



THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

Office
of the
Bishop

November 2, 2016

RE: A note of thanks

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Sikeston:

I am deeply grateful to all of you who donated to our 2016 Diocesan Development Fund Appeal (DDF). Thanks to your generosity, we have raised, to date, \$2,543,395.87 which is 98% of our diocesan goal. This total represents 8,417 generous gifts from our Catholic households in southern Missouri. Your support of diocesan ministries in the Catholic Church in southern Missouri is indeed very gratifying and humbling.

At St. Francis Xavier Parish, 143 parishioners pledged a total of \$40,762.00. I know these donations represented the sacrificial gifts of many individuals and families. May our loving God continue to reward you for your generosity. I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward M. Rice
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

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MASS INTENTIONS
Week of November 13, 2016

Monday, November 14
8:15 AM +Henry Leible

Tuesday, November 15—NO MASS

Wednesday, November 16
5:15 PM +Intention for Joy Bond
Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM
St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Virgin

Thursday, November 17 - NO MASS

Friday, November 18
8:15 AM +Jamil & Victor Tellow
Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles
USA: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Saturday, November 19
4:00 PM +Albert & Isabel Kappler, James & George
Kappler
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

Sunday, November 20
8:00 AM - Spanish Mass
+YYA
10:00 AM - +Clarence & Anna Brucker

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, November 6	Collection Report
Envelopes	\$5,156.67
Plate	250.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	747.00
Spanish Mass	151.75
Poor Box	82.32
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	294.00
All Saints Day	483.40
Mass Offerings	50.00
Bulletin Advertising	64.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2016-2017	\$32,675.00
Received November 6, 2016	7,279.14
Received for November, 2016	7,279.14

Thank all of you for contributing to World Mission Sunday and the collection for the Military Services!

THE CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF MERCY

We invite everyone to join with us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Sunday, November 20, 2016, at St. Francis Xavier Parish at 3 pm. We will have children sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and then we will conclude with Benediction. All are welcome!!

FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

This very important celebration will take place on Sunday, December 11, at 10 PM in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center Gym. Mass will be celebrated, and there will be a Mariachi band and food. Tamales are also being sold after the masses, and a donation will be most welcome!

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

November

Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaborations of Priests and Laity

giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

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)

THE BOOK OF THE LIVING

The Book of the Living has been placed in Church for the month of November. Please include the names of your loved ones you wish to be remembered in prayer. Pray for all the deceased of our Parish Families through November.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Maxwell Dean Rowe

LEGION OF MARY MEETING

The Legion of Mary is an organization within the church for both men and women who serve the parish or community and weekly give at least two hours of service visiting the sick, the giving of communion to the homebound, volunteering at the parish school, local hospital, or any other way of being a witness to Christ with Mary’s guidance. The Legion of Mary meets each Wednesday at 3:15 pm in the St. Joseph Room at the Parish Center. For more information, call Toni Grojean at 258-1172. All are welcome!

MARY OF NAZARETH MOVIE

Coming Up! Sunday, December 11, from 2-4:30 PM, a presentation of the movie, **MARY OF NAZARETH**, will be shown in the St. Joseph Room of the Parish Center for all members of the Parish. Bring lawn chairs. Mark your calendars for this Advent family event!

PART-TIME POSITION—NDHS

Notre Dame Regional High School has a part-time position open for 4-5 hours, Thursday and Friday Evenings. The custodian is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the assigned areas and will work with other custodians and supervisors. May be assigned to special custodial maintenance projects related to the needs of the school. If interested, please contact Chuck Goodale, 573-335-6772, ext. 415.

NOTRE DAME ANNUAL APPEAL SUNDAY

Today is **Notre Dame Annual Appeal Sunday**, the primary fundraiser for the NDHS Education Fund Foundation. The contributions received are endowed, with earnings on investments transferred to the school annually. Since 1983, Foundation funding has provided young men and women the gift of a Catholic Secondary Education which is “the most effective means of transmitting Gospel Values”. Please continue to support the NDHS Education Fund Foundation with a contribution to this year’s Annual Appeal. For more information, contact: Notre Dame Regional High School, Development Director, (573)979-5013 or tonybuehrle@notredamecape.org

SECOND COLLECTION Supporting Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri on Final Day of Jubilee Year of Mercy - Sunday, November 20

Next Sunday is the last day of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. It is also the Second Collection to support the Church’s Works of Mercy through Catholic Charities. Thousands of individuals and families turn to Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri for help each year. The needs are great—homeless veterans, struggling families, crisis pregnancies, natural disasters, immense poverty. It is our goal to respond to all with the Christ-like compassion of the Good Samaritan. May we join together in following Christ’s command to “Go, and do likewise.” Only through your support can we make that happen! YOU, the Catholic community, ARE Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri. Thank you for your prayers and your support.

JUBILEE OF THE HOMELESS—NOVEMBER 11-13, 2016

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

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

Mary Schuchart, Laverna Rennie, Jerome Rennie, Malcolm Sandvos, Emme Lankheit, Stuart Cawthorn, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby, Annabel Connors, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Donald Cento, Beulah Leible, Karen Matthews, Marge Ferrenburg, Rodney Abney, 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.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13, 2016

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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.

YEAR OF MERCY COMING TO END

As the Holy Year of Mercy is coming to an end, Pope Francis urges the faithful not to fall into indifference but to become active instruments of mercy.

