

# 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  
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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 of Lent February 25, 2018

Heavenly Father,  
As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent. In your name I pray, Amen.  
*(Dynamic Catholic - dynamiccatholic.com)*

**The St. Francis Xavier Parish Office is updating calendars and preparing for the move to our new facility. If you lead a ministry, bible study or other event that is recurring or planned to be at the new church facilities, please contact Lori at the office to submit and ensure your event details are included on our parish calendar. Thank you!**

Bulletin submissions should be directed to [lori@sfxstillwater.org](mailto:lori@sfxstillwater.org) by Monday at noon prior to the Sunday publication. Submissions are subject to editing. Graphics are appreciated and used if space permits.

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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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*Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. (Mk 9:7-8)*

**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:

**554 - From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"**

*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:

**Can. 983 §1. The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore it is absolutely forbidden for a confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason. §2. The interpreter, if there is one, and all others who in any way have knowledge of sins from confession are also obliged to observe secrecy.**

**Readings for the Week of February 25, 2018**

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25  
*Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Parish Contributions**

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

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>To Date</u>
<b>St. Francis – Feb. 18</b>	<b>\$7,271.00</b>	<b>\$270,949.47</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday – Mother Teresa</b>		<b>\$5,139.41</b>
<b>St. John – Feb. 18</b>	<b>\$5,909.20</b>	<b>\$208,858.31</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday – Mother Teresa</b>		<b>\$818.35</b>

**Stillwater Catholic Radio (1/1/18-12/31/18)**  
 Annual Goal: **\$4,260** Received to date: **\$608.00**

*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, Cozart Family, Greg Deville, Fred Dick, Ed Eick, Paulina Figueroa, Stan Fimple, Mary Katherine Gracia, Jack & Katie Gordy, Essy Gorruttis, Oscar González, James Grice, Todd Hachett, Monica Held, Cipriana Hernández, James Higbee, Larry Hoberock, Bob Kargel, Carol Kliesen, Phyllis Lambert, Lisa Larios, Mariela Latchman, Christopher Leffall, Anisa, Bernadette and Michael Magallanes, Luis Mendoza, Gerry & Sally Messbarger, Heath Myers, Deacon Bill & Oleta Moler, Mario Nieves, John & Jacqueline Palumberi, Bethany Pate, John Penn, Severina Ponce, Dick Powell, Claudia Ramos, Larry Redburn, Danielle Robinson, Garcia & Reynaldo Roque, James Scerine, Paul Schatz, Cara Shelton, Pat Sohrowide, 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 27 8:00am **Fr. Ken** – Bobbie Andrew  
 February 28 8:00am **†Troy Lawson** – Lawson Family  
 March 1 8:00am  
 March 2 12:10pm **Fr. Ken** – Shelly Budke  
 March 3 5:00pm **†Joe Nelson** – Jenny & Family  
 March 4 8:00am  
 10:00am **For the People St. Francis**  
 1:00pm

**St. John the Evangelist**

February 26 12:15pm  
 February 27 5:15pm  
 February 28 12:15pm  
 9:00pm  
 March 1 5:15pm  
 March 2 5:15pm  
 March 3 **No Saturday Mass**  
 March 4 9:30am  
 11:30am **Pro Populo**  
 5:00pm



**Join us for Stations of the Cross at St. Francis every Friday at 11:30am, 6pm and 7:30pm (Spanish).**

**Lenten Dinners will follow the 6pm Stations.**

**The Stations and Dinner on March 9<sup>th</sup> will be at St. John**

**Join us for Stations of the Cross at St. John every Friday at 6pm.**

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

**Please pray for the repose of All Souls, especially Mike Menzie.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

At St. John, Adoration will begin on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> after the 5:15pm Mass and end on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to the 5:15pm Mass.

At St. Francis, Adoration will begin on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> following the 12:10pm Mass and end prior to the First Saturday Mass at 9am.

## HOSPITALITY

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

**Lenten Dinners** will follow the 6pm Stations of the Cross every Friday at St. Francis Xavier. Thank you to the Hispanic Community for hosting this past Lenten Dinner. Please mark your calendar – On March 9<sup>th</sup>, the 6pm and 7:30 pm (Spanish) Stations of the Cross will be at St. John and the Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry following the 6pm Stations.

**Fill a Seat/Sneak a Peak** is on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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.)

**February 25, 2018**

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

**"Sing Praise" Night** - On Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, we will join other Parishes in the Diocese via "satellite" for an evening of fellowship, praise, and worship. See details in Youth Ministry section of the bulletin. **Child care will be provided from 7-8pm in the nursery for children age 4 years and younger.**

**Walking Stations of the Cross** - March 4, 2018. Join us directly following RE (12:30 pm) for lunch and the Stations of the Cross. Please bring your own picnic lunch - drinks and dessert provided. The Stations of the Cross will take place outside on the St. Francis lawn and playground area.

