

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 25, 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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace and blessings to you and your loved ones!

Thank you all for your continued support of our beautiful parish and school – a venerable home for faith-filled men and women. Please know that you and your loved ones are remembered in my daily offerings, that the Lord strengthen your resolve to grow in holiness – to evermore become “the living reflection of the face of Christ” in the world.

On Thursday September 29, 2016 – **Sharon Chouinard** and **Kathy Mitchell** will begin their Bible Study for the parish – I personally thank these two faith filled women for using their time and talents in the proclamation of the word of God. Please note that Bible studies are important as “remaining firmly anchored in Scripture, we open ourselves to the action of the Spirit from whom the sacred texts derive their origin as well as to the witness of the apostles, who had firsthand experience of Christ, the Word of life: they saw him with their eyes, heard him with their ears, touched him with their hands.”

I ask that you plan on joining this group as they seek to encounter the person of Jesus Christ.

Remember to sign up for our first Friday Eucharistic Adoration – a time to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and also pray for the needs of your families and the world. Sign up sheets are available at the back of church.

Please note to avail yourself of the sacrament of reconciliation if you have not been in a while – the Lord continues to call is to a life of conversion. Be not afraid to approach God in the sacrament of mercy.

Let us keep each other in prayer – may everything we say and do speak of the glory of God.

Be at peace and remain blessed.

Fr. Patrick Ike  
Pastor

## MASS INTENTIONS

Week of September 25, 2016

### Monday, September 26

**8:15 AM** Int. for Family of Bernard/Esther Hann  
St. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

### Tuesday, September 27—Spanish Mass

**6:00 PM** +Hal Stillway  
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

### Wednesday, September 28

**5:15 PM** +Bill Hampton  
Confessions 4:45-5:00 PM  
St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and  
Companions, Martyrs

### Thursday, September 29- NO MASS

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

### Friday, September 30

**8:15 AM** +Brenda Matthews  
St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

### First Saturday, October 1

**4:00 PM** +Bradley and Michael LeGrand  
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the  
Church

### SUNDAY, October 2—CCM Sunday

**8:00 AM - Spanish Mass**  
+Albert Seiler  
**10:00 AM** +Jeff 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

<b>Sunday, September 18</b>	<b>Collection Report</b>
Envelopes	\$5,038.60
Plate	310.63
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Spanish Mass	125.28
Poor Box	138.50
Mass Offerings	20.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	1.00

### MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2015-2016	\$32,675.00
Received September 18, 2016	5,986.01
Received for September, 2016	19,275.14

## ROSARY

The Rosary is said 30 minutes before weekend Mass—3:30 pm on Saturday and 9:30 am on Sunday morn. Please join us to pray for the needs of our parish. Try to bring your family one time a month.

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

### September

#### **Universal: Centrality of the Human Person**

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

#### **Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize**

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

### **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!

## Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) Sunday - October 2, 2016

CCM is the living presence of the Catholic Church on the SEMO University campus. Hundreds of SEMO Students rely on CCM to provide spiritual guidance, formation, Christian fellowship, and the grace of the Sacraments ... all at a time when young adults are encountering the struggle of living independently and are faced with life and vocation choices and the development of conscience. What students commonly lack, however, is the “treasure” needed to sustain the ministry, so we depend on benefactors who so generously give because they know that giving is central to our character as Christian people. Sunday, October 2 is CCM Sunday: an annual appeal to our benefactors who recognize the vital importance of Catholic Campus Ministry. Please pray for the success of this campaign and consider how you may be able to support CCM on Campus. Contributions may be mailed to Catholic Campus Ministry, 512 N. Pacific St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Contact Deacon Tom Schumer with questions at 573-335-3899 or [deacontom@ccmin.org](mailto:deacontom@ccmin.org).

### **DINNER at ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

There will be a Fried Chicken, Kettle Beef and Chicken & Dumpling Dinner on Sunday, September 25, at St. Joseph Parish Center, Highway 91 North, in Advance. Serving will be from 11:00 am—1:30 pm. Adults—\$10, Children 10 and under—\$5, Under 5—free!. There will also be a Country and Craft Shop

### **ST. JOSEPH DINNER AUCTION—Scott City**

St. Joseph Home & School of Scott City will present their 26th Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The theme this year is “Flashback to the Eighties.” Doors open at 5:00 pm and the meal will be served at 6:00 pm. Menu is choice of steak or chicken with potato casserole, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert, and drinks. For more information, please call Maria Lett @450-7827. For tickets, please call Betty Spalding @264-2600 or 579-3867.

