

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 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.

ADORATION

One story told about St. John Vianney, the saintly pastor of Arts in France, is that he often saw a farmer sit in the back of the parish church. The saint noticed that the farmer would spend long periods of time there before the Eucharist. Finally one day, the saint asked him what he did during his time of adoration. The farmer simply responded, "I look at Him and He looks at me."

This is what Eucharistic Adoration is: a time for us to concentrate exclusively on Jesus present before us and allow Him to look back upon us with love.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a natural development from the celebration of the Eucharist. To receive the Eucharist at Holy mass is an act of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoring the Blessed Sacrament outside of these times makes the times we receive Communion more spiritually mature, impacts us more deeply, and allows us to experience a fuller communion with the Lord and others in our life (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "Sacramentum Caritatis," #66) With such fruits, it is no wonder, then, why the Church encourages all to make some time weekly for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Upon entering the place where adoration is taking place, many find their pew and will make a genuflection and may also bow. Or if genuflection is too difficult, one may bow toward the Blessed Sacrament. Conduct should be appropriate to visiting a church at any other time, except if the Eucharist is exposed in the monstrance. If the Eucharist is exposed, there needs to be at least one person before the Eucharist at all times. If there is no one else there and one needs to leave, there should be a procedure posted there as to what to do, as each place has slightly different procedures in this circumstance.

Once there in Adoration, one may pray in many different ways:

- Prayerfully meditating on the Bible or another spiritual book.
- Praying the Rosary or another devotion.
- Praying using a prayer book or a set of prayers as part of a Holy Hour.
- Journaling in a prayer journal.
- Quietly listening to a recorded talk or spiritual music on headphones.
- Spending quiet time with the Lord.

There is no one way that is more correct to spend the time in adoration than another. The main suggestion I have is to be flexible to what the Lord wants to do in the time of adoration. For example, you may want to read the Bible, but when entering the adoration chapel, Jesus pulls you into silent prayer. Allow Jesus to direct the time. This will help your time in adoration to be some of the best time you will have all week.

*Father John Mayo
Pastor, Holy Rosary Parish, Warrenton*

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 5, 2017

Monday, February 6

8:15 AM +Eugene Dowling
St. Paul Miki & Companions

Tuesday, February 7—NO MASS

Wednesday, February 8

5:15 PM +Madleen Abbo
Confessions 4:30—5:00 PM
St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

Thursday, February 9—NO MASS

Friday, February 10

8:15 AM +Mary Etta Mitchell
St. Scholastica

Saturday, February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Amy Beth Tidwell Beckett
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, February 12

8:00 AM Spanish Mass +Clara Miederhoff
10:00 AM +Richard Guter

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As Mary and Joseph offered “*two turtledoves or two young pigeons*” in sacrifice, may each of us offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord through our time, ability, and title/alms.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, January 29	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$3,861.37
Plate	216.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	11.00
Spanish Mass	70.74
School Fund	205.00
Bulletin Advertising	189.00
Mirror Subscription	14.00
Pray Together Missals	5.00
Latin America Collection	356.01

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received January 29, 2017	4,705.11
Received for January, 2017	32,017.36

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH 125th BIRTHDAY

This year marks the founding of St. Francis Xavier Parish, so please look in your attics, basements, and closets for photos and memorabilia of our parish and school. We're also looking for articles, word-of-mouth stories, etc. for a publication. Our goal is to publish a commemorative booklet of this historic milestone in the life of our parish. Please contact Jeff Bogue at jbogue3@charter.net or 471-3323.

HOSPITAL VISITS

We are committed to visiting members of our parish families that are sick or are admitted to the hospitals. We would appreciate a family member letting us know about this since we have no other way of knowing—and with the new regulations in place, hospitals will not release any information to us. Please contact Fr. Patrick at (573)388-1833 or Fr. Alexander at (417)718-8897 for a hospital visit or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. We will do everything possible to make sure we visit and pray for you and with you.

CAMP RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

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

A THANK YOU FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

A thank you to the George Steck Family for the generous donation to our school in memory of his late wife, Jeannette Steck.

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.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead

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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 CAMPUS MINISTRY

CCM is hosting a Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 4, at the Deerfield Lodge, Cape Girardeau. Doors open at 6:30 pm and tasting begins at 7:00 pm. Live music is being featured, as well as small hor d'oeuvres, a silent auction, door prizes, and a 50/50 rifle. 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.

SCOUT APPLICATIONS

Girl & Boy Scout, Little Flowers Girl Club, and American Heritage Girl Club applications: Deadline for scout applications is March 13, 2017. For all scouting applications and inquiry, please contact Mary Ann Hennecke at 573-335-3899 or email maryann@ccmin.org. Please note that the Awards Ceremony will be on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm and is to be held at Old St. Vincent Church.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO SECRETARIAT

A Women's Cursillo weekend will be held the weekend of February 23-26 in Fredericktown. Please keep the team and candidates in your prayers. More info regarding applications, sponsoring a candidate, etc., contact Sharon Essner at smessner735@sbcglobal.net or 573-334-0373.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OPENING

St. Augustine School is accepting applications for School Principal for the 2017-2018 school year. Qualified applicants should be a practicing Catholic, possess a teaching certificate on the level of principalship; elementary or secondary, and have several years of teaching experience or professional preparation. Send resume to Fr. Joe Weidenbenner, St. Augustin Church, PO Box 26, Kelso, MO 63758. Call 264-4724 for any questions.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

If you have an 8th grade to 12th grade student interested in Steubenville Youth Conference taking place in Springfield, Missouri on July 21-23, please contact St. Francis Xavier School office, 573-471-0841, for info and to reserve a spot at the conference. Reservations are due this Monday, February 6!

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 & 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 info: 573-471-0841. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!!!

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

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