

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 16, 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.

THE SAINTS

*AFTER A LIFE ON EARTH DEVOTED TO THE SERVICE OF GOD,
SAINTS ARE AN EXAMPLE TO US AND ALSO PROTECT US*

Both the time and the space we live in are full of saints. From St. Petersburg to Santiago de Compostella, from St. Ives in Cornwall to St. Peter in Minnesota, our world is littered with towns and villages named after saints. If, in the early days of Christianity, St. Paul called all the believers in Christ "saints" or "holy people", this title has, since the eleventh century, been reserved for those whom the Holy See has canonized, and who are venerated by the Church. At the time, it was absolutely necessary to regulate the occasionally excessive worship which, since the Roman persecutions, had been accorded to martyrs, as well as all Christians who had displayed outstanding virtue. The custom was to celebrate the day on which they died, or on which their relics were transported, and the tradition still continues today with the calendar of Saints' days.

The procedure of beatification, then of canonization, was defined by Pope Alexander III in the twelfth century, and it has been revised on numerous occasions since. It calls on the authority of the Church to declare that a given person has entered into the Glory of God and should be venerated as a saint. An investigation is carried out, followed by a "trial" which includes several adversarial exchanges between the promoter of the cause (for) and the Devil's advocate (against).

After the Virgin Mary, who has a vital place in the Church, the saints include apostles and martyrs, a few Popes and prelates, cleric of all ranks and some lay people. A saint is someone who, guided by the Holy Spirit, has consecrated his or her life to God and to others. They lend their names to parishes and monasteries, and each of us receives a name at baptism which puts us under the protection of a given "patron" saint. Saints are generally depicted with their heads surrounded by a halo, which symbolizes God's Holiness radiating from them. Since the days of the Old Testament, men like Moses and Elijah have been transfigured by the light of God; that is why they stood alongside Christ on Mount Tabor.

But the worship which we give to Saints in no way reduces the worship we first owe to God and to Christ. As the Preface of Saints' Feasts puts it: "You are glorified in your saints, for their glory is the crowning of your gifts." Worship of relics has also been part of the Catholic tradition since earliest times. This is perfectly consistent with the mystery of Incarnation which respects the body, the members of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit.

*Source: SYMBOLS OF CATHOLICISM
Dom Robert LeGall, Abbot of Kergonan*

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of July 16, 2017

Monday, July 17**8:15 AM Mass** + Mary Schuchart**Tuesday, July 18- NO MASS****Wednesday, July 19****5:15 PM Mass** + Jamil & Victoria Tellow
Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM**Thursday, July 20- NO MASS****Friday, July 21***St. Lawrence of Brindisi***8:15 AM Mass** + Catherine Fitzgerald**Saturday, July 22****16th Sunday in Ordinary Time****4:00 PM Mass** + Bradley & Michael LeGrand
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM**Sunday, July 23****8:00 AM Spanish Mass** +Thomas Maddox**10:00 AM** + Henry Leible**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred-or-sixty-or-thirty-fold.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, July 9	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$4,670 .00
Plate	134.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	95.00
Mass Offerings	140.00
Capital Improvement	150.00
Spanish Mass	120.00
Organ Fund	205.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received July 9, 2017	5,726.00
Received for July 2017	12,183.00

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS MEETING

The Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish will meet in the St. Joseph Room at the Parish Center on Thursday, August 3, at 5:15 p.m. This active group of ladies assist the Knights of Columbus with their annual Fish Fry, host a luncheon and Mass of Anointing, serve a Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup Day, and with money raised, donate to many parish and community projects. We visit the homebound and nursing homes, taking flowers and treats. Your participation in meetings is encouraged and welcomed as we meet the first Thursday of each month. Please plan to attend - we think you will like us!

DDF FUND

Our new total of contributions to DDF is \$46,400, toward our goal of \$49,764 with 140 parishioners contributing. That is 93% of our goal amount and 82% of parishioners contributing. We need only \$3,364 to meet our goal. Please take time to pray and consider contributing to this worthy cause.

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

- 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!

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.

ANNUAL LEOPOLD PICNIC

St. John’s Parish in Leopold will host their Annual Picnic on the grounds behind the church in Leopold, MO on Saturday, July 29, 2017. This is an old fashioned country dinner with kettle beef, fried chicken, chicken & dumplings with all the trimmings. Serving from 3 pm until 8 pm. Adults, \$10: Children (6-12), \$5: Under 6 , free. Music: 8 pm—midnight (Silver Fox” playing) Tractor rides, crafts, homemade ice cream, games, etc.

NURSE NEEDED AT CAMP RE-NEW-ALL

There is a urgent need for a nurse for Session 5C (July 23-28) in Cassville. For more information, contact Katie Newton at 417-866-0841 or knewton@dioscg.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Want more “sparkle” in your marriage? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and rediscover the glow you had as newlyweds! The next Weekend in Kansas City is July 28-30, 2017. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org. or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066, or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net.

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.

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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