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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH • Sikeston, MO

July 8, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

245 West Front St. Sikeston, MO 63801

573-471-2447 • 573-471-9820 (fax)
Website: www.stfxsikeston.org

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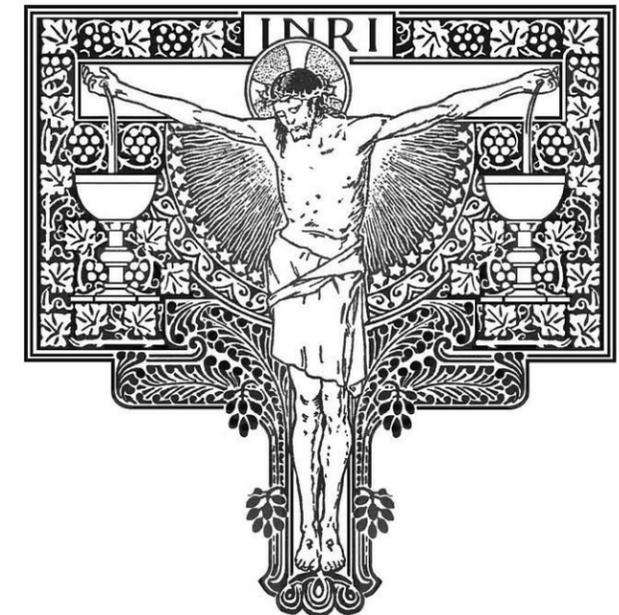
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SACRAMENTS

Baptism | Contact Father David

Reconciliation | Offered Saturday from 3-3:45pm and Wednesday at 4:30-5:00 pm when Mass is celebrated.

Matrimony | Please contact the priest at least six months prior to setting a wedding date.



WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that there will NOT be weekday Mass on Monday and Wednesday of this coming week as Father David will be taking some personal/vacation time. There WILL be Mass on Friday (July 13) at **5:00pm only**. You are invited to join the "Biking For Babies" group who will be visiting our parish on Friday for the celebration of Mass followed by a potluck.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is often defined as "sharing one's time, talent, and treasure" for the good and benefit of others. As Christians, we should practice stewardship in whatever way possible. Members of our parish family are talented in many ways and EVERY parishioner has something to offer. One goal of stewardship is to take "ownership" in the parish, which helps contribute to a sense of "belonging". Please consider sharing your time, talents, and abilities with our parish family. Each of you have much to offer! Many times we are in need of plumbing, electrical, repair and maintenance work around the parish and school. When parishioners choose not to share their abilities and talents with the parish, we end up paying someone for the work which needs to be done (which over time can be very costly!). If you would like to help around the parish and be a "good steward", please contact the Parish Office. Thanks!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Week of July 8, 2018

MONDAY, July 9—NO MASS

TUESDAY, July 10—NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, July 11—NO MASS

THURSDAY, July 12— NO MASS

FRIDAY, July 13

5:00 pm For the Unborn

SATURDAY, July 14

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Mass For St. Francis Xavier &

St. Henry Parish Families

Confessions 3:00-3:45 pm

SUNDAY, July 15

10:00 am Mass + Catherine Fitzgerald

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As we celebrated Independence Day, may we echo the Psalmist in saying, "Our Eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

**Sunday, July 1
Collection Report**

Envelopes	\$ 7,195.00
Plate	314.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	747.00
Spanish Mass (cash only)	16.00
Poor Box	41.95
Capital Improvement	315.00
Mass Offerings	20.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2018-19	\$32,675.00
Received July 1, 2018	8,648.95
Received for July, 2018	8,648.95

IN APRECIATION FOR THE WEEK

On behalf of our parish, we extend our thanks and gratitude to all those who give of their time to help to **take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound**. Receiving spiritual nourishment through the Holy Eucharist is an important part of our Catholic Faith. May the Lord share His comfort and healing with those who receive His Body and Blood in the gift of Holy Communion. Thanks to those who share in this important outreach and ministry of our parish.

CHURCH WINDOWS

In case you are wondering, work has begun on the stained glass windows in the church! They did NOT get stolen! As mentioned earlier, beautiful religious images from old windows will be incorporated into the existing windows to enhance them. This is one of the projects underway which will continue to beautify our parish church!

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

St. Francis Xavier Parish is hosting the next Catholic Man Night which will be held on Monday, July 23, beginning at 6:30pm in the church. The evening will include Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, a meal, and fellowship. If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office. Hope to see you there!

BIKING FOR BABIES

Our parish will be hosting eight young adults as well as Father Pat Hirtz on their stop in Sikeston as they bike their way from Tylertown, Mississippi to St. Louis for the annual "Celebration of Life". This effort is meant to raise awareness and seek support for pregnancy resource centers. Please help us welcome them THIS Friday, July 13, at 5:00pm Mass followed by a potluck. You can also show your support by placing donations in a baby bottle which will be available. Funds received from this effort will help support the work and outreach of "Biking For Babies" and our local pregnancy centers (Birthright in Cape and Aspire in Sikeston). The bottles may be returned the next two Sundays. Just bring them with you to Mass OR drop them off at the Parish Office. Thanks for your support!

NOW ENROLLING

St. Francis Xavier School is now enrolling new students for the coming school year of 2018-2019. Consider enrolling your child or grandchild in our parish school! For more information, please contact the School Office (471-0841).

JULY/AUGUST WORD AMONG US & LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS

The July/August edition of "The Word Among Us" and Living Faith Booklets are available on the table in the vestibule of the church. Take a copy home with you to use for your spiritual reading and growth!

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF)

Our DDF parish goal this year is \$49,500. At this point, \$34,070 has been pledged. This is 68% of our goal. Please consider making a pledge to help support this important work of the Church in Southern Missouri. Thanks for your generosity!

RCIA

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or possibly joining the Church, please have them contact Toni Grojean. At this point, the person should begin attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis. RCIA classes will begin later this Fall. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Toni Grojean at (573) 258-1172.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PICNIC

St. Lawrence Parish in New Hamburg is hosting their annual Parish Picnic on Friday and Saturday, July 13/14. Many activities are scheduled for both days. The Smorgasbord Dinner will be held on Saturday from 4:00-7:00pm. For more information, please see the flyer posted on the vestibule bulletin board!

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Preparations are underway for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration. This event includes a special Mass with Bishop Edward M. Rice followed by a reception. All married couples are invited to attend with their family and friends. Please make plans to attend on Sunday, September 30, at 2:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in Cape Girardeau. In order for us to properly prepare, please RSVP by Friday, July 20. The registration form can be found on the Family Life page of the diocesan website at dioscg.org or you may pick up a copy in the parish office.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Faith is to believe what you do not see;
The reward of this faith is to see what you believe."
—St. Augustine

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

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

Judy Marshall, Joseph Ross, Alma York, Carol Gleason, Buck Brase, Jerome & Suzanne Rennier, Emme Lankheit, Stuart Cawthorn, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Jon Burden, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby, Donald Cento, Karen Matthews, Jack Jackovic, Jim Hux, Pat Fetsch, Anton Miederhoff, Bill Sharp, and Bob Donze. We also pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of the unborn, for religious vocations, and for our religious freedoms.