**There will be no RE classes on Sunday, March 11, 2018.**

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Sunday, February 25**

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

**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 (Fr. Pratt), 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](mailto:ashleigh@sfxstillwater.org) to ensure we have enough pizza!!!

**Sing Praise – Feb. 28**  
Pizza † Speaker † Adoration  
† Praise & Worship †

**SEE YOU THERE!**

### 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.**

### CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP IS BACK!!

For all children 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://sfxstillwater.org).

### Adult Faith Formation

#### RCIA

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.**  
The next class will be Feb. 28 at St. Francis in the Parish Hall from 7 to 8:45pm covering A(n Authentic) Love That Lasts 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](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.

#### 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](http://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](http://catholicpokes.com).

#### Adult Bible Study

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. St. Francis Xavier Parish will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on Tuesday, March 13 at 1:00pm or 6:30pm. We will meet in our new Parish Hall! You can sign up by email to Terri Schutte at [terri.schutte4@gmail.com](mailto:terri.schutte4@gmail.com) or call at 260-579-6464. I will be ordering a color-coded *Bible Timeline* Chart, and a Bible study workbook for \$19.95 for each participant that registers by March 6.

## SERVICE

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** – The next meeting will be in April. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**Stewardship Council Meeting** – Watch the bulletin for more details on the next meeting.

**Stillwater Catholic Women – Next Meeting** will be Monday, March 19 at 6:30pm in the New St. Francis Parish Hall.

### **Stillwater Catholic Community Blood Drive**

Tuesday, March 6 from 3 to 7pm. Look for the Bloodmobile at St. Francis (601 S. West St.). To Schedule your appointment, contact Judi Kastl at 405-747-5099 or visit [obi.org](http://obi.org). Walk-ins Welcome.

**UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS** - If you are a Catholic adult who desires to deepen your relationship with Christ and neighbor, then this is your opportunity! Cursillo is a movement of the Catholic Church that teaches a method to grow in holiness, continued spiritual formation and to live the New Evangelization. Upcoming Cursillo Weekends are scheduled for: English Men on **April 5-8**, English Women on **April 12-15** both at St. Anthony Parish, Okmulgee. For more information, please visit [www.tulsacursillo.com](http://www.tulsacursillo.com) or contact **Mark Concienne** at [MarkConcienne@gmail.com](mailto:MarkConcienne@gmail.com) or [918-633-5562](tel:918-633-5562)

If you are a Cursillista who would like to serve on the upcoming teams please contact Curtis at [cusimms@yahoo.com](mailto:cusimms@yahoo.com) or Jennifer at [jahermba@yahoo.com](mailto:jahermba@yahoo.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.

**CRS Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule 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.

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

The hope of being transformed or transfigured into the image of God awaits all of God's children. We walk through this life knowing that our eternal destiny is to be like God and live eternally in his presence. How does this truth about who we can become change the way we live today? Does it even matter to us that we are called to a higher purpose that is often quite different than the one we fabricate for ourselves here on earth? A transformed, eternal life is God's desire for all of his daughters and sons. Knowing this helps us put suffering in perspective and walk peacefully with hope in our hearts.

## Health and Wellness Ministry

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### What is an AED?

- AED stands for Automated External Defibrillator
- It is a medical device that analyzes the heart's rhythm.
- If necessary, it delivers an electrical shock, known as defibrillation, which helps the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.



Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. Over 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year. It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere and at any age. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest and is an easy to operate tool for someone with no medical background.

### Time is of the Essence

The average response time for first responders once 911 is called is 8-12 minutes.

For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced approximately 10%.

### Where can you find an AED?

AED's are located at both St. Francis and St. John in the back of church. The new St. Francis Xavier will also have an AED located in a closet in the narthex. Ushers have been trained in the use of the AED. However, the AED is available for use by anyone in case of an emergency. For more information: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

## Everyday Stewardship

I have had the honor of coaching all three of my kids in soccer. When you are a coach of a team of little ones, along with the fundamentals of the game and good sportsmanship, you want to teach the value of teamwork. If they can learn about how a team functions and why working together matters, that lesson can benefit them for many years to come.

The Body of Christ is a type of team. We are all called upon to use our talents and gifts in such a way that they complement those of others. We are stronger and capable of so much more together than when we are apart.

Our stewardship isn't just about our personal call of God to cultivate our gifts and give them back with increase to Him. It is about how our stewardship way of life builds up the Body of Christ. The Body cannot function as God intended it to if parts of it are not fully giving of themselves. In community, we have the power to change the world around us because we bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear it and witness it by our actions.

This Lent, consider how you fit into the Body of Christ. How can your gifts and talents make the Church stronger? You just might be the missing component of a team that really needs help to make the greatest impact for Jesus.

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