

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

245 WEST FRONT ST.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 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.



ONE CHURCH | EAST TO WEST

Grateful for Our Past...Preparing for Our Future

Dear Parishioners,

Peace and Blessing to you.

CAMPAIGN NEED: Seminarian Education

- ◆ In the summer of 2015, the diocese celebrated the ordination of two men to the priesthood. These are the first ordinations in our diocese in seven years.
- ◆ Seven men are in various stages of formation in seminary colleges. The majority of their education costs are assumed by them or their families.
- ◆ Six seminarians from our diocese are in graduate theology and three are in pre-theology. The cost of tuition and room and board for these individuals is over \$35,000 per year and is totally financed by the diocese.
- ◆ The endowment for seminarian education is not large enough to generate sufficient funds for the current number of young men studying for the priesthood. Last year, \$350,000 was earned through various sources; however, over \$700,000 was disbursed for vocation expenses, mostly for seminarian education and related costs.
- ◆ By increasing the endowment for seminarian education by \$5 million, we will be able to fund this program well into the future, even with an increase in the number of seminarians.

By now, many parishioners will have received a letter and brochure regarding this initiative. Please read the materials carefully. In the coming weeks, a visitor will call to schedule an appointment with you to discuss the campaign further. Please receive him or her warmly and consider pledging a sacrificial gift in support of the campaign.

Please pray that the Lord will bless the good work He has begun in our diocese.

Thanks for your prayers and support.

Remain Blessed,
Fr. Patrick,
Pastor

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“Be courageous...go to confession.” (Pope Francis)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 17, 2016

Monday, January 18

8:15AM + Louise Meunier

Tuesday, January 19

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 20

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

5:15PM + Barbara Schuchart

Confession 4:45PM

Thursday, January 21

NO MASS

Friday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

8:15AM + YYA

Saturday, January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM † Lawrence & Margaret Moore

Confession 3:00-3:45PM

Sunday, January 24

8:00AM Spanish Mass † Mary Ann Maevers

10:00AM † O. Joseph Miles & Mary Etta Miles

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, January 10	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$ 7,894.00
Plate	189.25
Automatic Deductions (env.)	382.00
Spanish Mass	60.50
Poor Box	34.00
Mass Offerings	10.00
Memorial Donation	25.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2015-2016	\$ 32,675.00
Received January 10, 2016	\$ 8,594.75
Received for January 2016	\$ 18,555.68

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Deacon David Baunach, Deacon Charles Dunn,
Andrew Williams, Colby Elbert,
Joseph Stoverink, Brian Straus, Nicholas Newton,
Daniel Balken, Gideon Barr, Allen Kirchner,
Josh Carroll, and Charles Peirano.

PRAY FOR OUR RELIGIOUS

Sr. Catherine Duenne, OSB
Br. David Kiblinger, SJ
Sr. Kristen Rainey
Sr. Elizabeth Beussink, TOR

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**Could God be calling you to the priesthood or
religious life?**

*“Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes away nothing
and He gives you everything.”—*

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

To see where God may be calling you contact:

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vocations@altonfranciscans.org (618)463-2757

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

To all those looking at being confirmed, we will have an **OBLIGATORY** meeting on Sunday January 17,
2016, at 2pm in the St. Joseph Room at St. Francis Xavier Parish - Sikeston. Please plan on coming to this
meeting at which point you will be giving all the necessary information and forms to fill out.

This is an **OBLIGATORY** meeting for all those wishing to be confirmed in 2016.

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!

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER

Jean Dowling, wife of Eugene Dowling

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection for the Church in Latin America on January 23/24. Your generosity to this
collection is invaluable to the future of the faith in this region. Your donation will fund catechesis, marriage and
family life programs, and seminarian formation. Please give with a joyful and generous heart.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

- * No school Monday, January 18th
- * Dinner Auction Saturday, February 27th
- * We are selling Reverse Raffle tickets for \$50 with a chance to win \$1,500
- * We are selling our Party Barrel 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20
- * Please contact school office for raffle or ticket information 573-471-0841

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

The Sikeston Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held on Sunday, January 24th at the St. Francis
Xavier Gym. The doors will open at 2PM, and the contest will begin shortly after all the contestants arrive.

There will be five age groups:

Boys ages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (age as of January 1, 2016)

Girls ages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (age as of January 1, 2016)

There will be no cost to participate in the contest. It is open to all youth in the community. Winners move on to
the district, regional, and state or provincial levels. From there, some make it to the international level for
championship competition in their group. Please come show your support for the youth in our community.

NOTRE DAME EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday January 23 - Winter Extravaganza at Ray's Conference Center. Enjoy this fun evening and get your
chance to win FREE tuition for four years ND for just \$100. Reservations AND Tuition Raffle tickets can be
purchased online: Visit www.notredamehighschool.org and select Box office/Winter Extravaganza.

2nd CHANCE PROM

Re-live your best (or worst) night of high school! Come enjoy live music, a silent auction, raffles and a cash bar
(beer and wine included) at the 2nd Chance Prom benefiting SEMO Catholic Campus Ministry. The event will
be held on Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 from 7:30-midnight at the Jackson K.C. Hall. Tickets on sale beginning
Jan. 15th, 2016 and may be purchased by contacting CCM 335-3899 or Alison Martin at 573-979-1911.

UGLY QUILT

Ugly Quilt Workdays have resumed at the St. Vincent's Workroom in the lower level of the DePaul Center
(formerly Notre Dame High School) in Cape, on Wednesday from 8 to 11 am. Many are needed locally now. All
help (men and women) are greatly appreciated. Donations of material are also welcomed.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at ST. MARY CATHEDRAL

Preparations are underway for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration to be held on Sun., Feb.
7, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral. The celebration includes a special Mass, followed by a
reception in St. Mary's gym. Any couple who will or has celebrated their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th,
35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or 50+ anniversary anytime during 2015 is most cordially invited to attend. Family mem-
bers of the couples are included in this invitation. To prepare properly we need to hear from participating
couples no later than Jan. 29. The form can be found on the Family Ministry page of the diocesan Website
at www.diosc.org.

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

**Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes especially:
Henry Leible, Mark Kuhlmann, Mary Schuchart, Laverna Rennier, Ann Schwendemann, Jerome Rennier,
Malcolm Sandvos, John Baros, Emme Lankheit, Bill Hampton, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby,
Annabel Conners, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Donald Cento, Beulah Leible, 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.**