

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 9, 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.

## WHAT IS ADORATION?

*Fr. John Mayo*

At. John Vianney, the saintly pastor of Ars in France, often saw a farmer sit in the back of the parish church, spending long periods of time there before the Eucharist. One day, the said asked him what he did during his time of Adoration. The farmer 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 Mass is an act of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoring the Blessed Sacrament outside of these times make the times we receive Communion impact 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).

### What are the proper ways to spend time at Adoration?

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 a 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 as to what to do, as each place has slightly different procedures in this circumstance.

Once there in Adoration, one may pray different ways:

- Prayerfully meditate on the Bible or another spiritual book
- Pray the rosary or another devotion
- Pray using a prayer book or a set of prayers
- Journal in a prayer journal
- Quietly listen to a recorded talk or spiritual music on headphones
- Spend 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of July 9, 2017

**Monday, July 10**

**8:15 AM Mass** + Madleen Abbo

**Tuesday, July 11- NO MASS**

**Wednesday, July 12**

**5:15 PM Mass** + Mary Etta Mitchell  
Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM

**Thursday, July 13- NO MASS**

**Friday, July 14**

**8:15 AM Mass** + Tony LeGrand

**Saturday, July 15**

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Mass** + Esther Hann

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

**Sunday, July 16**

**8:00 AM Spanish Mass** +Mary Ann Maevers

**10:00 AM** + Robert Michael Burch

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth.”  
Stewardship is the “attitude” for the many gifts God has  
given us.

**STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE**

**Sunday, July 2**

**Collection Report**

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Envelopes                   | \$4,968 .00 |
| Plate                       | 186.00      |
| Automatic Deductions (env.) | 747.00      |
| Poor Box                    | 50.00       |
| Mass Offerings              | 140.00      |
| Capital Improvement         | 220.00      |
| Spanish Mass                | 61.00       |
| Memorial Donations          | 75.00       |
| Organ Fund                  | 10.00       |

**MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT**

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Projected expenses FY 2017-2018 | \$32,675.00 |
| Received July 2, 2017           | 6,457.00    |
| Received for July 2017          | 6,457.00    |

**HELP NEEDED!**

The Women of STFX are having a workday to clean and organize the kitchen and storage room in the parish center on Monday, July 10 from 9:00-12:00 and on Tuesday from 12:30-3:00. Anytime you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

**SUPPORT LIFE THROUGH BIKING FOR BABIES!**

Please help support this worthy cause by making a donation to **Biking for Babies**. **Baby bottles** for this purpose are located in the church vestibule and may be returned with your donation. Please join us in welcoming the 9 enthusiastic young individuals as they will be biking from New Orleans to St. Louis. These individuals will be in Sikeston at 5:30 p.m., on July 14, followed by a potluck dinner at the Parish Center. The BBQ and buns will be provided by the Parish. Please bring a vegetable dish, salad or dessert. This is a chance to meet the riders and hear their stories, along with meeting our local pregnancy resource centers, PRC of Sikeston, and Birthright of Cape Girardeau. BIKING FOR BABIES would love to see you there.

For more information, visit [BikingForBabies.com](http://BikingForBabies.com)

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

There is a promise of marriage between **Ni Hoang** and **Richard Tran** of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

This marriage will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, July 22, at 9:00 AM.

Please keep this couple in your prayers.

**PARISH ROSARY**

The Rosary is said 30 minutes before weekend Mass-3:30pm on Saturday and 9:30 am on Sunday. Please join us to pray for the needs of our parish. Try to bring your family one time a month. If you would be interested in leading the Rosary at either Mass please contact the parish office.

**VOCATION CRUCIFIX**

Praying for vocations is a very important part of our Catholic practices. In order to continue our weekly prayers for vocations, we are asking that anyone who wishes may take home the vocation crucifix located on the table behind the last pew in Church. Please feel free to take it after Mass and return it to the table at the next weekend Mass. Thanks for praying for vocations!

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

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS**

Dear Parishioners, the summer teachers and staff are having a great summer at school I hope each of you are enjoying this time.

- The school will have a uniform sale on July 11-14, from 8:00-11:30 and from 1:00-5:00. Please bring in items you would like to sell or donate. If you have any questions please call 471-0841.
- We will be selling trash bags again this year, they are \$10.00 a roll. Please make plans to buy from us and help support our school.
- Save the date– the school will be having a fundraiser at Klueppel’s farm on September 9th. There will be a band. Please plan on attending and bringing friends. You are guaranteed a great time and all donations will go to the school.
- St. Francis Xavier School would like to acknowledge Charles Luber and thank the Lay Foundation for their generous donation to our school to provide scholarships for 20 of our students.
- I would also like to thank our parish for all your prayers and support. Our school is so blessed to have a parish that supports us!

Thanks again,  
Debbie Pollock,  
Principal

**SUPPORT FOR ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL**

Sikeston MediCenter Pharmacy would like to support St. Francis Xavier School by donating \$0.50 for every qualifying prescription filled and picked up at the Sikeston MediCenter Pharmacy. You may pick up your donation key tags at the school, parish center, or from any St. Francis Xavier School student. Just present your key tag when picking up your prescription. The pharmacy has a drive-thru and free delivery. This is a good way to support your church school.

**UPCOMING MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR for engaged couples**

The upcoming day-long marriage seminar will be Saturday, August 12, and will satisfy the Diocesan Marriage preparation Guidelines for those preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. The seminar will be conducted in the church meeting room on the lower level located at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 741 N. Forest Ave., Cape Girardeau, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding by 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please remember to mail Marriage Preparation forms, along with the \$25 program fee, to the Office of Family Life. For more information, please contact Kim Brayman, 417-866-0841, [kbrayman@dioscg.org](mailto:kbrayman@dioscg.org).

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

The real issue is not how many people will come to church, but how to become holy, how to become a saint. The Church is a means on the path to holiness. Jesus teaches us how to be holy, but not everyone accepted his teaching, for example, the rich young man who walked away from Jesus sadly because he did not want to sell his possessions to follow Jesus (Matthew 19:16-22). People are free to accept or reject Church teaching, as they are free to accept or reject Jesus Himself. It is disappointing when people leave the Church, just as it surely must have been disappointing for Jesus when people walked away from him. **BISHOP PAPROCKI**

**CAMP RE-NEW-ALL**

Camper spots still available at Camp Smokey— Session 3C (July 10-14), Session 4C (July 17-21), and Session 5C (July 24-28). Call Rosie Francka at 417-866-0841 with questions.

**LIFT US UP IN PRAYER**

**Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes.**  
Gary Clark, 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, Father Glenn Eftink, Jack Jackovic, Jim Hux, Pat Fetsch, Gary Ryan, and Bob Donze.  
For all serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of the unborn, for religious vocations, and our religious freedoms.

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