

GUARDIAN ANGEL CARRY OUT LUNCH

Guardian Angel Home & School Association in Oran, Missouri is sponsoring a Carry Out Lunch on Monday, December 5 from 11:00 am—12:30 pm. For \$8.00, you will get a pork steak, slaw, baked beans, roll, and a dessert. You can pick up your lunch at Guardian Angel School. We will also deliver in the city limits of Oran or to those out of town businesses/places that order at least 10 lunches. Orders can be placed through November 18. To place an order, please call Stacey Dame at (573)587-9445.

REGISTRATION FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION & CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

The Diocese partners with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer online religious education and faith formation courses at \$50 per course. Registration is October 19, 2016-January 11, 2017. Classes may be taken for undergraduate credit (for additional fee) and courses qualify for credit in our Catechist Formation Process. For more information, visit the [VLCFF web site](#) or contact the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. If you have questions, call Toni Grojean, 573-258-1172.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 6, 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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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.

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS IN THE U.S.

The estimated 68 million Catholics in America make up less than 6 percent of the 1.2 billion Catholics in the world. Nonetheless, we have the fourth largest Catholic population of any country. As we enter Vocation Awareness Week (November 6-12), here are a few pertinent stats:

- * Annually, more than 500 men are ordained priests in the U.S., a number which is rising slightly.
- * There are about 154,000 Catholic weddings each year, though that figure is dropping.
- * There are currently about 48,000 religious sisters, but the Average age is 75.
- * In 2015, 760,000 infants and children were baptized.

When it comes to vocations, how are we doing compared to other countries? As they say on the farm, "fair to middlin". We are far behind the vocation booms in India, Poland, and Africa. But compared to Europe and Canada, the U.S. Church is doing pretty well. And we have reason to be hopeful for the future. Various Catholic youth movements are growing stronger, and many organizations are urging a "culture of discernment".

In this political season, as we are reminded that "all politics is local," we should remember that all vocations come from regular families, parishes, and schools—even from your own family!

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 6, 2016

Monday, November 7

8:15 AM +Mary Paylor

Tuesday, November 8 - Spanish Mass

6:00 PM +Joe Lankheit, Jr.

Wednesday, November 9

5:15 PM +Esther Hann

Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Thursday, November 10 - NO MASS

Friday, November 11

8:15 AM +Deceased Members of St. Francis Xavier

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Saturday, November 12

4:00 PM +Rodney Shell

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Sunday, November 13

8:00 AM - Spanish Mass

+Nancy Craig McMahon

10:00 AM +Jeffrey Tangeman

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

Sunday, October 30	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$5,054.00
Plate	444.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Spanish Mass	47.00
Poor Box	157.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	5.00
School Repair Fund	5.00
All Saints Day	10.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2016-2017	\$32,675.00
Received October 30, 2016	6,074.00
Received for October, 2016	31,487.61

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, one of the most sought after Catholic speakers in the Church today, will be at St. Francis Xavier and St. Henry Parishes December 5 through December 8. He has appeared on many national and international radio programs, including "Catholic Answers Live", Catholic Connection", and "Kresta in the Afternoon". More information regarding this dynamic speaker will be forthcoming!

END OF YEAR GIVING!

More than half of all charitable giving is made during the last two months of the year. Why? It is a time of year when we express thanks for the many blessings we have received. It is the time when we review our finances and do our tax planning. As you consider your end-of-year tax planning, please consider a gift to St. Francis Xavier and School. Any donations received or postmarked by December 31 can reduce your income taxes if you itemize, and make a positive impact on our parish and our school. We invite you to be an indispensable part of introducing these young people to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is the ultimate source and destiny of all the human heart longs for.

ANNUAL ANGEL TRIP

The Oran Guardian Angel PCCW is sponsoring its annual Angel Trip on Saturday, November 19. Being the Year of Mercy, they will travel to 3 churches for a "Holy Door Pilgrimage" to New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, and Perryville", and return to Guardian Angel for confession before Mass. For reservations, contact Debbie Gaines, 262-3719, or Doris Eftink, 380-5119, or Pam Wilgus, 318-6757. There will be car pool arrangements leaving at 8:30 am.

SCOTT CITY KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

A sausage breakfast will be hosted by the Scott City Knights of Columbus on Sunday, November 27, from 7:30—10:30 am at their meeting hall. Cost will be \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, and children under age 6 are free. Menu will be scrambled eggs, link sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy, and coffee/milk. The Knights are also taking orders for sausage \$3 a pound—call Gary at 576-6451 to order. They will also be collecting new and unopened/unwrapped toys to help the Marine Corp League with their Toys for Tots Drive.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Vincent DePaul Parish will sponsor a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 12, from 8 am to 4 pm in the St. Vincent DePaul Center (Old Notre Dame High School), 1912 Ritter Drive, Cape Girardeau. Admission is free. Lunch will be served by Knights of Columbus Council #11205.