Addressing the crowd gathered in St. Peter’s Square earlier this week, the Pope reflected on the many readings from the Scriptures that tell of how, during his life, Jesus incessantly reached out to the other. Pope Francis said: He is our model as we consider the corporal works of mercy that call on us to visit the sick and the imprisoned. With these works of mercy, he said, the Lord invites us to perform gestures of great humanity.

Sick persons, he said, often feel very alone, and something as simple as a smile, the warm touch of a hand, and a little company can prove to be excellent medicine. Praising those who visit the sick in hospitals, the Pope said their contribution is of inestimable value. When this kind of work is carried out in the name of the Lord, he explained, it also becomes an eloquent and effective expression of mercy: “Let us not deprive sick persons from obtaining comfort, or ourselves from being enriched by closeness to he who suffers”.

Likewise, the Pope continued, visiting the imprisoned is a fruitful way of bringing the Lord’s healing presence to those who are paying for their mistakes. Deprived of their freedom, they especially need to hear the message of God’s merciful love and forgiveness, and in this way to recognize their worth and dignity. “Whatever act a prison inmate may have committed, he remains beloved by God”, he said. “Who can penetrate the intimacy of his conscience and understand what he is feeling? Who can understand his pain and remorse? It is too easy to wash one’s hands of the issue saying ‘he made a mistake’” he said.

As Christians, the Pope said, we are called upon to bring God’s mercy and its redemptive power to our brothers and sisters in need. Pope Francis also spoke of how he has a special place in his heart for prisoners and recalled that Jesus himself, though innocent, suffered in prison for our sake.

He also mentioned the apostles, Peter and Paul, who used the time of their imprisonment to pray and proclaim the Gospel.

Finally, thinking back to last Sunday’s Jubilee of Prisoners and to his meeting with a group of inmates who told him they wanted to go on to share Saint Paul’s experience with other prisoners, the Pope pointed out that we can all be instruments of God’s mercy with a gesture, a word or a simple visit which, he said, have the power to give back joy and dignity to he or she whose joy and dignity have been taken away.

(from Vatican Radio)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, one of the most sought after Catholic speakers in the Church today, will be at St. Francis Xavier and St. Henry Parishes December 5 through December 8. He is the author of "Behold the Man: A Catholic Version of Male Spirituality". More information will be forthcoming.

END OF YEAR GIVING!

More than half of all charitable giving is made during the last two months of the year. Why? It is a time of year when we express thanks for the many blessings we have received. It is the time when we review our finances and do our tax planning. As you consider your end-of-year tax planning, please consider a gift to St. Francis Xavier and School. Any donations received or postmarked by December 31 can reduce your income taxes if you itemize, and make a positive impact on our parish and our school. We invite you to be an indispensable part of introducing these young people to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is the ultimate source and destiny of all the human heart longs for.

ANNUAL ANGEL TRIP

The Oran Guardian Angel PCCW is sponsoring its annual Angel Trip on Saturday, November 19. Being the Year of Mercy, they will travel to 3 churches for a "Holy Door Pilgrimage" to New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, and Perryville", and return to Guardian Angel for confession before Mass. For reservations, contact Debbie Gaines, 262-3719, or Doris Eftink, 380-5119, or Pam Wilgus, 318-6757. There will be car pool arrangements leaving at 8:30 am.

SCOTT CITY KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

A sausage breakfast will be hosted by the Scott City Knights of Columbus on Sunday, November 27, from 7:30-10:30 am at their meeting hall. Cost will be \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, and children under age 6 are free. Menu will be scrambled eggs, link sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy, and coffee/milk. The Knights are also taking orders for sausage \$3 a pound—call Gary at 576-6451 to order. They will also be collecting new and unopened/unwrapped toys to help the Marine Corp League with their Toys for Tots Drive.

GUARDIAN ANGEL CARRY OUT LUNCH

Guardian Angel Home & School Association in Oran, Missouri is sponsoring a Carry Out Lunch on Monday, December 5 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm. For \$8.00, you will get a pork steak, slaw, baked beans, roll, and a dessert. You can pick up your lunch at Guardian Angel School. We will also deliver in the city limits of Oran or to those out of town businesses/places that order at least 10 lunches. Orders can be placed through November 18. To place an order, please call Stacey Dame at (573)587-9445.

LEARNING a SECOND LANGUAGE is AVAILABLE THROUGH DIOCESE

The diocesan Catholic Schools office is offering the Rosetta Stone License for a reduced cost of \$105. With over 30 languages from which to choose, this makes a great gift. Participants can access the course from a home computer, tablet, or smart phone. For more information or to order, contact Debra Owensby at dkowensby@dioscg.org or phone (417) 866-0841.

WONDERLAND of TREASURES PLANNED at BENTON

The 17th Annual Winter Wonderland of Treasures will be held at St. Denis Parish Center at Benton, on Saturday, December 3, from 8 am until 2 pm. This year, the proceeds from the sale will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Crafts, specialty food items and direct sale items, such as Rada Knives, Pampered Chef, and Stanley products, will be featured. There will also be a 50-50 drawing raffle and attendance drawings throughout the day. Breakfast items, homemade chicken noodle soup, chili, chili dogs, drinks, and desserts will be available.

INTERCULTURAL CELEBRATION of OUR LADY

A liturgy for the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and protector of unborn children, will be held with Bishop Edward M. Rice in St. Agnes Cathedral on Monday, December 12. All are invited to attend this intercultural event: Rosary at 6:15 pm, followed by Mass at 7 pm and refreshments afterward in St. Agnes School cafeteria.

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