

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2016

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Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Toni Grojean at
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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 LAST JUDGMENT

Matthew 25: 31-46. "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, he will sit upon his royal throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. Then he will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep he will place on his right hand, the goats on his left. The king will say to those on his right: 'Come. You have my Father's blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me. Then the just will ask him: Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when you were ill or in prison? The king will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left: 'Out of my sight, you condemned, into that everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels! I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink. I was away from home and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to comfort me.' Then they in turn will ask: Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or away from home or naked or ill or in prison and not attend you in your needs?' He will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me.' These will go off to eternal punishment and the just to eternal life."

This passage from Matthew 25 should get your attention. In six verses, Jesus warns us twice. Focus in on what Jesus is saying to those who neglect him by neglecting the poor. **"Out of my sight, you condemned, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels!"** He then gives the second warning saying **"I assure you, as often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me. These will go off to eternal punishment."** William Barclay, author of *The Daily Bible Series* spoke this way about the reading: "This is one of the most vivid parables Jesus ever spoke, and the lesson is crystal clear. God will judge us in accordance with our reaction to human needs. His judgment does not depend on the knowledge we have amassed, or the fame that we have acquired, or the fortune that we have gained, but on the help we have given."

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of September 4, 2016

Monday, September 5—Labor Day

8:15 AM +Madleen Abbo
BL. Theresa of Calcutta, Religious

Tuesday, September 6—NO MASS

Wednesday, September 7

5:15 PM +Mary Paylor
Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM

Thursday, September 8 - NO MASS

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, September 9

8:15 AM +Ken Drolet
USA: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Saturday, September 10

4:00 PM +Joseph Rennier
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM
BVM

SUNDAY, September 11

8:00 AM - Spanish Mass
+Thomas Maddox
10:00 AM +Christine Korenak

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

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| Sunday, August 28 | Collection Report |
| Envelopes | \$4,820.00 |
| Plate | 191.00 |
| Automatic Deductions (env.) | 352.00 |
| Spanish Mass | 138.00 |
| Poor Box | 248.50 |
| Mass Offerings | 420.00 |
| Assumption of Mary | 20.00 |
| Debt Reduction/Capital Improvement | 130.00 |

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

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| Projected expenses FY 2015-2016 | \$32,675.00 |
| Received August 28, 2016 | 6,319.50 |
| Received for August, 2016 | 25,480.64 |

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

To celebrate the JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY, Father John P. Fischer of Cross Catholic Outreach, commissioned by Pope Francis in Rome as a Missionary of Mercy, is visiting our parish this weekend. He will speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. What a blessed occasion to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

September

Universal: Centrality of the Human Person

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

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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SIGN-UP SUNDAY

St. Francis Xavier Parish will have our Sign-Up Sunday on September 10 and 11. The sign-up sheets will be 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.

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 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) or Kathy Mitchell (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!

SECOND COLLECTION for LOUISIANA FLOODS

Bishop Rice has authorized an optional second collection to be taken up during the 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 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, 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.