

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 26, 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.

***MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE 6th WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE DEATH
PENALTY***

[OSLO, 21-23 JUNE 2016]

I greet the organizers of this World Congress against the death penalty, the group of countries supporting it, particularly Norway as its host country, and all those representatives of governments, international organizations and civil society taking part in it. I likewise express my personal appreciation, along with that of men and women of good will, for your commitment to a world free of the death penalty.

One sign of hope is that public opinion is manifesting a growing opposition to the death penalty, even as a means of legitimate social defense. Indeed, nowadays the death penalty is unacceptable, however grave the crime of the convicted person. It is an offence to the inviolability of life and to the dignity of the human person; it likewise contradicts God's plan for individuals and society, and his merciful justice. Nor is it consonant with any just purpose of punishment. It does not render justice to victims, but instead fosters vengeance. The commandment "Thou shalt not kill" has absolute value and applies both to the innocent and to the guilty.

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy is an auspicious occasion for promoting worldwide ever more evolved forms of respect for the life and dignity of each person. It must not be forgotten that the inviolable and God-given right to life also belongs to the criminal. Today I would encourage all to work not only for the abolition of the death penalty, but also for the improvement of prison conditions, so that they fully respect the human dignity of those incarcerated. "Rendering justice" does not mean seeking punishment for its own sake, but ensuring that the basic purpose of all punishment is the rehabilitation of the offender. The question must be dealt with within the larger framework of a system of penal justice open to the possibility of the guilty party's reinsertion in society. There is no fitting punishment without hope! Punishment for its own sake, without room for hope, is a form of torture, not of punishment.

I trust that this Congress can give new impulse to the effort to abolish capital punishment. For this reason, I encourage all taking part to carry on this great initiative and I assure them of my prayers.

— His Holiness, Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of June 26, 2016

Monday, June 27

8:15 AM Int. Mark Blanton
St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, June 28

6:00 PM—Spanish Mass +Mary Etta Mitchell
St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

Wednesday, June 29

5:15 PM + Clara Miederhoff
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Confessions 4:45 PM

Thursday, June 30

NO MASS First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

First Friday, July 1

8:15 am + Int. of KC Members & Deceased
USA: Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest

Saturday, July 2

4:00 PM + Jan Steck
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY, July 3

8:00 AM Spanish Mass +Madleen Abbo
10:00 AM + Geraldine Lewis

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 19	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$4,135.00
Plate	215.95
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	380.00
Spanish Mass	58.00
Poor Box	115.00
School Repair Fund	75.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2015-2016	\$32,675.00
Received June 19, 2016	5,330.95
Received for June, 2016	18,199.61

THE JUNE PRAYER INTENTION of Bishop Edward M. Rice

For the protection and safety of our children during the summer months: While they take a break from formal classes, may they continue to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

There will be a Peter's Pence Collection this 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!"

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ORAN PICNIC JULY 4th

Buffet Style Dinner, serving roast beef, fried chicken, dressing, and all the trimmings. All you can eat. Adults—\$10, Children 6-12 -\$4, under 6-free! Meal serving from 11:00 am—6 pm. Clergy eat free. Come and enjoy the day with Oran Parishioners. There are games, music, wagon rides, horseshoes, corn hole and tractor display. Bingo with cash prizes in the hall at 7:00 pm and fireworks at 10 pm.

2SUPPORT LIFE THROUGH BIKING FOR BABIES!

Cory and Brittany Ross would like to invite you to welcome BIKING FOR BABIES on Friday, July 15. Help us in welcoming these enthusiastic young individuals as they will be biking from Chicago to Memphis. **Please welcome them to Sikeston at 6 pm, followed by a potluck dinner at 6:30 at St. Francis Xavier.** This is your chance to meet the riders and hear their stories, along with meeting our local pregnancy resource centers, PRC of Sikeston, and Birthright of Cape Girardeau. BIKING FOR BABIES would love to see you there. For more information, visit BikingForBabies.com or e-mail Brittany@BikingForBabies.com

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.

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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

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.