

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 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.

Servant Leadership

Some people think of Jesus as just a good guy, others as a prophet, some as a sage, and yet others as God and Savior. At one level or another, Jesus is universally admired. Yet, few people consider him as a relevant leadership model for their lives.

Jesus gave birth to a method of leadership that had never been seen before. Throughout history, all the great kings, queens, and emperors have measured their strength, power, and greatness by their wealth and the number of servants they ruled. But Jesus, the greatest leader of all time, did not come to be served. Jesus came to serve:

He rose from supper and took off his outer garments. Then he took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist...When he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do. (John 13:4-15)

Even some of his disciples were expecting him to use his power to rule in some earthly capacity, but again Jesus' methods of leadership were very different from anything that had ever been experienced before. For thousands of years, kings, queens, and emperors had been sending their people off to die for them. Jesus was the only leader who chose to die for his people.

Jesus' whole method of leadership focused on turning the hierarchy upside down. The model of leadership that Christ himself left us was one of service and sacrifice.

If you use your power to make people do things they don't want to do, you are not a leader; you are just another dictator or tyrant. But if you can inspire people to do things that are difficult but good for them and their community, then you are a leader.

The most effective leaders are authentic leaders, men and women willing to lead humanity along the right path with the example of their own lives. Authentic leaders lead by example.

The laws of authentic leadership seem to have been universally proven throughout human history, whether in business, in battle, in the sporting arena, or in church. I think we find a reasonable summary in the following anonymous quotation:

I submit to you that leaders will never be more or less than their soldiers' evaluation of them. This is the true efficiency report. From most of your troops you can expect courage to match your courage, guts to match your guts, endurance to match your endurance, motivation to match your motivation, esprit to match your esprit, a desire for achievement to match your achievement. You can expect a love of God, a love of country, and a love of duty to match your own.

Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 22, 2017

Monday, January 23**8:15 AM** +Hal Stillway**Tuesday, January 24—NO MASS****Wednesday, January 25****5:15 PM** +Joseph Rennier
Confessions 4:30—5:00 PM
*Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle***Thursday, January 26—NO MASS****Friday, January 27****8:15 AM** +Msgr. William J. Stanton
*St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder***Saturday, January 28****Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time****4:00 PM** +Bradley & Michael LeGrand
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM
*St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest***Sunday, January 29****8:00 AM Spanish Mass** +Mary Paylor
10:00 AM +Mary Schuchart**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

The watchword today is “immediately”. Peter, Andrew, James, and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in his service as those first disciples were!

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, January 15	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$4,965.22
Plate	215.50
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	43.00
Solemnity of Mary	30.00
Mass Offering	40.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	200.00
Bulletin Advertising	375.00
Latin America	5.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received January 15, 2017	6,225.72
Received for January, 2017	20,367.26

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.

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.

MONSIGNOR WILLIAM J. STANTON

It is with great sadness that we were informed of Monsignor Stanton’s passing on Wednesday, January 18. The arrangements for his funeral are as follows:

Visitation: Sunday, January 22, 2017 - St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral in Cape Girardeau, 4-8 pm, prayer service at 6:30 pm.

Funeral: Monday, January 23, 2017—St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral in Cape Girardeau at 11:00 am.

Burial: To follow Funeral Mass at St. Mary Cemetery, Cape Girardeau.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Do you have “Time” for prayer? First Friday Adoration is a day when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the Altar from after the morning children’s Mass until 4:45 pm with Benediction. Please consider ‘dropping in’ during this day, signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board in back of church, or call/email Sharon Chouinard for more information. 472-0517 or chou1943@att.net We must have someone present in the church throughout this time. Your next opportunity is Friday, February 3. God will bless you abundantly!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: For the Church in Latin America next Sunday, January 28/29.

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

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WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS

The Women of St. Francis will hold their February meeting on Thursday, February 2, in the St. Joseph Room at 5:15 pm. All women are invited to attend. As part of the ongoing fund raising efforts of the Women of St. Francis, **PECANS** are now available for purchase at the Parish Center. These are the 2016 season pecans from the trees of James Hann and will sell for \$8 per quart. Buy now and freeze for your baking!

LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Last year, quite a few of you expressed interest in being a part of the "LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY" - the order founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta. This is indeed a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually and live the simple life that Mother Teresa espoused beautifully in her lifetime. We will have our informational meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2017, in the St. Joseph Room, Parish Center from 7-8 pm. This meeting is in preparation for Fr. Juan Pablo parish mission and enrollment in February. Please call the parish office to RSVP or email me at fatherpatrick@stfxsikeston.org.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

- January 28, Saturday—Students will read at the 4 pm Mass.
- January 29, Sunday— Students will read at the 10 am Mass, donuts and milk after Mass in the school.
- January 30, Monday—Breakfast and treat for the volunteers after the 8:15 am Mass in the school office.
- January 31, Tuesday—Student Appreciation will begin with a pancake breakfast from 7:30-8:15 am, and the students will wear their PJs. They will watch a movie later and have a treat.
- February 1, Wednesday—Community Day—Students taking cards and cookies to community helpers.
- February 1, Wednesday—FAZOLI'S NIGHT from 5-7 in the Parish gym. TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH AND SHOULD BE BOUGHT IN ADVANCE
- February 2, Thursday—Vocation & Nation Day. Students presenting a banner at the police station and writing letters to the seminarians.
- February 3, Friday—Teacher Appreciation Day. Students will be dismissed early.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

Saturday, January 28—Notre Dame High School Winter Extravaganza at Ray's Conference Center. Reservations & Tuition Raffle tickets can be purchased online: www.notredamehighschool.org.
Sunday, January 29—St. Augustine School, Kelso, will sponsor a Sausage Breakfast in the school gym. They will be serving gravy, pancakes, and fruit cocktail from 7:30-10:30 am. Goodwill donations accepted!

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.