

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 19, 2016

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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.

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

For the sick and persons with disabilities

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (*Gal 2:19*). In these words, the Apostle Paul powerfully expresses the mystery of the Christian life, which can be summed up in the *paschal dynamic* of death and resurrection received at baptism. Indeed, through immersion in water, each of us, as it were, dies and is buried with Christ (*cf. Rom 6:3-4*), and reemerging, shows forth new life in the Holy Spirit. This rebirth embraces every aspect of our lives: even sickness, suffering and death are taken up *in* Christ and in him find their ultimate meaning. Each of us, sooner or later, is called to face – at times painfully – frailty and illness, both our own and those of others. How many different faces do these common yet dramatically human experiences take! Yet all of them directly raise the pressing question of the meaning of life. Our hearts may quietly yield to cynicism, as if the only solution were simply to put up with these experiences, trusting only in our own strength. Or we may put complete trust in science, thinking that surely somewhere in the world there is a medicine capable of curing the illness.

Human nature, wounded by sin, is marked by *limitations*. We are familiar with the objections raised, especially nowadays, to a life characterized by serious physical limitations. It is thought that sick or disabled persons cannot be happy, since they cannot live the lifestyle held up by the culture of pleasure and entertainment. How true are the words of the Apostle: "God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong" (*1 Cor 1:27*)!

Jesus, in his passion, loved us to the end (*cf. Jn 13:1*); on the cross he revealed the love that bestows itself without limits. Can we reproach God for our infirmities and sufferings when we realize how much suffering shows on the face of his crucified Son? His physical pain was accompanied by mockery, condescension and scorn, yet he responds with a mercy that accepts and forgives everything: "by his wounds we are healed" (*Is 53:5; 1 Pet 2:24*). Jesus is the physician who heals with the medicine of love, for he takes upon himself our suffering and redeems it. We know that God can understand our infirmities, because he himself has personally experienced them (*cf. Heb 4:15*).

We know that in weakness we can become strong (*cf. 2 Cor 12:10*) and receive the grace to fill up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for his body, the Church (*cf. Col 1:24*). For that body, in the image of the risen Lord's own, keeps its wounds, the mark of a hard struggle, but they are wounds transfigured forever by love. " —From a Homily of His Holiness, Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of June 19, 2016

Monday, June 20

8:15 AM + Shy Family

Tuesday, June 21

NO MASS

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Wednesday, June 22

5:15 PM + Willa Bohannon

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bhp; Sts. John Fisher, Bhp, &

Thomas More, Martyrs

Confessions 4:45 PM

Thursday, June 23

NO MASS

Friday, June 24

8:15 am + Bill Hampton

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday, June 25

4:00 PM + Michael & Bradley LeGrand

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY, June 26

8:00 AM + YYA

10:00 AM + Christine Korenak

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Please take a few moments to prayerfully consider your offertory gift to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have received this week.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, June 5 & 12 **Collection Report**

Envelopes	\$10,523.40
Plate	409.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	1,129.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	353.00
Spanish Mass	209.61
Poor Box	224.65
Organ Fund	20.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2015-2016	\$32,675.00
Received June 5 & 12, 2016	12,868.66
Received for June, 2016	12,868.66

Thank you for your contributions to the Catholic Communication Campaign and to the Society of Our Mother of Peace. Father Bartholomew is most appreciative for the donations to the Society!

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2016 ENTRUSTED TO THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

June

Universal: Human Solidarity

That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices

That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

There will be a Peter's Pence Collection next weekend, June 25 and 26. Through this gift, you join Pope Francis's work in solidarity with him as a witness of charity. To learn more about the Peter's Pence Collection, please visit www.vatican.va and search "Peter's Pence."

LEAVING A GIFT FOR THE PARISH!

Anyone who wishes to make a planned gift for the parish should use the following language in legal documents (wills, trusts, etc.) "**Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, for the EXCLUSIVE use and benefit of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sikeston, MO.** Whatever we have has been given to us by God. Our gifts of Time, Talents, and Treasures, when used for the greater glory of God, is blessed indeed. Remember our parish in your will!"

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

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To date our parish has given pledged \$36,782 toward our \$55,957 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

Across the Diocese, \$1,553,472 has been pledged toward the \$2,600,000 goal. The Diocese and Church in Southern Missouri need your participation.

PILGRIMAGES TO FATIMA PORTUGAL

Our "Special" 7-Day Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal will be offered from 3 Airline Gateways of Newark NJ, New York JFK, and Boston, Mass. The price of \$1,599.00 is the all inclusive price of airfare, 4-star hotel, 2 meals per day, tour guide, deluxe bus & more. Price is the same from all 3 airports, and we can assist you in securing air from your home city to one of the 3 gateways listed above. We will also be flying from Miami International, but the pilgrimage will be one day longer, and the all inclusive price will be \$1,699.00. The travel dates from Newark, JFK, and Boston will be Nov 14-20, 2016, and the travel dates from Miami will be Nov. 14-21, 2016. Brochures & reservation forms are available at the Catholic Tour. Call 1-877-627-4268 toll free, or simply e-mail jimadair@thecatholictour.com.

Camp Re-NEW-All is in need of two critical staff positions for this summer's camp.
Music Director for Session 2 in Fredericktown (June 27-July 1)

Nurse for Session 5 in Cassville (July 25-29)

Camp St. Vincent, Fredericktown, is also in need of an electronic keyboard. If you have one collecting dust and would like to donate it to camp, please contact Rosie Francka at the Camp Re-NEW-All office, 417-866-0841 or email rfrancka@dioscg.org.

TEACHER VACANCIES AT ST. HENRY SCHOOL

St. Henry Catholic School, Charleston, Missouri, has teacher vacancies in the following areas:

- Elementary Teacher—Full Time—grade level yet to be determined
- Music Teachers —Part Time—1 day per week for grades PreK—8th
- Art Teacher—Part Time— 1 day per week for grades PreK—8th

Please send application, resume, and any other supporting documents to: St. Henry Catholic School, Mr. Michael Eftink, 306 Court Street, Charleston, MO 63834

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Our Mother Mary's Rosary Prayer Group will meet at 1:30 pm on the third Sunday of each month, inside Old St. Vincent Church (downtown Cape Girardeau). The purpose of the Rosary is to keep in memory events or mysteries in the history of salvation, and to thank and praise God for them. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five Luminous Mysteries, the five Sorrowful Mysteries, and the five Glorious Mysteries. The complete rosary will be prayed each month and be led by Patricia Harrison and others. All are invited to take part in this prayer, including local clergy and religious.

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

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

Mary Schuchart, Laverna Rennier, Jerome Rennier, Malcolm Sandvos, Emme Lankheit, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby, Annabel Conners, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Donald Cento, Beulah Leible, Father Glenn Eftink and Alma Eftink. For all serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of the unborn, for religious vocations, and our religious freedoms.