

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Toni Grojean at
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00-3:45PM and
Wednesday at 4:45PM when Mass is
celebrated

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the Priest at least **six months** prior

PRAYERS

When you are confused or troubled, weary or distracted, and finding it difficult to concentrate during prayer, use these prayers. A Psalm is often used as the last prayer of the day. You can kneel beside your bed and just pray the words of the Psalm slowly. Sometimes you can go through them one after another, day by day, or at the end of a long day, just turn to your favorite Psalm in search of guidance or comfort. The Bible is the richest treasury of prayers. Some of the prayers are obvious, like the Psalms, but others are treasures hidden among the stories, waiting to be discovered.

Amid the hustle and bustle of a busy day, you can use what is called the First Christian Prayers to keep you in tune with your spiritual priorities. The First Christian Prayers is the name given to the words people spoke to Christ during his lifetime. When we pray, we speak and listen to God. These words were spoken directly to Jesus - true God and true man - so they have a special power.

If you think God is calling you do something, but you're not sure what, or when you have a decision to make and don't know which option to favor, pray the words of the blind man: "Lord, open my eyes so that I may see." (Matthew 20:33) You can pray them over and over in the moments of the day, using them as a mantra in the gaps between activities - at a stoplight, in line at the supermarket, or when you are on hold on the telephone.

During times of doubt, questioning, or confusion, use the prayer of the father of the possessed boy: "Lord I believe, help my unbelief." (Mark 9:24)

At other times use the words of the criminal next to Jesus on the cross: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Luke 23:42) A favorite prayer is the word of Peter when Jesus asks him three times, "Do you love me?" and Peter replies, "Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you." (John 21:17) This prayer can be used when you have offended God with your words or actions. Or simply when you feel hopeless or inadequate in your attempt to express your love for God. When sinfulness is overwhelming, you can pray, "If you wish you can make me clean." (Matthew 8:2)

These simple prayers may be prayed over and over again throughout the day. They allow you to stay connected to God among your many activities.

- "Rediscover Catholicism" A Spiritual Guide

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of August 28, 2016

Monday, August 29

8:15 AM +Nancy Craig McMahon
The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday, August 30

NO MASS

Wednesday, August 31

10:00 AM Int. Joy Bond & the Legion of Mary

Thursday, September 1 - NO MASS

Friday, September 2 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:15 AM Int. of K.C. Members & Deceased

Saturday, September 3

4:00 PM +Cathy Moran
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM
St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

SUNDAY, September 4

8:00 AM - Spanish Mass
+Geraldine Lewis

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Please take a few moments to prayerfully consider your offertory gift to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have received this week.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, August 21	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$6,417.00
Plate	383.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Spanish Mass	76.75
Poor Box	128.00
Mass Offerings	10.00
Assumption of Mary	206.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2015-2016	\$32,675.00
Received August 21, 2016	3,924.25
Received for August, 2016	19,161.14

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS to ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Dustin & Susan Care and daughters, Emmalyn and Coraline.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Thai Ann Do, daughter of Thai & Quyen Do
Emma Forcherio, daughter of Gregory and Heather Forcherio

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

The school children are selling trash bags, cookie dough, gift items, and magazines after each weekend mass. Please help support our school by purchasing some of these items. Thank you!!

Mark your calendars! The St. Francis Xavier Golf Tournament will be Monday, September 26. More information will be forthcoming!

SACRAMENT AND MASS OF ANOINTING

“By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests, the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness of the frailty of old age.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1499; 1520) **The Sacrament and Mass of Anointing will occur on Saturday, September 24, at 10:30 am in the Parish Gym.** Confessions will be heard prior to Mass at 10 am in the Parish Office. A luncheon for our seniors will follow the Mass in the St. Joseph Room. Please email/call Patty Bogue - boguepatty@gmail.com or Pat Jackovic - 471-3513 to attend or to

ROSARY LEADERS

Our parish is in need of Rosary Leaders on Saturdays before the 4 pm Mass. If you can fill this need, please contact the parish office at 471-2447. One regular and one auxiliary will be greatly appreciated. The Rosary is said 30 minutes before weekend masses: 3:30 pm on Saturday and 9:30 am on Sunday morning. Please

ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION

St. Joseph Home and School will present their 26th Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, October 1. The theme this year is “Flashback to the Eighties”. Doors open at 5 PM and the meal is served at 6 pm. Menu is choice of steak or chicken with potato casserole, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert and drinks. For more information, please call Maria Lett @450-7827. For tickets, please call Betty Spalding @264-2600

ANNUAL FALL DINNER

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Scott City, MO will be hosting a Fall Dinner on Sunday, September 11, at the St. Joseph Parish Center. The dinner is from 10:30 am—1:00 pm. Buffet-Style meal consisting of Kettle Beef, Chicken and Dumplings, Chicken and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Dessert, Tea, and Coffee. Adults, \$9; Children (6-12), \$5; Under 6 are free. Carry-out meals are available. The Council of Catholic Women will be selling crafts, breads, and sweets at their country store and bakery shop.

6th ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK & KID’S FUN RUN

St. Augustine School in Kelso, MO will host their 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk and Kid’s Fun Run on Saturday, September 24, 2016m at 8:30 AM. Start and Finish at the Kelso Ballpark. Registration forms and more information is available at www.stakelso.org. Register before September 1st to be guaranteed a T-shirt! Call the Parish Office for a registration form.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

To celebrate the JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY, Father John P. Fischer of Cross Catholic Outreach, commissioned by Pope Francis in Rome as a Missionary of Mercy, will be visiting our parish this weekend. He will speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. What a blessed occasion to receive the

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS MEETING

The Women of St. Francis Xavier will meet in the St. Joseph Room on Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 5:15 pm. All women are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2016 ENTRUSTED TO THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

September

Universal: Centrality of the Human Person

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

LEAVING A GIFT FOR THE PARISH!

Anyone who wishes to make a planned gift for the parish should use the following language in legal documents (wills, trusts, etc.) **“Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, for the EXCLUSIVE use and benefit of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sikeston, MO.** Whatever we have has been given to us by God. Our gifts of Time, Talents, and Treasures, when used for the greater glory of God, is blessed indeed. Remember our parish in your will!

"Be courageous...go to confession." (Pope Francis)

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SIGN-UP SUNDAY

St. Francis Xavier Parish will have our Sign-Up Sunday on September 10 and 11. The sign-up sheets will be given out at our weekend masses. Please consider giving of your time and talents to the service of God and our

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will be Friday, September 2, 2016, beginning after 8:15 am Mass until Benediction at 5 pm. Prayerfully consider signing up to spend one hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of church. If you are unable to commit to a time, please drop in for whatever time you can during the day. Please note that we must have someone in the church at all times and your commit-

NOTICE - WEEKDAY MASSES

For next week only, because of the tile being laid in the sacristy, weekday masses on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will be held in the St. Joseph Room. Hopefully, this will be the last time we

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

The Women of St. Francis are sponsoring a Fall Bible Study. We will be using *The Letters from Prison* by Little Rock Scripture Study. Paul offers Jesus himself as the prime model to follow in his humility and Obedience. His letters of encouragement, correction, and instruction written from prison lovingly inspire and challenge us to greater discipleship. We will meet each Thursday for six (6) weeks, beginning September 29 at 3:30 pm. Cost for the study guide is \$15. (The study guide can be used for an additional 6 weeks to be offered in January. To sign up, please e-mail Sharon Chouinard (chou1943@att.net) or Kathy Mitchell

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes.
Mary Schuchart, Laverna Rennier, Jerome Rennier, Malcolm Sandvos, Emme Lankheit, Stuart Cawthorn, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby, Annabel Conners, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Donald Cento, Beulah Leible, Marge Ferrenburg, Father Glenn Eftink and Alma Eftink. For all serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of

PSR (PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION) REGISTRATION

Beginning the weekends of August 20/21 and August 27/28, there will be registration after the weekend masses for all students not attending Catholic School.

RCIA 2016-2017- A Life changing opportunity

All members of the Church are Gods messengers. Therefore, share your gift of faith. Seriously consider offering an invitation to friends, neighbors, and relatives to learn more about our Catholic Faith. If you know someone who might be interested in our Catholic Faith, kindly complete the form below and give to Toni Grojean or call Toni at 258-1172.

Name(s) to contact: _____ **R.C.I.A.**

Address: _____ **Rite of**

Telephone: _____ **Christian**

_____ I will tell them to expect your call. **Initiation of**

_____ You may tell them I said to contact them.

_____ I prefer to remain anonymous. Signed _____