

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

245 WEST FRONT ST.

"LIKE" us on our parish Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stfxsikeston

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 2017

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stfxsikeston.org

Please register on our webpage to receive weekly updates!

Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau:

Most Rev. Edward M. Rice

Pastor:

Rev. Patrick I. Nwokoye
(573)388-1833
Fatherpatrick@stfxsikeston.org

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Alexander Nwagwu
417-718-8897
Fatheralexander@stfxsikeston.org

Hispanic Ministry:

Rev. Francisco Gordillo
frajagovi67@yahoo.com

Principal:

Mrs. Debra Pollock
(573)-471-0841
Fax: 573-475-9847
principal@stfxsikeston.org.

DRE:

Mrs. Toni Grojean
(573)-471-2447
toni@stfxsikeston.org

Parish Office Hours:

8:00-4:30 Monday-Friday
(573)-471-2447
Fax: (573)-471-9820

Office Staff

Kay Tetley
kay@stfxsikeston.org
Darlene Yancy
Darlene@stfxsikeston.org

Facilities Manager

Tim Greenway
tim@stfxsikeston.org

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Toni Grojean at
toni@stfxsikeston.org
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.

Dear Parishioners of St. Henry and St. Francis Xavier,

Grace and Peace to each of you!

First of all, I consider it a great privilege to be appointed by Bishop Rice to serve as your pastor. I am looking forward to working with you! I will "officially" begin my time as pastor on August 1. Both parishes have such a beautiful history and have contributed to the development and growth of the Catholic Church in Southeast Missouri in many ways. You have every reason to be proud of your parish community! While it is important and necessary to maintain a certain sense of "parish identity", I do hope that there are times in which we can celebrate events together. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to Father Patrick for his good work and accomplishments during his time as pastor. We wish him all the best and continue to keep him in prayer in his ministry as Chaplain at the university and at St. Francis Medical Center.

I'm sure you have all sorts of questions about me, especially of a "personal" nature, so I hope to answer some of those questions in this letter. I am 52 years old (born on April 5, 1965) and have been a priest for 25 years (ordained on May 30, 1992). I grew up on a farm near Oran and attended Guardian Angel School. I graduated from Oran High School in 1983 and attended the seminary in St. Louis. I have two older sisters (one living in Colorado and one living in Virginia). My Mom passed away last August after suffering from lung cancer. My Dad is a retired farmer and continues to reside on our family farm (living in the same house in which he was born on December 30, 1931)!

Please continue to support our parish schools in whatever way that you can, especially by prayer. A parish school contributes in many ways to the life and vitality of a parish. As you know, supporting a school does require many sacrifices and a true spirit of generosity. Your sacrifices and generosity are seen and experienced each day. Please continue to offer both your spiritual and financial support for the benefit of our parish schools as well as choosing to send your child/children to our parish schools. You will be glad you did!

It is my prayer and hope that Father Alexander and I will serve you well to the best of our abilities. Please give some thought and prayer regarding the needs of the parish (both spiritual and social) and what you would like to see happening in the parish (within reason, of course!). After I get "settled in", I will look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas as to how we can continue to grow together in our love for the Lord and the gift of our Catholic Faith!

Fraternally in our Lord,
Father David Dohogne

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of July 23, 2017

Monday, July 24

St. Sharbel Makhuf

8:15 AM Mass + Eunice & Joseph Aboona

Tuesday, July 25 - NO MASS

Wednesday, July 26

Sts. Joachim & Anne

5:15 PM Mass + Charles Samons

Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM

Thursday, July 27 - NO MASS

Friday, July 28

8:15 AM Mass + Erma Grojean

Saturday, July 29

St. Martha

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Mass + Laverna Rennier

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

Sunday, July 30

8:00 AM Spanish Mass + Brenna Muldoon

10:00 AM + Robert E. Burch

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Those who are just must be kind,” says today’s first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord’s harvest.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, July 16	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$4,400 .00
Plate	179.25
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	50.00
Mass Offerings	30.00
Capital Improvement	25.00
Spanish Mass	149.00
Organ Fund	30.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received July 16, 2017	5,215.25
Received for July 2017	17,398.25

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RICE

Historic Pro-life Bill to be voted on July 24 & 25, 2017

Bishop Edward M. Rice and The Missouri Catholic Conference urges all Catholics to contact their state Senator immediately and urge his or her support of House amended SB-5, the strongest pro-life bill to be considered by the General Assembly in many decades. If the Senate passes SB-5, Governor Greitens has pledged to sign it. This legislation will protect the health and safety of women; only physicians licensed in the State of Missouri may perform or induce abortions in an abortion facility in Missouri; ensure that women hear medical information from a doctor before deciding whether to obtain an abortion; requires abortion facilities to have written policies for managing an emergency and transferring patients to a hospital, and much more. Wayne Wallingford (R-Cape Girardeau) is your state Senator, and the phone number is 573-751-2459.

