

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 9, 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.

## **THE WORLD NEEDS the CHURCH**

The Church has always proclaimed that the seven foundational virtues are the cornerstone of the moral life. The foundation is made up of the supernatural virtues (Faith, Hope, and Love) and the four cardinal virtues (Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude). The supernatural virtues free us from self-centeredness and protect us from the ultimate vice—pride—and dispose us to live in relationship with God. The cardinal virtues, which are sometimes referred to as “the human virtues,” allow us to acquire the self-mastery necessary to make us free and capable of love. They do this by ordering our passions and guiding our conduct in accordance with reason and faith (CCC #1834).

The only way for our lives to genuinely improve is by acquiring virtue. To grow in virtue is to improve as a person. Virtues are the tools God uses to build the best-version-of-ourselves.

....Tolerance is proclaimed as the ultimate secular virtue. And yet, those who espouse tolerance are completely tolerant of all things Catholic and Christian, as well as any common code of moral conduct. In the midst of this blatantly obvious anti-Catholic environment that our culture has created, it is easy to overlook some fundamental and practical realities. The world needs the Church today more than ever before. And this trend shows no signs of slowing. In a modern schema in which people are becoming more self absorbed and completely fixated on the fulfillment of their own selfish desires, the Church is only going to be needed more and more.

The Catholic church feeds, clothes, houses, and educates more people than any other organization in the world. And when the modern media and the secular culture have finished tearing down the Church as best they can, let me ask you, who will take our place? Who will feed the hungry? Who will clothe the naked? Who will visit the lonely and imprisoned? Who will house the homeless? Who will comfort the sick and dying? Who will educate the masses?

The world needs the Church. Even your hardened and cynical politicians with nothing in mind but personal gain recognize this reality with alarming clarity. If for no other reason that from an economic standpoint, they know they wouldn't be able to pick up the broken pieces that would be left if the Church disappeared from their community.

The Church may be massively unappreciated and woefully persecuted, but we must press on all the same. After all, that is always the way it has been. Jesus didn't promise an easy way. He promised that we would be ridiculed, persecuted, and unappreciated as he himself was, but that we would nonetheless experience joy and fullness of life.

We should try not to forget that when Jesus was on the cross, he didn't turn to the man next to him and say, “You did the crime, now pay the price.” No, he offered him a better life. That is the responsibility that now falls on our shoulders as followers of Jesus. One part of our ongoing mission as the Church is to offer people a better life. The key word in all of this is *offer*. The Church doesn't force people to do things. ...We are free to choose. The Church proposes to you and me a certain way of life. Each of us, like the beloved who is proposed to, can accept or reject the proposal. But whatever our decision, we will live with it forever.

*Rediscover Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of October 9, 2016

**Monday, October 10****8:15 AM** +Joseph Rennie**Tuesday, October 11—Spanish Mass****6:00 PM** Int. of St. Francis Xavier Parish  
St. John XXIII, Pope**Wednesday, October 12****5:15 PM** +Mary Paylor  
Confessions 4:45-5:00 PM**Thursday, October 13- NO MASS****Friday, October 14****8:15 AM** +Regina Anderson  
St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**Saturday, October 15****4:00 PM** +Benny and Betty Marshall  
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM  
St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**SUNDAY, October 16****8:00 AM - Spanish Mass**  
+Mary Etta Mitchell  
**10:00 AM** +Henry Leible**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, October 2</b>	<b>Collection Report</b>
Envelopes	\$6,954.40
Plate	269.70
Automatic Deductions (env.)	747.00
Spanish Mass	202.75
Poor Box	74.67
Stipend	300.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	330.00

**MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT**

Projected expenses FY 2015-2016	\$32,675.00
Received October 2, 2016	8,878.52
Received for October, 2016	8,878.52

**AFRICAN MISSION THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend, Father William Ryan will be preaching and taking up a collection at St. Francis Xavier, St. Henry, and Newman Masses as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan of the Archdiocese of Washington. He will also be giving a Mission Talk on Sunday, October 9, at 1:00 pm in the STFX gym. Fr. Ryan is a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., who has been serving for the past ten years as a missionary in Togo, West Africa. He is the founding pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in a poverty-stricken rural area that includes thirty-six villages. The mission combines development projects with evangelization, bringing Christ to the poor in deed, word and sacrament. Please be generous!! For more information, visit [togomissionparish.org](http://togomissionparish.org).

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

**October****Universal: Journalists**

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

**Evangelization: World Mission Day**

That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

**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)**

**WSTFX ANNUAL CHILI & CHICKEN SOUP LUNCH**

The Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish are sponsoring their “All You Can Eat” Annual Chili and Chicken Soup Lunch on Friday, October 14 at the Parish Center Gym. They will be serving from 10:30 am—1:30 pm. Adults—\$6.00 \* Children 6-12—\$3.00 \* 5 and under eat free. Drink and dessert are included. Carry-outs will be available. Tickets are available from any member of WSTFX and also at the Parish Office.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS**

- \*\*\*\*\* School will have their Grandparents Day in conjunction with the Women of St Francis Xavier Annual Chili and Chicken Soup Lunch on Friday, October 14 at the Parish Center Gym.
- \*\*\*\*\* There will be a Fish Fry at St. Francis Xavier School on Friday, October 28, at 5:30 pm. Please join us for an outstanding fish dinner!!
- \*\*\*\*\* The 2nd Annual St. Francis Xavier Craft/Vendor Shopping Extravaganza Event will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 9 am—5:30 pm. Please contact St. Francis Xavier School (573-471-0841) to reserve your table for this event!

**WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BIBLE STUDY**

The WSTFX Fall Bible Study Group is meeting in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center each Thursday afternoon at 3:30 pm.

**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary meets each Wednesday afternoon in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center at 3:15 pm.

**BIG Event for “Ugly Quilts” Ministry**

Plan to attend the BIG event for completing “Ugly Quilts”, sleeping bags for homeless on October 29th from 8 am to 4 pm and October 30th from Noon to 4 pm at St. Vincent DePaul in Cape Girardeau. Men, women, and high schoolers are needed. For more information or questions, call 573-264-4459.

**ST. ANTHONY’S ANNUAL FALL DINNER, GLENNON**

St. Anthony’s are hosting their fall dinner on Sunday, October 9, 11 am—1:30 pm at the Glennon Parish Hall, in Glennon. Menu includes Kettle Beef, Dumplings, Dressing, & all the trimmings. Dessert & drinks are included. Adults—\$9, Children (6-12) - \$4, Children (5 and under) free. For more information, please call 573-238-3300.

**DINNER at ST. DENIS, BENTON**

St. Denis Parish, Benton, will be having its Annual All You Can Eat Buffet Style Dinner in their Parish Center on Sunday, October 9, serving from 10:30 am—1:00 pm. Menu will consist of Chicken & Dumplings, Kettle Beef, Chicken and Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Buttered Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, and Desserts. Adults-\$9, Children (6-12) \$5, Children (5 and under) free. Carry outs are available for \$9. Chances are available for a raffle.

**ST. AUGUSTINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER JOB OPENING**

St. Augustine Early Learning Center in Kelso, MO has a part-time employment opportunity working 10 hours per week in the afternoon. Contact Jill Klipfel at 573-250-2865 to apply by October 17.

**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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