

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 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.

PENANCE

*DISTANCED FROM GOD BY SIN, THE PENITENT FINDS THE
PEACE HE IS LOOKING FOR IN REPENTANCE AND
ABSOLUTION*

Throughout history, man has realized that he is sinful. While he aspires to the untainted life which divine teaching shows is available to him, he is subjected to numerous and various temptations and sometimes succumbs to them. All religions, therefore, have their rites of purification: ablutions, baptisms, or even public penance which can, at times, take aberrant forms.

As far as the Catholic faith is concerned, there exists an original sin, which is explained in allegorical terms in the opening pages of the Bible. In his Incarnation as the Redeemer (from the Latin *redimere*, "to buy back", notably to pay a captive's ransom and give him back his freedom), Jesus Christ came to deliver us. But a principle of evil is at work in this world, that "devil" who divides us. The world and its history clearly shows how perverse mankind can be, and how this perversion makes us suffer.

Baptism washes away original sin and penance (or reconciliation) cleanses us of later personal faults. In the Gospels, Christ affirms, while curing the paralyzed man, that he has the divine privilege of forgiving sins. On the evening of his Resurrection, this power was transferred to the apostles' and beyond the apostles, to those whom they have chosen to continue their work. Before his sins are forgiven, the sinner must make an act of contrition, that is, to express regret for having committed them. He then specifies the nature of his sins by confessing them to a priest, who gives him absolution, on the condition of a symbolic satisfaction, which generally takes the form of a few prayers. Contrition, confession and satisfaction are the necessary steps to obtaining absolution.

The Church invites its faithful to receive this sacrament at least once a year, at Easter. "Doing one's Easter duty" consists in confession and communion. As in our daily lives, so in the life of the spirit we also eat, drink and wash. The Eucharistic communion feeds us, while confession cleanses us. Both should be performed frequently.

In most churches, the sacrament of penance is administered in Confessionals. But custom also allows penitents to be received in small rooms, in which a longer dialogue is possible.

*Source: SYMBOLS OF CATHOLICISM
Don Robert LeGall, Abbot of Kergonan*

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of July 30, 2017

Monday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:15 AM Mass + Ida Cowell

Tuesday, August 1 - NO MASS

Wednesday, August 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard

5:15 PM Mass + John & Mary Schuchart

Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM

Thursday, August 3 - NO MASS

First Friday, August 4

St. John Vianney

8:15 AM Mass Int. of KC Members & Deceased

Saturday, August 5

Transfiguration of the Lord

18th Week in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Mass + Richard Guter

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

Sunday, August 6

8:00 AM Spanish Mass +Mary Paylor

10:00 AM + Mary Schuchart

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The second reading tells us we are called according to his purpose. Are we open to God's call and willing to answer?

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, July 23	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$4,515 .00
Plate	101.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	56.00
Memorial Donation	100.00
Capital Improvement	210.00
Spanish Mass	213.00
Bulletin Advertising	64.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received July 23, 2017	5,611.00
Received for July 2017	23,009.25

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Please join in Eucharistic Adoration, which will take place the First Friday of the month, August 4. We invite and encourage everyone to take part, so that someone will be in Church at all times during Adoration.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church or e-mail Sharon Chouinard at chou1943@att.net. Benediction will follow at 5 pm.

PARISH POTLUCK

A parish potluck to welcome our new priest, Father David Dohogne, will be held on Sunday, August 27, after the 10:00 am mass in the Parish Center gym. Everyone is welcome and are asked to bring a covered dish.

More details on this occasion will follow. Please plan to attend and to welcome our new priest to St. Francis Xavier Parish. Father David will officially be here as of Tuesday, August 1.

BIKING FOR BABIES

Thank you, St. Francis Xavier Parish, for your prayers and support for Biking for Babies. A special thanks to Marilyn and Jim Schwaninger for housing the cyclists and to Sharon Chouinard, Gloria Shell, and Judy Comer for helping with the potluck. St. Francis Xavier Parish raised over \$1,100. Let us continue to pray for these inspiring young people as they carry their pro-life message across the country.

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)

80th Birthday

Martin Pazdera, a member of our parish will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Sunday, August 6, at Bertrand Nursing home. Please stop by between 2 and 4 pm to wish him a Happy Birthday. No gifts, please, just a visit with birthday wishes!

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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

- We are still taking enrollment for grades Pre-K through 8th grade.
- August 14 - Open House.
- 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 65TH ANNUAL CHICKEN FRY

St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus will have their annual Chicken Fry on Saturday, September 16, 829 Tanner Street, 4-7 pm. Adults—\$9; Children 6-12—\$4.50; Children 5 years and younger—FREE. Carry-outs are available.

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 Rennier, 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.

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