WONDERLAND of TREASURES PLANNED at BENTON

The 17th Annual Winter Wonderland of Treasures will be held at St. Denis Parish Center at Benton, on Saturday, December 3, from 8 am until 2 pm. This year, the proceeds from the sale will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Crafts, specialty food items and direct sale items, such as Rada Knives, Pampered Chef, and Stanley products, will be featured. There will also be a 50-50 drawing raffle and attendance drawings throughout the day. Breakfast items, homemade chicken noodle soup, chili, chili dogs, drinks, and desserts will be available.

HAUNTED by GOD: the LIFE OF DOROTHY DAY

An inspiring one-woman show is coming to Southeast Missouri State University on Tuesday, November 15, at 7 pm! *HAUNTED BY GOD: THE LIFE OF DOROTHY DAY* is a moving dramatic portrait of one of the most outspoken and influential American Catholics of the 20th century. The production incorporates all the wit and prophetic grit of Dorothy's own words about war, peace, American society, compassion, and protest in the Spirit of Jesus. The show takes place in Rose Theatre. Free admission; donations accepted. Produced in association with Call to Action. Contact Meg at Catholic Campus Ministry at 335-3899 with questions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is seeking volunteers to answer telephone calls in our Cape Girardeau and Sikeston offices. This consists primarily of transferring calls to appropriate staff members. The hours are flexible. If helping in this important ministry is something that interests you, please contact Kyle Scott, Regional Director, for more information, at 573-335-0134.

THE CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF MERCY

We invite everyone to join with us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Sunday, November 20, 2016, at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sikeston at 3:00 pm. We will have children sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and then we will conclude with Benediction. According to St. Francis, "I am always struck when I reread the Parable of the Merciful Father". The Father, with love, hope, and Mercy, had never for a second stopped thinking about his wayward son, and as soon as he sees him still far off, he runs out to meet him and embraces him with tenderness, the tenderness of God, without a word of reproach. God is always waiting for us. He never grows tired. Jesus shows us this Merciful patience of good, so that we can regain confidence and hope—always.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS for 2016 ENTRUSTED TO THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

November

Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaborations of Priests and Laity

giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

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!

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

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THE BOOK OF THE LIVING

The Book of the Living has been placed in Church for the month of November. Please include the names of your loved ones you wish to be remembered in prayer. Pray for all the deceased of our Parish Families through November.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Brittany Freeland

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

The 2nd Annual St. Francis Xavier Craft/Vendor Shopping Extravaganza Event will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 9 am—5:30 pm. Please contact St. Francis Xavier School (573-471-0841) to reserve your table for this event!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CRAFT FAIR

In support of St. Francis Xavier School, the Women of St. Francis will sponsor a table at the Craft Fair taking place at the Parish Center on Saturday, November 12, 2016. All handmade crafts, homemade snacks, candies, cakes, cookies, pies are welcome. If you make something special for the holidays, consider making a bit extra for this occasion! We ask that you let us know your donation so we can provide adequate space for all. For more information, contact chou1943@att.net, 472-0517 or 380-2929. Please join us in this fun project and bring your friends! We have designated this additional fund raiser to be donated to the Bishop's Fund for Religious Retirement, Vocations, and Youth Programs.

The WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS wish to thank all who worked so hard in making the annual Chili Chicken Noodle Soup Day such a big success! Also, a big thank you to all who supported this worthwhile Fundraiser.

NOTRE DAME ANNUAL APPEAL SUNDAY

November 13 has been designated as Notre Dame Annual Appeal Sunday, the primary fundraiser for the NDHS Education Fund Foundation. The Foundation was established to ensure financial stability for Notre Dame Regional High School. The contributions received from the Annual Appeal are endowed, invested, and reinvested with earnings on investments transferred too the school annually, to keep tuition and parish subsidies to a minimum. Please continue to support the NDHS Education Fund Foundation with a contribution to this year's Annual Appeal on November 13. For more information contact: Notre Dame Regional High School, Development Director, 573-335-3416, tonybuehrle@notredamecape.org

SECOND COLLECTION Supporting Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri on Final Day of Jubilee Year of Mercy - Sunday, November 20

It is appropriate that the Second Collection for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri this year will take place on the last day of the Jubilee Year of Mercy! The work of Catholic Charities is the Church's Works of Mercy! Please honor this occasion through a generous donation. Every dollar of your financial support stays here in southern Missouri to help our neighbors who are most in need. With your help, we serve families at risk of homelessness, women facing an unplanned pregnancy, veterans and their families, survivors of floods and tornados, persons with developmental disabilities, and many others. Please join with Catholics throughout the diocese to support the Works of Mercy of the Church in southern Missouri. We can't do it without you. YOU, the Catholic community, ARE Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri.

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes. Mary Schuchart, 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, Rodney Abney, 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.