

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 11, 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.

## SIN OF OMISSION

*Luke 16:19-31*, "Once there was a rich man who dressed in purple and linen and feasted splendidly every day. At the gate lay a beggar named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. The dogs even came and licked his sores. Eventually the beggar died. He was carried by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man likewise died and was buried. From the abode of the dead where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus resting in his bosom.

He called out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water to refresh my tongue, for I am tortured in these flames.' "My child," replied Abraham, 'remember that you were well off in your lifetime, while Lazarus was in misery. Now he has found consolation here, but you have found torment. And that is not all. Between you and us there is fixed a great abyss, so that those who might wish to cross from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross from your side to us.' 'Father, I ask you, then,' the rich man said, 'send to my father's house where I have five brothers. Let him be a warning to them so that they may not end in this place of torment.' Abraham answered, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them.' 'No, Father Abraham,' replied the rich man. 'But if someone would only go to them from the dead, then they would repent.' Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if one should rise from the dead.'

Again, Jesus is speaking to us about a rich man.....Why did the rich man go to hell? He went to hell **not** because he did a wrongful action to sin, he went to hell because he did nothing; the sin of omission. He ignored Lazarus who was poor.

.....Jesus ' message also speaks to us today as it did then. If we have the ability to help the poor and ignore them as the rich man did in this story, chances are we would follow the same path? Let us **not** end up like the rich man by ignoring the Lazarus's in our daily life or helping them in our will.

The rich man had the teachings of Moses and the prophets but did not listen. Today, we not only have Moses and the Prophets, we have the teaching of Jesus.

"Why & How Much Should I Be **GIVING**  
To The Church, To the Poor" ....Ben Scott

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of September 11, 2016

**Monday, September 12**

**8:15 AM** Int. Mark Blanton  
The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Tuesday, September 13—Spanish Mass**

**6:00 PM** +Albert Seiler  
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop/Doctor of the Church

**Wednesday, September 14**

**5:15 PM** Int. of Thanksgiving/Good Health of Thai  
Do Family-Son (father), Bang (mother), & Baby  
Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Thursday, September 15- NO MASS**

Our Lady of Sorrows

**Friday, September 16**

**8:15 AM** +Mary Etta Mitchell  
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

**Saturday, September 17**

**4:00 PM** +Jan Steck  
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM  
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop/Doctor of the Church

**SUNDAY, September 18**

**8:00 AM - Spanish Mass**  
+Nancy Craig McMahon  
**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, September 4</b>	<b>Collection Report</b>
Envelopes	\$4,624.00
Plate	174.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	746.00
Spanish Mass	141.00
Poor Box	171.00
Bulletin Advertising	64.00
Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement	370.00

**MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT**

Projected expenses FY 2015-2016	\$32,675.00
Received September 4, 2016	6,290.00
Received for September, 2016	6,290.00

**SIGN-UP SUNDAY**

This weekend is Sign-Up Sunday for St. Francis Xavier Parish. The sign-up sheets are being given out at our weekend masses. Please consider giving of your time and talents to the service of God and our parish. You may also come by the parish office and fill out a sheet.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**

We are having a Baptismal Preparation Class for anyone expecting a child or wishing to have a child baptized, and for godparents on Monday, September 12, at 5:00 pm, in the church basement. Please call Toni Grojean at 573-258-1172 if you have any questions.

**THANK YOU FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL**

St. Francis Xavier School would like to thank the George Steck Family for the generous donation they have made to our school in memory of his late wife, Jeanette Steck.

**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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**A SIX WEEKS BOOK CLUB with Fr. Patrick Ike**

Beginning mid-September for SIX WEEKS at St. Francis Xavier in the St. Joseph Room—date and time to be announced very soon. We will be discussing 7 important topics that you do not want to miss. We will be using a very small and easy to read book: **FREEDOM AND FORGIVENESS: A Fresh Look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation** by Father Paul Farren. Please get a copy from Amazon or www.paracletepress.com. Due to space, we ask that you email Father Patrick at [fatherpatrick@stfxsikeston.org](mailto:fatherpatrick@stfxsikeston.org) if you are interested in joining this life changing study.

**WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

The Women of St. Francis are sponsoring a Fall Bible Study. We will be using *The Letters from Prison* by Little Rock Scripture Study. Paul offers Jesus himself as the prime model to follow in his humility and Obedience. His letters of encouragement, correction, and instruction written from prison lovingly inspire and challenge us to greater discipleship. We will meet each Thursday for six (6) weeks, beginning September 29 at 3:30 pm. Cost for the study guide is \$15. (The study guide can be used for an additional 6 weeks to be offered in January.) To sign up, please e-mail Sharon Chouinard ([chou1943@att.net](mailto:chou1943@att.net)) or Kathy Mitchell ([kkmitchell@charter.net](mailto:kkmitchell@charter.net)).

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS**

\*\*\*\*\* The school children are selling trash bags, cookie dough, gift items, and magazines after each weekend mass. Please help support our school by purchasing some of these items. Thank you!!  
\*\*\*\*\* Mark your calendars! The St. Francis Xavier Golf Tournament will be Monday, September 26. More information will be forthcoming!  
\*\*\*\*\* 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!  
\*\*\*\*\* Please join us in walking through our school to see the new and improved St. Francis Xavier after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, September 18. We look forward to seeing you!

**SECOND COLLECTION for LOUISIANA FLOODS**

Bishop Rice has authorized an optional second collection to be taken up during this weekend of September 11, 2016 for the recent Louisiana flood victims. The funds collected in this second collection will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA to meet immediate emergency needs of such necessities as shelter, clean water, food, medical care, as well as the long-term need to rebuild and recover from the widespread destruction. Please give generously!

**SACRAMENT AND MASS OF ANOINTING**

“By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests, the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness of the frailty of old age.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1499; 1520) **The Sacrament and Mass of Anointing will occur on Saturday, September 24, at 10:30 am in the Parish Gym.** Confessions will be heard prior to Mass at 10 am in the Parish Office. A luncheon for our seniors will follow the Mass in the St. Joseph Room. Please email/call Patty Bogue - [boguepatty@gmail.com](mailto:boguepatty@gmail.com) or Pat Jackovic - 471-3513 to attend or to volunteer to assist with this Mass and lunch.

**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, 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.