

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2016

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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.

Advent Blessings to All!

Dear Parishioners,

Peace and blessings to you!

I pray your Advent is going well as you spend time to teach your children the ways of Christ - Advent is a wonderful time of preparation - a great time to make our hearts ready for the son of God. Strive to reconcile with God for his grace is sufficient for you. Take some time every day to thank God for all he has done for you and your family.

Please continue to encourage our young people to give of themselves to a life of service in the church. We need more priests, and it will be great to have a seminarian or two come from St. Francis Xavier.

Congratulations to Margaret Mhoon for the award received from the Missouri Catholic Conference. Margaret is indeed a TRUE disciple, a woman whose love for God and his people is worth emulating.

Many thanks also to Deacon Harold Burke - Sivers for an inspiring mission.

God bless and keep you - whatever you do remember to learn more about your faith, be an excellent example to your kids and those around you, share your faith story with your family members and friends, stay away from toxic relationships and LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS.

Please note the Christmas Mass times below.
BE JOYFUL ALWAYS.

Be at Peace and Remain Blessed!

Fr. Patrick Ike

MASS SCHEDULE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Saturday December 24

4pm @ St. Francis Xavier
7pm @ St. Francis Xavier
11pm @ St. Henry

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Sunday December 25

10am @ St. Francis Xavier
9am @ St. Henry

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 11, 2016

Monday, December 12**8:15 AM** +Nancy Craig McMahon
*Our Lady of Guadalupe***Tuesday, December 13****6:00 PM Spanish Mass** +Hal Stillway
*St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr***Wednesday, December 14****5:15 PM** Int. of Joy Bond & Legion of Mary
Confessions 4:30—5:00 PM
*St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church***Thursday, December 15—NO MASS****Friday, December 16****8:15 AM** +Ella Thompson**Saturday, December 17****4:00 PM** +Benny & Betty Marshall
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM**Sunday, December 18****8:00 AM - Spanish Mass** +YYA
10:00 AM +Clarence & Anna Brucker**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE**Sunday, December 4 Collection Report**

Envelopes	\$7,030.00
Plate	235.10
Automatic Deductions (env.)	747.00
Spanish Mass	76.39
Poor Box	126.00
Mass Offerings	30.00
Thanksgiving	10.00
Bulletin Advertising	125.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	265.00
Immaculate Conception	30.00
Christmas Flowers	810.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2016-2017	\$32,675.00
Received December 4, 2016	9,484.49
Received for December, 2016	9,484.49

Please Generously Support ...**Those Who Have Served and Those Who Will Serve**

On December 25, the diocesan-wide Christmas second collection will be used for the needs of our seminarians and retired diocesan priests. In this time of giving, we ask you to share a portion of the gifts you have been given to support our future clergy and those men who have devoted their lives to the Church.

**The Pope's Prayer Intentions for 2016
Entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer
December****Universal: End to Child-Soldiers**

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S EVE AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**Christmas Masses****Saturday, December 24, 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM****Sunday, December 25, 10:00 AM**

St. Henry's Mass times are Saturday, December 24, 11:00 PM, and Sunday, December 25, 9:00 AM

New Year's Masses**Saturday, December 31, 4:00 PM and Sunday, January 1, 10:00 AM**

St. Henry's Mass times are Saturday, 6:00 PM and Sunday, 8:00 AM

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

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER O LORD, AND LET PERPEPTUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER
 Mary Schuchart

END OF YEAR GIVING!

More than half of all charitable giving is made during the last two months of the year. Why? It is a time of the year when we express thanks for the many blessings we have received. It is the time when we review our finances and do our tax planning. As you consider your end-of-year tax planning, please consider a gift to St. Francis Xavier and School. Any donations received or postmarked by December 31 can reduce your income taxes if you itemize, and make a positive impact on our parish and our school.

MARY OF NAZARETH MOVIE

Sunday, December 11, from 2-4:30 PM, a presentation of the movie, **MARY OF NAZARETH**, will be shown in the St. Joseph Room of the Parish Center for all members of the Parish. Bring lawn chairs.

FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

This very important celebration will take place on Sunday, December 11, at **10 PM in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center Gym**. Mass will be celebrated, and there will be a Mariachi band and food. Tamales are also being sold after the masses, and a donation will be most welcome!

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR IN CHURCH

An envelope has been provided for placing your order for poinsettias. Your intention can be for someone living or deceased. Each intention will be \$15, and we need specific information (please check **In Memory Of** or **In Honor Of** on envelope) and donor. Please have this information turned in by December 18, so it is included in the special flyer. Thank you for your support to make our altar and Church look beautiful for Christmas!

Christmas Masses for Benton & New Hamburg

Christmas Eve Mass: St. Denis, Benton, 8:00 PM, and St. Lawrence, New Hamburg, 4:00 & 6:00 PM
 Christmas Day Mass: St. Denis, Benton, 10:00 AM, and St. Lawrence, New Hamburg, 8:30 A.M.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

The annual Men, Treble Select & Concert Choirs performance takes place Sunday, December 11, at 7 pm. The location will be at "old" St. Vincent's church downtown.

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 Connors, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Donald Cento, Beulah Leible, Karen Matthews, Marge Ferrenburg, Ralph Henneman, Rodney Abney, Father Glenn Eftink, Alma Eftink, and Jack Jackovic. For all serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of the unborn, for religious vocations, and our religious.

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