To easily send a message to your state Senator, visit:

<http://www.mocatholic.org/take-action/pro-life-sb-5/>.

DDF FUND

Our new total of contributions to DDF is \$46,400 toward our goal of \$49,764, with 140 parishioners contributing. That is 93% of our goal amount and 82% of parishioners contributing. Across the diocese, \$2,224,886 has been pledged toward the \$2,600,000 goal. That is 86% of our goal. The diocese and Church in Southern Missouri needs your participation.

PARISH ROSARY

The Rosary is said 30 minutes before weekend Masses: 3:30 pm on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Please join us to pray for the needs of our parish. Try to bring your family one time a month. If you would be interested in leading the Rosary at either Mass time, please contact the parish office.

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

<p>CARL EFTINK NATHAN EFTINK EFTINK Construction Co., Inc. P.O. Box 1727 • Sikeston, MO 63801 573-471-8781 www.EftinkConstruction.com</p>	<p>1SB MEMBER FDIC FIRST STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, INC.</p>	<p> Greg Comer Agent 573.471.4461 225 S. Main Sikeston, MO 63801 greg@gregcomer.com www.gregcomer.com <i>Walk in, Mail in, Call in, Click in!</i></p>	<p>ANDERSON GREEN INSURANCE AGENCY LAURA GREEN - JEREMY ANDERSON 573-471-9757 www.andersongreen.com INSURANCE SPECIALISTS DEDICATED TO SERVING YOU</p>
<p>Family Medicine of SE Missouri A Christian Medical Practice That Cares Vicki J. Roberts, MD and Barb Mickel, FNP 808 E. Wakefield • Sikeston, MO 63801 • Ph: 573-620-6444 • Fax: 888-854-6599</p>	<p>BOLLINGER REAL ESTATE SERVICES Real Estate Sales & Appraisals 811 North Main Sikeston, Mo. 63801 573-471-6448</p>	<p>MRV BANKS 912 S. Main St. • Sikeston, MO 63801 Phone: 573-481-0310</p>	<p>ALLIANCE BANK <i>"Your best friend in banking."</i> Cape Girardeau Sikeston Oran EQUAL HOUSING LENDER 573-472-4600 MEMBER FDIC</p>
<p>Lewis FURNITURE & APPLIANCE 650 WEST MALONE • SIKESTON, MO 63801 573-471-2446</p>	<p>Sonny's Solid Waste, Inc. P.O. Box 791 Sikeston, MO 63801 (573) 471-2869</p>	<p>To advertise your business in our bulletin, call the Parish Office 471-2447</p>	<p>Sean Cauthorn Electrician 573-380-9996 cauthornelectric@gmail.com Licensed, Insured & Bonded For All Your Electrical Needs Cauthorn Electric LLC 2107 E. Malone Unit C Sikeston, MO 63801</p>
<p>Hunter Gin Co. 27943 E. St. Hwy. Y Bell City, Missouri 573-733-4366</p> <p>Willow & Co.</p>	<p>Knights of Columbus St. Francis Xavier Council No. 3151 www.sikestonknights.org Meetings 7:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 829 Tanner Street • Sikeston, Mo. 63801</p>	<p>The Natural Image 471-9282 220 East Center St. Sikeston, Mo. 63801 Glenn Pinkerton Dannie Goad</p>	<p>PAUL'S RECYCLING, INC. Owner: Rick McCoy 2199 Garwood St. Sikeston, MO 573-471-5812</p>
<p>Jones & Company A Full Service Salon 573-472-5955 616 Virginia • Sikeston, MO 63801</p>	<p>Your Ad Should Be Here! To advertise your business in our bulletin, call the Parish Office 471-2447 Bulletin Deadline: By Noon Wednesday</p>	<p>Montgomery BANK Easier and Friendlier Financial Solutions. FDIC</p>	<p>WOMEN OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH All ladies welcome to join anytime! Meetings are at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.</p>
<p>Mackenzie Scherer, Agent 325 Tanner Street Sikeston, MO 63801 Phone: 573-471-8272 LIFE • HOME • AUTO • FARM • BUSINESS mscherer@agent.shelterinsurance.com</p>	<p>Mitchell Insurance 901 North Main - Sikeston, Mo. 63801 471-0538</p>	<p>Rick Leonard Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing and Home Services 142 North Ranney • P.O. Box 116 Sikeston, Mo. 63801 (573) 471-2800 1-866-807-2800</p>	<p>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL Pre-School thru Grade 8 Call 573-471-0841 for more information and to support your Parish School!</p>
<p>Support the advertisers who support our bulletin!</p>	<p>Scheffer's OFFICE FURNITURE & BUSINESS MACHINES "A locally owned & operated company" 573-472-2422</p>	<p>When you want it done right...</p>	<p>WOMEN OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH All ladies welcome to join anytime! Meetings are at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.</p>
<p>foot & ankle centers of southeast missouri Medical and Surgical Treatment of the Foot and Ankle CAPE GIRARDEAU: 36 Doctors Park, Ste 2 • (573)335-1141 SIKESTON: 522 Virginia Street • (573)472-2202 MADISON MEDICAL CENTER (573)783-7061 www.missourifootdoctor.com Toll Free: 800-439-9690 Hugh R. Protzel, D.P.M.</p>	<p>Dr. Dan Obermark Dr. Cassidy Obermark Optometry 471-1080 www.obermarkeyehealthcare.com</p>	<p>We appreciate the advertisers who support our bulletin!</p>	<p>FOCUS BANK www.focusbank.com 472-2002 MEMBER FDIC</p>
<p>Remember your parish in your will.</p>	<p>SAM THOMAS Goldsmith Sam's Fine Jewelry 130 East Front Street • Sikeston, Missouri 63801 p 573.472.1331 • c 573.380.6068 • f 573.472.1388 e-mail: samsfinejewels@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Remember your parish in your will.</p>	<p>FOCUS BANK www.focusbank.com 472-2002 MEMBER FDIC</p>