### **ST. ANTHONY'S ANNUAL FALL DINNER, GLENNON**

St. Anthony's are hosting their fall dinner on Sunday, October 9, 11 am—1:30 pm at the Glennon Parish Hall, in Glennon. Menu includes Kettle Beef, Dumplings, Dressing, & all the trimmings. Dessert & drinks are included. Adults—\$9, Children (6-12) - \$4, Children (5 and under) free. For more information, please call 573-238-3300.

### **DINNER at ST. DENIS, BENTON**

St. Denis Parish, Benton, will be having its Annual All You Can Eat Buffet Style Dinner in their Parish Center on Sunday, October 9, serving from 10:30 am—1:00 pm. Menu will consist of Chicken & Dumplings, Kettle Beef, Chicken and Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Buttered Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, and Desserts. Adults—\$9, Children (6-12) \$5, Children (5 and under) free. Carry outs are available for \$9. Chances are available for a raffle.

### **FALL PARISH DINNER, KELSO**

St. Augustine Parish is having their Annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 16, at the St. Augustine School Gym in Kelso, 10:30 am—1:00 pm. Meal served buffet-style will feature Baked Ham, Chicken & Dumplings, Chicken & Dressing, and all the trimmings. Pie and Cake included. Adults—\$9, Children (6-11) - \$5, Children (5 and under) - Free. Carry outs will be available.

### **ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, KELSO**

St. Augustine School, Kelso, will host their Annual St. Augustine Cougar/Jim Reinagel Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, October 3, at Kimberland Golf Course, Jackson. Noon Tee Time. \$100 per player. Registration forms are available from the school website: [stakelso.eduk12.net](http://stakelso.eduk12.net) Contact Brian at 573-450-4902 or Andy at 573-225-0768.

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

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**A SIX WEEKS BOOK CLUB with Fr. Patrick Ike**  
Beginning mid-September for SIX WEEKS at St. Francis Xavier in the St. Joseph Room—date and time to be announced very soon. We will be discussing 7 important topics that you do not want to miss. We will be using a very small and easy to read book: FREEDOM AND FORGIVENESS: A Fresh Look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Father Paul Farren. Please get a copy from Amazon or www.paracletepress.com. Due to space, we ask that you email Father Patrick at [fatherpatrick@stfxsikeston.org](mailto:fatherpatrick@stfxsikeston.org) if you are interested in joining this life changing study.

**WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BIBLE STUDY**  
The Women of St. Francis are sponsoring a Fall Bible Study. We will be using *The Letters from Prison* by Little Rock Scripture Study. Paul offers Jesus himself as the prime model to follow in his humility and obedience. His letters of encouragement, correction, and instruction written from prison lovingly inspire and challenge us to greater discipleship. We will meet each Thursday for six (6) weeks, beginning September 29 at 3:30 pm. Cost for the study guide is \$15. (The study guide can be used for an additional 6 weeks to be offered in January.) To sign up, please e-mail Sharon Chouinard ([chou1943@att.net](mailto:chou1943@att.net)) or Kathy Mitchell ([kkmitchell@charter.net](mailto:kkmitchell@charter.net)).

**WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MONTHLY MEETING**  
The Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish will have their next monthly meeting on Thursday, October 6, in the St. Joseph Room, at 5:15 pm. All women in the parish are invited to attend. Final plans for the chili/chicken soup lunch will be made.

**WSTFX ANNUAL CHILI & CHICKEN SOUP LUNCH**  
The Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish are sponsoring their "All You Can Eat" Annual Chili and Chicken Soup Lunch on Friday, October 14 at the Parish Center Gym. They will be serving from 10:30 am—1:30 pm. Adults—\$6.00 \* Children 6-12—\$3.00 \* 5 and under eat free. Drink and dessert are included. Carry-outs will be available. Tickets are available from any member of WSTFX and also at the Parish Office.

- ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS**
- \*\*\*\*\* Mark your calendars! The St. Francis Xavier Golf Tournament will be Monday, September 26. Raffle tickets are available for a Yeti cooler. Tee time is 1 pm and registration is \$60 per player.
  - \*\*\*\*\* School will have their Grandparents Day in conjunction with the Women of St Francis Xavier Annual Chili and Chicken Soup Lunch on Friday, October 14 at the Parish Center Gym.
  - \*\*\*\*\* There will be a Fish Fry at St. Francis Xavier School on Friday, October 28, at 5:30 pm. Please join us for an outstanding fish dinner!!
  - \*\*\*\*\* 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!

**MISPLACED**  
With the tentative move from the choir loft to the gym, a black briefcase with some music was misplaced. Its contents consisted of an orange book with "Hits of the 60's & 70's" and a book of "Preludes for Offertories". There may have been other music in it, but those 2 books are known to be missing. If found, please contact Larry Bohannon.

**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.