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August 14, 2016

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Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Toni Grojean at
toni@stfxsikeston.org
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.

BIBLE STORIES

The Bible is the single story that has shaped and is shaping human history. At the same time, it is a collection of stories. We find that the greatest stories ever told are in the Bible, and every other story is only a variation of one of the biblical tales that echo throughout history. The reason they echo throughout history is because they are the stories of men and women as they struggle to know themselves, to know God, and to work out their salvation. In this way, they are the stories of all men and women, and thus are ever fresh.

People are often shocked by the human weakness of key characters in biblical stories. Many are surprised, even scandalized, that God would use people with such monumental vices and shortcomings to reach out to humanity and give us hope for the future.

The danger is to read the Bible as an observer. It is easy to read these stories from the cold distance of an objective observer and not allow them to penetrate our lives. The challenge is to get involved.

It is all too easy to read the story of Moses leading the Israelites out of slavery and into the desert and think that we have nothing to learn, or that we would never complain like the Israelites did when food was scarce. The temptation is to read the Gospels and believe that we would never be cruel, calculating, and hard-hearted, like some of the Pharisees were. We are tempted to presume that we would be the one leper who returns. But the ultimate temptation is to read the Bible and see ourselves only in Jesus. Every single person in the Bible is put there to serve you. This procession of people, with their strengths and weaknesses, their faults, failings, flaws, talents, and abilities, their virtues and their vices, are your servants. Hidden between the lines of these ancient tests, they wait, wanting to teach you the great truths of the journey.

They provide this invaluable service by acting as mirrors. What do you see when you look into a mirror? Yes, yourself. These men and women afford you the opportunity to look deep into your divided heart and see your *self*-the good and the bad, that which is worthy and that which is in need of redemption. Until you have learned to see yourself in every person in the Scriptures, you have not read the Bible.

The stories that fill the Bible are the stories of hundreds of men and women and their struggles to walk with God, to make the journey of the soul, to surrender and allow God to save them. These are the stories of men and women who have tried and succeeded, or struggled and failed in their quest to become the-best-version-of-themselves. In some of these characters we find an intriguing mixture of both failure and success, the humanity that resonates with us deeply because it reminds us of our own struggles.

- "Rediscover Catholicism" A Spiritual Guide To Living with
Passion & Purpose by Matthew Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of August 14, 2016

Monday, August 15

8:15 AM Int. Joy Bond & Legion of Mary
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 16—NO MASS

St. Stephen of Hungary

Wednesday, August 17

5:15 PM +Jamil/Victoria Tellow
Confessions 4:45 pm

Thursday, August 18—NO MASS

Friday, August 19

8:15 AM Int. The Family of Bernard & Esther Hann
St. John Eudes, Priest

Saturday, August 20

4:00 PM +Louise Meunier
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM
St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

SUNDAY, August 21

8:00 AM - Spanish Mass
+Sylvester Elfrink
10:00 AM +Clarence & Anna Brucker

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, August 7	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$6,330.50
Plate	177.12
Automatic Deductions (env.)	747.00
Spanish Mass	44.50
Poor Box	121.02
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	52.00
Bulletin Advertising	192.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2015-2016	\$32,675.00
Received August 7, 2016	7,664.14
Received for August, 2016	7,664.14

BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Edward M. Rice will be visiting each parish and mission in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. He is scheduled to visit our parish on Sunday, August 28, after the 10 AM Mass.

NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER

Please note on the front of the bulletin that Father Patrick has a new cell phone number:
(573) 388-1833

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2016
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AUGUST

Universal: Sports

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelization: Living the Gospel

That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

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)

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM
Eugene Dowling, August 8, 2016

ROSARY LEADERS

Our parish is in need of Rosary Leaders on Saturdays before the 4:00 PM Mass. If you can fill this need, please contact the parish office at 471-2447. One regular and one auxiliary will be greatly appreciated. The Rosary is said 30 minutes before weekend masses: 3:30 pm on Saturday and 9:30 am on Sunday morning. Please join us to pray for the needs of our parish. Try to bring your family one time a month.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School will begin on Wednesday, August 17! We will have a dinner and open house on Tuesday, August 16, at 6 pm. There will be students selling trash bags after church for the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your support! Debbie Pollock, Principal

CHURCH CLEANING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church interior after our recent renovation. We will meet at the church on Thursday, August 18, at 3:30 p.m. Please call the parish office before Wednesday if you have some time to give to the church - any time at all will be most appreciated!!

ANNUAL FALL DINNER

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Scott City, MO will be hosting a Fall Dinner on Sunday, September 11, at the St. Joseph Parish Center. The dinner is from 10:30 am—1:00 pm. Buffet-Style meal consisting of Kettle Beef, Chicken and Dumplings, Chicken and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Dessert, Tea, and Coffee. Adults, \$9; Children (6-12), \$5; Under 6 are free. Carry-out meals are available. The Council of Catholic Women will be selling crafts, breads, and sweets at their country store and bakery shop.

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, Richard Guter, 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.

PSR (PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION) REGISTRATION

Beginning the weekends of August 20/21 and August 27/28, there will be registration after the weekend masses for all students not attending Catholic School.

RCIA 2016-2017— A Life changing opportunity

All members of the Church are Gods messengers. Therefore, share your gift of faith. Seriously consider offering an invitation to friends, neighbors, and relatives to learn more about our Catholic Faith. If you know someone who might be interested in our Catholic Faith, kindly complete the form below and give to Toni Grojean or call Toni at 258-1172.

Name(s) to contact: _____

R.C.I.A.

Address: _____

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