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November 2, 2016

**RE: A note of thanks**

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Sikeston:

I am deeply grateful to all of you who donated to our 2016 Diocesan Development Fund Appeal (DDF). Thanks to your generosity, we have raised, to date, \$2,543,395.87 which is 98% of our diocesan goal. This total represents 8,417 generous gifts from our Catholic households in southern Missouri. Your support of diocesan ministries in the Catholic Church in southern Missouri is indeed very gratifying and humbling.

At St. Francis Xavier Parish, 143 parishioners pledged a total of \$40,762.00. I know these donations represented the sacrificial gifts of many individuals and families. May our loving God continue to reward you for your generosity. I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward M. Rice  
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016

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Please register on our webpage to receive weekly updates!

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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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace and blessings to you! I pray this note finds you doing very well, and I hope that your Thanksgiving break was a spirit filled one!

Advent is a wonderful opportunity for us to prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of our Lord and Savior – the God who calls us out of darkness into his own wonderful light. It is indeed a time of grace when God seeks to prepare our hearts so as to welcome his only begotten son into our lives. Advent prepares us for that beautiful encounter with the Son of God. I pray that during this Advent season you are able to encounter God who is mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation – if you have not been to confession in the past month, I ask and encourage you to go to confession – a sacrament of grace that restores us to God.

Please mark your calendars for our Advent parish Mission given by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a world renowned speaker who is often featured on EWTN and has travelled all over the world giving talks – I am elated to welcome this great man of faith to our parish – plan on attending the parish mission with your family and friends.

Be at peace and remain blessed.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Patrick Ike

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of November 27, 2016

**Monday, November 28****8:15 AM** +Nancy Craig McMahon**Tuesday, November 29—NO MASS****Wednesday, November 30****5:15 PM** +Sylvester Elfrink  
St. Andrew, Apostle**Thursday, December 1—NO MASS****First Friday, December 2****8:15 AM** Int. of KC Members and Deceased  
**First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart**  
**Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 AM to**  
**5:30 PM with Benediction****First Saturday, December 2****4:00 PM** +Bradley & Michael LeGrand  
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM**Sunday, December 3****8:00 AM - Spanish Mass** +Ed Shepherd  
**10:00 AM** +Christine Korenak**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

“At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come,” says today’s Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for his coming.

**STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE****Sunday, November 20                      Collection Report**

Envelopes	\$4,242.00
Plate	221.12
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Spanish Mass	96.00
Poor Box	130.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	25.00
Bulletin Advertising	64.00
School Repair Fund	25.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00

**MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT**

Projected expenses FY 2016-2017	\$32,675.00
Received November 20, 2016	5,175.12
Received for November, 2016	17,469.27

Thank you for your contribution to Catholic Charities!

**ADVENT PARISH MISSION SCHEDULE  
DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS****December 4, 2016**8am Mass @ St. Henry Parish in Charleston  
10am Mass @ St. Francis Xavier in Sikeston  
6&8pm Masses @ Catholic Campus Ministry**December 5, 2016**4pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:15pm Mass @ Catholic Campus Ministry  
7pm - Mission @ Catholic Campus Ministry – ***Catholics, Culture, and Evangelization*****December 6, 2016**8:15am Mass @ St. Henry Parish in Charleston  
9:30am – School Gym – ***Listening to God’s Voice***  
7pm - Mission @ St. Henry Parish in Charleston – ***Preparing the Way for the Lord:  
The Joy of Reconciliation and Conversion in Advent*****December 7, 2016**8:15am Mass @ St. Francis Xavier in Sikeston  
5:15pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier in Sikeston  
7pm - Mission @ St. Francis Xavier in Sikeston – ***The True Meaning of Christmas:  
Eucharist and Evangelization***

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

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**MARY OF NAZARETH MOVIE**

Coming Up! Sunday, December 11, from 2-4:30 PM, a presentation of the movie, **MARY OF NAZARETH**, will be shown in the St. Joseph Room of the Parish Center for all members of the Parish. Bring lawn chairs. Mark your calendars for this Advent family event!

**FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE**

This very important celebration will take place on Sunday, December 11, at 10 PM in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center Gym. Mass will be celebrated, and there will be a Mariachi band and food. Tamales are also being sold after the masses, and a donation will be most welcome!

**WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS TRIP**

A holiday trip is planned on Sunday afternoon, December 4, 2016, to attend a concert in Jackson at the Immaculate Conception Lutheran Church. The concert will consist of adult and children's choirs accompanied by a complete orchestra. Included in the program will be a musical retelling of the Christmas story. There is no admission fee, but we will plan to have an early Dutch treat dinner at the Olive Garden after the 2:30 pm performance. We will leave the Parish Center around 1:15 PM. Anyone interested should call or email Jackie Cowan, so we can get a dinner count and plan for carpooling. (573)471-6245 or jackiescowan@yahoo.com.

**INTERCULTURAL CELEBRATION of OUR LADY**

A liturgy for the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and protector of unborn children, will be held with Bishop Edward M. Rice in St. Agnes Cathedral on Monday, December 12. All are invited to attend this intercultural event: Rosary at 6:15 pm, followed by Mass at 7 pm and refreshments afterward in St. Agnes School cafeteria.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN MISSOURI THANKS YOU!**

**Thank you to all parishioners who responded to the Second Collection for Catholic Charities.** The generosity of you, the Catholic faithful, is one of our greatest blessings. Your support brings Christ's love to our neighbors who are most in need. YOU, the Catholic community, ARE Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri. If you have not yet made a donation, please prayerfully consider a gift for the charitable work of the Church, and call 417-720-4213, or mail your donation to Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, 424 E. Monastery St., Springfield, MO 65807. Online donations may be made at [www.ccsomo.org](http://www.ccsomo.org). Thank you for your prayers and support.

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Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is hiring a full-time Family Strengthening Coordinator/Disaster Case Manager to work from its Sikeston office. A Bachelor's degree is required; Bachelor's degree in Social Work preferred. For full job description and to apply, visit [www.ccsomo.org/employment](http://www.ccsomo.org/employment).

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