

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24, 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.

JESUS: THE TURNING POINT IN HUMAN HISTORY

Throughout human history, every civilization has reached out to God. Different societies have reached out to God in different ways, and many of them seem strange to us today, but they all point to a single truth: Deep in the heart of every person, there is a desire to know God and a yearning to draw nearer to him. Similarly, at every moment of human history, God has reached out to man. God desires to be with his people.

God's ultimate expression of this reaching out was the coming of Jesus Christ. Born 2,000 years ago, Jesus of Nazareth is not a myth or a legend, but a well-documented figure in history. But more than that, he is the Messiah who had been prophesied in the Jewish Scripture—our Old Testament—and long awaited by the Jewish people. There is evidence to support this claim in his miracles, but ultimately we must each decide for ourselves: Was Jesus a liar, a lunatic, or the Messiah, as he claimed to be? I suppose it is only by that mysterious and wonderful gift of faith that we are able to conclude that Jesus was who he claimed to be.

Every noble human endeavor in history has been a preparation for the coming of Jesus or a response to his life and teachings.

Jesus lived a life on this earth. He ate, he drank, and he walked down the street. Do you know him as a person? Or is he just a historical figure to you? It is crucial that we move beyond the facade of the story of Jesus Christ. We must delve deep into his life and teachings. We must allow his spirit to flood the thoughts, words, and actions of our daily lives. In order to do all this, it is necessary that we come to know the Gospels intimately.

St. Jerome once wrote, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." The great tragedy in the modern environment is that people know more about their favorite music group or sports players than they do about Jesus Christ. Get to know Jesus. Read the Gospels. Never let a day pass without pondering a few of the precious words in those four books. Don't just race through them. Choose a small section and read it slowly. Reflect on the meaning. Then reread it and ponder those words. Allow the words to penetrate the hardness of your heart. Allow the words of the Gospels to erode your personal prejudices, to wash away your narrow-mindedness, to banish your judgmental tendencies. You don't have to read 5 chapters a day—just a small passage. But allow the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, alive and present in the Gospels, to sink their roots deep into your life.

Imagine yourself there with dusty sandals, on those hot days, edging just to get a little closer to him, the crowd pressing in on every side. Only then will we form an intimate relationship with this man we call Jesus. Only then will we discover that he is God and Savior, but also coach, companion, mentor, guide, brother, teacher, healer, and friend.

- "Rediscover Catholicism" A Spiritual Guide
to Living with Passion & Purpose
By Matthew Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of July 24, 2016

Monday, July 25

8:15 AM +YYA
St. James, Apostle

Tuesday, July 26

6:00 PM Spanish Mass Int. of Annabel Connors
St. Joachim & Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, July 27

5:15 PM +Mary Etta Mitchell
Confessions 4:45 pm

Thursday, July 28

NO MASS

Friday, July 29

8:15 AM +Bill Hampton
St. Martha

Saturday, July 30

4:00 PM +Nancy Craig McMahon
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM
St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church;
BVM

SUNDAY, July 31

8:00 AM - Spanish Mass
+Hal Stillway
10:00 AM +Cathy Moran

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

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| Sunday, July 17 | Collection Report |
| Envelopes | \$4,021.00 |
| Plate | 233.50 |
| Automatic Deductions (env.) | 352.00 |
| Spanish Mass | 56.00 |
| Poor Box | 27.35 |
| Mass Offerings | 20.00 |
| Organ Fund | 50.00 |

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

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| Projected expenses FY 2015-2016 | 32,675.00 |
| Received July 17, 2016 | 4,759.85 |
| Received for July, 2016 | 19,357.35 |

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will be held on August 5 in the St. Joseph Room at the Parish Center from 9 A.M. to 5 PM. Don't miss this glorious opportunity to spend special time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! Please e-mail chou1943@att.net.

BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Edward M. Rice will be visiting each parish and mission in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. He is scheduled to visit our parish on Sunday, August 28.

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

JULY

Universal: Indigenous Peoples

That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelization: Latin America and the Caribbean

That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may Announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

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!

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FAREWELL FOR FATHER THUMMA

On Wednesday, August 3, there will be a reception from 6:15–7:30 pm in the Parish Center for Father Thumma. This event will be after the 5:15 pm Mass. Punch and cookies will be served.

ROSARY LEADERS

Our parish is in need of Rosary Leaders on Saturdays before the 4:00 PM Mass. If you can fill this need, please contact the parish office at 471-2447. Two regulars and one auxillary 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 join us to pray for the needs of our parish. Try to bring your family one time a month.

NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER

Please note on the front of the bulletin that Father Patrick has a new cell phone number:
(573) 388-1833

CATHOLIC NIGHT with BISHOP RICE and the Springfield Cardinals

Mark your calendars and plan to attend Catholic Night with Bishop Rice and the Springfield Cardinals on **August 25 (Date Correction)**. Wrap up your summer by joining 300+ of your closest Catholic friends to cheer on Bishop Rice as he delivers one of the "first pitches", enjoy \$1 Brat Night, receive a complimentary STLC ball cap & possibly a commemorative beer stein (first 2000=21 year-olds), and between-inning fan games. Gates open at 6:10 and game begins at 7:10 pm. Reserve your ticket now by calling Teresa Calhoun (417)832-3031 or by emailing her at tcalhoun@cardinals.com. All seats for Catholic Night are on the "shady side" third baseline. Tickets are \$7 each and include all of the above!

ANNUAL LEOPOLD PICNIC

The Annual Leopold Picnic, sponsored by St. John Church, will be held on **Saturday, July 30**, from **1:00-11:30 P.M.** The festivities will be held on the picnic grounds, which are directly behind St. John Church. An old fashioned country dinner, including **Kettle Beef, Fried Chicken, and Chicken & Dump-lings with all the trimmings** will be served from **3:00 until 8:00 P.M.** **Adults: \$10.00 Children (6-12): \$5.00 Under 6: FREE** Also included are **crafts, homemade ice cream, games, fish pond, and "I Got It!"** (just like Bingo). **"Common Thread"** will perform live country/southern rock music from **8:00 P.M.—Midnight**. Admission to the dance is **FREE!!!!!!**

CAMP RE-NEW-ALL NEEDS

Camp Re-NEW-All desperately needs a NURSE for Session 5C at Camp Smokey in Cassville—July 24-29. This is a critical position. If you are unable to come for the entire week, why not tag-team with a friend and come for a few days. Please contact Rosie Francka in the camp office at rfrancka@dioscg.org or telephone (417) 866-0841. To be eligible to attend camp, all staff 18 yrs. & over are required to complete VIRTUS Safe Environment Training and a diocesan background check and sign the diocesan Code of Conduct.

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes especially:
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, Richard Guter, 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.