

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 26, 2017

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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.

CATHOLICS TODAY

For the first Christians, Christianity was a lifestyle. They shared a common life. Living in a community, they often worked together, prayed together, and studied the Scriptures together. Their faith was the center of their lives; it affected everything they did. They shared meals together, played together, and cared for each other in sickness. They allowed the principles of the Gospel to guide them in the activities of their daily lives. They comforted each other in their afflictions and challenged each other to live the Gospel more fully. There was unity and continuity between their professional lives and their family lives, between their social lives and their lives as members of the Church. They allowed the Holy Spirit to guide them in all they did. Then, at the pinnacle of their common life, they celebrated Eucharist together.

This is what many writers would have you believe. But was it really like that? If you read Acts 2:43-47, and just these verses, you could be lead to believe it. But the rest of Acts demonstrates that everything was no so idyllic among the first Christians. The first Christians were not perfect, but there was a real rigor among them for truth. It may not have been true of every member, but as a community they were rigorously seeking the best way to live the Christian life. Are you and I rigorously seeking the best way to live the Christian life?

Living the Gospel is difficult; it always has been and it always will be. This is what today's Catholics have in common with the first Christians, and with Christians of every place and time. There has never been a time when the Church is the perfect society Jesus calls for us to be.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

It is the Holy Spirit that will renew the face of the earth. Whatever the successes of the early Church, they were the fruit of their faithfulness to Jesus Christ under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Whatever the failures of the early Church, they were the result of rejecting the Holy Spirit's guidance. The same is true of the Church today.

Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 26, 2017

Monday, February 27

8:15 AM +Dorothy Colson

Tuesday, February 28—NO MASS

Ash Wednesday, March 1

12:05 PM Mass—Int. of St. Francis Parish Families

5:30 PM Mass +Louise Meunier

Confessions 4:30—5:00 PM

Thursday, March 2—NO MASS

First Friday, March 3

8:15 AM KC Members & Deceased

St. Katherine Drexel

Saturday, March 4

First Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM +Jeff Tangeman

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

St. Casimir

Sunday, March 5

8:00 AM Spanish Mass +Mary Schuchart

10:00 AM +Henry Leible

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Jesus says that we are more important than the birds of the sky, and the birds do not sow or reap nor gather anything into barns. Can we trust the Lord to take better care of us than the birds of the sky?

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, February 19	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$6,454.00
Plate	235.12
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	61.00
Mass Offerings	290.00
Spanish Mass	30.00
Altar Sodality	10.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received February 19, 2017	7,437.12
Received for February, 2017	21,799.33

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

March 1 is Ash Wednesday and Masses at St. Francis Xavier will be 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm.

Mass at St. Henry will be 8:15am.

RICE BOWLS

Please pick up your Rice Bowl located in the entrance to Church. CRS Rice Bowl is a Lenten faith-in-action Program to help change the lives of the poor and those in need worldwide. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

You still have time to sign up for the Bishop's Walk on Saturday, April 1, from 9-11am at the Complex. If you have misplaced your registration form you may pick one up at the parish office. You must register by March 8 to receive a T-shirt.

THANK YOU!

The family of Laverna Rennie would like to thank everyone for their prayers, Mass Offerings, food and kindness.

CAMP RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Camp Renewal flyers/applications are on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Alexander will be leading a 6-week book study of *The Lamb's Supper* beginning Thursday, March 2, 3:30 pm, in the St. Joseph Room. Please email kay@stfxsikeston.org or call the Parish Office at 471-2447 if you plan to attend!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Please join us in Eucharistic Adoration, which will be Friday, March 3, beginning after 8:15 am Mass until Benediction at 5:00 pm. You may sign up in the vestibule or by calling Sharon, 472-0517 or chou1943@att.net.

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DINNER/DANCE/AUCTION

St. Francis Xavier School Annual Dinner/Dance/Auction will be held on Saturday, March 11. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm, and tickets are \$30 per person. Reverse Raffle tickets are \$50-win up to \$1,500, Party Barrel tickets-\$5 or 5 for \$20, Raffle tickets for Yeti Basket-\$20. Silent auction is at 5 pm, live auction at 7 pm. Contact school office for more information: 573-471-0841. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!!!!

SEMINARY VISIT

Plans are underway for a trip to Conception Seminary beginning April 1-3, 2017 (Encounter with God's Call), a weekend for all young men discerning a call to the priesthood to come and visit the seminary. Contact Fr. Patrick at pnwokoye@dioscg.org or call 573-388-1833 or Fr. J. at jfriedel@dioscg.org or 417-866-0841.

ALL 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS! THIS IS JUST FOR YOU!

Be a part of the first ever Luke 18 Retreat at Immaculate Conception Church, Jackson, Missouri. Through games, songs, skits, personal sharing, small group time, and a series of talks, teens are encouraged to have fun, break down walls, and see that God and His love are present in their relationship. The retreat begins Friday evening, April 7, and concludes the afternoon of Sunday, April 9. Cost is \$35. To register, contact Meg at icyouthspirit@gmail.com or call 573-579-2188.

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Ambrose in Chaffee will be hosting an All You Care to Eat Fried Chicken Buffet on Sunday, March 26. Serving at 10:30am until 1:00pm. Price will be \$8 for adults, \$4 ages 6-12, and free for 5 and under. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, slaw and desserts will be served.

JOB OPENING

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sikeston & St. Henry in Charleston, two parishes with 650 families, is seeking a full time, enthusiastic, energetic, faith-filled Youth Minister who is passionate about bringing our youth to a deeper relationship with Christ. This position collaborates with a myriad array of interlocking ministries including: pastoral care, youth formation, our school, and music and worship. Our successful candidate will assist in the development and growth of our middle school youth ministry, high school youth ministry, and young adult ministry. As a member of our parish staff, they will also be a pivotal member of our Ministry Team. Our Youth Minister will coordinate our Confirmation preparation, ongoing parish formation, and other parish youth programs all in support of our parish mission, "To be disciples who know, love, and serve God." We seek an active, practicing Catholic with at least a B.A. in Theology, Youth Ministry, or a Certificate of Youth Ministry. Salary follows diocesan guidelines and is commensurate with experience and education. Please submit a cover letter and resume to: fatherpatrick@stfxsikeston.org.

CATHOLIC CENTER POSITION OPEN

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau is seeking to fill a permanent full-time director position working as the Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Youth Formation. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic and have a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, religious studies, social science or other appropriate degree. Applications will be accepted through March 10. To request an application, please contact Janet Smith by emailing jansmith@diosco.org or calling (417) 866-0841.

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

CCM is hosting a Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 4, at the Deerfield Lodge, Cape Girardeau. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The fine wines will be from local wineries and companies. Tickets are only \$25 and will benefit a Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Patrick in May, 2018. Contact CCM for more info or tickets: 573-335-3899.

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes.
Jerome Rennie, Malcolm Sandvos, Emme Lankheit, Stuart Cawthorn, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Jon Burden, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby, Annabel Conners, Donald Cento, Beulah Leible, Karen Matthews, Rodney Abney, Marge Ferrenburg, Ralph Henneman, Father Glenn Eftink, Jack Jackovic, Jim Hux, Josh Stinnett, and Wyatt Stinnett. For all serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of the unborn, for religious vocations, and our religious freedoms.