

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 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.

TURNING TO GOD

When John the Baptist first appeared in the desert of Judea, this was his message: "Repent, prepare the way of the Lord." (Matthew 3:2) Later, when Jesus began his ministry, he led with this message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17)

Repent is a powerful word. But what does it mean for you and me, here and now, more than two thousand years later? It means the same as it did to the people walking around the dusty pathways in their sandals, trying to inch closer to Jesus as he passed through their town or village. *Repent* means "to turn back to God."

If we are honest with ourselves, if we can stomach a moment of truth, if we are willing to give truth a place in our lives above all our excuses and justifications, I think each of us discovers for ourself that we need to turn back to God. We often turn away from God, sometimes in small ways, just for a moment, and at other times in much larger ways. Turning our backs on God is an inner action. It is quite possible for people to turn their backs on God and still go to church every Sunday. The external actions don't guarantee the internal disposition. Have you turned your back on God?

Every journey toward something is a journey away from something. If we need to turn back to God at this moment in our lives, we also need to turn away from whatever led us away from God and keeps us away. It may be that certain people have led you to stray from God, perhaps possessions, or maybe pleasure has seduced you into walking a wayward path. Whatever has distracted you, it is important to realize that you cannot journey to a new place and at the same time stay where you are. This is why Confession is first. Walking with God demands that we bring order to our lives and put first things first. Sometimes it is just as important to know what you are journeying away from as it is to know what you are journeying toward.

The question that really presents itself to you, me, and this modern age collectively is: Are we willing to turn back to God? Are you willing to be more attentive to what God is calling you to be?

Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 29, 2017

Monday, January 30

8:15 AM +Joe Lankheit, Jr.

Tuesday, January 31—NO MASS

Wednesday, February 1

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

Thursday, February 2—NO MASS

First Friday, February 3

8:15 AM +Int. of KC Members & Deceased
St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

**First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart
Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 AM to
5:00 PM with Benediction**

Saturday, February 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Judy York Harper
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

Sunday, February 5

8:00 AM Spanish Mass Int. of St. Francis Xavier
Parish Families

10:00 AM +Col. Francis J. Henggeler

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom *will* be rewarded!

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, January 22	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$4,450.00
Plate	209.74
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	12.25
Spanish Mass	88.00
School Repair Fund	25.00
School Fund	275.00
Mass Offering	420.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	50.00
Bulletin Advertising	875.00
Latin America	188.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received January 22, 2017	6,944.99
Received for January, 2017	27,312.25

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.

HOSPITAL VISITS

We are committed to visiting members of our parish families that are sick or are admitted to the hospitals. We would appreciate a family member letting us know about this since we have no other way of knowing—and with the new regulations in place, hospitals will not release any information to us. Please contact Fr. Patrick at (573)388-1833 or Fr. Alexander at (417)718-8897 for a hospital visit or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. We will do everything possible to make sure we visit and pray for you and with you.

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!

“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!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS
Catholic Schools Week

- 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.

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.

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. In order for the diocese to prepare properly, they need to hear from couples by **January 30**. Interested couples need to contact Katie Newton, Office of Family Ministries, 601 South Jefferson, Springfield, Mo, 65806-3143 or email her at knewton@dioscg.org.

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LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

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 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.