



THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

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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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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**November 20, 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.

## BEING THANKFUL FOR GRACE

**THANKSGIVING DAY:** This is the day which Americans set aside to reflect on the blessings of God which have been showered on us in the previous year. All other holidays, even Christmas and Easter, can be skewed into a non-Christian meaning, but not Thanksgiving. Historically, it was a time to give thanks to God for the bountiful harvest, and experientially, while there are those to whom we should give thanks for particular favors, there is only one to whom we can give thanks for the blessings of life. Nothing else makes sense.

Christians, of course, have much more to give thanks than the non-believer, or at least they have the eyes with which to see and the heart with which to recognize God's blessings. Indeed, Paul instructs us that "In every thing (we should) give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18); the tense of the verb implying a habitual, continual thanksgiving.

But specifically, we should be thankful for His grace, which, as explained in our text, completely overwhelmed our sin, and instead brought salvation and freedom from guilt. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

Note that in our text the word "abound" appears three times. Both the offense and sin exist in abundance. But the abundance of grace comes from a different Greek word which means literally "to exist in super-abundance." But there is more. It is further modified by the prefix "much-more," implying a grace that is beyond super-abundance.

On this special day of thanksgiving, let us not fail to include in those things for which we are thankful, the overwhelmingly super-abundant grace of God.

- From Days of Praise

## MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 20, 2016

### Monday, November 21

**8:15 AM** +Joseph Rennie  
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Tuesday, November 22

**6:00 PM—Spanish Mass** +Hal Stillway  
St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

### Wednesday, November 23

**5:15 PM** Intention of Parish Families of St. Francis  
Xavier and St. Henry  
**7:00 PM—Spanish Mass** +Deceased Members of  
St. Francis & St. Henry Parish  
Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM  
St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot

### Thursday, November 24—NO MASS

### Friday, November 25—NO MASS

### Saturday, November 26

**4:00 PM** +Richard Guter  
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

### Sunday, November 27-First Sunday of Advent

**8:00 AM - Spanish Mass** +Diana Clarkson  
**10:00 AM** +Brenda Matthews

## 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

<b>Sunday, November 13</b>	<b>Collection Report</b>
Envelopes	\$3,941.00
Plate	226.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Spanish Mass	168.00
Poor Box	149.01
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	2.00
All Saints Day	2.00
Mass Offerings	50.00
School Repair Fund	75.00
Thanksgiving Offering	5.00
Christmas Flowers	45.00

### MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2016-2017	\$32,675.00
Received November 13, 2016	5,015.01
Received for November, 2016	12,294.15

### **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

Wednesday, Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), and Friday, Nov. 23, 24 and 25, 2016 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### **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!

### **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!

### **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.

### **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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**DYNAMIC DEACON!**

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him. He will be at St. Francis Xavier and St. Henry Parishes December 5 through December 8.

**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!

**WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS TRIP**

A holiday trip is planned on Sunday afternoon, December 4, 2016, to attend a concert in Jackson at the Immaculate Conception Lutheran Church. The concert will consist of adult and children's choirs accompanied by a complete orchestra. Included in the program will be a musical retelling of the Christmas story. There is no admission fee, but we will plan to have an early dinner after the 2:30 pm performance. Anyone interested should call or email Jackie Cowan, so we can plan for carpooling. (573)471-6245 or jackiescowan@yahoo.com.

**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.

**REGISTRATION FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION & CATECHIST CERTIFICATION**

The Diocese partners with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer online religious education and faith formation courses at \$50 per course. Registration is October 12, 2016-January 11, 2017. Classes may be taken for undergraduate credit (for additional fee) and courses qualify for credit in our Catechist Formation Process. For information, visit the VLCFF website or contact the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. If you have any questions, call Toni Grojean, 573-258-1172.

**JOB OPENING**

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is hiring a full-time Family Strengthening Coordinator/Disaster Case Manager. A Bachelor's degree is required; Bachelor's degree in Social Work preferred. For full job description and to apply, visit [www.ccsomo.org/employment](http://www.ccsomo.org/employment).

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

Today, our parish joins other parishes throughout our diocese to support our neighbors in need through the work of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri. The second collection is an opportunity for all of us to unite as the hands and feet of Christ in the world. So much good can be accomplished when we act in the unity and strength of our faith! Please make a donation today or mail your donation to Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, 424 E. Monastery St., Springfield, MO 65807. Thank you for your support and prayers.

**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.