

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 30, 2016

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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.

THE CLASSROOM OF SILENCE

If I asked you to conduct a search for some suitable candidates to be leaders and prophets of the modern world, where would you look? You probably wouldn't immediately start looking for shepherds. I have always found it interesting that the most common profession among the prophets and leaders of the Old Testament was shepherding. Why do you suppose God called so many shepherds to occupy positions of authority and influence? What made them uniquely suited?

It seems to me that these shepherds spent long hours in silence and solitude. They were immersed day after day in God's cosmic temple. This produced in them a unique understanding of nature and creation, making them worthy stewards of the earth and all that is in it. But these long days spent immersed in the classroom of silence also provided them with plenty of time to think, reflect, and contemplate. And most importantly, this silence and solitude gave them more opportunity than most to hear and listen to the voice of God in their lives.

When we read the Bible, it seems the most common preface to any sentence is "God said." "God said to Adam...", "God said to Noah...", "God said to Abraham...", "God said to Moses...", and on and on. Throughout the history of God's relationship with humanity, he has constantly been communicating with us. I am convinced that in this modern time it is not that God has stopped speaking to us, but rather that we have stopped listening. And while I believe that God can communicate through anyone and anything at any time, his preferred venue is still silence and solitude. In the silence God speaks. Or perhaps it is just that in the silence, away from the hustle and bustle of the world, we are able to hear him.

I will make two promises to you: In the silence you will find God and in the silence you will find yourself. These will be the two greatest discoveries of your life. But these discoveries will not be moments of epiphany; they will be gradual. You will discover a little at a time, something like a jigsaw puzzle being put together. It is this process of discovery that allows us to make sense of life. In the silence things start to make sense.

Our modern world is spinning out of control, and one of the chief contributors to the chaos and confusion of our modern age is noise. Our lives are filled with noise. We are afraid of silence.

How do you imagine that in the midst of all that noise you are going to work out who you are and what you are here for? The reality is, you won't. Unless you withdraw from all the noise of your life and the world for a few minutes each day, you will most likely just become another cog in the global economic wheel, consuming and being consumed.

Our world has been filled with noise, and as a result, we can no longer hear the voice of God in our lives. It is time to enter into the classroom of silence.

Excerpts from "Rediscover Catholicism"
By Matthew Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of October 30, 2016

Monday, October 31

8:15 AM +O. Joseph Miles & Mary Etta Miles Lancaster

Tuesday, November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

8:15 AM +All Deceased of St. Francis Xavier Parish

5:15 PM +Bradley & Michael LeGrand

Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM

Wednesday, November 2 ALL SOULS' DAY

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

8:15 AM +Mary Etta Mitchell

5:15 PM +Albert Seiler

Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM

Thursday, November 3 - NO MASS

First Friday, November 4

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, November 5

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +John & Mary Pobst

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

Sunday, November 6

8:00 AM - Spanish Mass

+Madleen Abbo

10:00 AM +Christine Korenak

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 23	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$3,721.00
Plate	201.60
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Spanish Mass	79.00
Poor Box	158.45
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	25.00
Facility Rental	50.00
Stipend	200.00
All Saints Day	5.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2016-2017	\$32,675.00
Received October 23, 2016	4,792.05
Received for October, 2016	25,413.61

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.

ADORATION

From St. Mother Theresa "With Great Love" - "The time you spend with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven."

Prayerfully consider signing up for Adoration on November 4, 2016, which begins immediately after the 8:15 mass and concludes with Benediction at 4:45 PM. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

SECOND COLLECTION today is for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Omar Cooper Martinez, Davalyn Jewell Williams, Kamryn Elizabeth Marshall, Maggie Lai Hummel, and Coraline Kate Care

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

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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!

***** Trunk or Treat—Sunday, October 30, 4:30—6 pm. Cars will be parked between Parish Center and school with the street blocked. Kids will play games and walk car to car for treats in their Halloween costumes. Contact office at 471-0841 if you are going to put a car in or play a game.

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.

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS MEETING

The Women of St. Francis will hold their next meeting in the St. Joseph Room on Thursday, November 3, at 5:15 PM. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend and join this delightful group!

STUFF A TRUCK-SATURDAY

KC in Scott City are hosting a canned food drive November 5 from 11 am-1 pm, lower level of meeting hall on Highway 61. Please donate so others may have a holiday feast. Free hot dogs and drinks for those who donate. All food will support local food pantries.

FALL PLAY AT NOTRE DAME H.S.

Notre Dame Regional High School will be presenting **THE DINING ROOM** by A.R. Gurney on November 3, 7, & 5, 2016 at 7 pm in the cafetorium. This is a 2-act play and all seats are \$10. For tickets: www.notredamehighschool.org, click on box office. *See flyer Contact ND—573-335-6772, ext. 311. For more information, contact the Development Director, Tony Buehrle at 573-335-3416.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM "BIKING FOR BABIES"

The Parish received a letter from Kevin Biese, the Recruiting and Training Specialist for Biking for Babies, thanking us for our financial contribution to their organization. Biking for Babies helps the Pregnancy Resource Center of Sikeston to offer their services to clients at a free or reduced cost. He also thanked us for the Church's hospitality—a meal was prepared for them by the women of the Parish.

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.

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 Connors, 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.