

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace and blessings to you!

I thank all those who helped with our Christmas decorations and liturgies - may the Lord bless and reward you kindly! Thank you all for your ongoing support of our venerable parish - truly a great house of prayer and fellowship. Life in the parish continues to be very busy as we look for new and creative ways to make the gospel message relevant in the lives of our brothers and sisters. I ask that you continue to invite your family members who have fallen away from the faith to return.

I do receive quite a few letters from parishioners and people that I have known over the years but one letter came in last week that I wanted to share with all of you - there is so much goodness in this brief letter. The letter below is about a grateful heart/soul and a great love for a parish (St. Francis Xavier) that has done so much for her and her family. This of course is a great reminder that the church definitely has a great role to play in people's lives. Please pray for the many that have played a major role in shaping our parish for the good - I personally thank Ms. Stella for reminding us that God is good all the time. Enjoy and be grateful!

Fr. Patrick Ike
Pastor

Hello to all,

A check enclosed in memory of all the Schucharts you have taken care of! I am 90 years old and my parents were parishioners there before I was born. Many weddings, baptisms, and deaths. I was married by Msgr. O'Neil in 1947 - a "mixed marriage" in the church at the communion railing - also was during Lent - March 9th on Sunday - he was wonderful.

Hope all continue well with the parish - we moved to Arlington in the 60's - so being gone a while.

Stella Schuchart Foster

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 15, 2017

Monday, January 16

8:15 AM +Jamil & Victoria Tellow

Tuesday, January 17—NO MASS

Wednesday, January 18

5:15 PM +Esther Hann
Confessions 4:30—5:00 PM

Thursday, January 19—NO MASS

Friday, January 20

8:15 AM +Mary Ann Maevers
St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Saturday, January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Louise Johnson
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM
St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Sunday, January 22

8:00 AM Spanish Mass +YYA
10:00 AM +Albert Seiler

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Today's responsorial psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, January 8	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$5,324.00
Plate	173.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Spanish Mass	128.50
Poor Box	26.04
Holy Days	50.00
Mass Offering	30.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	7.00
Seminarians & Retired Clergy	5.00
Donation	90.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received January 8, 2017	6,185.54
Received for January, 2017	14,141.54

The **Poinsettias** that decorated our church during the Christmas holidays are now available in the vestibule to anyone who would like to take one home. Thank you for your contributions for the lovely flowers!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH 125th BIRTHDAY

This year marks the founding of St. Francis Xavier Parish, so please look in your attics, basements, and closets for photos and memorabilia of our parish and school. We're also looking for articles, word-of-mouth stories, etc. for a publication. Our goal is to publish a commemorative booklet of this historic milestone in the life of our parish. Please contact Jeff Bogue at jbogue3@charter.net or 471-3323.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at ST. MARY'S

Preparations are underway for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration to be held on Sunday, February 19, 2017, at 2:30 PM at St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral in Cape Girardeau. This occasion is an opportunity to all of us to celebrate and affirm the great gift of married love with a mass celebrated by Bishop Edward Rice, followed by a reception in the school cafeteria. Any couple who will or has celebrated their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, or 50+ anniversary anytime during 2017, is most cordially invited to attend. Family members of the couple are included in this invitation. In order for the diocese to be prepared properly they need to hear from participating couples by **January 30**. Interested couples need to contact Katie Newton, Office of Family Ministries, 601 South Jefferson, Springfield, Missouri, 65806-3143 or email her at knewton@dioscg.org.

Announcement!!!

Have you remembered the Church in your will?

We are called to share our gifts.

The "Church" includes your parish, or a Catholic school, or the diocese. It can even include a particular ministry, such as youth ministry or the diocesan priests' retirement fund. Through a gift in your will, you can pass on the Faith to the next generation. Thank you for supporting the Lord's work! For more information, contact Fr. Patrick @ fatherpatrick@stfxsikeston.com.

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

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

An Evening with the Bishop

Knights of Columbus 6420 in Scott City is holding a fundraiser for the Missouri Religious Vocation Fund on Friday, February 17, at the Council Hall. Doors open at 6 PM. Tickets are \$20 each and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer. Bishop Rice will be present to answer questions and meet with those in attendance. A limited number of tickets will be sold. Call Brian at 573-450-4902 to purchase. Come enjoy a night with Bishop Rice and help support our seminarians!

DAILY MASS READINGS BOOK AVAILABLE

We have available in the parish office a large print edition of "Pray Together", a book of daily mass readings for anyone who attends daily mass and would be interested in purchasing one. The cost is \$5.00.

SCHOOL NEWS

Please save the date for St. Francis Xavier School's Dinner/Dance/Auction! It will be held in the Parish Gym on Saturday, March 11. Doors open at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. The theme is St. Patrick's Day. Please call the school office at 471-0841 for more information. This is the school's main fund-raising event of the year, and any volunteer help will be most appreciated to help make this occasion truly memorable. St. Francis Xavier School will be thankful for your support!

NOTRE DAME H.S. PLACEMENT EXAM

Notre Dame Regional High School Placement Exam for the Class of 2021 is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 8:15 AM. All 8th graders interested in taking the exam should report to Notre Dame at 8 AM. Please bring two #2 pencils and a calculator. Principal Brother David Migliorino, Faculty and Staff will be present to answer any questions for parents or give tours of the building. Students or parents interested in Notre Dame High School should call the school office for information (573-335-6772).

JACKSON KC DINNER

The Jackson Knights of Columbus are hosting a fried chicken and kettle beef dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, January 22, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Proceeds go to help the Youth Ministry Program.

JOB OPENING

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sikeston & St. Henry in Charleston, two parishes with 650 families, is seeking a full time, enthusiastic, energetic, faith-filled Youth Minister who is passionate about bringing our youth to a deeper relationship with Christ. This position collaborates with a myriad array of interlocking ministries including: pastoral care, youth formation, our school, and music and worship. Our successful candidate will assist in the development and growth of our middle school youth ministry, high school youth ministry, and young adult ministry. As a member of our parish staff, they will also be a pivotal member of our Ministry Team. Our Youth Minister will coordinate our Confirmation preparation, ongoing parish formation, and other parish youth programs all in support of our parish mission, "To be disciples who know, love, and serve God." We seek an active, practicing Catholic with at least a B.A. in Theology, Youth Ministry, or a Certificate of Youth Ministry. Salary follows diocesan guidelines and is commensurate with experience and education. Please submit a cover letter and resume to: fatherpatrick@stfxsikeston.org.

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes.
Laverna Rennie, Jerome Rennie, Malcolm Sandvos, Emme Lankheit, Stuart Cawthorn, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby, Annabel Conners, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Donald Cento, Beulah Leible, Karen Matthews, Marge Ferrenburg, Ralph Henneman, Rodney Abney, Father Glenn Eftink, Alma Eftink, Jack Jackovic, and Jon Burden. For all serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of the unborn, for religious vocations, and our religious.

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