

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 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.

JESUS in HISTORY

Before Christmas last year, I saw a Jewish scholar interviewed on television. The topic of discussion was the influence Jesus has exerted on human history. In summary, the scholar concluded, "The impact this man has had on human history is undeniable. Because of this man we call Jesus, the world will never again be the same. Because of Jesus, men and women will never think the same. Regardless of whether or not we believe he was the Son of God, because of this man who walked the earth two thousand years ago, men and women will never live the same, will never be the same." Sometimes, in this turbulent cultural environment, which can be particularly anti-Christian, we can lose sight of the impact Christ has had on history. Caught up in the day-to-day challenges of our busy lives, we sometimes forget or overlook the unfathomable influence this man has had and continues to have.

Is Jesus still relevant? Gather all the books that have been written about the life and teachings of Jesus. Add to them all the artwork Christian life has inspired. Now consider all the music inspired by Christ. Not to be forgotten is the fact that the Church nurtured and nourished the development of the arts for centuries. Christianity is the moral foundation upon which America and many other nations built themselves.

Now consider the fact that prior to Christ walking the earth, there was never any such thing as a hospital. Where were the sick when Jesus walked the earth? They were on the side of the road, left there to rot and die by relatives who feared for their own health. How is it that we have also collectively forgotten that until the Church introduced education for the masses, there was never any such thing as an education for the common man? Education was only for the nobility until the Church recognized and proclaimed the dignity of every human person and introduced the idea that every person deserved an education. And how many cities, such as San Francisco, take their names from Christian roots?

The life of Jesus Christ is indelibly engraved upon history; neither the erosion of time nor the devastating and compounding effects of evil have been able to erase his influence. He is the single greatest agent of change in human history.

Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 19, 2017

Monday, February 20

8:15 AM +Mary Paylor

Tuesday, February 21—NO MASS

Wednesday, February 22

5:15 PM Int. of Joy Bond & Legion of Mary
Chair of St. Peter
Confessions 4:30—5:00 PM

Thursday, February 23—NO MASS

Friday, February 24

8:15 AM +YYA

Saturday, February 25

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Betty & Benny Marshall
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM
Mass of Our Lady

Sunday, February 26

8:00 AM Spanish Mass +Albert Seiler
10:00 AM +Brenna Muldoon

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that—to give generously to those who ask of us and to not turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, February 12	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$5,725.22
Plate	147.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	21.00
Mass Offerings	30.00
Spanish Mass	101.89
School Fund	25.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	50.00
Mirror Subscription	416.00
Altar Sodality	80.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received February 12, 2017	6,532.11
Received for February, 2017	14,901.21

GET READY FOR LENT

On February 22, 2017, at 6:30-8:00 pm, in the St. Joseph Room of the Parish Center, we are offering a Retreat on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many adults do not have a full understanding of our great Sacraments. This retreat will help you better understand this gift from God that Jesus gave to the Church.

CAMP RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Camp Renewal flyers/applications are on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

SEMINARY VISIT

Plans are underway for a trip to Conception Seminary beginning April 1-3, 2017 (Encounter with God's Call), a weekend for all young men discerning a call to the priesthood to come and visit the seminary. Contact Fr. Patrick at pnwokoye@dioscrg.org or call 573-388-1833 or Fr. J. at jfriedel@dioscrg.org or 417-866-0841.

DINNER/DANCE/AUCTION

St. Francis Xavier School Annual Dinner/Dance/Auction will be held on Saturday, March 11. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm, and tickets are \$30 per person. Reverse Raffle tickets are \$50-win up to \$1,500, Party Barrel tickets-\$5 or 5 for \$20, Raffle tickets for Yeti Basket-\$20. Silent auction is at 5 pm, live auction at 7 pm. Contact school office for more information: 573-471-0841. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!!!!!!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Alexander will be leading a book study of *The Lamb's Supper* beginning Thursday, March 2, 3:30 pm, in the St. Joseph Room. Participants may pick up a copy of the book in the vestibule. Please email kay@stfxsikeston.org or call the Parish Office at 471-2447 if you plan to attend!

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.

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

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

Alma Eftink, mother of Father Glenn Eftink

Laverna Rennie, mother of Michael and Mark Rennie

ALL 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS! THIS IS JUST FOR YOU!

Be a part of the first ever Luke 18 Retreat at Immaculate Conception Church, Jackson, Missouri. Through games, songs, skits, personal sharing, small group time, and a series of talks, teens are encouraged to have fun, break down walls, and see that God and His love are present in their relationship. The retreat begins Friday evening, April 7, and concludes the afternoon of Sunday, April 9. Cost is \$35. To register, contact Meg at icyouthspirit@gmail.com or call 573-579-2188.

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.

RIVER CAMPUS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Southeast Missouri State University will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the River Campus and a Tribute to Vincentians on Tuesday, March 7. Activities will include campus tours from 10 am till noon, special recognition ceremony of Vincentians at 2 pm in the Shuck Recital Hall, and the World Premiere of a choral and orchestra symphony by Dr. Gordon "Dick" Goodwin. All activities are free except the evening concert. Tickets are \$16 and \$19 and may be purchased by calling the River Campus Box Office at 573-651-2265.

CATHOLIC CENTER POSITION OPEN

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau is seeking to fill a permanent full-time director position working as the Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Youth Formation. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic and have a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, religious studies, social science or other appropriate degree. Applications will be accepted through March 10. To request an application, please contact Janet Smith by emailing jansmith@diosco.org or calling (417) 866-0841.

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

CCM is hosting a Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 4, at the Deerfield Lodge, Cape Girardeau. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The fine wines will be from local wineries and companies. Tickets are only \$25 and will benefit a Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Patrick in May, 2018. Contact CCM for more info or tickets: 573-335-3899.

SCOUT APPLICATIONS

Girl & Boy Scout, Little Flowers Girl Club, and American Heritage Girl Club applications: Deadline for scout applications is March 13, 2017. For all scouting applications and inquiry, please contact Mary Ann Hennecke at 573-335-3899 or email maryann@ccmin.org. Please note that the Scouting Religious Awards Ceremony will be on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm at Old St. Vincent Church, Cape Girardeau.

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

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