

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 23, 2016

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Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Toni Grojean at
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or call the Parish Office.

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
to setting a wedding date.

Show Mercy to our Common Home

It is most encouraging that concern for the future of our planet is shared by the Churches and Christian communities, together with other religions. We should be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion.

God gave us a bountiful garden, but we have turned it into a polluted wasteland of "debris, desolation and filth". We must not be indifferent or resigned to the loss of biodiversity and the destruction of ecosystems, often caused by our irresponsible and selfish behavior." Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right".

Global warming continues, due in part to human activity; 2015 was the warmest year on record, and 2016 will likely be warmer still. This is leading to ever more severe droughts, floods, fires and extreme weather events. Climate change is also contributing to the heart-rending refugee crisis. The world's poor, though least responsible for climate change, are most vulnerable and already suffering its impact.

As an integral ecology emphasizes, human beings are deeply connected with all of creation. When we mistreat nature, we also mistreat human beings. At the same time, each creature has its own intrinsic value that must be respected. Let us hear "both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor", and do our best to ensure an appropriate and timely response. God gave us the earth "to till and to keep" (Gen2:15) in a balanced and respectful way. To till too much, to keep too little, is to sin.

Changing course thus means "keeping the original commandment to preserve creation from all harm, both for our sake and for the sake of our fellow human beings." A single question can keep our eyes fixed on the goal: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"

"Nothing unites us to God more than an act of mercy, for it is by mercy that the Lord forgives our sins and gives us the grace to practice acts of mercy in his name."

Obviously "human life itself and everything it embraces" includes care for our common home. As a spiritual work of mercy, care for our common home calls for a "grateful contemplation of God's world" ... as a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires "simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness: and "makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world".

Excerpts from Message of His Holiness Pope Francis
For the Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the
Care of Creation

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of October 23, 2016

Monday, October 24—NO MASS

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Tuesday, October 25—NO MASS**Wednesday, October 26-NO MASS****Thursday, October 27- NO MASS****Friday, October 28—NO MASS**

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday, October 29

4:00 PM +Richard Guter

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

BVM

SUNDAY, October 30**8:00 AM - Spanish Mass**

+YYA

10:00 AM +Brenda Matthews**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, October 16	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$3,586.00
Plate	260.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Spanish Mass	139.00
Poor Box	57.25
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	28.00
Mass Offerings	50.00
Bulletin Advertising	128.00
Facility Rental	300.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2016-2017	\$32,675.00
Received October 16, 2016	4,900.25
Received for October, 2016	20,621.56

A big thank you to all who contributed to World Mission Sunday!

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Due to the Annual Clergy Institute scheduled for this week, Monday, October 24 through Friday, October 28, there will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES held during this time. (See schedule above.) All priests in the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese will be attending the institute.

KC MEETING TIME CHANGE

The Knights of Columbus, Sikeston Council, voted to change the time of their meetings to eat at 6:00 pm and the meeting to start at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Knights will be Wednesday, October 26 and will be a special meeting. We hope this change will make it more convenient for members to attend.

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2016
ENTRUSTED TO THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER**

October**Universal: Journalists**

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Evangelization: World Mission Day

That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

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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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

***** There will be a Fish Fry at St. Francis Xavier School on Friday, October 28, at 5:30 pm. Please join us for an outstanding fish dinner!!
 ***** The 2nd Annual St. Francis Xavier Craft/Vendor Shopping Extravaganza Event will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 9 am—5:30 pm. Please contact St. Francis Xavier School (573-471-0841) to reserve your table for this event!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CRAFT FAIR

In support of St. Francis Xavier School, the Women of St. Francis will sponsor a table at the Craft Fair taking place at the Parish Center on **Saturday, November 12, 2016.** All **handmade crafts, homemade snacks, candies, cakes, cookies, pies are welcome.** If you make something special for the holidays, consider making a bit extra for this occasion! We ask that you let us know your donation so we can provide adequate space for all. For more information, contact chou1943@att.net, 472-0517 or 380-2929. Please join us in this fun project and bring your friends!
 We have designated this additional fund raiser to be donated to the Bishop's Fund for Religious Retirement, Vocations, and Youth Programs.

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BIBLE STUDY

The WSTFX Fall Bible Study Group is meeting in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center each Thursday afternoon at 3:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Vincent De Paul Parish will sponsor a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 12 from 8 am to 4 pm in the St. Vincent DePaul Center (Old Notre Dame High School), 1912 Ritter Drive, Cape Girardeau. Admission is free. Lunch will be served by Knights of Columbus Council #11205.

NOTRE DAME H.S. PRESENTATION

Notre Dame Regional High School will be presenting **THE DINING ROOM** by A.R. Gurney on November 3, 7, & 5, 2016 at 7 pm in the cafetorium. This is a 2-act play and all seats are \$10. For tickets: www.notredamehighschool.org, click on box office. *See flyer Contact ND—573-335-6772, ext. 311. For more information, contact the Development Director, Tony Buehrle at 573-335-3416.

NOTRE DAME CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

The Notre Dame Booster Club is sponsoring a Corn Hole Tournament on October 29 behind the Knights of Columbus Hall on Highway 61 in Scott City. Under 21 will start with sign-in at 10:30 am, and play will start at 11:00 am. The cost of \$10 per player will include hamburger or hot dog, soda or water, and chips. One player must be a Notre Dame student or alumni, and you bring your partner. Twenty-one (21) and over will start with sign-in at 4:00 pm, and play starts at 4:30 pm. The cost of \$15 per player includes hamburger/hot dog, chips, and soda/water. Also included at the night tournament is draft beer. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK.** There will be cash prizes, a costume contest, and music/fun and dancing after the tournament. For questions or to reserve a spot, call Brian Ziegler at 573-450-4902.

BIG Event for “Ugly Quilts” Ministry

Plan to attend the BIG event for completing “Ugly Quilts”, sleeping bags for homeless on October 29th from 8 am to 4 pm and October 30th from Noon to 4 pm at St. Vincent DePaul in Cape Girardeau. Men, women, and high schoolers are needed. For more information or questions, call 573-264-4459.

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

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