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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 12, 2015

Dear Parishioners,

Peace and blessings to you!

I pray this note finds you all doing very well!

Please know that you and your families are remembered in prayers - that the Lord keep you all in his love. Recently I had published a beautiful article written by Archbishop Naumann of Kansas City in our bulletin about the need for the church to tell the good news and celebrate all the wonderful things happening in our church - in a world where bad news and gloom 'seem' to triumph, I am using this medium to report the wonderful things happening in our parish and we thank God for them.

I sincerely thank our formidable staff who daily are looking for ways to make our parish an outstanding place of worship and community. My deepest thanks and appreciation to so many especially members of the School Board for their steadfast love and commitment for our venerable school.

Just so you know that these are some of the projects we are working on or have completed this summer.

- * We were able to get permission to remove all the asbestos at the school and it is almost done and with it comes new floor that will serve our building for many years as well as clean things up for us.
 - * We will replace some of the air conditioners that are no longer functional with energy efficient ones as well as seal the windows properly so as to prevent mold.
 - * Tim and our seminarian Allen have been hard at work doing quite a bit of painting - our school really needs it and hopefully by the end of July everything will be in place.
 - * Columbia Construction is working closely with our insurance people so we can repair/replace the badly damaged roof at the school.
 - * We were able to detect and fix the toilet problems at the school that have been out of use for years.
 - * We were able to solve all the internet issues at the school which will allow our students to use all the new iPads.
 - * Thanks to our School Board under the capable leadership of Jill Grojean, our 72 iPads have arrived and we thank Mr. Luber who has made this possible for our school.
 - * Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the generous grant given to our school.
 - * Our organ has been fixed thanks also to Greg Comer for helping with the supervision.
 - * The rectory roof has been fixed - this will help tremendously with the leaks that we have experienced over these many years.
 - * The church roof is being worked on and with the guarantee that the leak will be fixed since it is a new roof.
 - * We have duly resolved the leakage that has plagued the choir loft and the cry room for years.
 - * The leak in the rectory basement has been repaired.
 - * After our insurance agent visit and listening to their recommendations, we have fixed all the external leaks to our school building.
 - * Columbia Construction is still looking into better ways to help fix our church stain glass shield.
 - * The parish is seeing new members as well as many fallen away Catholics coming back home.
 - * Thanks to Margaret Ann Mhoon for her outreach to our brothers and sisters in distress - an excellent way of spreading the good news of the gospel.
 - * Thanks to all of you for helping our ministry with the poor by your weekly contributions in the poor box.
- God has and continues to bless this amazing parish - I am very proud of the many who daily with great humility of heart lend a hand to our Lord's mandate to go out and proclaim the good news of the gospel. It is truly a blessing as a priest and fellow pilgrim to see the Spirit of God at work.

Please stay tune for our many upcoming events:

- Parish Mission
- Alpha program for parish renewal
- Parish Christmas celebration
- Marian conference

I invite everyone to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ, strive to know the Son of God more fully - let him into your hearts for he alone is able to heal our wounds and bring us peace. May we imitate the very love of Jesus and may almighty God grant us the wisdom to know and serve him with all our heart, mind and soul.

In all things, always thank God.

God bless you all and have a blessed summer!

Fr. Patrick Ike

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MASS INTENTIONS

Week of July 12, 2015

Monday, July 13

8:15AM † Madleen Abbo

Tuesday, July 14

St. Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin

12:00PM † Herbert Seiler

Wednesday, July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

5:15PM † Mary Vaughan

Confession 4:45PM

Thursday, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12:00PM † Clem Scheffer

Friday, July 17

8:15AM † Geraldine Schlosser

Saturday, July 18

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM † Stephanie & Pricilla

Confession 3:00-3:45PM

Sunday, July 19

8:00AM Spanish Mass

10:00AM † Otto Stanovsky

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, July 5 Collection Report

Envelopes	\$7,235.00
Plate	241.01
Automatic Deductions (env.)	732.00
Spanish Mass	2.00
Poor Box	11.00
Capital Improvement	111.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2014-2015	\$ 32,675.00
Received July 5, 2015	\$ 8,332.01
Received for July 2015	\$ 8,332.01

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

DDF REPORT

To date our parish has given \$45,732.15 toward our \$57,887.00 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider a gift to further the ministries of the Church in Southern Missouri. Across the diocese, \$2,151,822 has been pledged toward the \$2,600,000 goal. The Diocese and the church in Southern Missouri needs your participation.

ONGOING SERVER TRAINING

Any member of the parish, 4th grade and up, who is interested in becoming a server, please contact Allen at the parish office to arrange a time for server training.

PREPARING FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

The Holy Year of Mercy begins on December 8th. In order to prepare for the Holy Year, join us on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the St. Joseph room for presentations on Mercy. The presentations last about 20 minutes with some time for discussion afterward. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

BIKING FOR BABIES

"Biking for Babies" is coming through Sikeston Wednesday, July 15th. We need your help hosting the 5 boys and 5 girls and providing a potluck dinner to re-energize their tired legs for the great pro-life cause. All donations will benefit The PRC of Sikeston and Birthright of Cape Girardeau. We've really appreciated your support in the past and look forward to another great year. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a meal or to host, contact Brittany at (636) 390-3313 or Brittany@BikingForBabies.com. Donations can be made online at BikingForBabies.com or checks made out to "Biking For Babies" and mailed to PO Box 252, Sikeston MO, 63801

COMING SOON-2015-2016

ALPHA EXPERIENCE

God is the Alpha and Omega.

At this conference, we learn how God equips us for our journey in life. This conference includes a series of 8 classes, which will meet each week and build on each other. A facilitator will provide us with snippets of short video clips. There will be discussion questions to help explore all the layers of our faith. This conference is designed for the "cradle" Catholic, members of other faiths, or even those who are just interested in beginning a faith walk. Delicious meals will be provided prior to each meeting. Following the series of classes, there will be a weekend retreat at the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We will begin meeting on Thursday nights starting September 17.

The Alpha Conference will be held at both St. Francis Xavier and St. Henry Parishes.

Weekend sign-ups will be happening soon.

For more information or to sign-up call the Parish Office at 471-2447

www.springfield cape vocations.org

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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PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

PRAY FOR OUR RELIGIOUS

Sr. Catherine Duenne, OSB

Br. David Kiblinger, SJ

Sr. Kristen Rainey

Sr. Elizabeth Beussink, TOR

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, are blessed indeed.

Remember our parish in your will!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"There is no greater misery than false joys."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes especially: Gerald Pobst, Malcolm Sandvos, John Baros, Terri Henderson, Emme Lankheit, Bill Hampton, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby, Kim Foster, Esther Hann, Annabel Conners, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Vee Gragert, 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.