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER NEWS

The Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish will meet in the St. Joseph Room at the Parish Center on Thursday, August 3, at 5:15 p.m. We are also planning an outing to the River Campus in Cape Girardeau on Tuesday, October 3. A touring company will be presenting SISTER'S BACK TO SCHOOL CATECHISM at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, and we would like to purchase as many as we need right away. If you are interested in going, the cost is \$30. Please let Jackie Cowan know by Tuesday, July 25: 471-6245 or jackiescowan@yahoo.com.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

- We are still taking enrollment for grades Pre-K through 8th grade.
- August 17 - First day of school.
- School packets are now ready and are available in the school office.
- We will be selling trash bags again this year - they are \$10.00 a roll. Please make plans to buy from us and help support our school.
- September 9 - the School will be having a fundraiser at Klueppel's farm on September 9th. Please plan on attending and bringing friends. Doors are open at 6:30 pm and the band (Shades of Soul) performs from 7:30-11:30 pm. Bring your own beverage, chair, and appetizer, and a check payable to STFX School. No one under 21 years of age allowed. You are guaranteed a great time and all donations will go to the school.

SUPPORT FOR ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

Sikeston MediCenter Pharmacy would like to support St. Francis Xavier School by donating \$0.50 for every qualifying prescription filled and picked up at the Sikeston MediCenter Pharmacy. You may pick up your donation key tags at the school, parish center, or from any St. Francis Xavier School student. Just present your key tag when picking up your prescription. The pharmacy has a drive-thru and free delivery. This is a good way to support your church school.

ANNUAL LEOPOLD PICNIC

St. John's Parish in Leopold will host their Annual Picnic on the grounds behind the church in Leopold, MO on Saturday, July 29, 2017. This is an old fashioned country dinner with kettle beef, fried chicken, chicken & dumplings with all the trimmings. Serving from 3 pm until 8 pm. Adults, \$10: Children (6-12), \$5: Under 6, free. Music: 8 pm-midnight (Silver Fox) playing) Tractor rides, crafts, homemade ice cream, games, etc.

UPCOMING MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR for engaged couples

The upcoming day-long marriage seminar will be Saturday, August 12, and will satisfy the Diocesan Marriage preparation Guidelines for those preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. The seminar will be conducted in the church meeting room on the lower level located at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 741 N. Forest Ave., Cape Girardeau, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding by 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please remember to mail Marriage Preparation forms, along with the \$25 program fee, to the Office of Family Life. For more information, please contact Kim Brayman, 417-866-0841, kbrayman@dioscrg.org.

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes.

Gary Clark, 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, Father Glenn Eftink, Jack Jackovic, Jim Hux, Pat Fetsch, Gary Ryan, and Bob Donze. For all serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of the unborn, for religious vocations, and our religious freedoms.