-12 and would like to attend the Steubenville Conference July 20-22 in Springfield, MO please have your permission slip and \$50 deposit to Ashleigh by Sunday, February 11. Steubenville is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens.

February 28 - Sing Praise Night from 6:30-8:00. St. Francis Xavier has been given the privilege of hosting this exciting night for youth throughout our community. The night begins with Pizza, then we will have a guest speaker (Bishop Konderla), and we will end the night in the presence of our Lord with Adoration and Praise and Worship. Invite your friends, this is a night you do not want to miss!! Please RSVP to Ashleigh at ashleigh@sfxstillwater.org to ensure we have enough pizza!! The purpose of Sing Praise is simple: to praise our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament together as a diocese. While doing so, we hope to connect the youth of our parishes with Christ and His Church - all done at the same time across the diocese!

CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP IS BACK!!

For all children 6th – 8th grade there will be "Into the Deep" Catholic Youth Camp at Lake Wister State Park July 23 – 27, 2018. The cost is \$200.
For more information, contact youth.office@dioceseoftulsa.org or 918-307-4907.

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.

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 or visit sfxstillwater.org.

Adult Faith Formation

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.
The next class will be Feb. 14 at St. Francis in the Parish Hall from 7 to 8:45pm covering Lent and its Significance/Preparation for Rite of Election. 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.

RCIA at St. John is on Wednesday nights from 7pm to 8:30pm. For more details, please contact (405) 372-6408.

Knights of Columbus Council 5266

Grand Knight – Chris Stoner
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.

Catholic Men's Conference

"Called to be Saints"
March 3, 2018 at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in Norman, OK.
Register online at www.catholicmen.net
Transportation available.
Call Greg Feher at 405-747-4847.

Faith and Froth at St. John

1st Tuesday of each month
5:15pm Mass, 6pm Social, 6:30pm Talk
Details, visit catholicpokes.com.

The Wild Goose

Looking for a way to open yourself to a more profound relationship with God through the Holy Spirit? Then join us for THE WILD GOOSE series. In our meetings creator, Fr. David Pivonka, TOR, will show us how the Holy Spirit desires a relationship with us that will take us on a journey to the very heart of God.

The retreat series will be on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 PM beginning Thursday, Feb. 15 in Room 6 at St. Francis School and will continue until Thursday, April 5. (Our meeting place will change later as we move to the new church.) For information contact Judith Cronk at judyklynne@yahoo.com or 405-269-1229. God bless.

SERVICE

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - The next meeting will be March 8 at 7pm in Rm 5 of the St. Francis Xavier Center.

Stewardship Council Meeting – The next working meeting is February 15 at 6pm at the Hampton Inn and Suites Board room on 6th and Country Club.

Stillwater Catholic Women – Next Meeting will be Monday, February 19 at 6:30pm in the St. John Parish Hall.

Fill a Seat/Sneak a Peak is on March 3rd at the NEW Church (711 N. Country Club Rd. Stillwater, OK 74075). Mass will be celebrated at the CURRENT St. Francis Xavier at 9am and then everyone is encouraged to come to the new church building to help fill the pews and test the facilities prior to the March 11 Dedication.

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.

Mother Teresa Ministry – January Report

Assistance in January was up slightly compared with the previous month but well below the usual assistance given in January over the previous five years. January seemed to continue a trend toward fewer requests, which is attributed in large part to the opening of Our Daily Bread, the new community food pantry serving Payne county. Volunteers issued 16 vouchers totaling \$910 to 15 individuals or families. **Thank you** to all who contribute to this ministry – either regularly or via Holy Day and Ash Wednesday collections! Those we help appreciate our assistance.

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.

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.

Choir practices for the dedication of the new St. Francis Xavier church will be held on the following dates at St. John University Parish in the classrooms:

Sunday, February 11, 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 18, 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 25, 7:00 pm

The music we will be singing has been determined and anyone interested in “making joyful noise unto the Lord” is welcome to join the choir for this wonderful celebration. For those who have the new Gather choir hymnals, please bring them to practice. Additional choir hymnals will be available. The more the merrier—come join and let's make beautiful music together!

2018 Contribution Envelopes or Automatic Donation for St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. 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 or email erin@sfxstillwater.org.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Brandi Bishop, RN 405-269-2252

February is American Heart Month

Many people have hearts on their minds in February. This month not only holds the holiday built to celebrate love, Valentine's Day, but also marks **American Heart Month**. Your sweetheart may have the key to your heart, but eating healthy and being physically active can be the key to a healthier heart. This Valentine's Day, indulge your sweetheart with a heart-healthy gift.

- Craving something sweet? Give a gift of a fresh fruit basket to your loved one instead of giving sweets.
- Rekindle an old flame – prepare a romantic candlelit dinner at home using one of your sweetie's favorite heart-healthy recipes.
- Give to one another by giving back. Ask a date to volunteer with you at a local organization. Giving back is a healthy habit that can boost your mood and help beat stress.
- Sharing is caring. Use this day as an opportunity to tell your loved one how important they are to you, and share ways that you can support each other's health and wellness goals.
- Take a long, romantic walk with your beloved and aim for at least 150 minutes of moderately intense physical activity each week to keep your heart healthy.
- Don't forget to love Fido, too! Give your pet a Valentine and remember to walk or exercise them daily. www.heart.org



Everyday Stewardship

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell.

Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle?

It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone.

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Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

We never marginalize or turn our backs on those who suffer violence, oppression from unjust systems, poverty, illness, or disease. Jesus never turned anyone away, but always extended a hand of healing and compassion. He would insist on extending God's merciful and unconditional love to all, even if it meant breaking the Sabbath or civil law. Does the way we treat others, especially those who are different than us, reflect the freedom, joy, love, and good news of the Gospel?

CRS Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule or in the School at St. Francis. CRS Rice Bowl serves people in Iraq, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Malawi, and many other countries around the world. And Lenten Sacrifices placed in your CRS Rice Bowls also help communities in the United States. 25% of your Rice Bowl gifts support projects in your local community.